

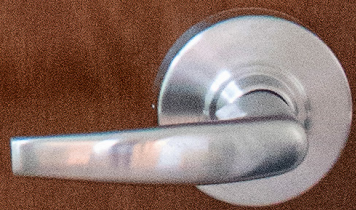
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021	
8:00am-5:00pm	Pickup Phoenix Card
4:30pm-4:40pm	Orientation Meeting
4:30pm-5:30pm	Parent & Family Welcome Session Welcome to the Campus Community
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021	
8:00am-5:00pm	New Student Convocation
10:15am	Meet your Orientation Leader
11:30am-12:30pm	Academic Advisor Meeting
11:30am-12:30pm	College Coffee
8:00am-5:00pm	Family Send-off
10:00pm	Koury Kickoff
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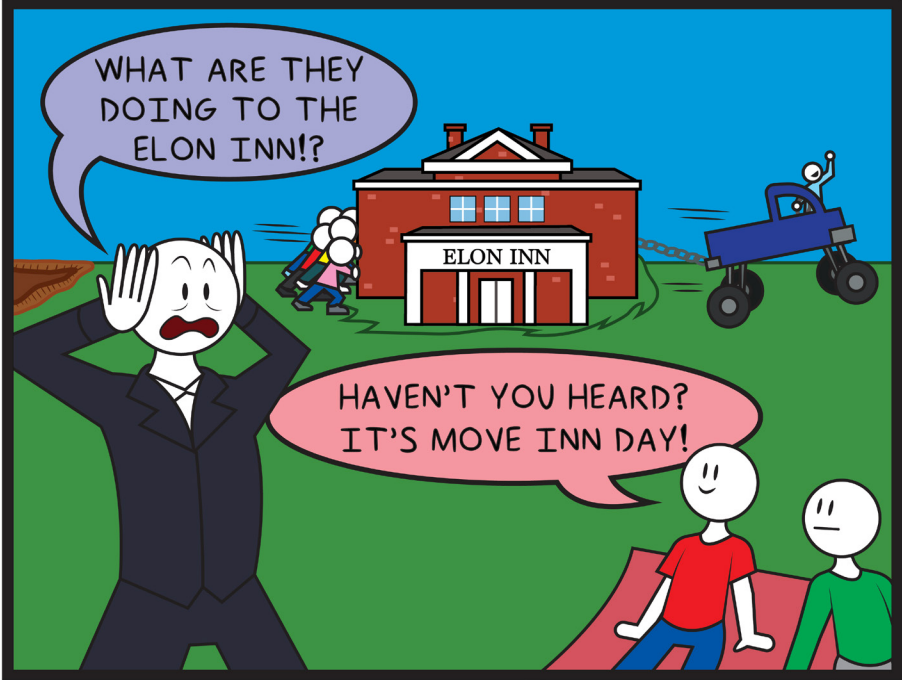
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- The annual _____ event is hosted at Rhodes Stadium at the end of orientation. *See Page 11 for answer.*
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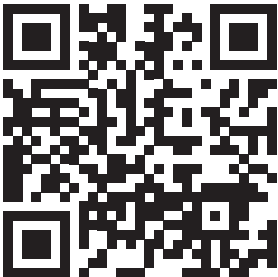
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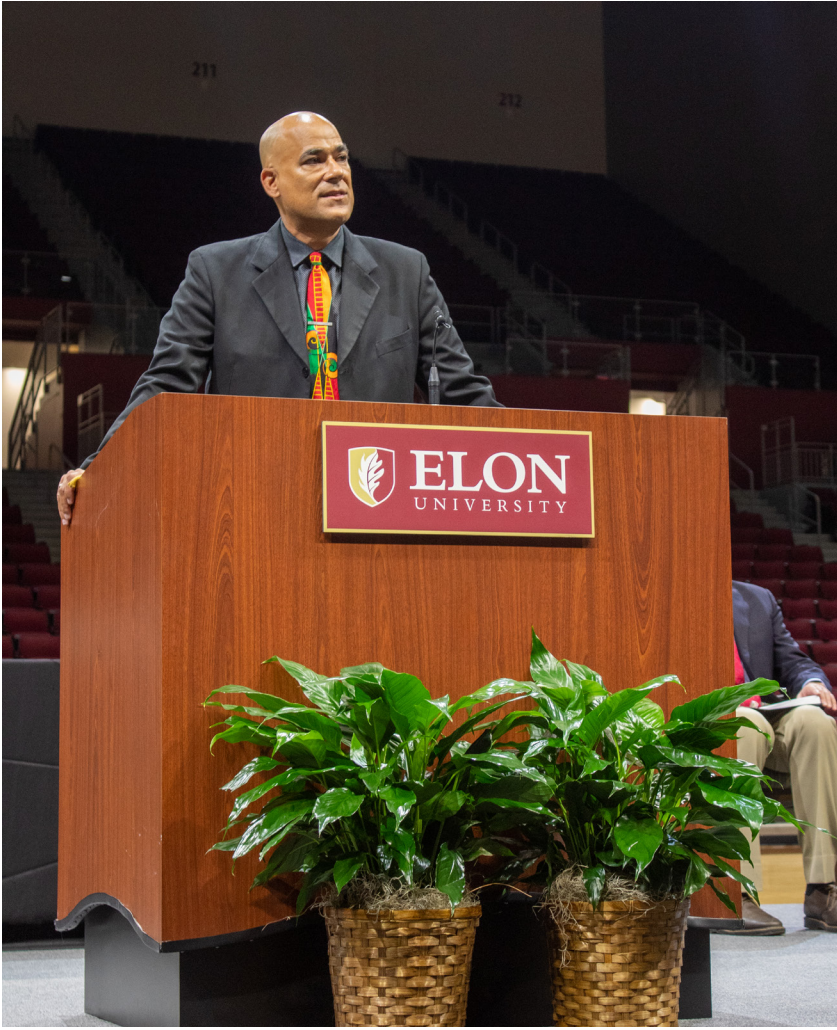


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Charles Irons, former chair of the Committee on Elon History and Memory, speaks to Elon faculty and staff about what other universities, such as William & Mary, are doing to help combat racial inequality on college campuses in an interactive seminar on Aug. 17.



GRAYSEN SHIRLEY | POLITICS EDITOR



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Kenn Gaither, professor of strategic communications, received the A.J. Fletcher Professorship in Communications at Elon's opening day ceremony for the 2021-22 academic year, on Aug. 16.



