

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018  
ELON, NORTH CAROLINA

# THE PENDULUM

## BACK IN THE BRACKET

ELON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RECAPTURES CAA CROWN, QUALIFIES FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT

SEE SPECIAL SECTION B



ALL PHOTOS BY CAROLINE BREHMAN | ELON NEWS NETWORK

### Catholicism creates campus community

The denomination builds culture at Elon but can't escape stereotypes

**Oliver Fischer**

Elon News Network | @FischerWithC

When junior Emily Keller, president of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Elon University, wakes up in the morning, she first thanks Jesus for the day. Her faith is a part of her identity, and she finds meaning in life through it.

"It's making those daily, little, monotonous things meaningful," Keller said.

According to the 2018 Spring Registrar's Report, Keller is one of 1,786 Catholic students on campus, 27.2 percent of the student population — making Catho-



**Peter Tremblay**  
Associate Chaplain for Catholic Life

See **CATHOLICISM** | pg. 10

### Elon focuses on long-term sustainability

**Michelle Klein**

Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork

SANKEY HALL, SCHAR CONVOCAATION Center, McEwen Dining Hall, Belk Library, East Residences, Jimmy Powell Tennis Center, South Campus Recreation Center and a new Historic Commons building are all buildings currently under construction at Elon.

By the end of this year, eight buildings will be added to Elon's campus, adding to the more than 30 buildings that have been built since 2008.

The square footage of Elon's campus has increased by 47.4 percent from 2008 to 2017, and there are no signs of the growth stopping, according to univer-

See **SUSTAINABILITY** | pgs. 6-7



**Top:** The Phoenix cheers on the sideline as the final seconds of the CAA title game tick down March 10.

**Left:** Senior forward Meme Garner cuts off a piece of the net as a part of the CAA Championship celebration.

**Top right:** Senior forward Meme Garner hugs sophomore guard Lexi Mercer after Elon defeated Drexel.



**Bottom right:** Friends and family gathered in Philadelphia to cheer on Elon's basketball team during the final round of the CAA tournament March 10.



**NEWS • PAGE 4**

Campus celebrates school pride on Elon Day



**NEWS • PAGE 11**

What would happen to Elon if Amazon came to the Triangle



**LIFESTYLE • PGS 14-15**

Dance majors tell story through modern choreography





A student walks under the oaks in Historic Neighborhood during the snow storm March 12. This was the third snowfall Elon's campus has seen in 2018. Elon decided not to close main campus.

OLIVER FISCHER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Maxwell Ignatius O'Connell and senior Allison Ivan dance during their duet, "The Last to See Me," at the Department of Performing Arts' spring concert March 9.



NICOLE COOK | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Prospective students enjoy ice cream at the Rising Phoenix evening reception in Global Commons.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Prosepctive students admitted into Elon University's class of 2022 listen during a session at Rising Phoenix Weekend March 10.



President Book welcomed by SGA at a budget meeting on March 9.

MAGGIE BROWN | EVENT COVERAGE COORDINATOR

# Engaging the global Elon community on

A day of giving and celebrating the Elon community has a global impact



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon Student Alumni Ambassadors celebrate Elon Day by giving out free Elon apparel and gear March 13. This was the fifth annual Elon Day, which marks the university's biggest day of giving.

## Maggie Brown

Event Coverage Coordinator | @maggieabrown\_

Elon Day, originally Founder's Day, has evolved into the university's biggest day of giving.

The tradition of planting a magnolia tree on Founder's Day in honor of Elon University's founders began as one of Elon's first fundraising efforts. This fundraising continues with Elon Day, which has raised more than \$2.8 million in the past five years.

### ELON DAY ORIGINS

Five years ago, Elon University made the transition from Founder's Day to Elon Day, the university's biggest day of giving.

When the program first began in 2014, more than \$117,000 was raised. And last year, more than \$1 million was raised.

To launch Elon Day, the university asked alumni and students to post pictures on March 13 in their favorite Elon apparel to show school pride. Across the nation, alumni gathered to celebrate Elon Day and give back financially.

John Barnhill, assistant vice president for university advancement, believes Elon has a special community and network other universities don't.

"I think there is pride in a lot of different universities, but there is something different about Elon," Barnhill said. "Elon Day is a day where you get to celebrate Elon, put your best Elon T-shirt on and take a picture wherever you are in the world."

Not all Elon students are able to be on campus to join their fellow student body in the celebrations. Around 250 students are currently abroad, according to the Global Education Center.

For students currently studying abroad, Elon made sure they aren't missing out on events that happened on Elon Day. The university prepared special material and events for them to make sure they are included on the day's celebrations.

Junior Kimberly Wilson met her friends at the Café y Té by the fountain in Peurta de Jerez in Seville,



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

To celebrate the day Elon was chartered, a magnolia tree was planted in honor of the university and its donors on Founder's Day.

Spain. They choose to meet at the café by the fountain because it reminded them of the Fonville Fountain in front of Alamance that Elon is famous for.

"Elon day is a nice moment for friends and classmates to come together and take a collective breath," said Wilson. "I am so grateful for the opportunities Elon has given me, opportunities to study abroad, to learn more about myself and the world I am living in."

Laura Luckhurst, class of '09, organized the events for Elon Day in London. Ten alumni attended, with raffle prizes and a variety of Elon gear giveaways.

"We have had a chapter here for a few years now and it is really great to get together and give alumni living in a new and different country a sense of familiarity and community through Elon," Luckhurst said. "We met in a very lively pub called 'The Fellow' and enjoyed great food, drinks and conversation."

Elon Day began Wednesday morning with College Coffee, where students, alumni and staff attended.

The university challenged the Elon community to donate 1,250 gifts before college coffee at 9:30 a.m. to the Education Advisory Board's Scholarship Challenge in

order to fund a new \$100,000 student scholarship. Donors succeeded in funding this scholarship, and Elon Day's first "challenge" was completed.

The board of trustees announced Wednesday morning they would begin matching gifts. Trustee Jeanne Robertson and her husband Jerry Robertson agreed to match any donation made to the Phoenix Club or the Elon athletics programs at up to \$100,000.

American Banker Stephen Paneyko and his wife Susie Paneyko, parents of sophomore Julia Paneyko, encouraged donors to give to Elon's Greatest Needs by doubling gifts up to \$100,000.

Senior Sarah Stacki said they always have opportunities for seniors to give to school.

"I didn't give much, but I did give something. Hopefully when I am an alumni I will give back more," Stacki said.

As a public health major, Stacki felt compelled to give to the department of public health.

This year's Elon Day fell two weeks after President Book began her presidency.

"This is such a great day for the community, for everyone to have a day where we set aside to champion the university and all that

it provides to young people and our alumni out there," Book said. "What I love about it is this intense 24 hours where we remember the opportunities that unfolded for us at Elon."

The university has a \$211.4 million endowment, which is \$31,129 per both undergraduate and graduate student. According to a report done by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the median endowment size is \$90 million.

"All of this is part of fundraising," Barnhill said, referring to Elon's facilities. "Most, or many, students assume this just happens naturally, that all the money that is needed is here." But it's not. We ask for it."

Barnhill himself is a donor to Elon, along with over 75 percent of the university's staff. He believes it is because the faculty and staff believe in the programs and scholarships at the school and want to give back.

Hannah Delacourt, class of '14, stays connected to the school by giving financially. She felt compelled to donate to a because of the effect Elon has had on her.

Delacourt attended the Wilmington Elon Day event at the restaurant on the Cape Fear River, Waterline.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$117K**

Around \$117,000 was raised in 2014, when Elon Day was launched.

**\$250K**

Elon Day raised this year, as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 13.

**\$2.8M**

Over the course of five years, \$2.8 million has been raised.

**76%**

Out of Elon University's staff, more than 76 percent are donors.

**3,337**

gifts were raised this year, as of 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13.

"Being a recent graduate myself, the memories of my time there are very vivid, and while I hope in the future to be able to give more back, I know that no donation amount is too small," Delacourt said.

During Elon Day, social media was scattered with photos of dogs dressed in Elon gear and people at their favorite bar with their favorite Elon T-shirt to show their school pride. #ElonDay has been a nationally trending topic on Twitter.

By promoting Elon Day on social media, the Elon community is able to digitally see the support that is demonstrated financially.

"Seeing each year not just the amount people donate but the number of donations also shows alumni both near and far, old and young, are thinking those same thoughts and reminiscing about the impact Elon made on their lives, and that is an incredibly special feeling," Delacourt said. "So in a way, Elon Day connects everyone with a love for Elon through the act of giving."

Juniors Torie Bolger, Sabrina Ramos and Kimberly Wilson all celebrated Elon Day at the Café y Té by the fountain in Puerta de Jerez in Sevilla, Spain.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIMBERLY WILSON



SAMANTHA STEINMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Cara Depan, sophomore Will Bruno and senior Savannah Gilbert show their school spirit with some of the props at Elon Day College Coffee.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Juniors Tres McMichael and Alicia Powell pose for a photo on Elon Day, March 13.



SAMANTHA STEINMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The entrance to Alumni Gym was decorated to celebrate Elon Day during College Coffee.

# GROW vs GREEN

Elon searches for balance, combating its growth with sustainable initiatives

## SUSTAINABILITY | from cover

sity architect Brad Moore.

“The desire is to make sure that we are providing the spaces needed by our students,” Moore said. “As we continue to establish and enhance our residential campus, as we have more students on campus, we will need more amenities. ... We will continue to be working on projects, but maybe not at the same frantic pace we have been working at the past couple of years.”

With all the current and future construction on the horizon, Elon will be burdened with increased energy consumption to power these new buildings.

### Growing Energy

Energy consumption accounted for 48 percent of Elon’s total greenhouse gas emissions in 2017. Emissions per 1,000 square feet have decreased by 25.2 percent because of energy conservation efforts such as LED lighting.

But, net carbon emissions increased by 10.3 percent from 2008 to 2017 because of the school’s expansion. But the culprit isn’t just campus buildings — this rise is also attributed to transportation emissions and solid waste.

