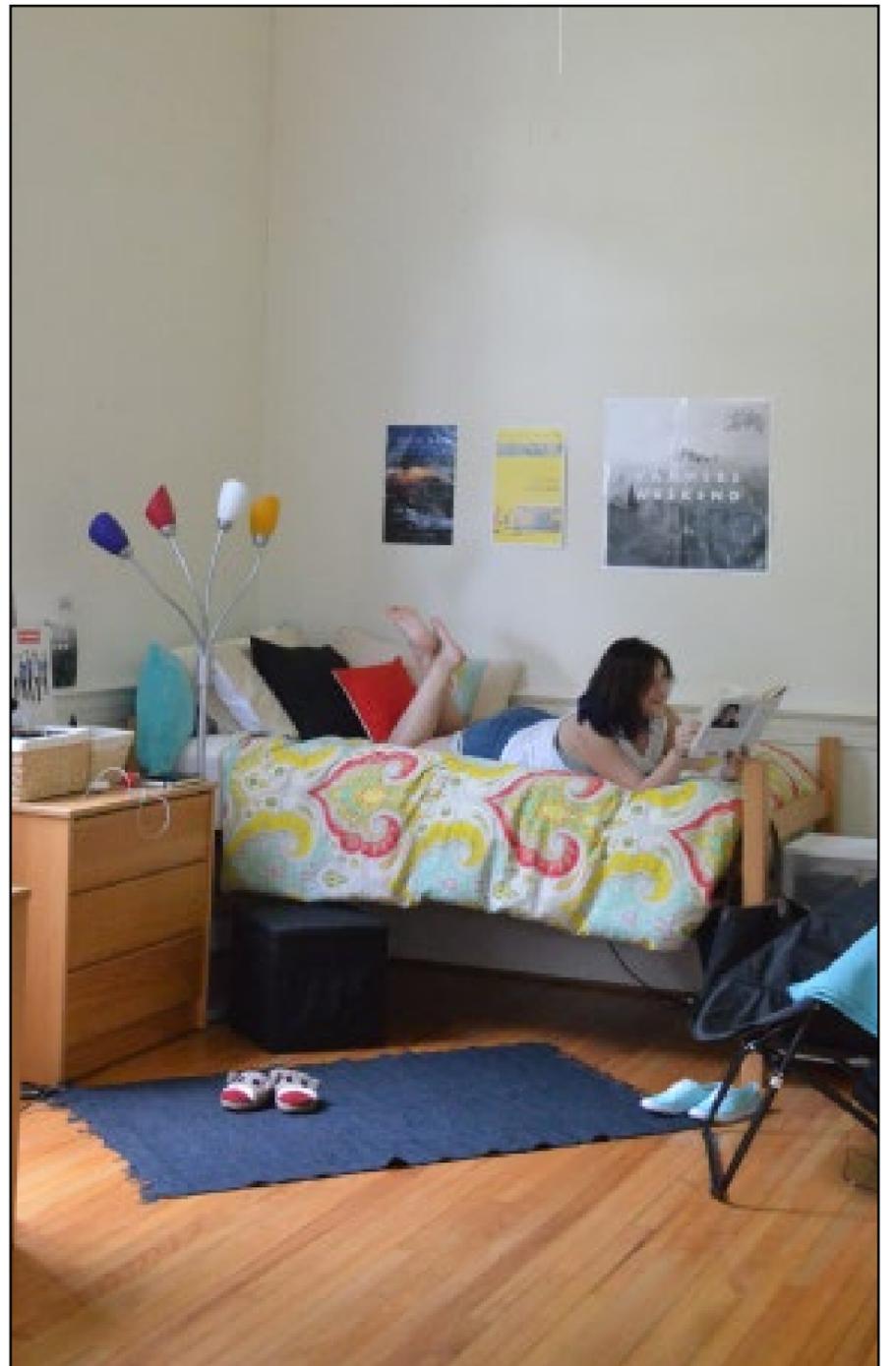


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Welcome, class of 2018



Class of 2018 largest yet, but statistics remain consistent

Jonathan Black
Editor-in-Chief

As Matt Cesari walks onto campus as an Elon University student for the first time on Friday, he will be a part of history. Keeping with previous years, Elon will welcome its largest class size in history, with 1,496 students expected to move in.

For Cesari, the diversity of programs was the most appealing factor about Elon.

“If you have a passion, Elon has a way you can show, develop and share that passion,” he said. “It’s awesome to go to a school that can be bragged about for its academia as well as its artistic side.”

The number of incoming students is a reflection of the applicant pool. The school received a record high of 10,442 applicants.

While applicants and incoming students have risen, the demographics of the Class of 2018 are similar to previous years, including the lower number of in-state students.

North Carolina still makes up about 16 percent of the incoming class, the largest of the 44 states represented. For Cesari, a graduate of Leesville Road

High School in Raleigh, this isn’t a bad thing.

“I didn’t want my college experience to be seeing the same old people from high school, just in a different setting,” he said. “I wanted to see some new faces and get a really unique experience.”

Greg Zaiser, vice president of admissions and financial planning, said this could be because of state legislation. Historically, state residents going to Elon received a small grant based on state residency alone. In 2012, N.C. legislation removed the grant to create a new program restricted to students with financial aid from the state.

“I’m thrilled we’ve been able to hold our own in the state without North Carolinians,” Zaiser said. “I’d like it to remain our top state, but we’re out and about more.”

Incoming students who identify as ethnically diverse compose 17 percent of the freshman class. That number has remained the same three of the past four years. But diversity overall has increased when factoring in socioeconomics.

“The percentage of students who are eligible for federal funds shows we are really investing in socioeconomic diver-

sity,” he said. “I’m pleased with the fact that Elon is more accessible for students who might not be able to attend.”

Twelve percent of the Class of 2018, the highest amount in the school’s history, will receive the Pell Grant, a federal grant dependent on financial need, schools costs and full-time student status.

Other changes occurred in international students. This year, Elon will welcome 98 new international students – five fewer from last year – from 18 countries, not including the United States.

Male-to-female association has remained similar to previous years, with females making up 61 percent of the incoming class, mirroring the national trend of liberal arts schools receiving more female applicants.

No matter the demographics, Zaiser has noticed a continuous rise in quality from incoming students.

“Admissions looks at where else these students apply – Wake Forest, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Bucknell University, University of Richmond – are selective schools,” Zaiser said. “This speaks very well of Elon and the students we enrolled in.”

BY THE NUMBERS:

1,496 students

TOP 5 STATES:

North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Connecticut

98 international students

DIVERSITY:

17 percent of students enrolled come from ethnically diverse backgrounds

ACADEMICS:

3.97 average GPA

1834 average SAT score

27 average SAT score

THE ELON RATIO:

61 percent female, **39 percent** male

CLASS OF 2018

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LETTER FROM SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

To the Class of 2018:

Three years ago, I came to Elon and plunged into all that this university has to offer. I have made incredible memories, and now I am sitting down and writing this letter to you as your Student Body President. Let me tell you, the years certainly do fly by and your time at Elon will go quicker than you think. So, that's my first piece of advice to you: cherish your time at Elon, and do not limit yourself to your comfort zone. Take appropriate risks, make mistakes, and go out and take advantage of opportunities.