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President Connie Book has her annual interview with Elon News Network. She spoke about her connection with the class of 2022, the current indoor mask mandate on campus and this year's common reading selection.



DELANEY DANIELS | PHOTO EDITOR
Junior Hugh Goldstein leads a summer tour group on Iconic Plaza, recently renamed Medallion Plaza.



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Elon's Storage Scholars assist with moving in students on Aug. 17. Full story on ElonNewsNetwork.com.

LETTERS FROM THE LEADERS

ELON NEWS NETWORK EXECUTIVES



From left to right: Ellis Chandler, Kyra O'Connor and Nyah Phengsittthy.

DELANEY DANIELS | PHOTO EDITOR

THERE'S ALWAYS A LEVEL of uncertainty that comes with a new academic year, and that rings true this past year more than ever. But all of us at Elon News Network continue to be certain in our main purpose: serving the local community.

Our organization — composed of ElonNewsNetwork.com, The Pendulum and Elon Local News — strives to serve the university and surrounding communities. The return to fully in-person learning on campus this year reminds us that news never stops and we must continue to report factual information and seek out new stories.

This year is all about reconnecting.

As student journalists, some of the first questions we ask while reporting are “when questions” — when capacity limits will be lifted, when mask requirements can be dropped and when we can all gather together again. We still don't know the answer to all of these, but we're ready to report it when we do.

At ENN, our goal is to tell as many of your stories as possible. We recognize the different angles and versions to consider and we want to hear them from you. Our phone (336-278-7247) and email (enn@elon.edu) are open to anyone with story ideas or new perspectives. We look forward to reconnecting with you this year and telling your stories.

Executive Director of Elon News Network: Kyra O'Connor

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WELCOME TO ELON, CLASS of 2025 As president of the Black Student Union, I want to congratulate and send you love and support on your new journey. Change is often scary, but this is an amazing next step of your life. As you are coming to campus, I strongly encourage you all to take it all in, explore, try new things and embrace the uncertainty of being in an unfamiliar place.

Being a freshman at Elon is a unique experience and I personally will not forget my first year. This is a big step, and I can relate to those nerve racking feelings. I was quick to find out that my expectations of college were quite different from the reality of being at Elon. I envisioned myself in an episode of A Different World, with a lot of new friends and close knit community.

But instead, I was nervous. I struggled to find friendships and I thought I was

failing at being a college student. I truly felt like I was on a whole different planet. But with learning patience and stepping out of my comfort zone, I danced to my own beat and made my path at Elon — focusing on myself this time. I made connections with my peers, formed great friendships and found a place with people that I could relate to in the CREDE and the African Diaspora LLC.

My experiences were different from those of my roommate, people in my class and my friends from home. And your experiences are likely to be different too. Carve your own path, be daring, learn patience and don't forget that you aren't alone.

So please, enjoy yourself. Get involved and take the time to connect with others. Don't be afraid to take the first step.

BSU PRESIDENT CHRISTINA CARR



DELANEY DANIELS | PHOTO EDITOR

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TO THE CLASS OF 2025:

Congratulations. You did it. These past 18 months have been hard on the world, and particularly difficult as each of you experienced a rollercoaster end to your high school careers. This transition to college will be unlike anything you have ever experienced, but then again, so have the last 18 months. It may not be an easy one, surely filled with lots of questions and strange experiences, all in a brand new place. But each of you has made it here, and if you've accomplished that you can handle anything else that comes your way.

As this weekend kicks off and you are handed a room key and a schedule, for every minute of your life from now on, the best words of advice I can give you are simple: making mistakes is ok. There is no way you can remember everything you are going to be told this weekend — building locations, names, and rules, but that's ok. Enjoy orientation and get to know the campus and the people around you. Talk to your roommate and the people in your hall. Try to meet as many people as you can. If it feels like everyone else has friends and you don't, I promise you, other people feel that way too. It's just a matter

of finding the right people to have in your life.

College is a wonderful experience that flies by. Days blur into weeks and weeks turn into months. Before you know it, you will be a senior looking back at the last three years, asking yourself where it's all gone and wishing you could get it back.

As your first year kicks off, take nothing for granted. Go to different sports games. Go see the shows. Go on that midnight Cook Out run. Go to the club meeting, even if you know no one. Ask someone to lunch. And for heaven's sake, ask questions. Never stop asking questions and never stop wondering. Reflect on your experiences, learn from your mistakes, both inside and outside of the classroom. Enjoy every second of Elon, even the hardest parts. You will make wonderful memories, meet wonderful people, and do things you never thought possible of yourself.

I wish you the best of luck as you start your college journey. This year will be filled with ups and downs that will leave you feeling more left than right. But never stop wondering, never stop growing, and never stop asking questions. Oh, and go Phoenix.

New student orientation to be in-person, some virtual sections



COURTESY OF MAHOGANY MADDEN-ROBERTS

Last year's new student orientation was filled with online sessions and virtual activities. The class of 2025 and transfer students will experience orientation in person, masked and with some virtual programming.

In-person and virtual activities will be incorporated in the class of 2025 and transfer student orientation

Nyah Phengsitthy
Managing Editor | @nyahphengsitthy

The moment after each New Student Orientation ends, Director of New Student and Transitions Programs Emily Krechel and her team are already planning for the next one. But after the 2020-21 school year, Krechel was unsure of what would be in store for the class of 2025's arrival.

Krechel did know one thing: 2020's virtual orientation wasn't fully going away. In accordance with the university's vaccine requirement and return to in-person learning, Elon's orientation program will be in person, with some group sessions online from pre-recorded lectures.

From attending the pep rally to engaging in group meetings, new students will get a glimpse of an orientation schedule filled with activities similar to 2020 and previous years. Krechel said these annual university events will remind everyone what Elon strives for.

"The hallmark of Elon is that in-person engagement and connection, that small tight-knit community, that's what Elon is about," Krechel said. "We want to get back to that and the science supports that. In bringing students who are vaccinated back together, how we handled the pandemic in 2020 shows that we can do this."

In the past, Krechel had a confirmed schedule of what orientation would look like — from the first move-in time to the last meeting with orientation leaders — by early spring. But planning this year's orientation was delayed far more than she anticipated.

"Things changed a lot in 2020. This year, one of the challenges was we didn't know what was going to happen with the pandemic," Krechel said. "In the past I wanted a confirmed schedule by March. I wasn't confident in our schedule until June."

The experience of leading online sessions last year to now fully interacting in person around campus is what makes this year's orientation exciting for junior Mahogany Madden-Roberts. As a past orientation

leader and now a team lead supporting other orientation leaders, Madden-Roberts believes the university's efforts for in-person orientation contributes to Elon's goals of connecting.