Elon attracts many students for its robust study abroad program. Study abroad travel accounted for 20 percent of all emissions in 2017. Though this adds to carbon costs, study abroad is something Elon will never get rid of, according to Elaine Durr, director of sustainability.

“It is probably going to increase, and so how do we mitigate that? How do we increase education and awareness among the student body, and what are our avenues for offsetting [carbon emissions]? That’s what we are looking at,” Durr said.

Durr tracks these changes as she tackles the sustainability master plan’s goal of complete carbon neutrality by 2037.

“We have an amount of emissions. Then we have offsets, and so it subtracts to get a net zero amount. Ideally that’s the goal,” Durr said of the plan. “As with a lot of campuses, we struggle with the growth of campus and then also trying to work on reducing emissions.”

### A Balancing Act

Sustainability isn’t just about doing what’s best for the environment, according to Durr. It is an equation that incorporates three variables: people, planet and prosperity. In other words, doing what’s best for the environment, society and the economy.

“Sustainability has all three legs of that triangle,” said Tom Flood, director of grounds and landscaping and assistant director of Physical Plant. “We have to remember that when we talk about sustainability, it’s not just the planet — it’s also the people that are involved and the financial side of it.”

Flood agrees with Durr that it’s a delicate balance, and Flood’s team tries to be as sustainable as is practical for the campus and its needs.



MICHELLE KLEIN | ELON NEWS NETWORK

Chloe Donohoe '17 works at Loy Farm. Loy Farm, located off of West Front Street, is used partly to harvest food for Campus Kitchen.

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 25.2%

Emissions per 1,000 square feet have decreased by 25.2 percent because of energy conservation efforts such as LED lighting.

# 8

buildings will be added to Elon’s campus in addition to more than 30 buildings that have been built since 2008.

# 47.4%

The square footage of Elon’s campus has increased by 47.4 percent just from 2008 to 2017.

# 10.3%

Net carbon emissions are to grow by 10.3 percent from 2008 to 2017 because of the school’s expansion.

# 27

buildings certified by LEED, including nine Gold buildings.

# 90%

of irrigation water used to water Elon’s grounds is reclaimed water runoff taken from ponds on campus.

“There are things that we can do slightly differently that might cost us a whole lot more money, and so then we have to ask the question, ‘Is that sustainable?’” Flood said.

Moore says that as a private university with no state funding, Elon needs to make key decisions about where best to invest.

Risking newly researched green building techniques — such as using concrete and steel engineered to be lighter and more efficient — could end up costing too much.

“We are addressing the needs as they develop on our campus, and we are trying to do it in a very sustainable way,” Moore said. “So I think we have a good balance.”

Sustainability isn’t just an administrative goal. Elon students can become Eco-Reps — students who work to educate their peers about sustainability and promote environmental and sustainability projects.

Sophomore Taylor McFadden serves as an Eco-Rep. She said this year, Eco-Reps are trying to encourage more students to think about waste reduction, composting and recycling practices. While the dining facilities already use many compostable products, such as food containers and to-go boxes, McFadden said it comes down to the students.

“Students play a huge part in how sustainable Elon really is,” McFadden said. “With the composting to-go boxes, a lot of students use them, but a lot of times we are seeing them in the trash, and students don’t find it convenient to throw it in a compost bin or to sort their trash to see what goes in each bin.”

### Going Green

Elon closely monitors power consumption by each building and has 27 buildings certified by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). A LEED building has four levels of certification based on several factors, including energy efficiency, water efficiency and sustainable materials. It has to be a certain percentage more efficient than a building that meets a standard energy code.

According to Durr, Elon is similar to other institutions in targeting the Silver ranking as the standard, but there are nine Gold buildings, including Lindner Hall.

Newer buildings at Elon are meant to blend in with the historic Georgian-style buildings constructed in the 1900s by using brick, a sustainable and durable local resource, but they are constructed to be more energy-efficient.

Environmental studies professor Robert Charest said he doesn’t like how Elon’s campus looks as if it were built in 1875. He thinks Elon could be constructing better, more energy-efficient buildings, even if they lose the classic, historic look.

“I think we should be doing better than LEED certification, which just gives bragging rights,” Charest said. “We should be trying to do more.”

But, to achieve the LEED Silver rating, costs of construction go up approximately 3 to 5 percent, according to Moore.

Flood said it is in the university’s best interest to spend energy wisely. Energy right now is relatively cheap, but over time costs

### WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

It is an equation that incorporates three variables:

- 1. People:** doing what’s best for society
- 2. Planet:** doing what’s best for the environment
- 3. Prosperity:** doing what’s best for the economy

### LEED CERTIFICATION

A LEED building has four levels of certification based on energy efficiency, water efficiency and sustainable materials.

### STARS REPORT

The STARS report is a **transparent, self-reporting framework** for institutions to measure their sustainability performance.

It ranks **327 institutions** based on specific data about academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration and innovation.



PHOTO FILE BY ELON NEWS NETWORK

Lake Mary Nell is just one of the ponds on campus that receives rain water and water runoff. Up to 90 percent of irrigation water used to water Elon's grounds is reclaimed water runoff taken from ponds on campus.

will inevitably rise.

"It makes sense sustainably for the environment and for the economics to be good stewards of those resources," Flood said.

When it comes to grounds maintenance, Flood cites many sustainable practices such as integrated pest management, a system that determines when and how to deal with any multitude of pests with the least invasive and most sustainable methods.

In addition, up to 90 percent of irrigation water used to water Elon's grounds is reclaimed water runoff taken from ponds on campus.

"Those ponds exist because storm drains feed into them, so every time it rains they get filled and refilled," Flood said. "We are simply recycling a lot of that water."

On top of these practices, LED lights have been installed in almost all sidewalk lamps, yard waste is composted and returned back to the campus in landscape projects and grounds maintenance crews avoid herbicides and minimize the use of fertilizer.

Because of these efforts, Elon is able to maintain more acres of land per person at less than the average cost in comparison to institutions similar to Elon, such as Wake Forest University, Emory University, Furman University, Vanderbilt University and Boston College.

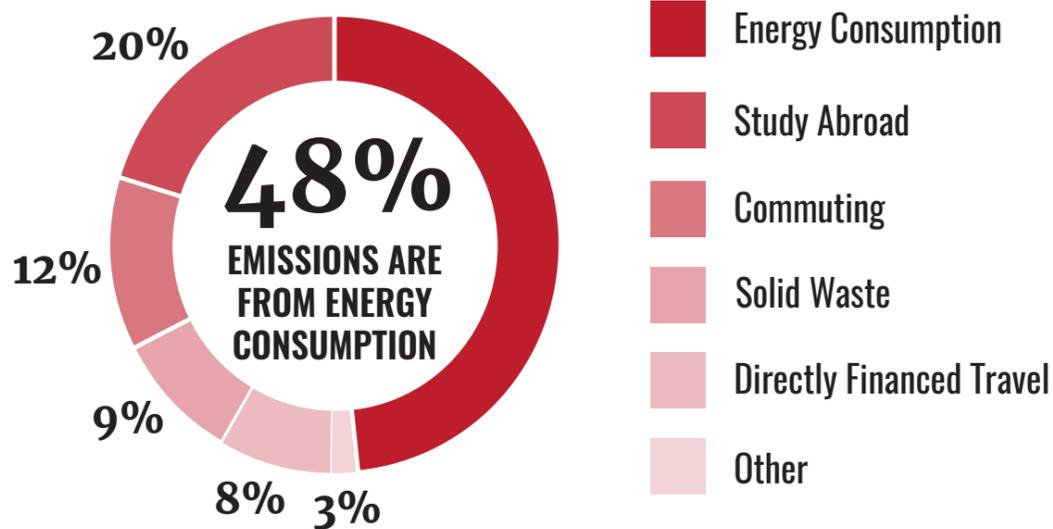
Another effort is the energy conservation in action plan. Physical Plant has been adding meters and controls to most of the buildings on campus, including Schar Hall, Koury Business Center, Lindner Hall, Long Hall, Steers Pavilion, Belk Pavilion, the Carl Woods Center, Harden Club Sports, Holt Chapel and the Taphouse.

The control system is able to tighten the energy use in each building and, in some cases, each room by controlling air conditioning and lighting. The system is synchronized with a reservation system to make sure the room is set at a comfortable temperature for the span of the reservation time before going back into sleep mode.

"This pilot program is giving us some data on how this is working, what issues we are going to run into and how much we will be able to save in energy costs," Flood said.

Other initiatives to save on energy use include tree plantings to offset Elon's carbon emissions, which occur off campus, and in-

## ELON 2017 CARBON EMISSIONS



SOURCE: ELON UNIVERSITY 2017 CARBON EMISSIONS REPORT  
MEGHAN KIMBERLING | Assistant Design Chief

creased dining composting, local and organic food and beverage purchasing and sustainability programs at Loy Farm.

Charest and Durr agree that Loy Farm is a true example of sustainability in all areas.

Charest helped found Loy Farm and the sustainable architecture department located on the premises. The "Grow Biointensive" program is an organic method of sustainable food system production, focused on proper dieting. The food harvested by student volunteers is mostly used by Elon's Campus Kitchen to make meals for Allied Churches of Alamance County, which provides resources for the hungry and homeless in the area.

Additionally, Charest wants Loy Farm to serve as a Living and Learning Community, but instead of dorms, this LLC will consist of tiny homes stationed beside the Loy Farm garden.

Charest says he has developed a model for a building code- and zoning-complaint "tiny home community." He hopes that his idea comes to fruition in the next three to five years.

"The next step would be to try to implement it here at Elon, to see how it would work out at the Loy Farm," Charest said. "I think that would be marvelous if we could do that."

### How Elon Stacks Up

As of 2017, Elon was listed on The Princeton Review's list of 375 Green Colleges. This ranking deals



WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY, IT'S NOT JUST THE PLANET — IT'S ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE INVOLVED AND THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF IT.



**TOM FLOOD**

DIRECTOR OF GROUNDS AND LANDSCAPING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANT

### STARS RATING SYSTEM

Elon University received the Silver ranking with a score of 50.16 in its most recently submitted report in 2015.

