





ELECTING ELON'S EXECUTIVES

Brandon Veal and Robbie Miley race to become SGA's next executive president

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Juniors Brandon Veal and Robbie Miley are running for Student Government Association executive president this election season. While they both currently represent the class of 2021 as president and vice president, neither of them won their first SGA campaigns their freshmen year.

Veal was later appointed to the senate in 2017, and Miley was appointed to the Academic Relations Council in 2018. Both candidates said a passion for student government is what led them to their roles.

According to senior and current Executive President Jack Johnson, candidates need to be ready for both the executive duties of the position and the attention they will receive in the role.

"I just didn't fully understand how much scrutiny there would be during the election itself," Johnson said of his experience last year. "I knew every one of my decisions afterward would be scrutinized, but the level of focus people had was intense."

Johnson said the campaign process "took a huge hit" on his mental health, leaving him with a feeling of "imposter syndrome," in which he felt like he did not measure up to past presidents.

"It's not like it wasn't something I signed up for," Johnson said. "It's just startling to lose anonymity

on a college campus. It's one of those things that you don't realize you're giving up until it's gone."

This loss of anonymity is the greatest challenge of the job, Johnson said.

"You aren't just a student anymore," Johnson said. "There will come a day for whoever takes this job that they realize what they traded. You can psychologically try to do that during the campaign, but until you're in it, it's impossible to fully realize."

According to Johnson, candidates also need to be realistic in their policy goals. He said while candidates will want to make people happy, they need to focus on what is feasible, reasonable and in the best interest of the student body.

On top of limiting the list of policy goals, Johnson said candidates should be open to hearing ideas from other perspectives, since the role has "little power but immense influence."

Most of all, Johnson said candidates must have a "passion for Elon."

"There are times where these hours will burn you out on top of your class load," Johnson said. "It hits everyone at some point. Having intense passion for the school and having a good vision are two things I would say that are critical for that."

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Two juniors face off to lead the senate as executive vice president



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The student candidates for the academic and class councils

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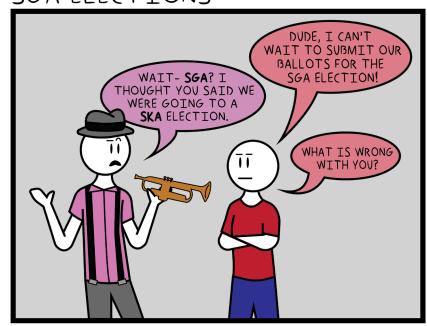
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GAMES

How to Play: Guess the missing word in the five clues, then find them in the word search below. Words can be found backward, diagonal, etc.

1. Brandon Veal and Robbie Miley will be campaigning for SGA _ _ president to replace Jack Johnson, who currently holds the position. See Page 1 for answer.

2. Elon allowed Applications for the first time this year. See Page 3 for answer.

class will not have any candidates running for class council this upcoming **3.** The election. See Page 11 for answer.

_ is the new delivery service making its way to Elon in early March. See Page 13

is the adviser for the men's basketball team and the quarterbacks for the football team. See Page 14 for answer.

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LEIGH ANN HALLBERG, **EXHIBITION | 9 A.M.** Arts West Gallery 406

JUST MERCY | 8 P.M.

P.M. Global Commons Media Room 103

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STUDENT ORG

Turner Theatre

A THURSDAY INSPIRATION | 9:50 A.M.

McBride Gathering Space Numen Lumen

LACROSSE VS. DAVIDSON | 2 P.M. Rudd Soccer Field

MUSLIM COOL: RACE, RELIGION AND HIP HOP | 4 P.M.

Koury Business Center 101 LaRose

LIZ KINEKE, SPEAKER | 5:30 P.M.

McBride Gathering Space, Numen Lumen

Numen Lumen

DAVID MAKOVSKY, SPEAKER | 5:30 P.M. McBride Gathering Space,

LEADING WOMEN IN

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Arts West Recording

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CLARE GRANT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students walk across campus and pass by Inman Admissions Welcome Center on Sept. 24, 2019.

The Office of Admissions reports an increase in international, LGBTQIA, male and first-generation submissions

Hannah Massen

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Since his first campus tour, freshman Matthew Schultz said he knew he belonged at Elon University. He applied early action in Fall 2018 and was accepted that December.

A year later, Schultz's younger brother, Alex, is also applying to Elon — but he's using a completely different process.

Elon began accepting the Common Application for the first time this August, joining other North Carolina universities, including Duke University, Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and University of North Carolina Greensboro.

The Common Appis a college application service used by nearly 900 colleges in the U.S. and over 50 international universities. The service allows prospective students to submit their personal information, test scores and essays to multiple institutions from the same website. According to the Common App's website, more than one million students use the platform each year.

Schultz said he enjoyed answering the short essay prompts on Elon's application but would have preferred to apply through the Common App.

"I personally felt like the Common App was pretty nice just because you didn't have to reenter your data all the time," Schultz said. "I know that for high school students 44

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GREG ZAISER

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT

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MATTHEW SCHULTZ

FRESHMAN

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Greg Zaiser, vice president for enrollment, wrote in an email that 95% of this year's freshmen applications were submitted through the Common App, 3% were submitted through the Elon Application and 2% were submitted through the Coalition Application, a platform similar to the Common App. Zaiser declined to interview in-person with Elon News Network.

"The fundamental reason we joined the Common App was to provide greater access to Elon for students," Zaiser wrote. "The Common App is how (and why) students apply to college where they do, and we believe this is a strong way to reach a wider audience domestically and internationally."

According to Zaiser, 15,208 first-year applications have been submitted so far, which is a 46% increase in applications from last year. The application season for the next academic school year ended on Jan. 10, but Zaiser said applicants may still be accepted on a space-available basis.

Zaiser also confirmed an increase in international, LGBTQIA, male, first-generation, African-American, Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaskan Native and multiracial student applications.