"The thing that sets us apart is that we really try to emphasize that community sense," Madden-Roberts said "I had a great experience during my orientation coming into Elon, so I wanted to be able to do that for someone else."

Madden-Roberts also hopes that her continued presence with the new student programs will allow minority students to relate to her.

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DIRECTOR OF NEW STUDENT AND TRANSITIONS PROGRAMS

"I wanted to be a person who is able to identify more with the minority students as well, especially when you're not used to going to a school with so many people that are within the majority," Madden-Roberts said.

In-person orientation may be one of the first larger group engagements since the



JOSEPH NAVIN | PHOTOGRAPHER

President Connie Book addresses orientation leaders at one of the new student program orientation trainings.

pandemic began for some students. It's been over a year since freshman Morgan Williams interacted with any school members in person. The return of in-person classes and orientation will be a fresh start for her.

"I spent all of senior year [of high school] on a computer. There was an option to be in-person, but that was before I could get a vaccine," Williams said. "I missed the classroom, so I'm excited to be in person."

For freshman Eddie Keefe, the hybrid interactions with students and teachers during his senior year of high school pushed him to be more excited for his transition to Elon.

"I feel like it's a privilege for me to start off almost normal again," Keefe said. "It's like going to kindergarten. These are the friends you're going to have for the next four years. These people do not know one thing about you, so it's like starting all over and branching out."

The return of gathering in-person on Young Commons to meet orientation groups and sitting Under the Oaks for New Student Convocation is what Krechel hopes new students fully experience as one of their first memories of Elon, especially after last year's virtual orientation.

"We start building that community day one of orientation and that tracks with them the entire semester ... The shared experiences are uniquely at Elon," Krechel said. "We knew in 2019, even before the pandemic, that we wanted to make this more personal for new students. 2020 helped us figure out how to do that well."

SCAN TO SEE THIS YEAR'S ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



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CLASS OF 2025 TO BE WELCOMED AT NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION



Will Dowling Jr. picking up his acorn at New Student Convocation in 2017. This year's convocation for new students will be held in person Under the Oaks after an online and socially distanced academic year.

ZACH OHMANN | PHOTOGRAPHER

Incoming students will mark the start of their academic careers at New Student Convocation

Graysen Shirley
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More than 1,600 incoming students will be welcomed into the Elon community to celebrate the beginning of their university academic careers at New Student Convocation on Aug. 21.

As students sit under the oaks, they will hear from university speakers, including Vice President for Student Life Jon Dooley and University Chaplain Rev. Kirstin Boswell.

New Student Convocation represents the beginning of a new academic term, and this year it is a time to recognize the resilience of incoming students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Boswell.

Boswell said speaking in front of a large audience in person is something she has not done very often due to the pandemic. She said she prepared for her speech by trying to immerse herself in the intended audience and gain an understanding of the listeners.

"My preparation involves sitting and being still and centering and thinking. And then, looking at various readings that I would find inspirational," Boswell said.

Freshman Nicole Hill said New Student Convocation is a time for incoming students to meet and feel a sense of community amid being in a new environment.

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FRESHMAN

of other schools they just kind of throw you in, but with Elon you definitely get the sense of community right from the start," Hill said.

During the ceremony, students will receive an acorn. Emily Krechel, director of New Student and Transitions Programs, said giving incoming students acorns is one of her favorite Elon traditions and represents the growth of a student over the course of their time at Elon.

"Throughout their Elon journey, it's like a seed that is going to plant and grow into a mighty Oak," Krechel said.

Students receiving an acorn is also significant due to Elon being the Hebrew word for oak, according to Krechel. This tradition continues at commencement when students will receive an oak sapling when they graduate.

Students at New Student Convocation will be required by the university to wear masks during the ceremony due to the rise of Delta cases. Freshman Ari Turobiner said wearing a mask during the ceremony will help to keep students, faculty and staff safe.

"I completely get it," Turobiner said. "Again, I'm also worried about COVID and I want everyone to be safe."

Boswell is hopeful this annual university event will remind incoming students to be present in moments around them and bring a sense of unity among the class of 2025.

"This is going to be unlike any other academic period they have embarked on prior to this," Boswell said. "And so really wanting them to be present as they go through it, not just kind of go through in a blur, but really try to be present and realize it's important and also celebration."



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LOOKS TO ADOPT ELON’S CULTURE

International student Claire Mapes says she is eager get involved in the Elon community in her first year

Graysen Shirley
Politics Editor | @graysenshirley

As freshman Claire Mapes took in the maroon canal houses and bridges lined with greenery, she was reminded it would all be soon replaced with the red bricks and blue fountains of Elon University.

Coming to Elon from the Netherlands, Mapes is one of 102 new international students starting at Elon this fall. According to Vice President for Enrollment Greg Zaiser, 6% of the incoming freshman class are international students.

“I’m just excited for college in general,” Mapes said. “I’m excited for the transition. Moving around a lot as a kid also kind of helped solidify my need for a new transition.”

Shanna Van Beek, communications manager of the Global Education Center, said the GEC is additionally helping international students, such as Mapes, adjust to life on campus through International Student Orientation. International Student Orientation precedes New Student Orientation and assists students in receiving access to academic and logistical resources, along with introducing them to Elon community events, including meeting President Book at a welcome breakfast.

Mapes, originally from Dublin, Ohio, lived in the Netherlands for her last two years of high school. During her junior year of high school, Mapes lived with an Israeli host family in the Netherlands. She immersed herself into their culture through practicing speaking Hebrew and participating in holidays and traditions commonly celebrated in Israel.

ACCESSING THE VACCINE

international students are required by the university to be vaccinated. The university will accept any vaccine that has been granted Emergency Use Listing approved by the WHO.

“It was just nice and kind of mind opening to experience a new culture,” Mapes said.

Mapes’ time abroad as an international student in the Netherlands inspired her to study international business at Elon. Mapes said she hopes to become involved with Model United Nations, where she will have the opportunity to expand her knowledge about international relations,

non-governmental organizations and working with nonprofits.

One class Mapes said she is excited to participate in during her time at Elon is a public health course with Stephanie Baker, professor of public health studies. Mapes wants to work with a nonprofit partnering with children in different countries, where learning about public health at the international level will give her a better understanding of assisting global communities.

“They’re intertwining subjects,” Mapes said. “You kind of find out about human migration

patterns and aspects that change those and that kind of helps dictate what types of facilities are needed in the area, how much money goes to certain sectors.”