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Some of you may know exactly what you want out of your Elon experience, and others may be testing out a clean slate. What is important to remember is that your time at Elon will be some of the most transformative and memorable years of your lives. While you strive to accomplish what you want, you will undergo hardships, successes, change and much, much more. This is the essence of Elon — preparation for life beyond these four years. Although much of that may not be clear now, when you look back on your Elon experience and reflect upon your time here, you will see how much you have changed for the better.

Higher education provides you with the incredible opportunity to learn. I charge you to do just

that. Learn about something you find fascinating. Learn how to work with others and how to unpack differences. Learn about yourself, your passions and your strengths. Spend your time at Elon learning all you can so that you can be prepared for anything and accomplish much. Amid all the learning, make sure to enjoy your time here. Make a diverse group of friends, become involved in organizations that reflects your passions in life and make you happy, and study abroad or participate in a Study USA experience. You will have those opportunities here, so take advantage of this remarkable place and make your experience unique.

As I enter my senior year, Elon means more to me than ever. You

will soon learn how that feels. As your path along the bricks solidifies in front of you, you will understand how lucky you are to be students at Elon. The Student Government Association is here for you to make sure you achieve the goals you set out for yourself and provide you with the resources to be successful. I hope that you are able to find your niche here and that you know that SGA is at your service each step of the way. I am honored to be your Student Body President. Come visit my office in Moseley 213 whenever you wish, for any reason. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Best,
Joe Incorvia
Student Body President

Core Curriculum replaces former General Studies program

Kaitlin Dunn
Assistant News Editor

An overhaul of general studies courses at Elon University has resulted in a new Core Curriculum, which will take effect this fall.

According to Jeffrey Coker, director of the Core Curriculum, the changes are mostly just in the name, but there are also some changes to the General Studies — GST — seminar courses.

The new Core Curriculum offices in the Global Neighborhood will hopefully forge the way for interaction and integration, Coker said. He, plus 11 faculty members from different departments, will work in adjacent offices in order to promote interdisciplinary learning on campus.

The most obvious change for students is the title change for GST classes. Courses that previously had a GST prefix will instead have a COR prefix. For example, the Global Experience class required for first years will be COR 110 instead of GST 110. However, seminars and study aboard classes will retain the GST prefix

for the 2014-2015 school year to prevent confusion for upperclassmen.

"With the titling change, students will instantly know what we're talking about, the one core experience that everybody shares," Coker said. "The term 'general studies' was more ambiguous."

Elon's title for freshman curriculum changed from "first-year core" to "first-year experiences" to prevent confusion.

Perhaps the most impactful change is in the structuring of upper-level GST courses, which are mandatory for all students.

Starting this semester, most courses will require a capstone project at the end of the course that is meant to bring together what students have learned in their experiences at Elon. Not all courses have added this component, but starting in the spring, they will be required to have it.

Junior Shelby Lewis, who is taking the upper-level GST "Prison Nation," said a capstone project is a good idea.

"The idea in theory since it helps us to continue to keep up with what we've learned in different areas," Lewis said.

"If it is executed right, it'll force you to think critically and retain all the information better than just a final exam."

A more subtle change is the switch from "foreign languages" to "world languages." This parallels the name change that came last year to the Department of World Languages and Cultures, formally the Department of Foreign Languages.

"Foreign language is traditional, but it has a negative connotation," Coker said. "English is just one of the world languages, and this feels more of a how a global campus would talk about languages."

After this year 200-level GST courses will be split into study abroad — STA — courses and interdisciplinary study — IDS — courses. The courses will formally switch names in the summer of 2015.

Coker said there were a variety of reasons for the changes this year, the primary one being the push to give students a more interdisciplinary experience at Elon.

"We are committed to providing the best education we can for students, and part of what drives that is going through a constant cycle of change and evalua-

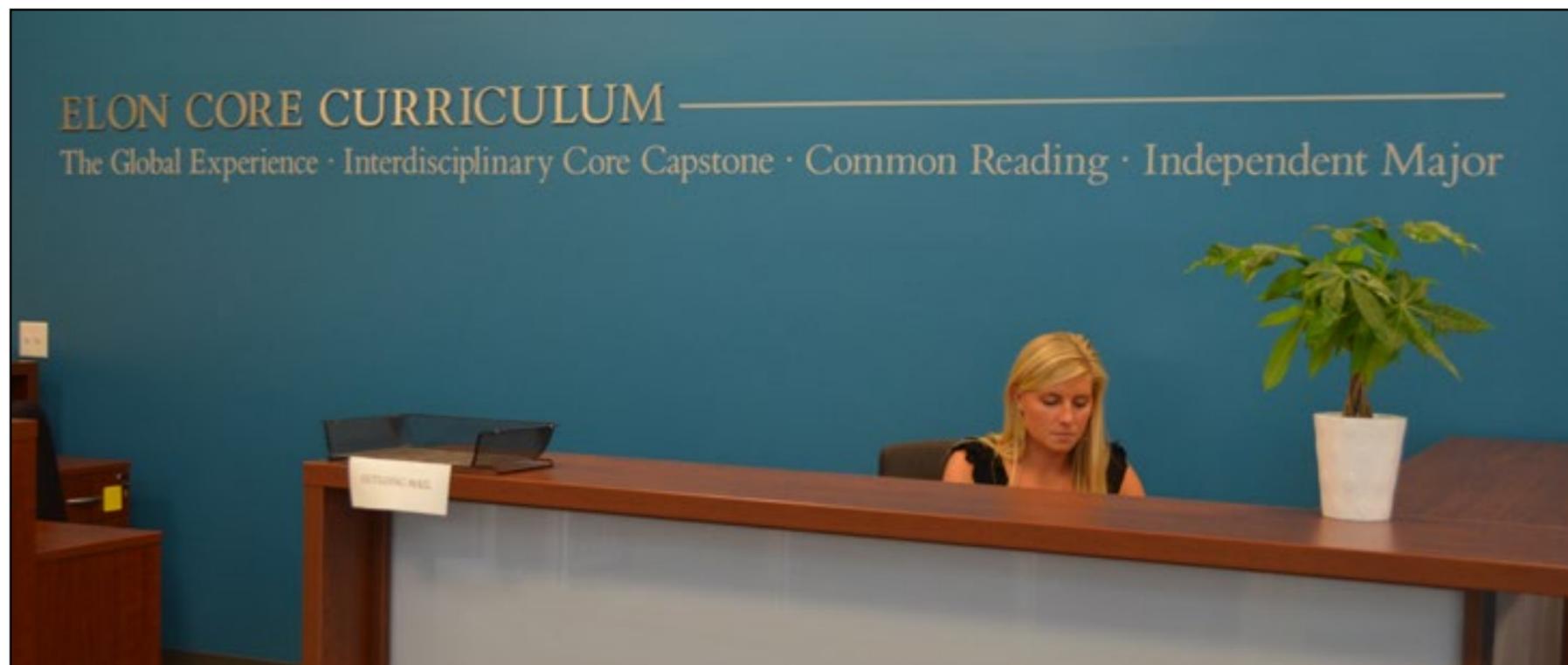
tion," Coker said. "We want to try to get students more involved in different departments and making meaningful connections between majors."