Although the admissions process is not yet complete, Zaiser anticipates a decline in admissions rates because of the influx of applications. Elon's new admissions rate will be determined prior to the release of Regular Deadline decisions in late March.

Zaiser said Elon will remain on the Common App for the foreseeable future.

BY THE NUMBERS

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is the percentage of how many international students applications have increased since last year.

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colleges in the U.S. use the Common App service.

The National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine performs in Schar Center on Wednesday, Feb. 19.



JAKOB REUTER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



CLARE GRANT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Elon University junior and midfielder Campbell Armstrong wins a face off against the Virgina Tech Hokies during a
game at Rudd Field on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Hokies beat the Phoenix 14-7.



JAKOB REUTER | STAFF PHOTO
Participants in the Ripple Conference, a student-initiated interfaith conference, come together to converse.



ANTON L DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR

Community liaison Sergeant Joel Thomas and Corporal Matt Norris speak to students during Campus Safety and
Police's first "Cocoa with the Po Po" event with the Global Education Center on Monday, Feb. 24.



Terry Withers opens a show by "Paranormal Comedy," a professional improv troupe, on Saturday, Feb. 22. The group was invited to perform at Arts West by the student improv group "Please Clap!"



ANTON L DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR

Scholar Khyati Joshi hosts her first book for "White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equity in America," which will be published in June. She visited Elon University on Monday, Feb. 24 to discuss her research about the connections between Christian privilege and white supremacy.



ANTON L DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR Phillip Whack, who has been practicing the saxophone since he was 11, plays his instrument during the Jazz Festival Concert in McCrary Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 22.



ANTON L. DELGADO | MANAGING EDITOR



CASTING YOUR VOTE

Voting for the 2020 SGA election to begin March 2

Student candidates enter races, jockey for positions

Mackenzie Wilkes

There are 32 open positions on the ballot for the Student Government Association election, including president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for the executive board; the senior, junior and sophomore class councils; and the academic councils.

Voting begins March 2 at 9 a.m., and students can vote electronically on PhoenixCONNECT. Executive Vice President Julia Field will send an email to undergraduate students informing them of the election with a link to vote.

In last year's election, 2,705 students — only 39% of undergraduates — voted for the student body officers and academic council. Current Executive President Jack Johnson '20 declared a victory over runner-up Nate Jones '20 by 280 votes.

2018-19 Student Body President Kenneth Brown Jr. ran unopposed but received 2,374 of the 2,881 votes that were cast for the student body offices and academic council.

While voter turnout is one concern, getting students to run for office is another issue. In Johnson's State of the Campus Report, he listed the election as a remaining priority of his term. He told Elon News Network that SGA could do a better job of getting students to run for office.

"Elections are also important, and this is an area that I don't think we've done a good enough job, because I think that SGA oftentimes has a lot of vacancies

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JACK JOHNSON EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT



MACKENZIE WILKES | POLITICS EDITOR

Executive President Jack Johnson leads a special election for new Student Government Association legislation on Sunday, Feb. 23.

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positions will be on the ballot for the student body SGA election.

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of undergraduate students — 2,705 students — voted in last year's election.

when there shouldn't be," Johnson said. "There are really good student leaders. We have to do a better job reaching out to them and finding them."

There are 12 vacancies — including executive secretary — in the race out of 32 positions.

Once elected, these representatives are responsible for drafting and passing legislation that affects the student body. Johnson affirmed in his report that, "SGA is a governing body, not an event-programming one."

Legislation such as S.B.20-2.2, known as "Safe Rides Reimagined," has an effect on students as it provides discounted Uber rides on weekend nights.

While SGA has legislative power, it also can influence the administration and culture at Elon. Johnson said his biggest accomplishment was not legislative; it was the support he and other members of SGA gave students after truck drivers yelled slurs at them. Outreach included getting targeted students to fill out bias reports on such incidents.

Jana Lynn Patterson, dean of students and SGA faculty advisor, is in administration and said they maintain a strong relationship with SGA. According to Patterson, administrators have an open door policy. She also said an SGA member has to meet with administration before introducing

a piece of legislation to "discuss the issue and seek mutual solutions," which allows SGA to "affect change."

Johnson said this relationship is an important one to get things done for the student body.

"SGA is a limited organization in terms of explicit power, but it has a lot of influence," Johnson said. "A lot of people think that, 'Oh, SGA will just fix that.' It's not really how it works. Where our real power and energy goes is into influencing the official title power makers or holders on this campus."

Voting in the election closes on March 3 at 5 p.m. Results will be announced in Moseley Center at 6 p.m.

POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

Executive president

Executive secretary

Executive treasurer

Executive vice president

Senior class council

Junior class council

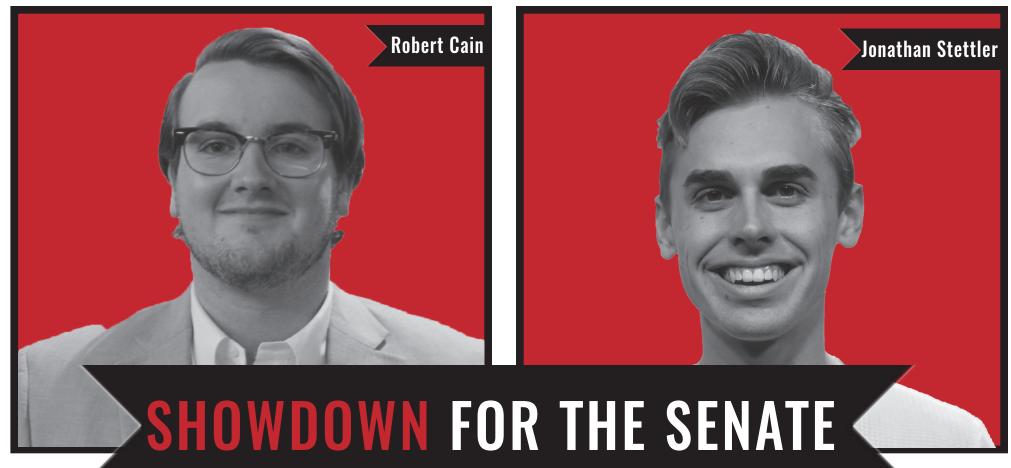
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Academic council

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Jonathan Stettler and Robert Cain campaign to become executive vice president

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With student government elections fast approaching, candidates are gearing up for the campaign. The race for executive vice president will be between juniors Jonathan Stettler and Robert Cain.