While public health remains important to Mapes, it is also on the mind of Emily Krechel, Director of New Student and Transition Programs. International students, along with incoming freshmen and transfer students are required by the university to be vaccinated. Krechel said the university will accept any vaccine that has been granted Emergency Use Listing by the WHO. Students whose vaccines have not received WHO approval must be revaccinated in the United States to meet this requirement and follow all university health and safety measures.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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new international students will join Elon University this fall, according to Vice President for Enrollment Greg Zaiser

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In efforts of bridging the gap between international students and the access to vaccines, Krechel also acknowledged that different countries have varying levels of accessibility to the vaccine. Students will have the opportunity to get vaccinated on campus or within the community when they arrive. Krechel said the GEC is partnering with Healthy Elon to help international students on campus get access to vaccines.

“We are partnering to make sure they get those resources that they need in order to be successful and healthy here at Elon when they start,” Krechel said.

As international students are adapting to a new life at Elon, Mapes said she is looking forward to making cross-cultural connections with students and expanding her knowledge of the global world.

“I lived abroad but I think that’s one kind of step but there’s also the education that comes with that too,” Mapes said.



Freshman Claire Mapes hikes in Lake Tahoe with her dad and two brothers.

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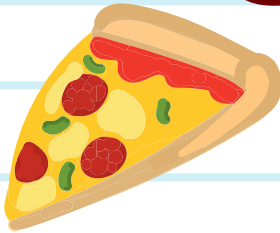


Mapes and her friend Sophie stand in an alley in the Netherlands.

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THE PHOENIX GUIDE

2021-22 MEAL PLANS



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The dining hall located in the Historic Neighborhood.

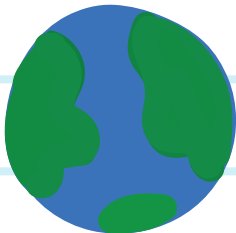
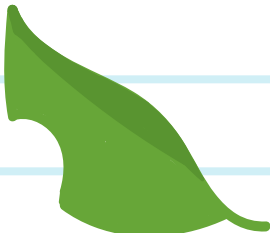
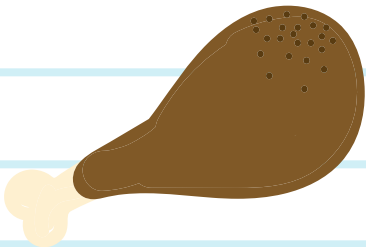
This dining hall serves various meat dishes. They also have an omelet bar for breakfast and a pasta bar for lunch.

The dining hall located in the Colonnades Neighborhood.

They specialize in plant based foods and is the ideal dining hall for students with nutritional restrictions.

The dining hall located in the Global Neighborhood.

They serve international food that varies on a day-to-day basis.



TECHNOLOGY



MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

Microsoft Office 365 is available for faculty, staff and students to access for free. Using www.elon.edu/office365, Microsoft Office can be installed onto a user’s computer up to five times for free.

PHILO EDU

Philo Edu provides live TV to devices such as smartphones and computers when on the campus network. This streaming service delivers DVR capabilities. Access Philo Edu at elon.philo.com.

ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD

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HBO MAX

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Faculty, staff and students have free digital access to The New York Times. To create an account, go to NYTimes.com/Pass, using an Elon email address to create an account.

HULU

Students can access Hulu for \$2.00 per month. The Hulu account must be created with an Elon email.

AMAZON PRIME STUDENT

Students can use their Elon email to create an Amazon Prime Student account. The membership comes with the first six months free, paying \$6.49 per month after that.

DATES TO KNOW				
AUGUST 20	AUGUST 24	OCTOBER 13	DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 6-10
Orientation	Classes Begin	Fall Break	Classes End	Exams

MEET THE CLASS OF 2025

Members of the class of 2025 share some of their hopes and desires for their first year at Elon.

Luke Jackson | Elon News Network



Adam Kanowitz, Project Management

“I can’t wait to be on campus socializing and creating friendships with the independence and freedom college brings. While academics are always important, I think after the past two years, everyone has been forced to reevaluate their friendships and how important those relationships are for us. While some may come from large cities and others small towns, Elon allows us the opportunity to form friendships and bonds with people from all over.”



James Follette, Business

“A few of the things I am looking forward to most during freshman year are move-in day, meeting some of the people who are going to be in the same dorm as me, going to the basketball, lacrosse, and football games, and taking part in being engaged about the school teams on campus, along with taking part in intramural sports and meeting new people.”



Chelsea Pitcher, Biochemistry

“My hope for this upcoming school year is to make lots of exciting and positive memories I can look back on. I also hope to be content with my major and feel that it was the right choice for me.”



Katie Reed, Business

“I hope to learn a lot of new things and figure out more about my major and what I want to do in life a little more.”



Maci Yeager, Exercise Science

“My biggest goal is to improve my time management skills. It’s something I’ve always struggled with, and I know it’s going to be more difficult now that I don’t have my mom nagging at me all the time.”



Lincoln McRae, Anthropology

“I am unsure about the switch back from ‘Zoom school’ to in-person school. Although we were only in ‘Zoom school’ for a year, getting back into the swing of things might prove difficult.”



Anna Kauffman, Environmental Engineering

“My goal for freshman year is to love the person I become. I want to be proud of myself in the work I do for classes and how I treat other people. I think you have to appreciate yourself before anything. My other hope is to make good connections with my professors. Elon is known for their small classes and close teacher-student relationships. I want to take advantage of that and make connections for after graduation.”



Lauren Fener, Marketing

“Moving away from home is never an easy thing and I don’t want to pressure myself into any expectations that I may not be able to meet as the months go by. My main goal for myself for the following year is just to allow myself to adjust and get used to the newness of living on my own.”

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ORIENTATION
LEADERS

Welcoming the class of 2025 and transfer students, here are some of the reasons why orientation leaders applied for the position

Nyah Phengsitthy | Managing Editor | @nyahphengsitthy

FROM LEADING NEW STUDENTS to their first residential neighborhood meeting to attending the hypnotist event together at Rhodes Stadium, orientation leaders are one of the first faces incoming students see when they arrive on campus. According to Director of New Student Programs Emily Krechel, over 200 applications were submitted this year. There are about 130 orientation leaders. Here are some of the orientation leaders and reasons for why they applied for their position.

SOPHOMORE ERIN ROHDE



What is different about Elon’s orientation experience?