1. **Platinum:** 85 points
2. **Gold:** 65 points
3. **Silver:** 50 points
4. **Bronze:** 25 points

Energy Consumption

Study Abroad

Commuting

Solid Waste

Directly Financed Travel

Other

qualify for all four points in innovation in the new report. Durr says the updated report will also have better scores for dining because of more local, community-based and third-party certified purchasing.

### Finding the Balance

Since every institution has a different formula for sustainability, it is difficult to compare sustainability between campuses. The environment, economic costs and social fabrics are different. But Charest, who thinks Elon can be doing more in terms of environmental sustainability, still describes Elon as a responsible institution.

"Responsibility is more than just sustainability," Charest said. "Responsibility is a much broader umbrella of factors to take into consideration. ... There's the financial health of the project and of the environment, and the context. We also have to look at the health and welfare of the people affected."

He says Elon does a great job at mediating between all the different factors, and Moore agrees.

"I think we have a pretty good balance of meeting the needs of the community but also doing it in a very sustainable way," Moore said.

Flood said there is always room for improvement, and there are many green energy options Elon is exploring for the future. But for right now, they are not sustainable options because of affordability and campus needs.

For example, solar projects cost a lot of money, even if it is a good energy-saving investment. If Elon is able to fund another solar field closer to campus, it would require removing trees.

"It can be argued from a carbon perspective that that's worth doing, but nobody wants to take down trees," Flood said. "That's something we continue to look at, what makes sense in the end game. It may very well be that we have to remove woods to add solar fields, but it's counterintuitive."

Flood says an aggregation project could happen in the future. This would combine Elon's purchasing power with other universities to buy green energy as a consortium.

Once the new STARS report is approved later this year, Durr, Flood and other staff will be able to make better comparisons and discover other ways to combat the extra energy coming from Elon's blooming campus.

mostly with student perceptions of how sustainable their college seems to them, but it also intertwines some data from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report.

The STARS report is a transparent, self-reporting framework for institutions to measure their sustainability performance. It ranks 327 institutions based on specific data about academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration and innovation. To qualify for Bronze, a college needs at least 25 points; to qualify for Silver, 50 points; to qualify for Gold, 65 points; to qualify for Platinum, 85 points. Elon received the Silver ranking with a score of 50.16 in its most recently submitted report in 2015.

Other North Carolina campuses, such as Appalachian State University, North Carolina State University, Furman University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and University of North Carolina at Greensboro, were among the 93 schools to score Gold, and Elon shared the Silver rating with 152 other schools.

From the STARS report data, Elon did extremely well in the coordination, planning and governance category, meeting 7.3 out of the eight objectives. It also received fair scores for diversity and affordability, public engagement, campus engagement and research. But, Elon scored poorly compared to peer institutions in dining, buildings and water operations and received zero points for innovation.

According to Durr, Elon will



# HOMELESSNESS: A PROBLEM THE BRICK V

Homeless people in Alamance County struggle to live normal lives

**Maritza Gonzalez, Zach Hrinuk, Heather Munro, Julliana Walker and Matt Williamson**  
Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork

## SERIES

This is the third part of a three-part series. Check previous editions for additional angles on homelessness in Alamance County.

**A**T SIX IN THE morning, in a cramped room filled with identical bunk beds, Courtney Cummings wakes up to the smiling faces of her two daughters cuddling up to her. She helps them get dressed, makes sure they have their homework completed and packed up in their “Frozen” themed backpacks, eats breakfast with them and sends them off to school.

This is an everyday routine for many single mothers around the world, but for Cummings it’s a little different.

Cummings, 36, and her two youngest children, six-year-old Rhaniya and two-year-old Jaziah, are living at Allied Churches of Alamance County, located on the outskirts of downtown Burlington and in the only homeless shelter in the county.

Allied Churches’ mission is to prevent and end homelessness and food insecurity in Alamance County. The shelter is open 24/7, providing an array of services including food, clothing and a temporary home for those who have no place to stay.

According to the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness, 0.19 percent of the national population is homeless while in North Carolina that number is 0.12 percent. In comparison, 0.09 percent of Alamance County’s population is living without a home.

Cummings and her daughters are part of that 0.09 percent. She says if it weren’t for the shelter, she would be lost.

“I have nowhere to go,” Cummings said. “I don’t have a roof over my head. If I got put out of here, I don’t know what I’d do.”

But Cummings does have some family support at the shelter. Rhaniya and Jaziah’s aunt, Saslee Taborn, and her children are currently living at Allied Churches as well.

At 28 years old, Taborn has five children whose ages range from 1 month to 9 years old. But even during this difficult time without a home or a job, she is straightforward with them about their situation.

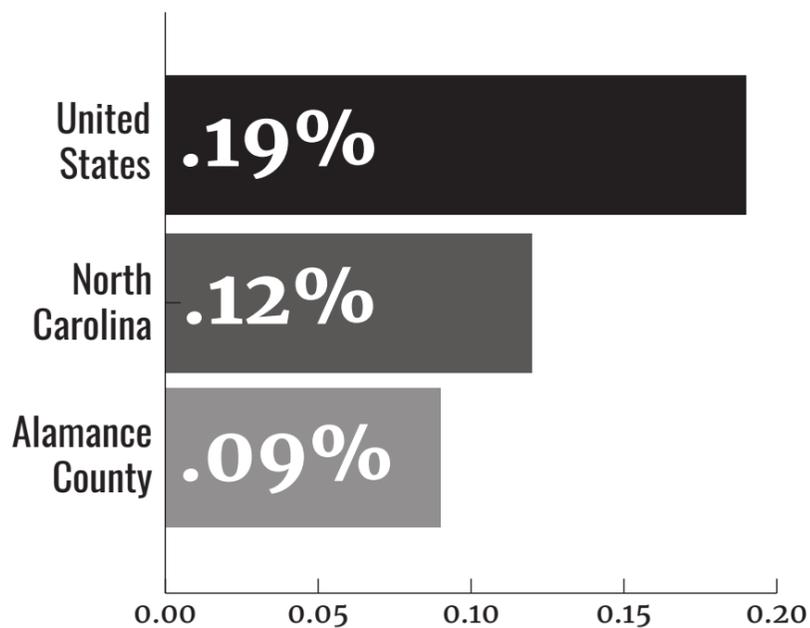
Taborn has had several jobs in the last few years, but because of maternity leave and taking care of her children, she says it is hard to keep a job, which adds to the difficulty of the situation.

“It only gets stressful when I’m not working,” Taborn said. “I know I need things done, and me knowing that I can’t give them [the children] things that they need, it stresses me out. But I always keep a strong mindset and tell them that things are going to be OK. I’m going to take care of them. I’m going to do what I have to do.”

Though she does not like the term, Taborn is willing to admit that she is homeless. But she says this label is not going to keep her from working hard to improve their quality of life and create a bright, stable future.

“You never want to say that you’re homeless,” Taborn said. “But you can’t be ashamed because here they help you out, and they get you on your feet, and they put you

## HOMELESS POPULATION IN 2013



SOURCE: NORTH CAROLINA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS  
MEGHAN KIMBERLING | ASSISTANT DESIGN CHIEF

where you need to be. It’s just up to you if you want to keep moving forward.”

Richard Gary, the executive director of Allied Churches, says their mission is just aligns with Taborn’s beliefs. Though they provide resources to assist their residents, they expect them to take responsibility for themselves and use them to move forward.

“It’s my overall goal as executive director to have people get on this train with me and have the same level of passion, same level of success and just the same willingness and drive to help people,” Gary said. “To give a hand up, not a hand out.”

For the past 20 years, Gary has been working with homeless individuals. But before he was helping them, he was one of them.

“Everything I’ve done during my professional career is just pretty much a reflection of what happened to me during my childhood,”

Gary said. “I actually was a homeless youth growing up, and so a lot of the services that Allied Churches provide to the community, as a youth I actually utilized a lot of those services in different capacities.”

Cummings and her family are now utilizing the services Gary and his team are providing at the shelter.

Cummings is sitting on the floor among the clutter of her belongings, unpacking and trying to envision her new life in her own apartment. Though still unemployed, she is keeping a positive outlook and her head high.

“After I get myself situated and stable, I’m going to find a job and get my kids situated,” Cummings said. “Get them their beds, and all of their stuff — get them situated.”

Cummings currently is pursuing a job in Elon University dining services and hopes she will soon be able to provide the life that she and her children deserve.



“

YOU NEVER WANNA SAY THAT YOU'RE HOMELESS. BUT YOU CAN'T BE ASHAMED BECAUSE HERE, THEY HELP YOU OUT AND THEY GET YOU ON YOUR FEET AND THEY PUT YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO BE. IT'S JUST UP TO YOU IF YOU WANT TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

**SASLEE TABORN**

ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE COUNTY SHELTER RESIDENT,  
MOTHER OF FIVE



# BEYOND WALLS

ALL PHOTOS BY MARTIZA GONZALEZ | ELON NEWS NETWORK

Clockwise from top right:

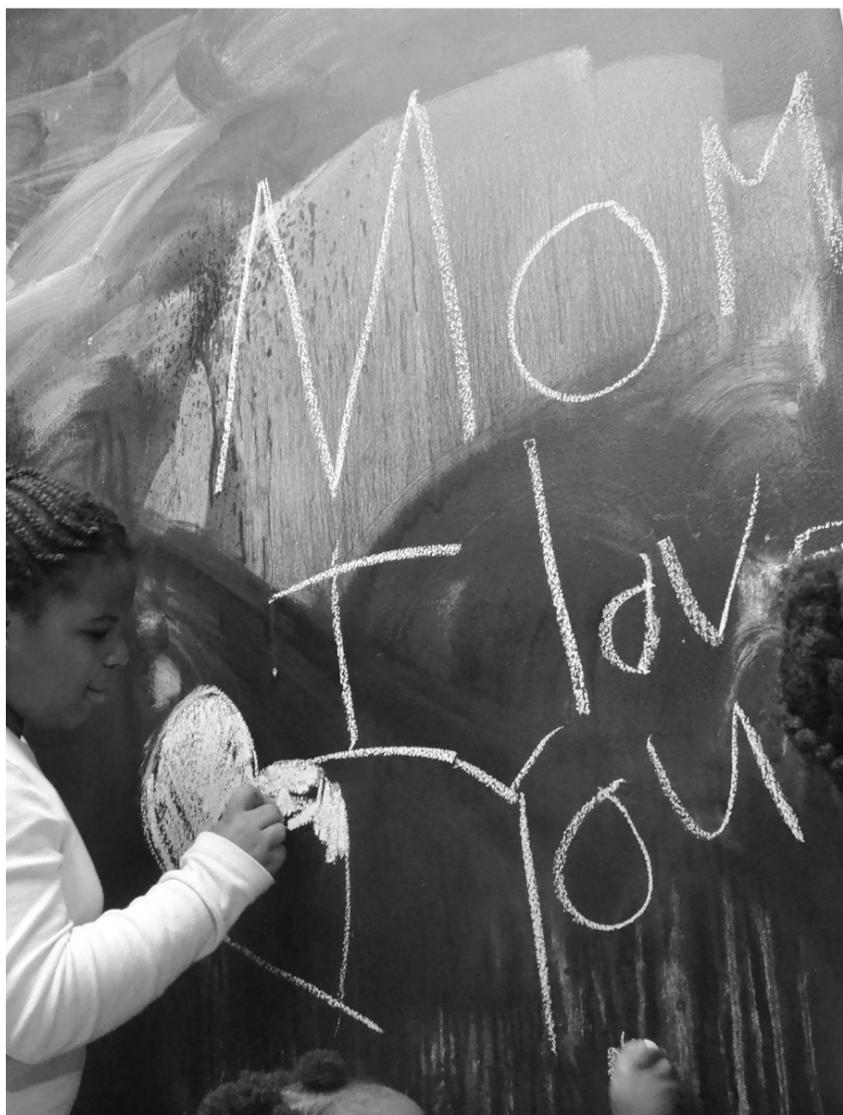
Rhaniya and Jaziah live in Allied Churches of Alamance County.

Rhaniya draws on a chalkboard.

Courtney Cummings is hoping to get a job with Elon University Dining Services.

Courtney Cummings' new home is right next to Rhaniya and Jaziah's school.

Courtney Cummings and her daughters move into their new home seven minutes away from the homeless shelter.



## CATHOLICISM | from cover

cism the largest Christian denomination at Elon University.

But, Jan Fuller, university chaplain, said that though the remaining Christian denominations are heavily divided, the 2,008 non-Catholic Christian students need to be viewed as one when comparing numbers.

"If you take the rest of the Christian denominations and you add them together, you get about 2000," Fuller said. "That's pretty close — it's just that the list of those other denominations is very long."

That list consists of 33 different Christian denominations represented on Elon's campus.

"The Protestant Church is a very denominationally divided church," Fuller said.

Unlike other Christian denominations, the Roman Catholic Church is unified through a single spokesperson, Pope Francis.

"Catholicism is accountable to the pope, and the structure all builds its way to the pope," Fuller said. "What binds it all together is a structure and a long tradition."

## Catholicism as a culture and community

Catholicism stretches beyond being just a religion — there is a culture behind it. One of those cultural norms is that Catholics are supposed to abstain from eating meat on Fridays for Lent.

Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic life, adheres to this tradition.

"I love having a nice sandwich with meat in it, but there is an experience of community we are trying to build because in a lot of ways, students feel as if most identities on campus are celebrated, except authentic religious identities," Tremblay said.

One of those students is sophomore Riley McCrossan, who appreciates how CCM brings people who share common values together.

"Being on a college campus, there are obviously lifestyles that are really prevalent, and not everyone will want to be involved in lifestyles such as those," McCrossan said. "Just the hook-up culture and drinking. College can be crazy, and while it's nice to have fun, it's also nice to be able to lean back on people."

Though CCM allows students to get away from that aspect of college culture, it is not overly religious and places more value on the community.

"Being part of CCM is not even as much pressure to actually be very practicing Catholic, it's just a community on campus, and it's not stereotypical of what people would put a label on," McCrossan said. "I think it's a really easy thing to get on board with, and more people should look into it."

Keller completely agrees.

"I love that Catholicism is a universal. It's a beautiful religion that was founded by Jesus Christ himself, and it's something that I've really come to appreciate in my travels around the world," Keller said.

Catholicism may be unified under the pope, but divisions exist regardless. The *Pendulum* reported in 2002 that conflicting views on social issues existed within CCM regarding women's roles in Catholicism, divorce, priest celibacy and the use of contraceptives.

Fuller said such divisions still exist, but the issues today will be different.

"In our time, issues of how we relate to the LGBTQ community will be varied, probably here at Elon as well as in all the Catholic churches," Fuller said.



OLIVER FISCHER | ELON NEWS NETWORK



OLIVER FISCHER | ELON NEWS NETWORK

Above: Junior Sydney Forsyth eats brunch with Catholic Campus Ministry members March 11 at Holland House.

Left: Peter Tremblay, Associate Chaplain for Catholic Life, preaches a sermon March 7 at Holt Chapel.

## CATHOLICISM BY THE NUMBERS

1786

Catholic students on Elon's campus. It is the largest Christian denomination, with the second largest being "Christian — Other" with 4,50 students.

3974

Christian students at Elon. They comprise 57.7 percent of the student body, and 27.2 percent of Christian students identify as Catholic.

## Speaking up for your faith

According to Tricia McCarthy, coordinator of faith formation, not everyone is willing to accept religion as something legitimate and worthy of their time.

"I think for our students, even though it is the majority religion on campus, it's still very difficult to practice any religion at Elon," McCarthy said. "Elon is — just like most of the world — very secular and very ready to offer critique of religion, so it takes a lot for students to be willing to give up an hour a week to go to Sunday mass — just as most young adults are still trying to figure out what maybe they want their career to be, they're also still wrestling with faith and trying to figure that out."

Some students are also afraid to speak up for their faith because they aren't sure if they want to commit to anything yet.

"College is a time of finding out who you are," Keller said. "College life and faith are sometimes seen as polar opposites, which brings its own set of issues in form of stereotypes."

Negative stereotypes about Catholics that lead to a misunderstanding about their faith are a further struggle that believers on campus have to face.

"People are often thought of as bigots or prejudiced, or out of touch, or as indoctrinated into hateful ways of thinking," Tremblay said.

To fight these stereotypes, Tremblay said the programming at Elon is aimed at building a community and creating opportunities to go deeper into understanding one's faith. The two main negative stereotypes the Catholic community struggles with are ignorance and bigotry.

"If you are going to believe, you have to be ignorant of science, you have to be ignorant of philosophy

and contemporary thought. That couldn't be further from the truth," Tremblay said. "Anyone who is devoted to religion is somehow operating out of a place of hatred for people who are different from their or live lifestyles that are different from some of the ideas and teachings we have in the church. That, as well, is completely false ... We are not a clan of haters and bigots."

Tremblay knows defensiveness won't win the argument and has a different approach to disprove negative stereotypes.

"My hope is you begin with a smile, you continue with a warm invitation, free food and fun," Tremblay said. "Anyone who stands up and has to proclaim loudly 'I'm not a bigot,' seems to already have lost the point."

## The graying church

Catholicism may be the largest Christian denomination on Elon's campus, but it still faces struggles on a nation-wide basis. One of these struggles is an over-aging population. According to National Geographic, 32 percent of Catholic church members in the United States were aged 50 and above in 1987. By 2014, that number rose to 50 percent. Part of the problem is that young people's preferences are different when it comes to faith.

"They are not looking for something that's routine, but something that's deeply meaningful and has personal significance," Fuller said. "All the churches are struggling with this phenomenon."

McCarthy said mass itself is also not always appealing to young people.

"A lot of young adults will say they don't find mass entertaining. I would argue that's not the point of mass, but definitely one thing that

also changed. The concentration has shifted from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West, according to National Geographic.

Fuller believes this is mainly because of immigration. "I think they are settling there when they come from other countries, from South America, from Central America, from places in Europe or even Asia."

But, it's not just foreigners who permanently settle in the United States bringing about these changes.

"Many of the migrant workers come from Catholic backgrounds," Fuller said. "The California churches are bursting at the seams because of migrant workers, almost all of them from Mexico."

Figures from the Pew Research Center support Fuller's theory, with Hispanic Catholics representing 26 percent of Catholics in the Northeast and Midwest, while making up 33 percent in the South and 44 percent in the West.

## The future of Catholicism

Catholic culture has always placed a high value on education. According to Tremblay, Catholic schools existed in the United States before public schools did.

"Public schools adopted the model of Catholic schools," Tremblay said.

Prioritizing education has led to economic success.

"When you have economic success, birth rates go down," Tremblay said.

But low birth rates aren't keeping youths from Catholic faith.

"In the Catholic Church, we do a terrible job of passing on faith to the next generation," Tremblay said. "They were never deeply brought into the faith, I don't think. Their faith often came from a place of obligation — they were told you have to go to church, they were told you have to pray or there were these terrible consequences."

These older generations made peace with that and went through these rituals.

The Catholic community does not overshadow other non-Christian religions. Tremblay invites other communities, such as the Muslim community, to interfaith dinners where students learn about other religions.

"Having a large Catholic population under the leadership of Father Peter and CCM I think is positive for the Muslim community," Shane Atkinson, Muslim life coordinator said. "I just that found their community is very respectful to minority religious populations and very supportive as well."

students would say," McCarthy said.

According to Keller, picturing grandparents going to church is a stereotype. The Catholic Church is not standing still, and churches around the world are starting to cater to youths with a strong faith.

"Us millennials are on fire for our faith, and there are communities across campuses, across the nation and across the world that do foster a really amazing, young adult ministries of Catholic kids who are living out their faith and bearing witness to their faith every day in a world that is becoming very, very secular," Keller said. "I think that is definitely a struggle and definitely this battle that we are facing, but if you have your Catholic faith and you believe God will give you the strength that you need, we have no reason to not live out our faith and bear witness to it every day of our lives."