Senior Louisa Sholar, the current executive vice president, said the primary role of the position is to serve as the speaker of the senate and manage all legislative activities. Executive vice president is an internal role, Sholar said, with a lot of behind-the-scenes work. The executive vice president handles the agenda for Student Government Association meetings, maintains relationships with administrators and aids in creating a great experience for senators in SGA.

The president has a lot of ceremonial duties, but I think the vice president is the heart and soul of SGA, at least from an operational standpoint," Sholar said. "It's kind of like being backstage, but you have your spotlight every Thursday night."

In addition to being the speaker of the senate, the executive vice president also has the power to call special meetings of the senate, appoint senate members to committees, draft the senate rules and serve as the judicial committee chair.

Jonathan Stettler

while" that he was interested in applying for the position of executive vice president for SGA. Being the speaker of the senate and supporting senators are two of the duties he is looking forward to the most.

"I feel like the executive vice president

position offers the best opportunity to create the biggest and best impact on the community that I live in," Stettler said. The English literature and policy studies double major became involved with SGA as a freshman, first as a College of Arts & Sciences senator and now as the chairman of the Academic Relations Council.

Sophomore Victoria Favorito, School of Communications senator, is a part of the academic relations council with Stettler. Favorito said in the two semesters she has worked with Stettler, she has seen his commitment and dedication to the senate in his leadership, in and outside of meetings.

"He has a passion for the senate which makes him a diligent worker," Favorito said. "When Jonathan wants to see a change in the school, he does everything in his power to see that change."

Stettler said he will campaign on three main ideas. His platform includes mental health and wellness on campus, empowering the senate and constituent outreach.

Throughout his time at Elon University, Stettler said he worked on mental health initiatives and hopes to continue those efforts as vice president.

"A lot of stuff is happening at the institutional level, and the executive council is always the closest to the institutional level," Stettler said.

Another initiative Stettler will focus on is empowering the senate. After being a senator himself and serving as the chair of the academic relations council, Stettler said he would like to help the senate "feel like they have the ability to take on their own initiatives and do their own things."

"The executive board has had a lot of really wonderful and really passionate people Stettler said he has "known for a little but has kind of been leading the senate along," Stettler said. "We haven't had a lot of legislation that hasn't been led on by the executive board in the last few sessions."

The third biggest point of Stettler's campaign is to increase constituent outreach.

"The most important aspect for the entire

executive council is making sure that we build really solid two-way relationships with senior staff and administration on campus, the senate and the student body," Stettler said. "Being able, as the executive board, to work on behalf of the senate and go and talk to administrators and build these relationships is going to be in the end what helps get a lot of our initiatives done."

Robert Cain

Most people would see being an "outsider" in an election as an obstacle to overcome, but Robert Cain sees it as an advantage.

"I have a really good perspective on how I can improve SGA, especially as an outsider, somebody who's never served," Cain said. "I have the ability to come in with new ideas that, maybe people who have served on SGA before, haven't, just because they [are] in a bubble."

The political science and policy studies double major said he has thought of running for SGA "almost every year," and this year he decided to go for it.

"I've grown a lot in the last year and I've realized that I have a lot to say," Cain said.

In addition to running for student body vice president, Cain serves as the president of Pi Kappa Phi, a fraternity on campus whose mission is to "create an uncommon and lifelong brotherhood that develops leaders and encourages service to others for the betterment of our communities," according to PhoenixConnect. Cain said his leadership within this organization is something that he thinks will serve him, if elected vice president.

One of Cain's peers and former president of Pi Kappa Phi, senior Riley Johnson, said Cain is an extremely diligent worker and "a man of the people."

From the moment I met Robert ... he immediately wanted to get involved because he knew he could help better the organization," Johnson said.

As president this year and secretary last year, Cain has been most involved with

philanthropy through Pi Kappa Phi, and he said his proudest accomplishments in his leadership roles have revolved around philanthropy.

Cain will campaign on "transparency and openness to the greater Elon community," something he said he does not always see with

"I sometimes worry that because of the SGA bubble, only the same people's ideas are heard over and over again," Cain said. "I hope that as executive vice president, I can really open it up and try to have forums where students are welcome to come and talk to us."

For the average student, Cain said, SGA and SGA accomplishments may not be understood, something Cain hopes to change.

"Making sure that we are always upfront and honest with the Elon community, but also highlighting SGA's accomplishments that are sometimes unseen or overlooked by the average Elon student," Cain said.

In addition to transparency, Cain hopes to target football tailgating and increase turnout at tailgates and football games. He said he saw great improvement this year and would like to continue to push for and expand on this

"Over the last two years, I know I've personally seen great progress in getting students to attend tailgates through SGA funding," Cain said. "I think that this has had a great impact on school spirit and brought the student body together in a way that is rarely seen at Elon."

Cain said he would also like to push for more consistent social programming for students, expanding on the "late night" and weekend programming done this year.

"There's all these people continuously run, year after year," Cain said. "And I think that might cause them to create an environment where all the ideas are kind of the same, or just rehashes of the same idea. So I'm excited for the possibility that I might be able to kind of break the mold a little."

ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Draft senate rules

Serve as the judicial committee chair

Appoint senate members to committees

Speaker of the senate

Power to call special meetings of the senate

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES battle for the top position

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT | from cover

Having grown up in Raleigh, Veal said he wanted to "branch out" from the bigger state universities where he would be surrounded by his high school peers. After hearing about Elon University as a senior, he said his campus tour sealed the deal.