“Even starting with the touring process, Elon does a good job of being intentional about the people that prospective students you’re placed with so that you get some experience with someone who has similar goals to you... I think that intentional welcoming environment is carried to orientation.”

JUNIOR MAHOGANY MADDEN-ROBERTS
(TEAM LEAD)



What’s your biggest advice for incoming students?

“Go for the full experience rather than just following a certain crowd. This is the time to start over and maybe change your path.”

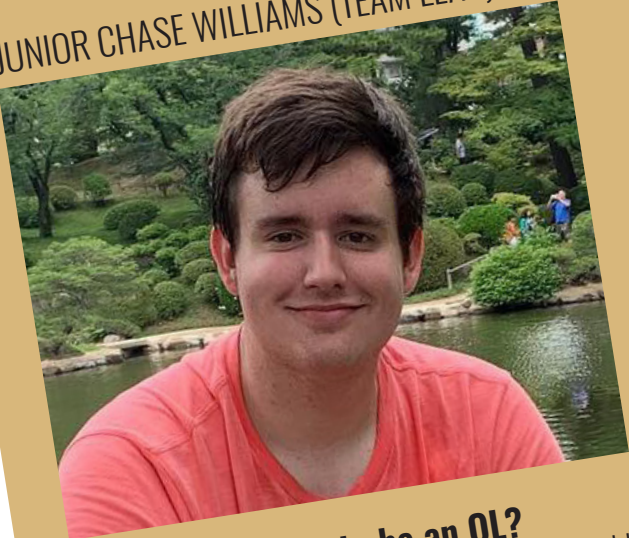
JUNIOR JD GRANT



Why did you apply to be an OL?

“I love helping cultivate the first-year experience. I know when I came into Elon, my first year was absolutely fantastic and that was because of all the different kinds of safety nets Elon had in place to get to know older students and use them as resources. Since then, I noticed how important relationships are. I wanted to return that favor and provide those relationships to incoming students.”

JUNIOR CHASE WILLIAMS (TEAM LEAD)



Why did you apply to be an OL?

“It was a way to meet new people. My first year was not the most outgoing, so I knew there was going to be a week of training and meet all of these new people.”

JUNIOR SOPHIA TEMPLETON



What do you remember the most about your orientation experience?

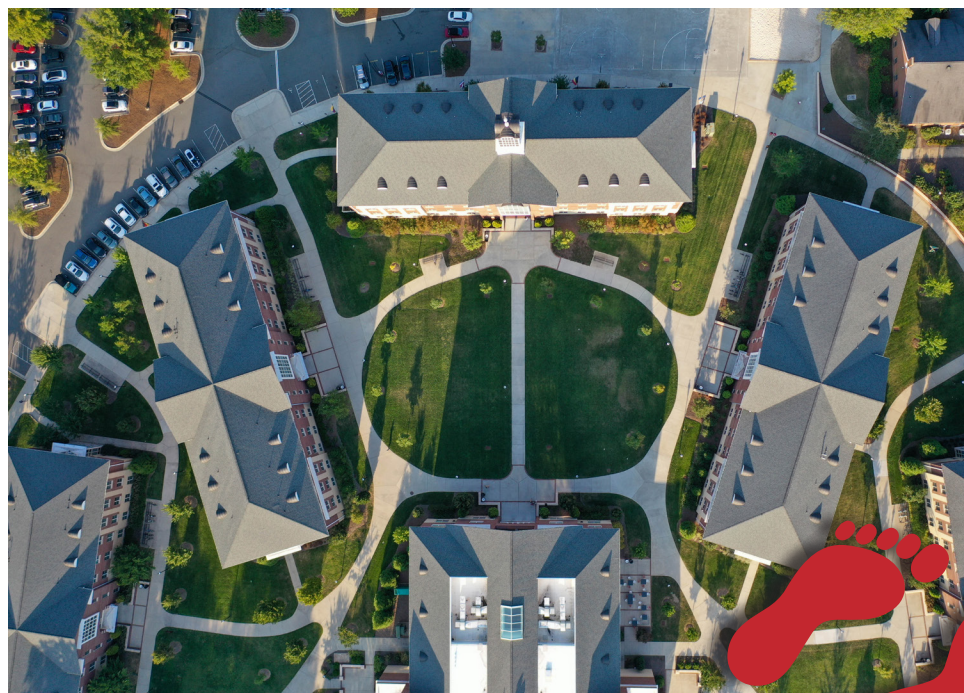
“I had a really great OL when I was a first-year and I just remember sitting there and listening to her. She was making me feel so much more comfortable and better about my transition coming to Elon and I wanted to be able to make other first-years feel how my OL made me feel.”

GET TO KNOW YOUR ON-CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOODS

A guide to freshman living at Elon University

Sophie Rosenthal & Abby Goretsky | Elon News Network

THE FRESHMAN HOUSING EXPERIENCE is often either a treasured or terrible memory for many college students, and it's where students begin to find their first sense of community on campus. Elon University has eight residential neighborhoods, five of which are open to freshmen. These neighborhoods boast varying themes and traditions, creating the opportunity for students to bond and connect with one another.



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GLOBAL

ADJACENT NEXT TO LAKE Mary Nell and the Loy Center is the Global Neighborhood. This neighborhood is full of LLCs — ASHES, African diaspora, creative arts, international, performing arts and polyglot — all located within its five residence halls. These buildings surround Global Commons, a beloved study spot and classroom space on campus. Global also neighbors Lakeside Dining Hall, where a different culture's cuisine is served each week. The neighborhood is made up of primarily freshmen and sophomores. Its theme for the 2021-22 academic school year is "wellness with/in the world."

Fun Fact: The flags around the neighborhood represent Elon's global community.



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HISTORIC

AT THE CORE OF Elon's original campus, Historic Neighborhood connects the university with its beginnings. The neighborhood has six residence halls, 96% of which are filled with freshmen. It is located near Academic Village and The McEwen School of Communications, as well as Downtown Elon. Neighborhood amenities include the McEwen Dining Hall and LaRose Commons. There are three Living Learning Communities: communications, sports management and outdoor learning. The neighborhood's theme is Elon traditions and history.

Fun Fact: Historic is home to the oldest building on Elon's campus, West Hall. West is the only building still standing from the 1922 fire that gives the university its mascot of the Phoenix.



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EAST

BUILT IN 2018, EAST Neighborhood is Elon's newest student neighborhood. With three residence halls, the neighborhood is the host of four LLCs: PAIDEIA, service, honors pavilion and the Elon College fellows. Like Historic, East is made up of 96% freshmen students. East is located just past the Academic Village, next to the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

Fun Fact: The neighborhood is a hub for civic engagement and social innovation.