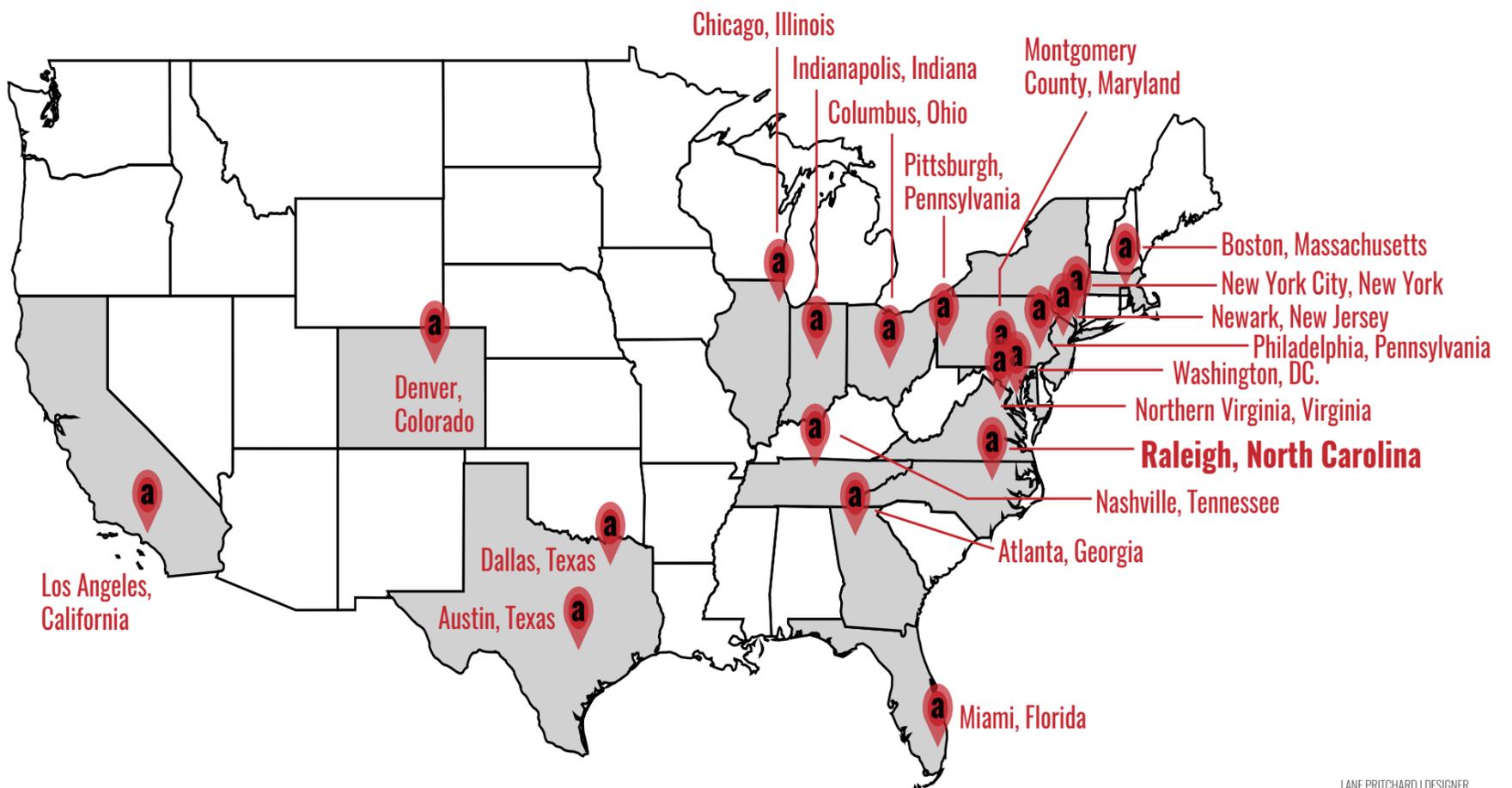
There may be ministries catering to youths, but Fuller said the static nature of the church is still an issue.

"The Church and Christian organizations all over the world, I think, been maintaining themselves as institutions rather than reinventing themselves for new centuries and new generations," Fuller said.

Turnouts at CCM or Catholic events on Elon's campus are relatively high, according to Keller. More than 400 students attended the Ash Wednesday service this year, showing an increase of interest, which some argue can be expected to continue.

The geographic distribution of Catholics in the United States has

# What Elon would look like with AMAZON'S SECOND HEADQUARTERS in the Triangle



LANE PRITCHARD | DESIGNER

## Elon hosts Amazon Community Business Forum about Amazon coming to Raleigh

**Kyle Amato**  
Elon News Network | @KyleAmato

Amazon included Raleigh on its list of the 20 finalists for the location of the company's second headquarters. Some of the other contenders being considered include New York City, Washington, D.C. and Boston.

There were 238 locations across the United States, Canada and Mexico that pitched to Amazon, according to a report by the New York Times. The list was narrowed down to 20 different cities in January, with Raleigh remaining.

If Amazon were to come to Raleigh, the company would bring a \$5 billion investment, 50,000 new jobs and many additions to the infrastructure in the Triangle, according to the Charlotte Observer. Its new location would also be about an hour drive from Elon University's campus.

But some local residents of the Triangle believe Amazon coming to the area would bring more drawbacks than it would benefits for the state.

"I-40 already has a ton of traffic, and I know Amazon would help the economy but it would turn everything into a cluster," said sophomore Matt Bradley, who frequently drives Interstate 40.

"The two primary challenges would be a spike in real estate values and congestion in the area," said Brandon Sheridan, assistant professor of economics. "The 50,000 employees would be phased in over 10 to

“

WE WANT OUR BUSINESS LEADERS AND LEGISLATORS TO KNOW THAT WE WANT TO BE ENGAGED IN OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**VICKI PARKER**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COUNCIL

15 years. So, in the long term, locals would definitely see changes in the prices of their homes."

According to a report by Market Watch, Raleigh's average annual rent growth is the highest in the country over the last decade — 3.2 percent. The report says the additional annual rent growth from the second Amazon headquarters would be between 1.5 to 2 percent — more than any other city in the United States. Over the next 10 years, the annual rent growth could cost current homeowners more than \$15,356.

The possible rise in real estate numbers could cause problems for future Elon faculty. Potential new hires might attempt to negotiate more lucrative salaries with the university to compensate for the increased price of their homes.

Congestion would be a significant problem for the town of Elon. With 50,000 high-paying jobs entering the Triangle over the next decade, popu-

lation would increase, and as a result, more traffic and strain on the infrastructure would be causes for concern.

Possible solutions to these infrastructure issues would likely result in increasing the amount of money spent on maintenance.

If Amazon were to choose Raleigh as the location for its second headquarters, it would be beneficial to Elon University students. Sheridan said Elon would be able to connect students to better job opportunities because of the influx of businesses that would follow Amazon to the Triangle.

"Something we do at Elon now, is we partner with businesses within the state. We send students to their sites and they come to campus to recruit," Sheridan said.

The presence of several other universities in the Triangle could pose a challenge to Elon, as its potential could be overlooked.

But Sheridan believes Elon will still be able to partner with Amazon in business. He said that for a small institution, Elon consistently produces high-quality students that would be beneficial to any company as an intern or full-time employee.

Engineering, accounting, computer science and communications are all valuable fields of study offered at Elon. Sheridan thinks these programs could benefit Amazon.

Speculations of potentially landing the second headquarters in Raleigh will be discussed through a Community Business Forum held by the North Carolina Business Council 5-7 p.m. March 14 at in LaRose Digital Theatre.

"The point of this is to educate people more about what this type of

## BY THE NUMBERS

5

Billion dollars would be invested into the new company headquarters.

50,000

Employees would be phased in 10 to 15 years.

3.2

percent of average annual rent growth over the last decade. The highest in the country.

growth means and looks like," said Vicki Parker, executive director of the North Carolina Business Council.

Sheridan is the moderator of the event, and notable economists Michael H. Shuman and Brent Lane will be speaking. David Shaner, founder and CEO of Offline Media, will also be speaking on Amazon's effect on technology companies.

The goal of the panel is to promote dialogue between local residents and business leaders so they can be a part of the possible economic growth. The forum will give the Elon community and Alamance County residents an opportunity to share their input with two economists and an established business owner.

"We want our business leaders and legislators to know that we want to be engaged in our economic development," Parker said.

# Tackling the tariffs from President Trump

Andrew Greenland, assistant professor of economics, discusses the implications of new steel tariffs

**Victoria Traxler**  
Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork



**Andrew Greenland**

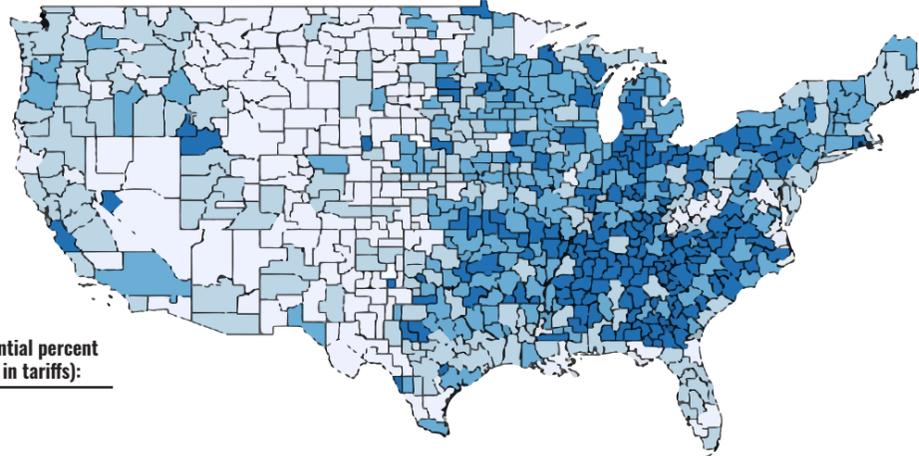
On March 8, President Donald Trump announced his plans to impose new tariffs on steel and aluminum, sending a shock wave throughout the industry. Andrew Greenland, assistant professor of economics, discusses the possible effects this will have on the U.S. economy.