While the push to make students' experiences more interdisciplinary has been slowly coming over the past few years, Coker said that it has blown up recently.

The Core Curriculum is designed to give students a shared experience no matter what they are studying. COR 110, a part of the first-year experience is set up so every section has the same themes and goals for students, no matter the professor.

"Faculty have different ways of getting across the message, but the point is the same in every class," Coker said.

Later, taking their upper level COR class, go through the same thing they experienced in their first year. Each upper-level class is different, but they are all designed to get the same message of interdisciplinary learning across to students. As a way to connect the courses, the required capstone project gives students a chance to reflect on how their Elon experiences are all tied together.



The Core Curriculum office moved from its previous location in Belk Pavilion to the second floor of the new Global Commons building. The new location houses classrooms, conferences rooms and offices.

Aramark looks to learn from past mistakes, gain back student trust with expanded options

Michael Bodley
News Editor

Under the guidance of a recently hired manager, Aramark has added new options and changed existing policies in an effort to learn from last year's mistakes — undercooked chicken, a moldy ice bin and a litany of other health code violations.

Pulkit Vigg, Aramark's new resident district manager for Elon University, has been thinking big since he left a position at Mississippi State University and joined Elon last spring. Already, he's announced the rollout of Argo Tea products in a new location in the new Global Commons, expanded hours at Qdoba Mexican Grill, planned round table-style eating at Acorn, added options to Green World (at Colonnades Dining Hall) and revamped the Varsity menu.

Qdoba will now be open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday, with a new 5-10 p.m. slot on Sunday nights. Vigg called weekend hours for Qdoba the "most-requested change."

Varsity's menu will have fewer restrictions on what constitutes a meal swipe. (Students in past years were limited to a half-dozen options with one swipe.)

In addition, Late Night McEwen is moving to a new home: downstairs in Varsity. A similar menu will be served, and the popular student fixture will remain accessible with an All Access swipe. The move is for the "safety of students and staff," Vigg said, who added that the armchair area in front of the projector will be closed off during late night hours — which will remain the same: open until 3 a.m. Thursday-Saturday nights.

Junior Allie Kornaki who has a 300-block plan this year said she is not a fan of this particular switch.



Lakeside Dining Hall is one of three cafeteria-style dining options available to students. It offers global cuisine, grill options and desserts.

JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

"It just sounds weird to me," Kornaki said. "I don't think that it will be the same."

Student feedback, Vigg said, is crucial to his goal of "getting as many students as humanly possible" on and content with the meal plan. Heather Krieger, Aramark's marketing coordinator for Elon, declined to comment on the number of students with active meal plans, calling such figures proprietary information.

One suggestion Kornaki has for Aramark is to bring back breakfast at McEwen the

closest dining hall to Historic Neighborhood residents. Last year, McEwen stopped serving breakfast when Lakeside Dining Hall began serving it instead.

Twelve-thousand meals are served by Aramark each day at Elon. Growing that number requires regaining lost student trust, Vigg said, given campus concerns last year about not only the quality, but also of the safety of Aramark's food.

Aramark's food handling policies have not changed since last year; employees are still required to undergo first-week training and earn an Aramark "food handler certificate" before serving in any of Elon's eateries. Mishaps, like last year's widely-publicized incidents like poor sanitation codes, will not be tolerated, according to Vigg.

He promised to "show complete due diligence in earning the trust of students back" and establish a zero-tolerance policy for violators of food safety precautions.

But the food itself is just a starting point for Vigg, who said his No. 1 goal is to raise excitement by expanding food programming and "not just serve food, but serve food and service."

Unwilling to give much away, Vigg hinted at more, better-executed, theme nights at dining halls — the likes of past Thanksgiving dinners and Cajun nights at Colonnades.

Neighborhood-by-neighborhood dining is the blueprint for Aramark now, with the goal of having students eat close to where they live. An added bonus, Vigg said, would be tying the meal plan into the campus's intellectual climate, by fostering "conversation spaces" and slowing down the "assembly line" that can be often thought of as college dining.

After arriving at Elon, Vigg took a tour of local town eateries such as Pandora's Pies and others in the surrounding Burlington area.

"I went to local restaurants and said, 'These guys are going to be full. Why can't we be full?'" Vigg said. "Our goal is to give [students] everything on campus that they can get off."

The ambition comes at a time when colleges nationwide, Elon included, are more expensive than ever before. The total cost of an Elon education rose this year 3.69 percent to \$41,914. Of that, the cost of a meal plan varies, but the All Access Basic plan — which all undergrads living in dormitories, Danieley flats and the Loy Center are required, at a minimum, to purchase — runs students \$5,436.00 for the year.

Students are not expected to shoulder much in terms of increased costs from add-

ed perks and eateries, according to Michael Bellefeuille, Aramark's director of operations at Elon University.

"We need help to renew faith and really bring options here to the next level," Bellefeuille said.

There has been progress — a dining advisory committee was created by Bellefeuille and Vigg last spring, and they hope to expand by recruiting students to meet with Aramark to discuss what's working and what isn't, what students are still asking for and what the campus — dining manager is doing well.

But Vigg knows there's still a ways to go to mesh what Elon dining is with what it could be.

"It's not easy," he said. "It'll take a paradigm shift on campus to make it better. We're taking baby steps wand moving toward that goal."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Lakeside:
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

McEwen:
Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Colonnades & Green World:
7 AM - 8:30 AM, 5 PM - 8 PM

Lakeside:
7 AM - 8:30 AM, 5 PM - 8 PM

McEwen:
Closed

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Colonnades & Green World:
7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lakeside:
7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

McEwen:
Closed

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Colonnades & Green World:
7 a.m. - 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Lakeside:
Regular Hours

McEwen:
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

NORMAL HOURS RESUME
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

DINING HALL HOURS OF OPERATION - MOVE IN WEEKEND

Welcome Back! from The Registrar's Office

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Second Half-Semester	October 15th - December 2nd
Semester Withdrawal Deadline	October 17th
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Welcome back to Elon!
Add these important dates
to your calendar and have
a great semester!

Move-in day 2014 brings active orientation leaders

Kimberly Honiball
Senior Reporter

The never-ending line of students waiting to get keys to their homes for the next 10 months reminds everyone on Elon University's campus that move-in day for the 2014-2015 school year has arrived.