COLONNADES

WITH CLOHAN DINING HALL and the Fountain Market as its nearest dining options, the Colonnades Neighborhood values sustainability. It is also home to the Koury Business Center. Within the neighborhood's five residence halls there are many LLCs; business, examining disparities, innovation, gender and sexuality, honors floor, STEM and sustainable living. Colonnades Neighborhood can be found past the Inman Admissions Building.

Fun Fact: The neighborhood is named after Elon University's literary magazine, the Colonnades Literary and Art Journal.



JACOB KISAMORE | SPORTS DIRECTOR

DANIELEY CENTER

THE DANIELEY CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD may seem far from the heart of campus, but that doesn't count it out. Danieleley can be found past the Colonnades Neighborhood, and it is made up of apartment and flat style residence halls. The neighborhood's Daniel Commons houses two of Elon's retail dining options: Qdoba Mexican Eats and Einstein Brothers Bagels. Danieleley Center also surrounds Elon's second lake, Lake Verona.

Fun Fact: The neighborhood is named after President Emeritus J. Earl Danieleley.



JACOB KISAMORE | SPORTS DIRECTOR



ADVICE FROM A SENIOR: THROW YOUR EXPECTATIONS OUT THE WINDOW

CAMPUS VOICES



**Catherine
Stallsmith**
Senior

Welcome to Elon, class of 2025. We are so excited to have you on campus. You did it. Many experiences, highs and lows alike, brought you here. As I begin my senior year, a piece of advice that I wish someone had given me during my first year of college was to let go of my expectations. Adjusting to college was hard and it definitely shattered, yet exceeded, a lot of my expectations. Here are some tips to keep in mind as you attend classes, make friends and start getting involved with organizations on campus.

Give yourself grace.

Remember, you probably haven't been in an environment where you're making friends for the first time all over again since your first year of high school. That's four years. It can feel awkward texting that person from class to grab lunch, but I promise you they're just as eager to make friends as you are. Upperclassmen want to get to know you, too. In high school, it was normal to only be friends with people your age. But in college, the grade someone is in rarely matters. Don't be afraid to befriend a senior. As a senior, I promise, we want to befriend you too.

Try new things.

Take advantage of what Elon has to offer. It's important to challenge yourself and get out of your comfort zone every once in a while. I promise you'll make friends in the process, but remember to set boundaries. Trying new things does not mean doing something that makes you extremely uncomfortable. Never compromise your values, because anyone who doesn't value your comfort level is not someone to be around.

Go to your professors' office hours.

They have to hold them, so you might as well let them put a face to the name. Small class sizes are a reason that I, and I'm sure



COURTESY OF CATHERINE STALLSMITH

One of the things senior Catherine Stallsmith is involved in on campus is attending the Ripple Conference. Ripple is an interfaith conference sponsored by the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life that fosters discussions across religious identities among various college campuses.

you as well, chose Elon. Take advantage of the opportunity to get to know your professors on a more personal level. This will make it easier for you to interact in class and connect if you need support throughout the semester.

Practice saying no.

I definitely got FOMO, fear of missing out, as a freshman, but remember that everyone has more going on than they let on, and you are never expected to be everywhere at once. I was very over-involved during my first two years at Elon and my mental health suffered for it. As one saying goes, rather than going a mile wide and an inch deep, it is better to go a mile deep and an inch wide. Pick a few things that you want to be involved in and set a boundary when you have reached your limit.

Focus on your mental health.

Taking care of yourself matters. Trust me, I thought I had it all together in high school, and then I thought that would be enough to get me through college. It wasn't. Time moves so fast here, you really have to make it a priority for yourself to spend time with friends. I have to put things like exercise, naps, and catching up with my friends on

my calendar, or I won't do it. If you take care of your mental health when you're mentally healthy, this makes it easier to handle any setbacks that may arise. Do not be afraid to ask for help! We have resources available, like Counseling Services, which I have utilized in times of stress, anxiety and loneliness.

Last but not least, be yourself.

I know you've probably heard this one before, but it is so obvious when someone isn't being themselves. Take advantage of Elon's awesome resources that can help you grow into adulthood. Learn how to be an ally for communities that you do not represent. Speak up for people who might not be in the room. This first year will be a whirlwind, but you made it here, and that's the biggest, hardest step.

**SCAN TO FIND ORGANIZATIONS
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1. Open your phone camera
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COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling Services is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments call 336-278-7280 or visit Elon Counseling Services online.

2021-22 common reading serves as a starting point for conversations about racism in the US

“Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” common reading creates a catalyst to further the dialogue about racism

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During a time of continued dialogue about racism across the country, “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You,” was selected as the 2021-22 common reading for incoming students. Written by New York Times best-selling author Jason Reynolds and historian Ibram X. Kendi, the book will serve as a starting point for conversations about racism in the United States.

Paula Patch, assistant director of first year initiatives of the Elon Core Curriculum and common reading programmer, said the common reading each year pushes the campus to dig deeper on a chosen topic.

“We thought it would be important for the campus community to read something that helps us understand why we’re in the middle of this renewed conversation,” Patch said. “We are not trying to tell the campus community that they are racist, and we’re not trying to tell the campus community that there is one way to think about or attend to racism in the United States.”

Common reading books should be relatively contemporary and consider accessibility and the goals of the program, according to Patch.

“[Reynolds] writes it in such a way that is accessible and engaging and meets all of us where we are in our regular lives in plain language,” Patch said.

MarQuita Barker, assistant dean for campus life and director of residence life, sits on the common reading committee as the student life representative. Barker said it is her role to consider all common reading options from a student perspective, while evaluating its use outside of the classroom.