Though attending different sporting events — from basketball to softball — is his favorite part of Elon, his political science major has given him memorable opportunities, Veal said.

After a class trip to India over spring break in 2019, Veal said he took home knowledge of how governments do not function, rather than how they work well. He said the trip was his favorite course so far because it added more "context" to his knowledge of India.

"You come back and then you get the chance to take a step back and say 'we learned this about India,' but we didn't learn why it's like that until you got there," Veal said.

Leading the course was Jason Kirk, associate professor of political science and policy studies, who said seeing the world's largest democracy firsthand is "eyeopening" for "any student who's interested in democracy."

Veal said observing the political unrest in India gave him a better idea of what makes a good leader.

"[I] Definitely [want to] try to make everybody feel like they're welcome, make everybody feel like their opinions are heard and actually hear their opinions and their voices," Veal said.

As executive president, Veal said he would want to focus on improving student involvement and campus security.

"Student involvement would probably be number one for me," Veal said. "We have the phrase 'bELONg' with 'Elon' outlined in big letters, but if the students don't feel like they have some stake in the event, or they feel like they don't feel driven to go to the events, they won't go."

Veal said he would take the approach he takes as a resident assistant in Danieley Neighborhood and encourage students to attend events by going with them.

Veal said "starting at the ground level" is important in showing freshman students that events are worth attending so that they will "want to be a part of that culture."

According to Veal, changes in campus security would be "difficult to implement" as a student but he said he plans to work closely with the administration in order to accomplish his goals.

Campus security became a top issue for Veal after reports of drivers shouting racial slurs at pedestrians were reported earlier this year. "Since the beginning of the academic year we have received multiple bias reports about individuals driving through campus, shouting slurs out the window at individuals walking on the sidewalk," Vice President for Student Life Jon Dooley wrote in a mass email to students and faculty in October. "The incidents have included catcalling or slurs based on gender, sexual orientation and/or race."

While Veal said he did not have any firsthand experience with the bias incidents, he said an incident of that nature is "disturbing, upsetting and frankly doesn't need to happen, but we do whatever we can to make sure it doesn't continue to happen."

Beyond being ready for the role's daily duties, Veal said he is prepared for any attention the presidency would bring.

"My office will always be open," Veal said.
"I think that the student body president's role should be based off of the things that students feel are most concerning. So I really want to be that middle ground between the student body and the staff and actually, truly hear all their concerns whenever they have them."

As a word of advice to the candidate, Kirk said focusing on delegation and setting priorities would help Veal if elected.

"Decide based on everything that you know, Brandon, through your experience at Elon so far," Kirk said, "What are your priorities for the time that you have in this position?"

While Veal said he understands it might be impossible to address every concern, he plans to focus on issues that come up the most.

"When you start hearing the same concerns pop up over and over and over, you can act on those you can do something about those," Veal said. "We might not get through the whole list of 1,000, but if you can get at least 50 solid concerns that 1,000 students have, you've done the same amount of work."



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CAST YOUR SGA VOTE ON Monday, March 2

Running against Veal is fellow junior Robbie Miley. As a business major, Miley said he has honed his ability to work with people from different backgrounds.

"You need to be a president for everybody, not just the people that you really like or are similar to you," Miley said. He added that in a Winter Term course he took in India, he learned about communicating with people from different backgrounds after visiting businesses and cultural sites abroad.

Associate professor of economics Mark Kurt traveled to India with Miley in 2019, and said the experience helped Miley learn the importance of "dealing with difference."

Miley said "being delicate in the way that you talk to people and understanding who they are and where they come from and what's the best way to work with them" is important.

Talking to new people is one thing Miley said drew him to Elon in the first place. After visiting other North Carolina schools, Miley said seeing students "connected" with each other set Elon apart.

"Down here people are a little more friendly. It's a very 'huggy' campus, but I kind of enjoy that I like people being a little more outgoing and a little more friendly because I feel like that's kind of a little bit who I am," Miley said.

Getting students connected with SGA is an important issue for Miley as he enters his campaign, he said. In addition, he plans to work with Elon Votes to increase civic engagement on campus.

The biggest thing Miley said he wishes he could change about Elon is the cost of education.

prohibits a lot of lower income students from being able to come here," Miley said. "Or if they do come here for their freshman year or sophomore year, some of them eventually end up dropping out because they can't afford it."

Though Miley acknowledged changing the cost of tuition or meal plans is difficult to implement, he said he has worked with SGA to reduce the cost of textbooks by encouraging professors to use books that are available online for a lower price.

Miley is confident in his ability to implement his other ideas, he said.

"I've passed legislation in student government before, and my biggest takeaway is that you need to work with a lot of different people," Miley said. "I think the person as student body president that gets the most done is the person who works the hardest."

Kurt said while traveling with Miley, he observed this quality.

"I found if Robbie said he was going to do something he followed through with it," Kurt said. "So, I feel like that's a positive attribute."

Miley also emphasized that he would remain accessible to students as president.

"I want to try and portray the fact that I really am an open person if you want to talk to me please come to talk to me," Miley

As passionate as Miley is about SGA and the election, he maintained that his campaign will be run with "integrity."

"That's not something I'm willing to compromise in terms of winning or losing or getting something done within student government," Miley said.

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Representing Elon's classes

Defining the different roles of the SGA academic and class council seats

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Elon University's Student Government Association class council works directly to represent the ideas and interests of each class within the governing body. Students in each class can run for five different positions: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and senator. Freshman class candidates will not be on the ballot this upcoming election and will instead be voted on in the fall semester.

Duties of the class president

Senior class President Noor Irshaidat said her position is about building community within her class and representing their voices in the greater senate. She said the primary responsibilities of the role include planning commencement, selecting the senior class gift and planning events for seniors throughout the

"Our main thing is to support the seniors," Irshaidat said. "We want to work toward developing a legacy for our class."