**Q: What is some background information regarding the steel and aluminum industry in the United States?**

**A:** Growing competition from China has been linked to a loss of nearly one million U.S. manufacturing jobs since 1999. Because this has been such a geographically-concentrated phenomenon, lots of Trump's political base has been affected by this exposure to globalization and often blames their economic losses on China. Take a look at the United States map I've put together.

## U.S. LOCATIONS MOST EXPOSED TO GLOBALIZATION-DRIVEN JOB LOSS

Locations in darker blue have had a higher potential for a tariff reduction on China's exports to the United States. The goal of tariffs are to raise the price of international goods so domestic firms can compete with their prices. As a result of potential tariff reductions, manufacturing jobs in these areas have struggled because local businesses will be unable to compete with the prices of goods from China.



**Key (potential percent reduction in tariffs):**

- 0-2.8
- 2.8-5.4
- 5.4-8.6
- 8.6-32.9

MAP COURTESY OF ANDREW GREENLAND

Here you can see — in darker blue — the places that have been most exposed to globalization-driven job loss. Note that a lot of this occurs in the Midwest and the Southeast — both Trump-strongholds — and historically, the locations that make up the U.S. manufacturing base. By claiming these tariffs are targeted at China, Trump has been able to contend that he's sticking up for his base.

**Q: What influenced Trump's decision to tax imported steel and aluminum?**

**A:** The official reasoning Trump put forward is that both industries are vital to U.S. national security. As

such, taking protectionist measures wouldn't be in violation of WTO rules. More realistically, it seems like Trump's decision largely reflects his understanding of how to fulfill a campaign promise to manufacturing workers that have been displaced by both technological advances and competition from foreign countries — particularly China.

**Q: Why were Canada and Mexico exempt from this move?**

**A:** The United States exempted Canada and Mexico from this policy in part because Trump is currently trying to renegotiate NAFTA and may be able to use this as leverage.

If he is able to convince both Mexico and Canada that these tariffs could be extended to them, he may be able to get concessions elsewhere.

**Q: What effects will this have on the U.S. economy?**

**A:** Unfortunately, I think he's missing the broader point. First, far more of these same jobs have been lost because of technological advance and automation.

This means even if U.S. manufacturing comes back, the jobs won't. Workers who used to be needed to produce goods and services have been increasingly replaced by technology that, while expensive up-front, are a fraction

of the cost of a worker over the long run.

This makes these tariffs ineffective at curbing U.S. manufacturing decline. What's worse is that these can have large-scale detrimental effects on the U.S. economy and the workers he's trying to protect. Specifically, since aluminum and steel are used in the production of other goods and services the tariffs will raise the costs to produce goods and services that use them.

This means that firms (such as the automotive industry) that use both products may find a reduction in the demand for their goods and as a consequence reduce employment in their own industries. On net, how many jobs are helped by tariffs versus lost because of higher cost of goods and services is complicated and currently unclear.

**Q: How will this affect the Elon community?**

**A:** This policy [of trade protectionism] is in part targeted at us. Unfortunately, the retaliatory measures the EU is considering imposing are specifically designed to put pressure on our politicians to reverse Trump's decision. Notably, they are threatening substantial tariffs on denim, a product whose production is highly concentrated in the Winston-Salem area. So in addition to the negative effects of tariffs on firms that need to use steel and aluminum, these kinds of behaviors can cause targeted and retaliatory tariffs designed to hit parts of the United States.

# Elon strives for a long-term family of faculty

Elon University tries to maintain standards of above 85 percent tenured faculty within not only the university but also each department.

**Victoria Traxler**  
Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork

ON FEB. 23, THE new list of professors granted tenure, tenure track or promotions was released by the Elon University Board of Trustees.

In 2014, only 21 percent of all college instructors were on a full-

time tenured faculty, according to the American Association of University Professors.

Elon tries to maintain a full-time permanent teaching faculty that is 85 to 90 percent tenure or on the tenure track not only within the university, but also within each department.

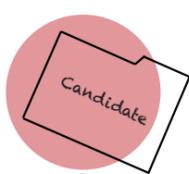
Teaching faculty have to apply by Sept. 15 to begin the process of their tenure track.

Evaluation is based on three broad categories with different criteria within them. The standards are based on meeting criteria within the classroom, the profession and the institution.

For the evaluations of full-time tenure review, tenure tracks and promotions, priority is placed on teaching. Secondary priorities include contributions to the life of the university and participation in professional activities.

1.

A file is created that is used for evaluation and consists of material from the faculty personnel file and other material supplied by the candidate.



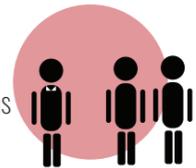
2.

Respective deans and The Promotions and Tenure Committee separately evaluate the file. Each make their own recommendations.



3.

The provost/executive vice president holds a meeting with The Promotions and Tenure Committee and the respective deans to discuss evaluations.



6.

The board of trustees decides who will get tenure.



5.

University president writes a recommendation to the board of trustees.



4.

The provost/executive vice president comes up with his or her own recommendations





ELENA HERNANDEZ | DESIGNER

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Involvement shouldn't come at the expense of health

### HOW WE SEE IT

Student involvement is an important aspect of education, but it shouldn't detract from students' mental and physical health.

Involvement — and in many ways over-involvement — is a central part of Elon University's culture. Within the first two weeks on campus, new students are thrust into the Organization Fair where they are encouraged to sign up for student organizations across campus.

Elon's commitment to experiential learning is communicated in admissions brochures and orientation weekends. Students' laptops and backpacks are decorated with stickers and buttons boasting the numerous organizations and activities they're involved in.

At Elon, not only is there pressure to be involved in multiple organizations and activities, but there is also immense pressure to maintain good academic standing. Some organizations — such as fellows programs, fraternities and sororities — require students to maintain a specific GPA.

Not only are students attending meetings and having these experiences

outside of the classroom, but they are also required to spend whatever extra time they have left studying and doing work for their classes.

On top of this, there is the added pressure of social media. On Facebook and Twitter, students can find their peers sharing their accomplishments, announcing they are the president of an organization or that they won an award for their involvement in another.

With social media, there's the pressure of not only being involved and impressive, but also letting all of your followers know this, too.

The pressure of involvement does not stand alone. It's coupled with the pressure of seeming successful. All of this pressure has led college students to have higher stress levels and students feeling like they are not enough.

Extracurricular activities and experiential learning are valuable educational tools, but these experiences shouldn't come at the expense of our mental and

physical health. In order to be successful students, leaders, community members, employees or volunteers, we first need to be healthy.

But this is not to say that Elon is unique in this regard.

A recent study from James Madison University found that about 89 percent of students surveyed find academic workload to be somewhat to very stressful, making it the most stressful aspect of college. In addition, a majority of students surveyed said they find time management and extracurricular activities to be somewhat to very stressful.

Each of these factors are stressful for college students on their own, but more often than not students are juggling all of these experiences at once. When they are all compounded into one student's life, high stress levels are inevitable.

These higher levels of stress stem all the way from childhood, too. A different study found 29 percent of teenage children worry about getting into a good college or getting a job, whereas only 5 percent of parents see this as an issue for their children.

Even as kids, we are worried about

our futures. Involvement in extracurricular activities makes us more marketable job applicants and adds lines to our resumés, but we should consider the cost.

It's time for students to take a step back and recognize that in order to be successful, they must first be mentally and physically capable of handling stress.

On a campus-wide level, this may mean the university should push the Organization Fair back a few weekends or reduce the emphasis of experiential learning. But the best solutions may be at the hands of Elon students and their families in trying to alleviate the pressures put on us.

We all need to take some time to breathe, but that is far easier said than done. We can start by trying to remind ourselves that even if we are involved in just one organization, that is enough. Positive affirmations and exercising self care can do wonders for students facing stress.

Whatever you are doing at Elon, whether it's being involved in multiple activities, achieving all A's in your classes or spending time with those you love, you are doing enough.

## If your feminism is not intersectional, then it is not helpful



**Olivia Zayas Ryan**  
Opinions Editor  
@oliviazryan

Last week on International Women's Day, I was so happy to see many of my peers and family members posting photos and statuses on social media celebrating the women in their lives. Captions for these photos included statements such as "I love my ladies!" and "Here's to all the strong women I know!" Corporations such as Visa and McDonald's updated their marketing to recognize the day. Men posted about their mothers and sisters and mentors. But most conversations stopped after praising the women they know.

As I sat watching the Oscars earlier this month, I was so happy to see Frances McDormand taking time to recognize all of the women being honored at the Oscars. During her acceptance speech for Best Actress, she asked all the women nominated in every category to stand. But, as the cameras panned across the room, most of the smiling faces were those of white women, because white, affluent women

are almost always the ones being celebrated in these situations.

McDormand could've used her platform to make a statement on the lack of representation of women of color, queer women and trans folks in the audience, but instead, she neglected to comment on that. She didn't show how different women's experiences are when considering other forms of oppression. She did what most white feminists do — used her position to talk only about the issues that pertain to her identities.

The #MeToo movement has become disproportionately focused on the experiences of white women in Hollywood and politics, even though it was founded by a black woman. These are women who have the privilege of putting their careers on the line in the name of gender equality. But more vulnerable groups do not have that privilege. For a woman who can't afford to lose her job, speaking up against sexual harassment in the workplace

isn't a viable option.

And then there are those women who use their pink hats to promote gender equality, without recognizing that not all women have the same genitals as them. Using female genitalia as a mascot for the women's movement excludes trans, nonbinary and intersex folks, who deserve just as much of a place in feminism as everyone else. As women fighting for the rights of other women, it is important we recognize the ways in which you may be adding to the oppression of other women.

We cannot talk about the fight for gender equality without recognizing the varying grievances that occur for women with different, intersecting identities. If you're not considering how vastly different people's experiences may be, then you're excluding women from the narrative of equality and representation.