While some upperclassmen try to avoid the swarm of freshmen, others revel in the spirit of move-in day.

"I love move-in day. It's like a holiday for me," said Brogan Boles, senior and Head Team captain for New Student

Orientation.

Elon's orientation, made up of more than 100 people ranging from Orientation Leaders to Head Staff members, works all year to make the orientation experience at Elon unique and welcoming to all new students on campus.

"I think what's so amazing about the orientation program is that Elon automatically makes you feel like part of the community and Elon family from the first moment on campus," said junior Katie Dalton and two-time OL.

Orientation is a weekend event that packs an abundance of information about Elon and opportunities on campus into

sessions for groups of less than 25 students led by OLs.

"As a freshman, I felt that there were so many orientation events that we had to go to," said sophomore and OL Danielle Fowler. "In retrospect, this was the best thing for me."

All the events and information sessions planned by NSO are meant to immerse students into what their life at Elon could be like. But that doesn't mean the program is without faults.

One aspect that could be improved, said Boles, is the amount of downtime that OLs and new students have to interact outside of scheduled sessions. She

thinks more free time would be a great way for new students to meet upperclassmen.

"We are constantly improving our program in order to stay engaged with the ever-changing Elon landscape," said Evan Skloot, junior and member of orientation's Head Team. "In the spirit of staying aligned with campus-wide initiatives, there have been several changes to orientation."

Freshmen students' first night at Elon, previously known as Catch the Fire, has been adapted to foster relationships within residential communities and has been renamed First Night Elon.

Despite the hours of time they commit in the weeks before and of move-in weekend, OLs find rewards in the experience.

"The most rewarding thing about being an OL is knowing that you have an impact on the new students' first impression on the next chapter of their life," said sophomore OL Alexa Simmons.

It can also influence the way students look at their time at Elon.

"I believe that we can fundamentally alter a new student's entire college experience simply by being as welcoming as possible and creating a foundation for him or her becoming part of the Elon community," said Skloot.

No matter what their orientation experience, new students can get some peace of mind from Boles' parting words.

"I would remind them that they're not the only ones feeling overwhelmed or anxious about everything," she said. "Everyone is feeling the same way you are. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone."



Hannah Allen and Jenny Sekulow participate in one of the many activities Orientation Leaders go through in the week leading up to move-in day.

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New, updated facilities reflect intellectual climate, inclusivity

Katy Canada
Managing Editor

A movement to advance the intellectual climate is reflected in Elon University's latest construction projects.

The Global Village was born out of the Residential Campus Initiative, a plan to integrate the academic and residential experience at Elon, and is ready to house students and faculty.

In Fall 2013, two of the residence halls in The Global Village were complete. This year, all three are ready to go. The completed area can house up to 595 people and is prepared to take on several live-in faculty members.

Within the Global Village, all students will have access to the Great Hall, a communal space equipped with meeting rooms and study areas, as well as a dining facility called Argo Tea.

"We created student hang-out space for collaborations so students can run into each other and can continue conversations they started in the classroom," said Brad Moore, university architect and director of planning, design and construction management.

Changes made to Belk Library create a more welcoming, group work-friendly area, Moore said.

"The library, we're just trying to open that space up to encourage people to use it whether it's individually or in a group," Moore said.

By moving the information desk away from the center of the first floor, students will be invited to move farther inside the library, he said. He also noted that the computers are clustered together in pods to facilitate collaboration and discussion.

Elsewhere on campus, Moseley's second floor was reformatted to reflect a more in-

clusive campus with a brand-new Multicultural Center.

In addition to the communal space, the floor now also houses Asian, African-American and Hispanic and Latino resource rooms, along with a Gender and LGBTQIA Center. The second-floor Student Government Association received a reboot as well.

"We want this to be a welcoming space," said Randy Williams, special assistant to president and dean of multicultural affairs.

Williams said he plans to reach out to other organizations on campus and invite them to hold events in the Multicultural Center. The resource rooms present an opportunity for people of different ethnicities and backgrounds to come together and learn about other identities, he said.

"When I look now and see the changes that have occurred, I think it will facilitate a setting that allows for great programs," Williams said. "I'd love to see us have the spaces and programs and personnel where students can flourish. This space will facilitate that."

Also new to Elon is Scott Studio, a performing arts facility on West Haggard Avenue, next to Arts West. The white stucco building contains a black box theater and six performance practice rooms. The studio also has a rehearsal space designed to match the dimensions of McCrary Theatre, where performances are generally held at Elon.

Fred Rubeck, the performing arts department chair, said the additional space is much needed.

"It will help us more accurately prepare all of the productions that move into McCrary for performance," Rubeck said. "This new building will really be a game-changer for us."



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Guide to Elon buildings

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MOSLEY CENTER

Seen by many as the sun in the solar system of Elon, Moseley is a hub of student activity at all times. The first floor is sprinkled with dining areas. You may find yourself wanting a Freshii salad, but the scent of Biscuitville will squash your hopes of ordering a healthy quinoa salad in butter. Head upstairs to the Multicultural Center for a tour of Elon's diversity.



GLOBAL COMMONS

Behold Elon's newest structure that has majestically arisen from the grounds like ... a phoenix that was born again—from brick and mortar and not from ashes. The Global Commons houses the core curriculum office, the Global Education Center and the Great hall — think Hogwarts. Aramark has also announced plans to rollout Argo Tea on the first floor.



KOBC

Get your suits pressed and your salmon shorts ready. Koury Business Center, known as KOBC, houses the School of Business. Inside the domed structure lies LaRose Theatre, where many cultural events take place, like the premiere of Elon Tonight, and the William Garrard Reed Finance Center, where future Wolves of Wall Streets stare at stocks on computer screens.

MCEWEN COMMUNIATIONS BUILDING

This building is like a grandfatherly oak tree, keeping an eye on downtown Elon. Don't be fooled by the seasoned exterior. Within, frazzled looking hooligans with cameras overwhelming their bodies rush to and from the building seeking the latest event to document with the written or spoken word. If you venture into the steely, basement studios of McEwen you may see the next Maureen Dowd, Brian Williams or Kathie Lee Gifford.



LINDNER HALL

Most of social sciences classes take place in Lindner, but students of all disciplines can enjoy sitting in silence in its majestic Reading Room. If you attempt a discussion or tell a joke about Darwinism you will likely be shushed by a stressed-out anthropology student. Nonetheless, a Lindner chair feels like hug from your grandmother. It's definitely worth a sit.

New Student Guide

Check out the best places to dine, visit and shop during your four years at Elon



3. Pandora's Pies

Right in the heart of downtown Elon, Pandora's Pies is the perfect spot for pizza that's close to campus. The shop uses local ingredients in its menu items, which also include sandwiches, salads and calzones. Smitty's Ice Cream is inside, for some great dessert.