Irshaidat said SGA has an executive president who deals with issues for the entire student body, but a class president caters to specific issues in each class, such as planning class events.

Duties of the vice president

The vice president position focuses on event planning and voting on legislation during SGA meetings. Senior class Vice President Laura Rossi said her role in the organization affects who gets appointed, determines whether legislation passes and includes representing her student individuals. Senior class Treasurer constituents.

Duties of the secretary

Junior class Secretary Kyra Letsinger said her main duties are keeping up with Class of 2021 social media, creating visuals for SGA's social media, voting on legislation managing communication between her class and SGA.

"Both my roles are to fill in any communication gaps," Letsinger said. "My position has the ability to kick-start that sharing of information, and that's vital to the purpose of SGA."

Duties of the treasurer

All student treasurers sit on SGA's finance board, according to the SGA Treasurer's Manual. The board is responsible for voting on budget requests and allocating funds from student activity fees to various on-campus organizations

Abby Walsh said she attends finance board meetings twice a week and weekly SGA meetings. Walsh said she manages the finances for the senior class.

"I'm specifically responsible for all the budgeting and reimbursements for our events," Walsh said.

Duties of Academic Council senators

Outside of the class council is the academic council. Each school — the College of Arts & Sciences, School of Communications, Love School of Business and School of Education - has at least two senators who connect students and the school.

Katie Park, a senator on the council for the School of Education, said she works directly with Dean Ann Bullock.

According to Park, senators on the council meet with the dean to discuss student concerns and changes in the school.

Academic Council Candidates



School of Arts & Sciences Senator



Business Senator



Business Senator



Class of 2021 Candidates













Class of 2022 Candidates



















Class of 2023 Candidates

















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ON TO THE NEXT BUDGET





The executive treasurer, Finance Board, is in charge of allocating funds to student organizations

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The campaign for Student Government Association officially began Monday, Feb. 24. The candidates running for executive treasurer are juniors Claire Babey and Andrew Ciampa.

The executive treasurer is in charge of working with the Finance Board to allocate funds from the SGA budget to each organization. According to current Executive Treasurer Amanda Yaffa, the weekly duties of the treasurer entail holding office hours, attending SGA meetings and meeting with the finance board twice.

Along with that, they are responsible for answering emails and questions from the student body, ensuring that reimbursements and money transfers are done in a timely fashion and giving an executive report at SGA meetings.

The role differs from the class treasurer, who is in charge of managing money for class events and serving on the finance board. The executive treasurer also meets with the finance board, but does not vote on budget allocations.

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AMANDA YAFFA EXECUTIVE TREASURER Treasurers of each class and four non-SGA members make up the board. A finance and policy studies double major, Babey served as the treasurer for the class of 2021 in her freshman, sophomore and junior year.

Babey said she wants to focus on continuing to improve communication between SGA and the student body, since it is student activity fees that make up the budget.

"I think right now there's a lot of separation between SGA and the student body," Babey said. "It would be more important for us to really explain what we do every week, and to make sure that students know that I'm very accessible as executive treasurer."

Students are able to contact the treasurer during office hours, by email or in person at SGA meetings on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

"We did a special allocation a couple of years ago for a big Homecoming concert, and I would have liked to hear more about student body feedback before we passed the legislation," Babey said. "So that would be a big thing for me to fix in the future."

Ciampa served as the secretary of the finance board this past year and is a history and political science major. He worked with Yaffa during the fall semester to implement the changes to the funding model.

"I feel like I have a good sense of the new funding model that Elon passed last year, I think there's a bit of a learning curve for people who might be used to the old one," Ciampa said. "I think that I'm just a good facilitator to basically carry on the next legacy of treasurer."

Having never officially served on SGA, Ciampa said he considers himself a bit of an outsider. But he doesn't think that is a disadvantage.

"It's a valuable perspective," he said. "I hope to bring to the position someone who's approachable, knowledgeable about things like the funding model, the inner workings of SGA and the finance board itself."

Throughout Yaffa's term, the new funding model was implemented beginning last June. It requires organizations to meet with the finance board in person to propose budget allocations on their behalf.

"I'm excited for this next treasurer because it's not gonna be implementing it, it's gonna be improving it," Yaffa said. "I think the transition is gonna be a lot smoother."

As her term comes to an end, she reflected on her favorite parts of the position — creating relationships with organizations and getting a more personal view of campus.

"What's most rewarding outside of relationships is actually seeing how that money is helping people," she says, "It's not just money-you're creating events, you're creating activities around campus."

Voting for the elections will begin on Monday, March 2 and end on Tuesday, March 3.

Executive secretary seat left vacant in 2020 election

Without a candidate, the next executive president will be responsible for selecting someone to fill the role

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There were no students who chose to run for the position of executive secretary of the Student Government Association.

Selecting a secretary will fall to the new executive president, who will be elected on March 3

According to Elections Committee Co-Chair Katie Park, once the president makes their decision, the SGA Senate will vote on the selection.

According to Julia Field, the current executive secretary, major responsibilities of the position include co-chairing the One Phoenix Committee and the Public Relations Committee.

The One Phoenix Committee is in charge of school spirit and community events, and helps plan Homecoming, tailgates, the Elon Ball and other special events, such as President Connie Book's holiday party.

The Public Relations Committee runs SGA social media accounts and advertises for events in the form of flyers and online campaigns.

In a typical SGA business meeting, the executive secretary takes attendance and keeps track of what is said during the meetings. SGA began to vote electronically during meetings this year, but if that system

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

crashes, the executive secretary would be responsible for calculating member votes, according to Field. They also create a weekly internal SGA email for members.

"I became drawn to the role because of the work that explicitly fell under the secretary role," Field said. "For example, Homecoming and the Elon Ball, and just communicating with a lot of different stakeholders that SGA is partnered with and a lot of different organizations that SGA connects with, and that was the thing that really resonated with me."