All women who attend Elon University are privileged to be receiving this education, but many Elon students are

privileged for a number of other reasons, such as their socioeconomic status or race. Here at Elon, we have numerous resources to educate ourselves on gender equality and issues facing women of all backgrounds, allowing us to be better advocates and allies. These resources include organizations and offices such as the Gender and LGBTQIA Center, Crossroads, Elon Feminists for Equality, Change and Transformation (EFFECT) and Students Promoting Awareness, Change and Empowerment (SPACE), and classes within the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor. We need to recognize that women can be as much of the problem as they are part of the solution. We need to actively work towards educating ourselves so we can be feminists who include everyone.

And, there's much to say about the involvement of men as well. Men at Elon are immensely privileged and should be using their position

to amplify the voices of all women, not just those they interact with. We shouldn't care about women just because they're our sisters or mothers or friends, but because they're human beings, just like everyone else.

A successful movement toward equality begins with education. Take time to educate yourself about issues surrounding all women before you use your platform to only advocate for women who look or act like you.

We should be celebrating and amplifying the voices of women from various backgrounds every day, not just on International Women's Day. Feminism isn't just about the equality of one type of woman, but of every woman, regardless of their sexuality, gender assigned at birth, socioeconomic status, nationality, race or ability. If your feminism isn't recognizing the unique struggles of all women, then it isn't adding value to conversations: it is simply furthering the problem.

# LIFESTYLE



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

1

## THE STORY BEHIND THE *JUMPS* AND *URNS*

Spring dance concert unites Elon dancers with modern choreography

**Brian Rea**  
Elon News Network | @brianrea

**T**HE VELVET RED CURTAIN opened to reveal an empty black stage. There was complete silence. A few seconds passed, and a light beamed from above onto a single dancer draped in royal blue, while mysterious fog lingered in the background. Abby Corrigan lifted her head and stared into the audience. This was *Echoes*.

"This show is particularly meaningful to me because it's the last time I will be performing on stage at Elon," Corrigan said. "I feel as if I am leaving my time here by doing three incredibly thought-provoking works that the audience will surely enjoy."

*Echoes*, the spring dance concert, featured original modern choreography from Elon University faculty performed by the Bachelor of Fine Arts dance majors. For Corrigan and other dancers in the show, the choreography was more than leaps, jumps and turns.

"Dance is not just aesthetically pleasing and pretty to watch, but incredibly impactful and a meaning-

ful method of communication," she said. "Each of these pieces impacts the audience in a different way so that they will leave the theater not just feeling entertained, but also changed."

Behind the intricate costumes, stunning lights and captivating moves of each piece was a story. Dancers such as sophomore Max O'Connell finds communicating the story is harder than anything else.

"We have to describe a storyline through a set of movement, and that's definitely the hardest part for me aside from the athletic stuff, the jumps and turns," O'Connell said. "It's really finding that humanistic thing without using any words."

For some dancers in *Echoes*, such as senior Julia Goldberg, the humanity resonated deeply.

"I portray the role of someone who is in a room full of people, but still feels alone," Goldberg said. "I especially connect to this at the end of the piece when the other dancers have stopped moving and I am dancing alone. I truly feel that I can tell the story in this moment."

Each of the seven pieces in the show had its own message. Junior Lindsey Bischel performed in the piece *Paiju*. The piece is named after the village in Mount Everest, telling the story of struggle,

something that everyone resonates with.

"From an emotional portrayal of the story, trying to move past something has its own impact on every dancer," Bischel said.

And the woman who made all the magic happen, director Lauren Kearns, had the daunting task of organizing all the pieces into one, cohesive story.

"I am interested in creating a theatrical experience for the audience," Kearns said. "The movement composition, music and design elements all work together to help create a specific mood. I spend a lot of time thinking about how to best connect all of the pieces to create a dynamic and dramatic arc."

Of the seven pieces in the show, five were choreographed by Elon faculty. One was choreographed by dancers in the Summation Dance Company, a New York City-based modern dance company, and the other by a dance legend, Anna Sokolow.

Sokolow, late modern dancer and 20th century choreographer, created *Trois Morceaux* for a concert in New York in 1990. But the piece was never performed — until now. Brennan Kolbo, junior and dance major, said Elon will be making history with this piece.

"It is one of the greatest opportunities that Elon has brought in for us because this piece has never been



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

2



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**1** Assistant professors Charles Johnson and Karl Green (left to right) throw glitter in the air during the rehearsal of the Department of Performing Arts' performance of *Fallout*.

**2** Maxwell-Ignatius O'Connell and Allison Ivan dance swiftly during the duet, *The Last to See Me*.

**3** Cassandra Tumasz, Alyssa Vacca, Olivia James and Sarah McNamee (left to right) spin while performing *Trois Morceaux*.

**4** Ashley Abbott leans forward under her umbrella during the Department of Performing Art's performance of *Perpetual Stillness* March 9.

**5** Alexandra Fung reaches out toward another dancer performing the piece *Paiju*.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

caught on film as a performance," Kolbo said. "It's going to be in the Library of Congress after this. It's quite a big deal that we, from Elon, North Carolina, are going to be set in history with the piece."

### The making of a show

Behind the seemingly effortless turns and balances are hours of intense dedication. Preparation for the spring concert began back in the fall with auditions. And the cast hasn't stopped working since.

"All rehearsals were over Winter Term, so I was in rehearsal from 9 or 8 a.m. until 5 or 6 p.m. every day of J-term whereas other people were just in class," Kolbo said.

In the production process, there are often roadblocks — whether it's trying to memorize chore-

ography, facing injuries or being snowed in.

"We learned our entire, 15-minute Summation's piece in only two or three days due to the terrible snow storm over J-Term," said freshman Jenna Kulacz. "This pushed me to be extremely mentally invested during every rehearsal. As a result, the piece has come together beautifully, and is such a unique work."

And the week leading up the show, the dancers were in technical rehearsal every single night. Goldberg says the preparation doesn't end after the curtain closes at the end of rehearsal.

"Outside of rehearsals, we prepare by continuing to train in class and through cross-training," Goldberg said. "Before each dress rehearsal and show, I lead company warm-up to ensure that our bodies and minds are prepped for the stage."

Despite all of their hard work, some dancers feel the arts are unappreciated.

"Sometimes when you say things like, 'Oh, I'm a dance major,' people don't really know what that means," Bischel said.

Kolbo acknowledges dance is a complex art but is relatable to anyone, nevertheless.

"When you first think of modern dance, it's in that weird land where you don't really know what's happening onstage — and that's OK," Kolbo said. "But some of them are very entertaining and within each piece there are moments that really catch the audience."

This show was performed with help from other departments on campus. The last piece required more men than are in the dance program. Members of the cast recruited students from other majors, as

“

EACH OF THESE PIECES IMPACTS THE AUDIENCE IN A DIFFERENT WAY SO THAT THEY WILL LEAVE THE THEATER NOT JUST FEELING ENTERTAINED, BUT ALSO CHANGED.

ABBY CORRIGAN  
SENIOR

### CHOREOGRAPHY

5

of seven pieces in the show were choreographed by Elon faculty.

well as the musical theatre costume designers and set designers to help out.

"They're just people from around campus who were interested in stepping outside their comfort zones," Kolbo said. "They're business majors that have trained and really stepped it up and become part of the company and blend in just as well as the other dancers."

Behind the scenes is a dedicated team of lighting designers, sound designers, costume designers, technical directors and more who make the show all come together as a team.

### Growing together

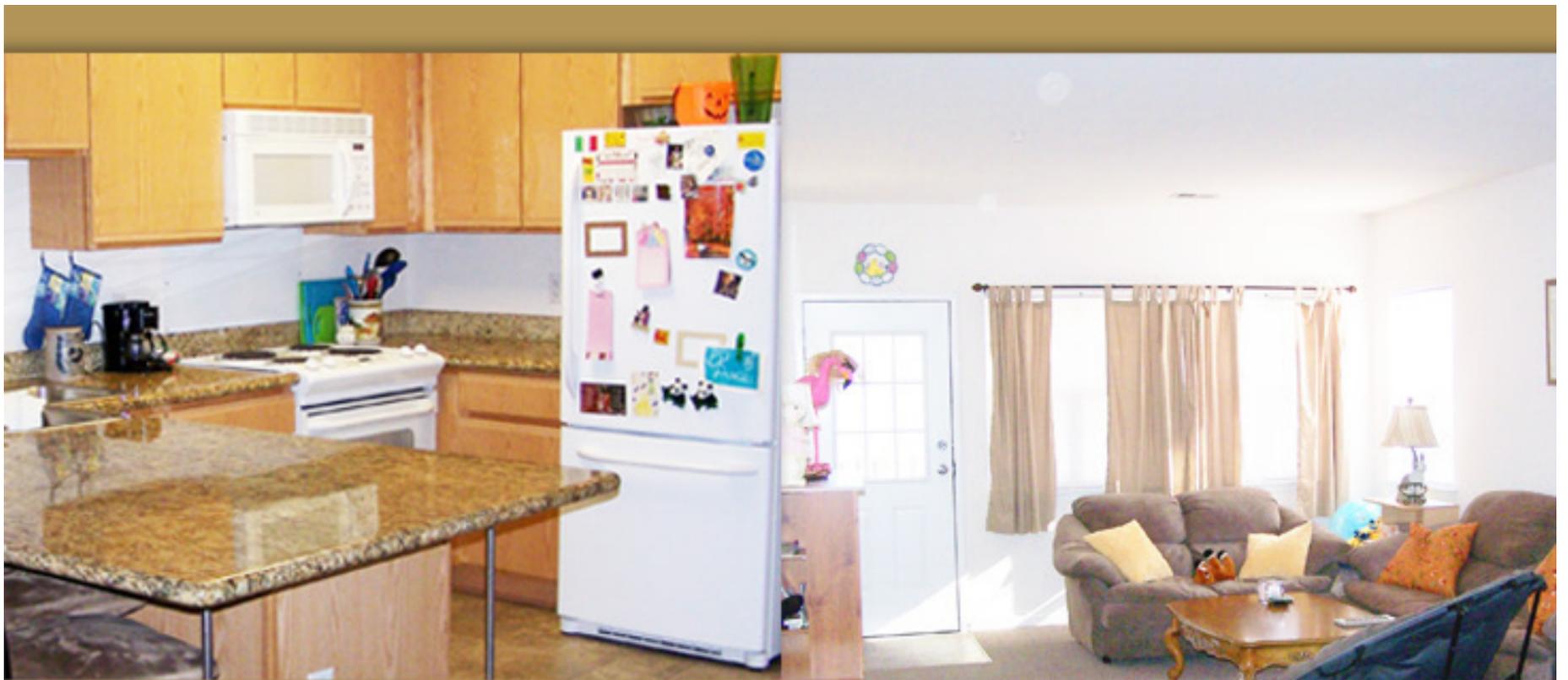
Through all the time spent together in rehearsals, the dancers in the show find a family in each other. When it comes down to it, dance is a

team sport, and the bond created on stage is like no other. While Corrigan is finishing her last show, some are just beginning their careers on the Elon stage, such as Kulacz.