5. The Company Shops Market

The Company Shops Market, more informally known as the Co-op, is located in Downtown Burlington. This cooperatively owned grocery store specializes in local food. The friendly staff also serves sandwiches every day until 2 p.m. and operates a hot bar during lunch and dinner hours. It's a great place to shop, eat or hang out.

7. La Fiesta

The "authentic Mexican cuisine," this is the go-to spot for quality Mexican food. On S. Church Street in Burlington, La Fiesta has a wide variety of Mexican dishes including burritos and quesadillas. The free chips and salsa make it worth the visit.

8. West End Station

With a refurbished building and a new menu, the bar just off campus has only gotten better. There's a patio in front now and more space inside. Go whenever for great food, and Wednesday-Saturday to get a nightclub experience.

9. Arizona Pete's

A premier country music saloon in Greensboro, Arizona Pete's is a popular spot for college students on the weekends. There's live music, dancing and even a mechanical bull. There are many drink specials for those 21 and older, but students ages 18-20 are also welcome.



1. Cook-Out

It's the fast food drive-thru you will quickly come to love. There are 44 different milkshakes you can combine in endless combinations and trays that include an entree, two sides and a drink for less than \$5. Open until 3 a.m. (4 a.m. on Friday's and Saturday's), it's a popular place for late-night food.

2. The Root

A campus favorite, The Root is a great alternative to the normal dining halls. Go for lunch, dinner or both. It's that good. Notable items include the Foodie Grilled Cheese, Mozz Burger, truffle fries, brussel sprouts and there are always excellent daily specials.

4. Anna Maria's Italian Restaurant

It's not as close to campus, but it's still accessible. Formerly at Phoenix Station, Anna Maria's is now at Stan's Plaza on S. Church Street in Burlington. It has pizza, pasta, sandwiches and salads. Plus, they deliver.



6. Alamance Crossing

You probably passed it on your way to campus and probably picked up some essentials there. Alamance Crossing has loads of stores — including New York & Company, Bath & Body Works — and some great spots for food — Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Bowl Bistro and Cold Stone Creamery. If you're in the mood for a movie, Carousel Cinemas is located in the center of the area.



10. Tanger Outlets

About 20 minutes east of Elon in Mebane, the outlet mall offers loads of discounts and sales. There are more than 70 retailers that can help students save money at stores like Vineyard Vines, J. Crew, Banana Republic, Nike and more.

Meet the Class of 2018

Compiled by Abby Franklin
Features Editor



EARLY FERGUSON

Photo Courtesy of Early Ferguson

Hometown: Boulder, Colo.

Expected Major: Entrepreneurship

Organizations you'd like to join: I plan on rushing in the spring and I definitely want to play either club or intramural volleyball. I also think it'd be cool to get involved in some of Elon's publications.

Summer TV crutch: I didn't watch much TV this summer but "One Tree Hill" will always be my favorite.

Most excited/nervous about: I'm most excited for living on such a beautiful campus. But I'm living in HBB, and I'm nervous about sharing one shower with eight girls.

The moment you knew Elon was the right choice: I knew I wanted to be a Phoenix the first time I visited campus my junior year. It was super rainy and gloomy but it was still the most beautiful campus I had seen.

Fun fact: My middle name is Stone.



JACOB MAJOR

Photo Courtesy of Jacob Major

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Expected Major: Music Theatre

Organizations you'd like to join: InterVarsity, Ballroom Dance Club, Renegade Productions, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis

Summer TV crutch: "The Last Ship" and "Blue Bloods"

Most excited/nervous about: I'm way too excited to be nervous about anything except forgetting something really important...like toothpaste or fingernail clippers. But I'm really looking forward to meeting people from all over the country, especially areas north of Texas!

The moment you knew Elon was the right choice: Elon is one of the country's top schools for musical theatre training, and you can't beat the small size and warm campus feel. Plus, I have extended family in Burlington, so I can still have a home away from home.

Anything else to know about you: Pizza. Hummus. Peanut Butter. Oh and I've always been homeschooled, so this is new!

JULIE ANTONELLIS

Hometown: Norfolk, Mass.

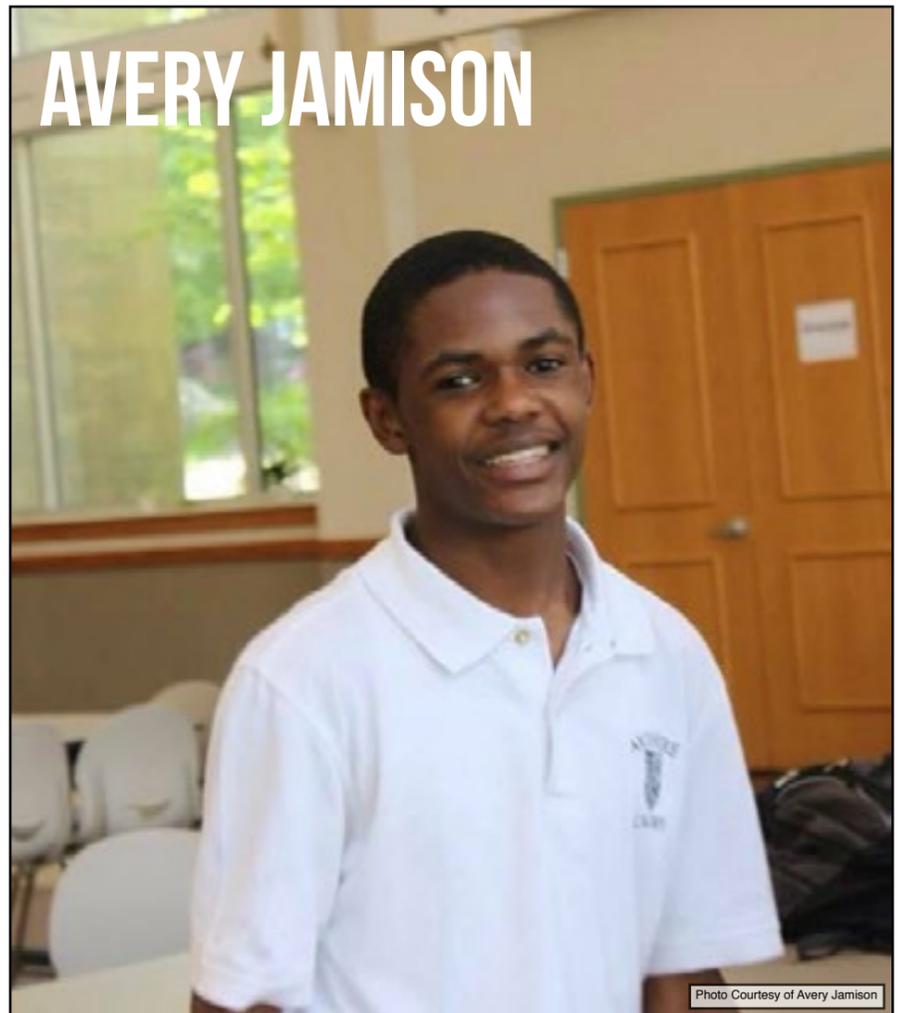
Expected Major(s): Political Science, International Studies

Organizations you'd like to join: EFFECT, College Democrats, Elon Volunteers and more

Most excited/nervous about: As a true northern girl, I'm nervous about adapting to southern culture.