Field recommends whoever ends up filling the position should check their inbox often and to stay on top of all of the responsibilities of the role.

"Live in the moment. Take it all in," Field said. "And don't count the days but make them count."

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NEW FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE ROLLS ONTO CAMPUS

Good Uncle app to deliver new food options for Elon students

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Good Uncle, a delivery service founded in Syracuse, NY, is making its way to Elon University in early March. The concept behind the company is not unfamiliar to college students; it's a meal delivery app in a market already flooded with these services.

What sets Good Uncle apart from the typical food delivery app, where food comes from already-established restaurants, is that the company produces its own menu, Director of Growth and Marketing for Good Uncle Dylan Gans said.

Collaborating with Elon Dining

Elon Dining said they are excited to have Good Uncle join the Elon community.

"We have identified the desire for the student body of Elon to have delivery be an option on campus," according to the communications team at Elon Dining. "To open this door for Good Uncle, we helped organize a demo for Good Uncle's technology, service and food to Elon's administration and student government members."

According to Gans, Good Uncle takes pride in adhering to the desires of students on college campuses. The company focuses on accessibility and timeliness of deliveries for students to get food in a way that aligns with their schedules.

"There are some natural synergies between Good Uncle and Elon Dining that we believe will provide Elon students with a greater variety of meal options through delivery," said Casey Claflin, guest experience manager at Elon Dining. 'Good Uncle gives students even more food options and the ability to easily grab a bite that best fits their schedule."

Representatives for Elon Dining said that Good Uncle provides students with additional food options at their convenience, whether it is late at night or on weekends.

Elon Dining said they recognize the value of providing additional food options, specifically food delivery to students.

Gans said bringing Good Uncle to Elon's campus was a collaborative effort between Elon Dining, student body members and the Good Uncle team.

Elon senior Erin Munley serves as the promotion and revenue lead intern for Good Uncle and is in charge of researching and strategically choosing locations for the most functional drop points on campus.

"Good Uncle produces its food independently of Elon Dining, but by offering a bi-weekly rotating menu, the Good Uncle team is in constant collaboration with the student body and Elon Dining on the best way to optimize its menu," Claflin said.

How the app works

Rather than delivering meals from various restaurants like Grubhub and DoorDash, Good Uncle creates its own menu based on student demand.

We are a brand focused on doing good for the campus community," Gans said.

Good Uncle's business approach falls under two branches: the operational and analytical side, which focuses on what customers want, and the qualitative and quantitative side, which focuses on internal data based on customer reports.

"At our core, we are a food delivery app but a lot different from the traditional Grubhub," Gans said. "We cook all of our own food."

All the food is produced fresh by Good Uncle staff in their regional kitchens. Elon's kitchen is conveniently located in Burlington.

Each meal is cooked 75% of the way in the regional kitchens. Then, the food is loaded into refrigerated vehicles, where the last 25% is cooked in ovens once the order has been placed, Gans said.

Gans said the company is able to deliver hot, fresh food in an average of 25 minutes. The average cost of a meal is \$12, with no delivery fees or minimums. Good Uncle is able to spread out the costs by using a drop point delivery system. Essentially, the drop point system chooses convenient locations on campus where meals can be delivered to multiple students at a time.

Munley said students cannot use campus meal plans to pay for their Good Uncle meal. The app accepts credit and debit cards; however, Good Uncle offers meal plans for students to purchase, making meals cheaper if they choose to frequently order. This gives students the opportunity to replace the traditional meal plan if they live off-campus.

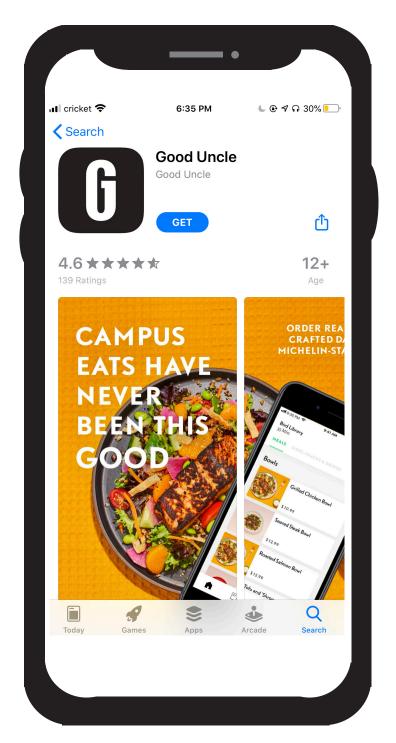
"Dining halls are often not super close to freshmen housing, who also usually do not have cars. Drop points are chosen to be as close to as many people as possible, with a walking time of under a minute," Munley said.

Tentative drop points include Belk Library, East College Avenue and North Oak Avenue and the HBB lot, but according to Munley, these locations are not finalized and are likely to be changed before the launch date.

"Good Uncle really cares about the students. It's not just a delivery app," Munley said. "We are really making sure drop points are accessible, and the food is healthy, cheap, quick and delicious."

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seven or eight drop points at the time of the time current university freshmen are Good Uncle's tentative launch on March 8.

"For me, coming to college, one of the things I missed most was healthy meals," Munley said. "Good Uncle has such a variety of healthy food on their menu that makes them stand out; the food is fresh, cooked immediately and quickly delivered to you. Good Uncle has something for everyone."

Gans said Good Uncle has food for every instance, is priced reasonably and can be received easily. The brand highlights quality, cost and convenience.

"We designed a service that we believe sits perfectly in the middle of those three pillars," Gans said. "Our service was designed with college students in mind."

In an effort to insert itself into the local community, Good Uncle focuses on creating partnerships with campus organizations.

"We want to be a brand for college students," Gans said. "We are not only a food delivery system, but we are also doing good for the students and the campus community."

Branding and growth

Gans said that Good Uncle is still a relatively small brand and has plans for expansion in the coming years. The company

Gans said Elon is going to start out with intends to be nationally recognized by entering their senior year.