PAST COMMON READINGS

- 2020:** *Biased* by Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt
- 2019:** *FutureFace* by Alex Wagner
- 2018:** *Something Must be Done about Prince Edward County* by Kristen Green
- 2017:** *Make Your Home Among Strangers* by Jennine Capó Crucet
- 2016:** *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

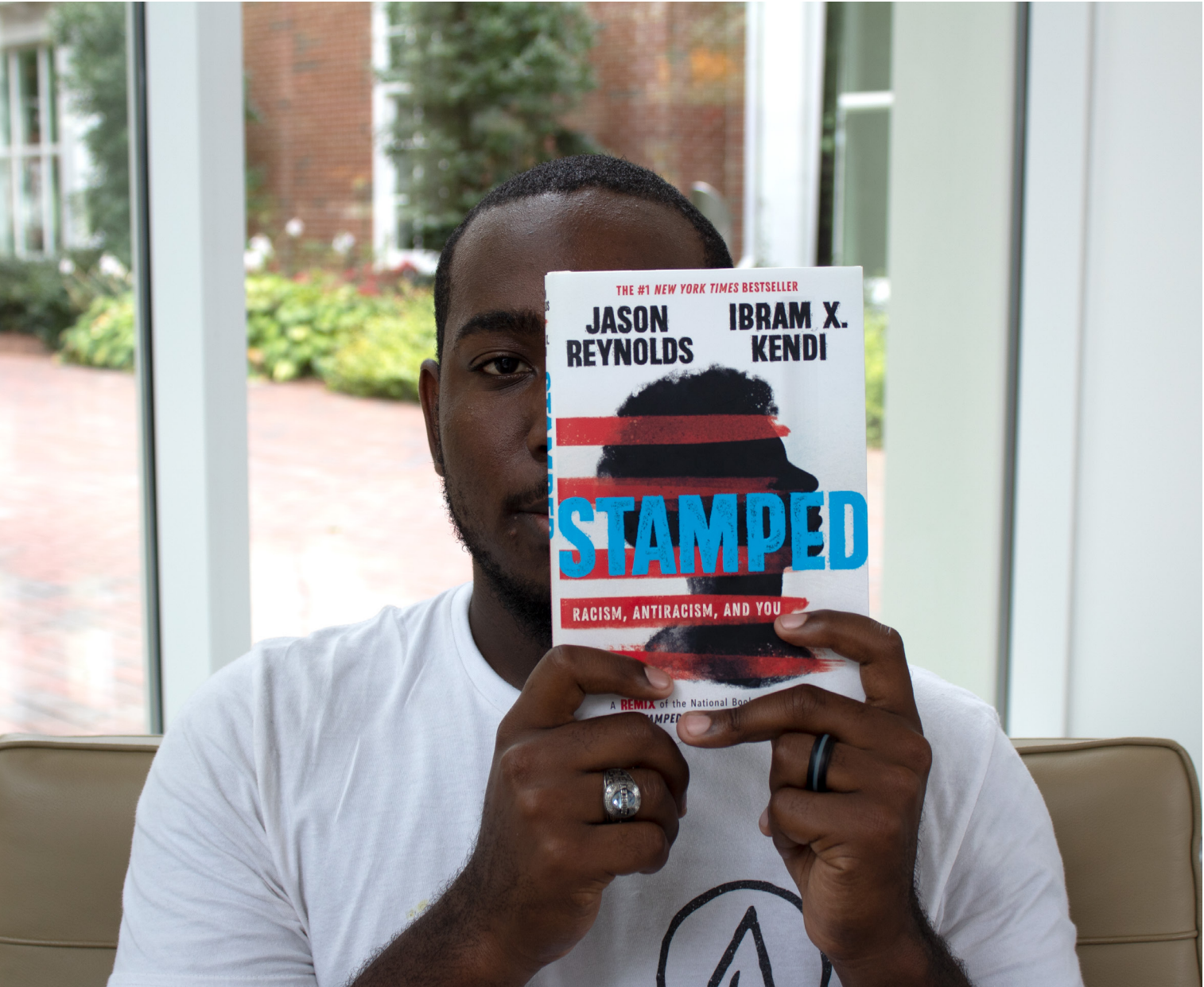
“Topics in a selected book are examined throughout the year by members of the committee, sparking academic conversations in and beyond classrooms, and introducing different ways to explore complex issues from a variety of perspectives,” Barker wrote in an email to Elon News Network.

The committee is made up of individuals who “have some interest in the first year,” according to Patch. The selection process could potentially involve everyone on campus, and recommendations are taken about a year and half in advance.

While some colleges and universities don’t offer a common reading, Patch said the program at Elon is helpful in connecting freshmen with the campus and creating awareness about the world they live in through discussions in classes like COR110: The Global Experience and beyond.

“This book is hard in terms of content because it directly addresses racism,” Patch said. “This is not a book about race. It is a book about racism in the United States and it addresses it in a very direct way.”

Patch said she believes it would be unethical in any capacity for an educator to



SGA class of 2024 President Britt Mobley will facilitate the question-and-answer session with Jason Reynolds in September.

provide students with a book and tell them to believe everything it says. The decision to assign “Stamped” was heavily influenced by the fact that it was specifically targeted to younger people, but she said there’s still pushback about whether race and racism should be taught in schools.

“We think this book offers a way to understand why people are talking so much about racism right now and how some people have experienced racism in the United States and the costs of racism embedded in our systems,” Patch said.

Books — especially well written ones — must take an angle, according to Patch. She uses this mindset in discussions with parents who have asked her if an alternative perspective to the one in the book would be offered.

“I think they wish that the book offered multiple perspectives. Well, most books don’t — I mean, that’s the whole point, right? You can’t, it’s an encyclopedia then,” Patch said. “A book is not completely read until the reader or the groups of readers bring their own experiences and or even lack of experience, and questions to bear on it.”

In September 2020, Kendi visited Elon University virtually for a discussion about antiracism and Reynolds will do the same this fall to discuss the common reading selection. Elon sophomore and SGA class of 2024 President Britt Mobley will facilitate the question-and-answer session with Reynolds in September.

Mobley’s first connection to Patch was when he took her English class his first semester at Elon. Now, they have crossed paths again through the common reading. Mobley’s role in SGA allows him to sit on the common reading committee with the junior class president, Chase Solomon, as student representatives.

“I’m not your typical bookworm,” Mobley said. “There are very few books that really keep me hooked, but it is one of those books that is extremely eye opening,

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CURRICULUM

even for a person of color.”

“Stamped” addresses the particularly racist ideas behind historical events from 1415 to present day, according to Mobley. The content is separated into three categories: segregationists, assimilationist and antiracists.

Mobley said he falls into the assimilationist category. Rather than just reading books and attending seminars, Mobley believes breaking down one’s thought process is where real change and becoming an antiracist begins.

“We have to kind of appease white people to be liked and prove ourselves, right?” Mobley said. “The antiracist ideas that no, you don’t have to do that like, you don’t have to. Why do I need the approval? Like you should be Black, be proud and be content with where you are and the success that you get will be even sweeter, would be even greater then if you decided to go that route.”

At a predominantly white institution like Elon, Mobley said everyone can learn something new from the book, but the conversation with Reynolds will be a space to further that discussion.