The moment you knew you Elon was the right choice: Every student who spoke at the Fellows weekend impressed me with the opportunities they had for experiential learning at Elon. The professors were engaging, and the students were accomplishing noteworthy goals, so I knew I would be very lucky to attend a college like Elon. When I was offered an Honors Fellow position, I was thrilled, and now I am a proud member of the class of 2018!

Fun fact: I'm a figure skater, which is probably pretty rare at Elon.



AVERY JAMISON

Photo Courtesy of Avery Jamison

Hometown: Lansdowne, Penn.

Expected Major: International Business

Organizations you'd like to join: Vital Signs, Student Government, Elon Volunteers, Club Running and Club Soccer

Summer TV crutch: "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon"

Most excited/nervous about: I fear I'm going to be that freshman who gets lost and doesn't know how to get around campus. I'm excited to start a new chapter of my life and now have a sense of independence.

The moment you knew Elon was the right choice: Once I stepped on campus during my tour, I felt welcomed and believed Elon was my destined school.

DARBY LAURANNE CAMPBELL

Hometown: Tulsa, Okla.

Expected Major: Computer Science with a Spanish minor

Organizations you'd like to join: A sorority, theater and either the newspaper or one of the several television shows Elon has.

Summer TV crutch: Currently re-watching "Greek" but I've also gone through "Orange is the New Black," "The Fosters," and "The Wonder Years" this summer.

Most excited/nervous about: Making friends because I went to the same school for 15 years and never really had to make new friends, but I'm also super-excited to be out of Oklahoma and in a new state with new opportunities.

The moment you knew Elon was the right choice: I was at school listening to a counselor talk about Trinity in San Antonio and it sounded like a fine school, but it wasn't Elon. It didn't have as good of a study abroad program or internship program. The moment I left that meeting I called my mom and was like, "Mom I'm doing early decision to Elon," and I haven't been more excited about a decision in my whole life.

Fun fact: I have probably watched or heard about every TV show. I am the definition of a television junkie. I worked at a travel agency this summer and graduated from the College of Disney Knowledge.

Avoiding freshman year pitfalls

Make the most of your first year with these tips

Congratulations, you've graduated from high school. Those awkward years of bad haircuts and growing pains are behind you. Now, an unknown, scary, inspiring future lies ahead. Throw back your shoulders, keep your head high and prepare yourself for the next four years at Elon University by learning that some college myths are not necessarily true.

The freshman 15

Your newfound freedom is the definition of liberating. Just remember that your meal plan can either consist of endless pizza or balanced, healthy meals. Treat yourself, but also make sure you're doing what makes your body work at its best. While you can spend all your Food Dollars on ice cream and chips, try to aim more towards grub that will keep your brain going on those particularly long days. Maybe add a Freshii salad into the mix.

Partying 24/7

Freshman year is a lot about socializing with people. This can mean going to a party or chatting it up in your dorm room with your hallmates. Do whatever your comfort level is, and get involved with in what interests you. Friends will fall into your life. Remember to try something new as well. College is all about testing out new ideas and experiences.

Soulmates with your roommate

You've either connected over Facebook, or you have a faint idea of his or her name. Your roommate may become a close friend, a strange acquaintance or your nemesis. Nonetheless, you're going to be living with this person for a year. It is best to set all the ground rules now and be flexible. Go into the year with the mindset that you'll both have good and bad days and to be respectful. But, if you find after a few weeks that your roommate makes you downright miserable, talk to your RA and get into a healthier environment.

Impossible classes

This isn't high school, so the classes

won't be the same. But, you'll quickly fall into step and have your fellow classmates to help if you start to fall behind. Pay attention. Take notes. At least attempt to do the reading and make sure you actually go to class. Also, your professor may just turn out to be the coolest person you've ever met. You're at Elon primarily to learn — try not to forget that.

Must be in Greek Life

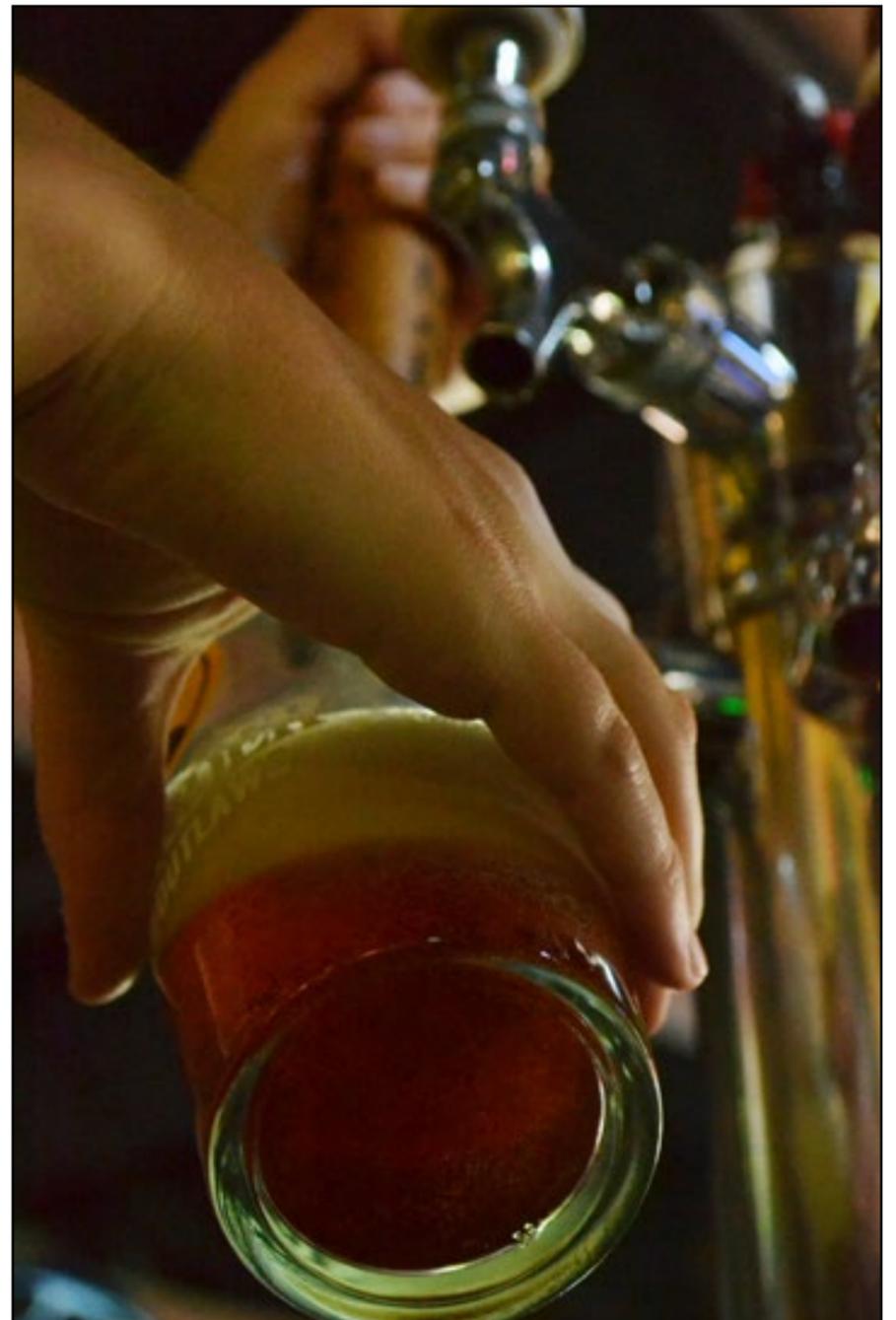
Not all social events surround Greek life, and you won't be socially stranded if you don't ever want to go to fraternity parties. Try to get to know different people from lots of different organizations, clubs, etc. If you find that a certain Greek organization tickles your fancy, go for it. If it's not your thing, just keep doing you. Everyone will appreciate that you are just happy being yourself. Also, don't assume the stereotype of Greek life that you've seen on television or in movies is reality. Get to know what it entails before you judge.