"We are still on the earlier side of building up the company. We are relatively small for where we're going to be in upcoming years,"

Although the brand is currently operating on a smaller scale, it is expanding quickly. Gans said Good Uncle is currently at eight schools. Some of those include Syracuse University, Johns Hopkins University and Villanova University, with plans to begin operation at NC State and UNC-Chapel Hill, in addition to Elon, in the spring of this year.

Those behind Good Uncle are focused on maintaining and developing relationships with each campus that uses their app.

"Students run the launch process end to end, working on creating and building partnerships with campus organizations and local businesses," Gans said.

Working in tandem with students and various organizations, Good Uncle says they are looking forward to having a presence on Elon's campus.

"Good Uncle is bringing quick, inexpensive and healthy food to Elon's campus," Munley said. "It helps remind students of the fresh comfort food they got



Cayce Crenshaw, the assistant athletic firector for academic support, works with Skylar Barthelmes, a thrower on the track and field team, in Alumni Gym on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Crenshaw has been a part of athletic academic support services at Elon for the past 13 years.

An adviser's tough love leads players to success in the classroom

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Every day, Elon University athletes shuffle through the doors of Alumni Gym. They take a right down the hallway with a sign on the wall that reads, "Academic Support for Athletics." At the end of the hallway is a pod of offices where athletes and advisers meet to discuss everything from class schedules to life goals.

This is where Cayce Crenshaw works.

In her office, tucked in a corner and smaller than the average Elon dorm room, Crenshaw advises the men's basketball team and the quarterbacks on the football team. She normally meets with players individually to chat about everything from classes to long-term plans. She even enjoys chatting about their lives in general. By doing this, Crenshaw says she can cater to their specific strengths and set personalized expectations.

"We want everybody to work to their potential. So, if you have the ability to be a 3.5 [GPA] student, we want you to be a 3.5 student," Crenshaw said. "We don't want you settling for a B when you can get an A."

The Graduation Success Rate measures the percent of a team that is expected to graduate in a six year timeline. The NCAA uses this rate to gauge long-term academic success. Elon's men's basketball, which has a cumulative 3.1 GPA, graduated 100% of its players within the six-year timeline in 2019.

Similar to a coach, Crenshaw said she encourages her advisees to do the best they can. This is particularly true for freshmen athletes. Crenshaw said academic advisers focus a lot of attention on them so they start their college experience on the right track.

The freshmen basketball players have established their leadership on the court. Freshmen Hunter McIntosh, Hunter Woods and Zac Ervin have played more than any freshman on the team. They are among the team's top scorers — individually, all three have scored over 200 points this season.

While head coach Mike Schrage supports them on the court, Crenshaw steers them

toward academic success.

"She challenges me and pushes me to excel in the classroom, she always gives me the extra push," Woods said. "It's tough love — like a mom — it's going to be stuff you don't want to hear, but at the end of day, it's only going to make you better as a person."

Crenshaw's unique brand of "tough love" can take many forms, from yelling, to constant texts, to email reminders or even a stray cuss word. Many players respect the effort Crenshaw puts in for them and acknowledge that her methods keep them in check.

"There's also a certain fear aspect; one of us is skipping class or doing any of that because you know that she's gonna find out and you know, she's gonna tell coach," Ervin said. "But [we have] respect for her because she does put in a lot of time for us to make us better."

While underclassmen get the most attention from advisers, Crenshaw also works with graduate student transfers who pose nuanced challenges.

Graduate guard Marcus Sheffield II spent his four years of undergrad at Stanford University. Sheffield II transferred to Elon to play out his last year of eligibility and pursue a master's degree in business administration. Crenshaw said the challenge is she didn't have four years to get to know Sheffield II.

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is the number of games played on the road by Elon University's men's basketball. By traveling with the team, Crenshaw was able to get to know Sheffield II more. She got to talk to him about his professional basketball aspirations and how he is adjusting to Elon. Now, as the season comes to a close, she has formed a relationship with the otherwise stoic superstar.

"We do have that relationship where we can talk and joke and talk about how classes are going and what kinds of things he's learning ... and 'do you like it' and being able to have those conversations just like you would with an undergraduate student," Crenshaw said. "So, you develop that even though it's only for a year."

At other schools across the country, people in Crenshaw's position are referred to as academic coaches. However, she wouldn't describe herself as one.

"It's a mix between a coach, between a mom between a big sister," Crenshaw said. "I'm not just telling you what to do, but trying to give you good advice."

Crenshaw makes herself available for all her athletes no matter their schedule. According to McIntosh, Crenshaw can even be found in her office until 11 p.m. Her efforts aren't lost on freshmen standouts.

"She's really just a good, kind of motherly figure for us coming into college. It's definitely good to have her not just as an academic contact but [as] somebody you could talk to as a regular person," McIntosh said.

One of the harder transitions for younger student-athletes, especially basketball players, is the amount of travel. The men's basketball team is playing 31 games and a conference tournament this season. Fifteen of those games are played on the road.

Over nine days in November, the team traveled from Elon to Atlanta to Ann Arbor, Michigan to Chapel Hill, NC.

"It can be overwhelming when you're [in Elon] and suddenly you're in Philly and 'Oh, wait, I forgot to do something that I was supposed to do," Crenshaw said. "We can try to help them stay organized. We want to do that, but ultimately it's going to be the students' responsibility, and we're there as just an added bonus."

For nearly every game, Crenshaw can be seen courtside supporting her student-athletes

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from afar. When it comes to their meetings, she keeps basketball out of it. Crenshaw said she wants them to approach her at all times, even to take a break from basketball. But there is one part of their game she does care about most.

"Basketball players will joke all the time that the big thing I care about is them making free throws. I'm like, 'Please don't miss free throws, please don't, like you can go practice that, you control that," Crenshaw said with a laugh.