“It’s not just a book that is like, ‘Oh, since we’re a PWI, we’re going to slap antiracism,’ or since we’re a PWI ... ‘the Black kids don’t have to read this, no this is mainly for the white kids on campus,’” Mobley said. “No, it’s one of those books that everybody can learn from and everybody can recognize themselves in it.”

IF YOU GO
Elon Common Reading Keynote Address:
Jason Reynolds
When: Tuesday, Sept. 21
Where: Virtual at elon.edu/live
Time: 7:30 p.m.

FUNDS AND FINANCES

Q&A with new vice president for finance and administration, Janet Williams

Williams has executive oversight of financial, business and support operations and planning

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Q: What does your role at Elon entail?

A: “I report directly to the president and serve as a member of the senior staff. [My] responsibilities include oversight for finance and administration operations, including controller functions, auditing, budget, cash... human resources, food services, auxiliary services and enterprises... I serve as staff to the Financial Affairs, Investment, and Audit committees of the Board of Trustees. I also serve as treasurer of the Board of Trustees.”

Q: How has your transition to campus been, especially coming during the pandemic?

A: “I started at Elon on April 15. I am very appreciative of all the help the

Elon community has provided to help me come up to speed in a very short period. Elon is not a big institution, but it is a busy institution focused on helping students achieve academically in leadership and character.”

Q: What are you most looking forward to this year?

A: “I am looking forward to building relationships with stakeholders across campus and the community. I also hope to accomplish important projects to advance the strategic initiatives of Boldly Elon – Learning, Thriving, Connecting and Rising. By working with talented people I hope to assure that Elon has the administrative infrastructure and business intelligence to support the university’s goal with excellence from prospective students through student success and alumni engagement.”

Q: What challenges or worries do you have heading into the semester?

A: “We are not out of the woods with the pandemic, so we need to follow the campus policies and keep healthy and

safe. Elon is excited about getting back to normal and we can do this when we take care of ourselves and each other.”

Q: What would your advice be for freshmen?

A: “Enjoy your college years and take advantage of as many campus resources as you can. Elon is a great private university that is focused on being student centered. Make connections with faculty, staff and other students. I was a first-generation student, and I did not know anything about college life when I arrived on campus. One of my techniques in the first few weeks of class was to meet at least one new person in each class or in the dining halls. This expanded my network of friends and was a crucial resource.”

Q: Is there anything else you’d like to add to this interview?

A: “Take advantage of your network of new diverse friends and professors, have fun while learning as much as you can, and get the most out of your college experience.”



COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY

Janet Williams joined Elon’s faculty in April to serve as the vice president for finance and administration.

Organization transforms the transfer student experience

The Transfer Student Organization hopes to be a space for students who have not found theirs yet

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Minimal social interaction, online classes and limited campus activity prompted junior Mia Sette to transfer for the second time. She submitted an application to Elon when she learned the university had in-person classes. After receiving an acceptance letter, Sette knew she would be getting more than a typical college experience.

Sette was randomly assigned to live with two other transfer students in an Oaks apartment. One of them happened to be the president of Elon’s Transfer Student Organization, Claire Quinlivan. The three have been able to bond over their shared experiences.

“They made the whole transition really easy because they knew what I was going through,” Sette said.

Though Sette had no knowledge of the TSO at first, her roommates encouraged her to attend the meetings, which have become a space for transfer students to connect and support one another — something Quinlivan felt was lacking on campus when she transferred in fall 2020.

Quinlivan said the desire to ease the transition for students sparked discussions with Director of Transfer and Special Admissions James Thurnes and Transfer Student Coordinator and Assistant Director of Academic Advising Rebecca Krylow. The conversations ultimately led to reinstating the TSO.

“James and I decided this was a group that we wanted to bring back no matter what,” Krylow said. “We saw a need for the students, especially given COVID-19 and everything that was happening, and for the group that was transferring starting last fall.”

Krylow said she believes students were excited to mold and shape the group as they deemed fit.

“They saw the investment that Elon had in them as transfer students,” Krylow said. “We wanted to support their transition and then give them the opportunity and empower them to support the transition of



COURTESY OF TRANSFER STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Reinstated in fall 2020, the Transfer Student Organization serves as an outlet for transfer students and their new beginning at Elon.

future transfer students.”

Thurnes said while he and Krylow offer support and serve as the liaison between students and the university, they still want the organization to remain student-run.

TRANSFERS

60+

transfer students will join Elon this fall, according to Director of New Student and Transition Programs Emily Krechel

Quinlivan said the organization did not have a specific structure in its earlier stages, but it was a group of students looking for a sense of belonging and guidance on how to navigate an unfamiliar environment.

“We spent a lot of time talking about what we wish we had, specifically with things like orientation and just having a little bit more,” Quinlivan said. “We noticed after orientation there was no follow up, no, ‘hey, let’s have more like events for transfers,’

there was really nothing put in place.”

Director of New Student and Transitions Programs Emily Krechel said in comparison to other universities, Elon has a relatively small transfer student population. According to Krechel, the university expects over 60 transfer students coming from four-year colleges or universities.

“These are students who are hungry for a first-year experience,” Krechel said. “We are mindful of that as we plan the transfer student program for them.”

Krechel said the transfer student orientation is similar to that of the program for freshmen. Transfer students use orientation to understand the basics of how the university operates: Phoenix card, meal plans, building access, tutoring, advising support and health services.

“Our transfer orientation experience mirrors a lot of what the first-year students do,” Krechel said. “It’s the same sessions in large part, but with a different lens. The conversation might be a little deeper because they have that experience.”

Looking to the future of the TSO, Quinlivan hopes to build a mentorship program that matches a current transfer student with an incoming freshman.

“One thing we all talked about was how when we were coming into Elon, we didn’t have any connections to the school, we didn’t know any students, we didn’t know anybody other than our advisor,” Quinlivan said. “It’s hard coming in with absolutely no idea of what to expect, especially as a transfer student, which is a different experience.”

Quinlivan and Sette agree the TSO can be an outlet for students if they need it.

“The fact that I love Elon so much makes me want to stick with this Transfer Student Organization even more,” Sette said. “Just to tell the incoming transfers that Elon is amazing you made the right decision. I know it’s scary, but being a part of this organization as an incoming transfer student is the right move.”

IF YOU GO

Transfer Student Welcome Drop-in Reception

When: Friday, Aug. 20

Where: Koenigsberger Learning Center, Room 127

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.