Inevitable all-nighters

One of the most important life skills you'll learn at Elon is time management. Unfortunately, this will probably mean a lot of trial and error. You will leave a ten-page paper until the night before it's due, and you will curse yourself for thinking that inspiration would hit you in your hour of need. Plan ahead. Read the syllabus, and write down when important tests, papers and projects are due. Ten minutes of planning now will save you sleepless nights and stress later in the year.

Choosing a major decides your fate

Your first year at Elon will be mostly general education classes that you're required to take. Elon 101 will situate you into the atmosphere and help smooth over some bumps as you transition. Class selection for sophomore year will quickly loom over your head, and the pressure to choose a major as soon as possible will feel like the hardest decision to make. Just know that it's OK to change your mind. You may start off as a business major and then find your calling as a musical theatre major. Try anything that interests you in your first



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Don't feel pressured to party all the time. An organization can easily double as a social environment.

few semesters. Once you find a subject you really enjoy, stick with it.

GPA is everything

You no longer have to dread the end-of-term report card. While you still get grades at Elon, they do not necessary affect

your future. Try your best to learn as much as you can, but remember: what's more important is what you learned from a class than what your final grade was. It's OK to get a C every once in a while as long as you tried your hardest, asked for help when needed, and learned something.



Joining Greek Life is not necessary to having a thriving social life at Elon. Learn about different fraternities and sororities, and decide if it's something you're interested in.

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Class of 2014: Where are they now?

GRACE BALDRIDGE

Media Arts & Entertainment major
President of Women's Club Basketball, Campus Rec employee

Q: Where are you employed and what do you do?

A: I work at EuropaCorp. It is French film studio founded by Director Luc Besson. I'm from Belgium, so it was a nice fit. I am an Executive Assistant. My daily tasks can range from sending scripts to actors, reviewing casting decisions and director assignments to stocking the fridge and delivering mail.

Q: How has the experience been so far?

A: I love where I work. The Los Angeles

office is basically brand-new so there's so much opportunity for growth. I feel very fortunate to have found this position at the right time. I've always wanted to work in scripted entertainment, so it's nice to finally be in that world. I love being a part of the process, seeing a film begin as an idea before finally taking shape into a major motion picture. I got to drop off the final copy of "LUCY," our most recent movie, at Universal. That was pretty cool. I had a multi-million dollar movie just chilling in my backpack.

AUSTIN RHODES

International Business & Marketing Double Major, Spanish Minor
Elon Model United Nations Society (Vice President), International Business Club (Co-Director, Elon International Career Conference), Elon Business Fellow

Q: How did you find out about Ventures for America?

A: I saw a link to the VFA application on an Love School of Business newsletter in the fall. My interest was piqued, and I decided to investigate further and ultimately apply. Having started a few small businesses and gotten very involved in the Raleigh-Durham entrepreneurship community, I knew I did not want to pursue a corporate job following graduation. VFA turned out to be the perfect opportunity for me to continue building my entrepreneurial foundation.

Q: How's the experience been so far?

A: The experience has been unbelievably eye opening and valuable so far. I spent five weeks of my summer at Brown University in Providence, R.I. for the annual VFA Training Camp. During Training Camp, we (the 2014 VFA Fellows) attended lectures, networked with entrepreneurs and completed a variety of individual and team challenges.

At training, we attended a two-day seminar with IDEO, a Palo Alto-based design consulting firm,, and completed a correlated team challenge to design, prototype and test a new product. My team

built a new backpack to make it easier to buy and transport healthy groceries in urban environments.

We also did a team profit challenge to make as much money as possible in five days using a crowdfunding platform.

Q: What would you ultimately like to do after the fellowship?

A: My ultimate goal is to start another company (hopefully more than one). The process of generating ideas and solving customer problems is one of the greatest challenges and adventures.

That being said, I have no idea what my timeframe looks like following VFA. Assuming I am continuing to grow alongside Vero Water, I have every intention of staying with the company after my two-year term.

Q: What are you most looking forward to with this experience?

A: The relationships and the network. The VFA community is packed with people who just want to drive change and build cool stuff. It is such an honor to be a part of the group.

The challenge of helping to grow a young company.

Compiled by Meghan Mahoney
Arts & Entertainment Editor

JASON VONICK

Broadcast & New Media major
Elon Men's Basketball team (Color Commentator), Elon Phoenix Weekly (a Senior Producer), One On One Sports (at one point the Show Producer), WSOE Sports (broadcaster).



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Q: Where are you employed?

A: I am a Production Assistant at ESPN.

Q: How did Elon prepare you for your first job after graduation?

A: Elon gave me a terrific foundation for a career in television, and specifically sports production. Any first job is going to be a big adjustment, but I feel much more prepared because of the variety of organizations I was able to join.

Q: What is an average day like?

A: My average day consists of either cutting highlights or running the teleprompter for SportsCenter. Both of these

have many perks and are very rewarding in the process.

Q: What is your favorite part about your job?

A: I love my job because every day, I'm around others who share my love for sports and television. The opportunity to work with such talented and dedicated people is something I'm extremely fortunate to have. Just like when I came to Elon, everyone at ESPN comes from different backgrounds and has different experiences, so I'm trying to take in as much as possible. I arrive at work with a smile and I leave work with a smile. What else could you ask for?

REBECCA HARRELL

Business Management Major, Dance Minor
DanceWorks (Secretary and Choreographer), Kappa Delta member, Delta Chi Xi (Secretary), Sigma Iota Epsilon member



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Q: Where are you employed and what do you do?