Crenshaw has been a part of Athletic Academic Support Services at Elon for 13 years. In this time, she has continuously seen the growth of players from convocation to graduation.

Oftentimes, Crenshaw's relationships with her players extend past graduation. She keeps up with some players through text and email. She even attended the wedding of former Elon quarterback Scott Riddle '10. For Crenshaw, relationships with her student-athletes go far beyond the court or the classroom.

"If we're doing this well, these are lifelong relationships," Crenshaw said. "For me, it's not a job — this is my life. I consider them my kids."

H A L F A A P Θ I N T F R Θ M F C II





Emily Joss Contributor

Joss is a freshman who planned to go through the sorority recruitment process but was barred because she was 0.05 points below the required GPA.

If you've been on a college campus, you're probably familiar with greek life. I've always been interested in joining, especially after seeing the laid back nature of greek life at Elon, and I felt it would be a great way to make friends and expand my social circle. I wanted to be a part of a sisterhood, but my attempt to join a sorority was derailed by something out of my control.

I knew there was a GPA requirement to participate in recruitment, but I was a good student; I was never worried about not meeting the requirement. A couple of days before the deadline to sign up, I checked my GPA to realize I only had a 2.85, .05 below the 2.9 requirement for women.

If I were a man, I would have been golden.

According to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, to participate in greek life, women need to maintain at least a 2.9 GPA. However, men only need a 2.8. In other words, women have to work harder just to have the same privileges. Gender equality is something we all strive for, so I was confused why greek life would exhibit such sexist behaviors.

In the months leading up to recruitment, I learned that greek life has significant time commitments. It requires a lot from already-busy Elon students, between chapter meetings, house responsibilities, social events and volunteering. These organizations accept who they

consider to be the strongest students because these students, in theory, can better handle the various commitments that come with greek life. But being a part of greek organization doesn't necessarily guarantee a higher GPA.

Despite this, one question still remains: why does the university set different standards for men and women?

Upon hearing the news that I was unable to go through recruitment, I sat in my dorm room and cried for about two hours before mustering the courage to do something about it. I started by emailing staff members but got no response. So, I went to the Office of Student Life in Moseley Center to Jordan King, associate director of student involvement.

He was very sympathetic but told me there was nothing he could do. I wasn't even allowed to submit an appeal. After struggling through a tough first semester in college, just barely missing the GPA requirement, the last thing I wanted to hear was that there was nothing I could do.

I've had my ups and downs at Elon, but there hasn't been any reason for me to question the values of this university until now. There is no good reason for this sexist barrier in greek life. And from my conversation with King, it seemed to me Elon was saying, "men are dumber and therefore need a lower bar."

The average male GPA is 0.2 points lower than the average

female GPA at Elon, so the Student Life office used this fact to back up their decision to make male GPA recruitment requirements lower by 0.1 points. In essence, they rationalized that men are weaker academically, so they lowered the standards for them.

I thought gender equality was sacred, up until a month ago. Of course, there's a different possibility.

Maybe this grade cutoff is leftover from an era dominated by old, white men — an era when people believed women were more delicate and less capable of handling stress.

Maybe then we should change it. By raising the male GPA, not only would we be telling men we know they can do better, but we would be showing women they are equal in the eyes of the university.

In no other walk of life would we dare propose that the definition of success should be higher or more difficult to reach for women. At the ballot box since 1920, in the workplace since 1964, in the classroom since 1972 and even in combat since 2013, women have been granted equality with men.

In short, schools, communities, parents, teachers, men and women everywhere have been fighting for this for the last 100 years.

The Elon greek system shouldn't be the last bastion of institutionalized sexism.

It's time for a change.

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of undergraduate students at Elon University are members of greek organizations.

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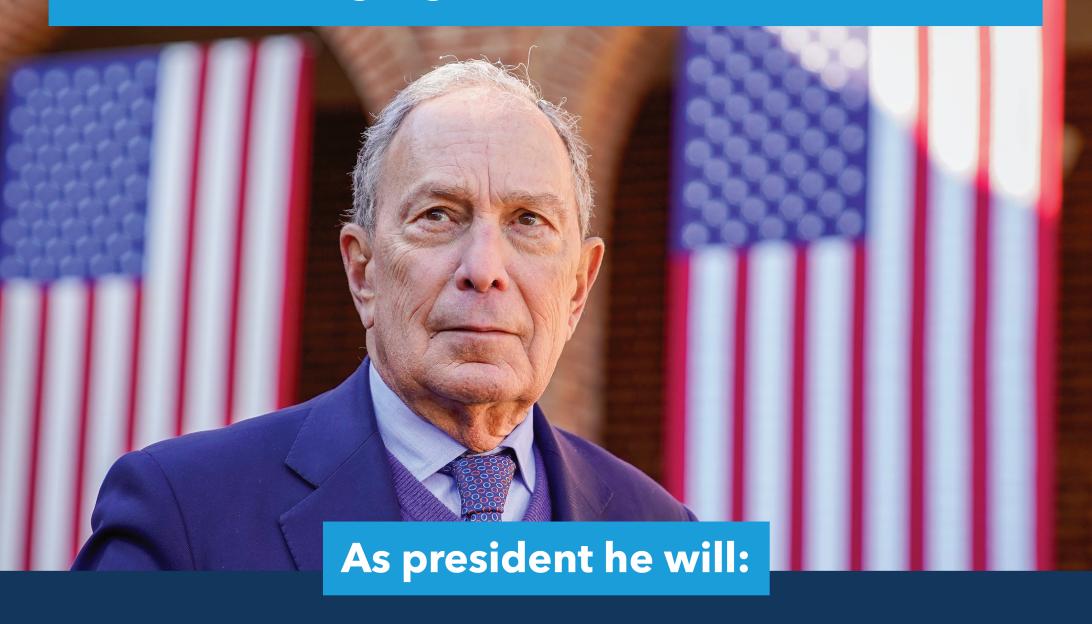
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