A: I am currently at two places:
-Development Intern at the School of American Ballet (New York City Ballet's

school in Lincoln Center)
-Intern at MSA Agency (top dance talent agency)

Q: How did you secure the job?

A: With the School, I saw an ad online and applied, went through a couple of interviews and kept in touch, expressing my interest until they eventually offered me the position.

With MSA, I actually had a dance teacher at Elon whose brother is an agent at MSA. A year ago I got in touch with him and he gave me his boss's contact info. I sent her my resume and cover letter, telling her how interested I was in working at MSA.

She never replied to me, but an entire year later, during spring break of my senior year, she sent me an email out of the blue asking if I was still interested, and right away offered me the position. I've always admired that agency and their clients, so it was kind of a dream.

Q: How is post-grad life different from what you expected?

A: It's only been a few months, and I don't think the post-grad thing will hit me until I'm supposed to be back in school, so that's a hard question to answer directly. I will say that post-grad life is full of an insane mix of emotions. It's frightening yet very exciting, and it all kind of hits you at once.

I've never worked full-time before, so it was weird adjusting to that lifestyle versus being in class everyday. But I feel very content with how I'm starting off right now, and I generally enjoy work and don't

want to be back in school. Enjoying your job is the No. 1 thing.

Q: What experiences at Elon prepared you for your first job after graduation?

A: Even though I was a dance minor, the student organization DanceWorks gave me the chance to choreograph annually and have a leadership position in the dance department. I had a couple of teachers, especially Jane Wellford, who really supported me and believed in me throughout my Elon career. Her support always encouraged me to keep working and have confidence in what I had to offer.

I also did Elon in NYC the summer after my junior year, and the career development advisors and experience with that program helped me write my first cover letters, prepare for interviews and adjust to the application process. (The career development center at Elon in general is great for all this, too.)

Q: What is your ultimate goal?

A: I aspire to choreograph professionally and have said I may be interested in having a company or studio in the future. I also have enjoyed learning about and working on the business side of dance over the past couple of years. I'm really enjoying my internship at the agency and think that I may be interested in being an agent for dancers and choreographers in the future as well.

'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' changed my perspective of hunger

Caroline Fernandez
Design Editor

In my world, food is like oxygen — it's everywhere and always present. At home it's a flight of stairs away in a large, climate-controlled pantry or refrigerator.

With my meal plan at school I have more than eight dining locations to choose from on a daily basis from the time I wake up until 1 a.m.

I never go into Lakeside Dining Hall or Acorn Coffee Shop hoping there will be enough food to satisfy my hunger. I have never once had to worry that there wouldn't be enough food for myself or that a friend might go to bed with aches of hunger. Starvation has never been a personal concern.

"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" is Elon's common reading for the 2014-2015 school year.

It's not a habit of mine to analyze the abundance of food in my life. In fact, I hadn't really given food's constant presence in my life a thought before reading Elon University's common reading, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind," by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer's.

I went into reading the book thinking I might be confused and possibly even bored by a book that I thought was solely about windmills and creating energy.

There was a windmill on the cover and the title itself reads, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind," so I was expecting an inspirational story about a hardworking boy in Africa who made a difference in his community by harnessing wind.

In the book, Kamkwamba, the main character, narrator and author, builds a windmill from scratch. The energy from the windmill made electricity and running water in his Malawian village possible. With a large increase in running water, more food can be harvested and people are brought out of hunger. Kamkwamba's determination and invention made his community's quality of

life significantly better.

Kamkwamba vividly recounted how he built the windmill and change people's lives. I won't say a lot regarding the plot of the book because I don't want to give away this remarkable story.

Before reading "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" I distantly thought about poverty and hunger in Africa.

I would hear adults urge their kids to eat their dinner because, "There's a starving child in Africa right now." I would see ad campaigns on television of malnourished African children holding empty bowls.

As much as I thought I sympathized and understood, I really didn't. Africa and the concept of hunger was so foreign and unlike anything I had ever known to truly connect and get it. It wasn't until I read this story that it actually clicked: Hunger is real, and I am lucky.

People go to bed every night after only having had three small bites of food throughout the day. Even after my large three meals and little snacks throughout the day, I still get up for a midnight snack.

Some people are so hungry and desperate for food that they will eat grass and corn husks. I'll admit that I'm guilty of sending back a meal if the meat isn't cooked to my liking or the food is too cold.

Now when I open my fridge and see drawers and shelves of food I flash back to the book and its description of people deliriously wandering the streets for a single kernel of stale corn.

I'm not just lucky to have an abundance of food at my fingertips, but to have read a story that has helped me understand the severity of hunger and struggles of people.

Thanks, William Kamkwamba. You not only "harnessed the wind," but changed my vision of what it means to be hungry and helped me to truly sympathize with people so far away.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Members of the Class of 2018:

Besieged by chanting Orientation Leaders, smiling faculty members and overly friendly squirrels, you're probably a little overwhelmed as you lay on your lofted bed, or not-too-comfy futon.

As my senior year begins here, I am envious of how much time you have left.

Undoubtedly you have more questions than answers, and that's OK.

As someone who is always looking ahead, it is safe to stay I spent too much time thinking of the future — When's my next paper due? When should I apply for jobs?

Is it too soon to eat at The Root again? I'm not great at enjoying what's around me.

So, do something I have never done. Stop, take a moment, and let

it all sink in.

Enjoy your time here. Every day isn't going to be as idyllic as Elon's greenery, but that makes these four years even better.

You're not going to be able to experience the joy of taking naps consistently or finding four other people to shamelessly eat Cook Out milkshakes and hushpuppies with you at 3 a.m.

There are so many opportunities ahead of you, whether it be leadership positions in organizations, internships or studying abroad. But don't get too caught up in what you need to do later. Focus on what you want to do now.

Enjoy it.

- Jonathan Black
Editor-in-Chief



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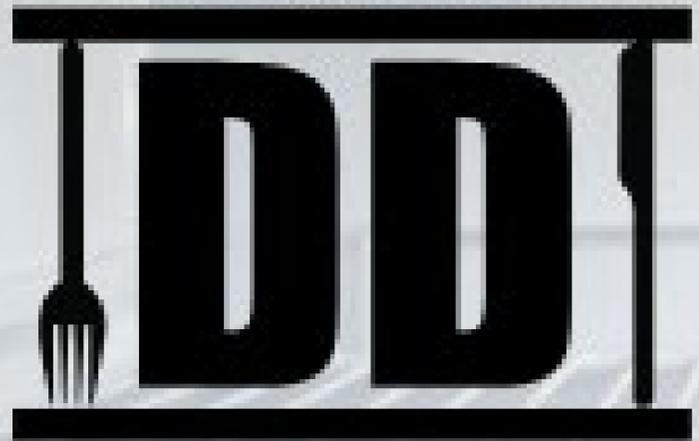
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