"It is really important to me to give each and every performance my all, as this is one of the first impressions I will be making at this school," Kulacz said.

Kolbo finds herself in a unique situation — she is nostalgic about her older friends leaving, but excited for what the future of the program brings.

"I get to share the stage one last time with the seniors and then bring in a few of the freshmen this year," Kolbo said. "We're really building a family onstage, and being able to help train the younger dancers into what I see the senior dancers as is something that has been really exciting to see."



# PROVENCE & EVELLIEN

## TOWNHOMES & APARTMENTS

~~3~~ ~~3~~ ~~3~~ 2  
places left  
for next  
year & going  
fast!

The deadline for freshmen to apply for a housing exemption is April 6, 2018 on [elon.edu/myhousing](http://elon.edu/myhousing)



WASHER/DRYER IN EACH UNIT | WALKING DISTANCE TO CAMPUS | 4 BEDROOMS

(336) 266-6666 | [www.evellien.com](http://www.evellien.com)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018  
ELON, NORTH CAROLINA

# THE PENDULUM



# BACK TO BACK

## PAGE 2

How The Phoenix overcame a sluggish start to become CAA champions

## PAGE 3

Elon will play North Carolina State Univrtsiy in the first round of the NCAA Tournament

TOP: CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Elon holds up the 2018 CAA Women's Basketball Championship trophy as they celebrate their win against Drexel University, March 10, in Philadelphia.

BOTTOM: FILE PHOTO BY ALEX SIMON  
Women's basketball head coach Charlotte Smith holds up the 2017 CAA Women's Basketball Championship trophy while celebrating their win against James Madison University, March 11, 2017.

# BACK ON TOP:

How Elon captured another CAA title with a new team



Elon freshman guard Saadia Munford drives through the lane past Drexel's senior forward Kelsi Lidge during the CAA title game March 10. Munford finished the day with 13 points.

CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Erik Webb**  
Sports Director | @ErikWebbElon

Punching a ticket to the Big Dance is the goal of every Division I college basketball team at the start of the year. Elon University is no different.

After coming off its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament last year, the fate of this year's team was uncertain. Replacing half the squad with freshmen, there was no telling if this would be a make or break year.

But after claiming its second-straight Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) title March 10 in Philadelphia, head coach Charlotte Smith and her team are dancing once again, receiving an automatic bid into the tournament.

## Adjusting to new faces

Ranked sixth youngest in the country, Elon's roster is composed of 75 percent underclassmen. With no juniors and three seniors, the veteran coach has had her fair set of challenges training the new players.

"It's not that they didn't work hard or that they didn't want it, it's just that there were a lot of things that they didn't understand," Smith said. "When you have 50 percent of your squad that doesn't know what they are doing, it makes for some interesting practices."

The freshman class this year included guard Ariel Colon, forward Emily Maupin, guard Saadia Munford, guard Ariana Nance, forward Ana Popovic and forward Jaylin Powell.

With a new team to teach, Smith says the freshman class put in the extra effort to get up to championship caliber.

"They were hungry," she said. "They came in to watch film, they came in to get extra shots – they did whatever they could to become great practice players to push these seniors to be better.

Then, along the way, they figured it out. They figured out the system and did a really great job down the stretch."

Munford helped the team the most, contributing an average of 6.6 points per game and playing the third-most minutes of any Phoenix player. She proved pivotal in the CAA Championship game, finishing the day with 13 points.

"I'm just incredibly proud of our freshmen in helping us, pushing us, to where we are now," Smith said.

## Joining the CAA

A second CAA title would not have been possible if Elon didn't move up to the higher conference four seasons ago.

"I was excited," Smith said, reflecting on when she found out about the move. "We had a meeting with the university, with the administration, and I was one of the ones that stood up in front of everybody, the president saying this is a great opportunity — a great move to play in a great conference."

After being members of the Southern Conference from 2003-2014, Elon decided to make the jump to the higher-ranked CAA, something that Smith said was a great decision for the school.

"We have great coaches in this league, great camaraderie and it's competitive – I love it," Smith said. "It's competitive night in and night out, and we get a chance to travel to great cities like Philadelphia and like Boston. So it's really neat to be a part of the CAA."

In Elon's inaugural season in the league, Smith led the Phoenix to a 19-13 (11-7) record, narrowly missing out on the CAA title game, but receiving the Phoenix's first-ever Women's National Invitation Tournament bid.

## Coach Smith

Winning another CAA title on March 10, Smith continues to add

## THIS SEASON, BY THE NUMBERS

**25**

wins so far this season, marking the first time in DI program history with back-to-back 20-win seasons.

**13**

wins in a row going into the NCAA tournament, the longest winning streak in program history.

**6**

freshmen joined the Phoenix squad this year replacing the five seniors who graduated last season.

**2**

CAA titles and trips to the Big Dance in a row for the Elon women's basketball team.

“

IT'S COMPETITIVE NIGHT IN AND NIGHT OUT ... SO IT'S REALLY NEAT TO BE A PART OF THE CAA.

**CHARLOTTE SMITH**  
ELON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Head coach Charlotte Smith sheds tears of joy after repeating as CAA champions.

CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to her already impressive resumé.

The most decorated player at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the former star hit the game-winning shot in the 1994 National Championship. But Smith has proved she can coach as well as she could play.

She was the assistant coach at UNC from 2002-2011 before being named Elon's sixth head coach of women's basketball. Under Smith's leadership, Elon has posted a record of 139-84, including an impressive 76-20 overall record on their home court after going undefeated in Alumni Gym this season.

Smith was named the CAA Coach of the Year last season after guiding the Phoenix to its first-ever NCAA tournament bid. With another trip to the Big Dance coming shortly, it's time for Elon to reflect on the trip it made last year if it wants to make it past the first-round game.

## Going dancing

Falling in the first round of the tournament last year to West Virginia University 62-75, senior center and captain Malaya Johnson said that familiarity will help

Elon this year.

"I feel like we learned a lot from our experience last year," Johnson said. "We lost some people, but this is a whole new group. We have a whole new mindset and a whole new fire under us."

"We have to come in with a mindset that we're not just there to participate, that we're there to win and we have the tools," Smith said.

To do that, the coach will reflect on the games from the beginning of the season.

"We played a great nonconference schedule," Smith said. "We got some good wins under our belt. I'll go back and look at our nonconference schedule and say this is who we played. Like Alabama beat Tennessee — well, we beat Alabama. So we just have to go in with a mindset that anything can happen, play our best basketball and be there for the long haul."

The No. 13-ranked Phoenix will face No. 4-ranked North Carolina State University in a rematch of an earlier game this season at 2:30 p.m. on March 16 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Phoenix fell in the first matchup 57-70.

# Elon to face NC State in 1st round of NCAA Tournament

Phoenix will travel to Raleigh for its second consecutive Big Dance

**Erik Webb**  
Sports Director | @ErikWebbElon

Nerves ran high for some as the Elon University women's basketball team waited to see where they would be playing the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

**GAME DETAILS**

The No. 13-ranked Phoenix will face No. 4 North Carolina State University at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16 in Raleigh.

But not head coach Charlotte Smith. "I was pretty relaxed," she said. "[The show] will eventually get to us, so I was

pretty calm."

Waiting until the final region was revealed, the No.13-ranked Phoenix will face No. 4 North Carolina State University at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16 in Raleigh.

"This is a great opportunity to be here, to play in our state, be right in our backyard and fans to be able to come to the game," Smith said. "That's exciting to me."

The Phoenix clinched the school's second trip in a row to the Big Dance by winning the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) title Saturday night, defeating Drexel University 57-45



OLIVER FISCHER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and slaying the Dragons on its home court.

Now headed to the Big Dance, freshman guard Saadia Munford says the experience is surreal.

"It's crazy to think about," she said. "Watching the tournament my whole life and now I'm actually playing in it — it's a crazy feeling to think about and I'm just super excited to see what the tournament brings to me."

The game is set for approximately 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon, though it could be delayed depending on how long the game between No. 5 University of Maryland and No. 12 Princeton University goes. In order to play the winner of that

game, Elon will have to defeat the Wolfpack, a team it's familiar with.

Elon faced NC State on Dec. 16, falling 57-70 on the same court they will be playing on this week. Sophomore center Ra'shika White led the Phoenix in the earlier match-up, finishing the game with 20 points and senior guard Shay Burnett adding 14.

With a rematch in store, Burnett says she's excited to head into the game and try to get revenge.

"I just know that since we have film on them earlier from this year, it may be an easier match up going in for the second time around," Burnett said. "We're a whole different team

than when we were at the beginning of the season. We're more mature now."

"First time we played them, I left the tournament with a black eye and a chipped tooth. So I'm looking to get revenge," Munford said. "We are a way better team. I'm a way better player. I got way more comfortable with the system, so I'm excited to compete against them now compared to the team we were at the beginning of the season."

Riding a 13-game winning streak and coming off a CAA championship entering the tournament, the Phoenix hopes to use that momentum to make it past the first round in front of a home crowd.

"To go back-to-back CAA

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**20**

Sophomore center Ra'Shika White finished last year's 1st round game with 20 points.

**14**

Senior guard Shay Burnett added 14 points in last year's 1st round game.

**13**

The Phoenix is riding a 13-game winning streak and coming off a CAA championship entering the tournament.

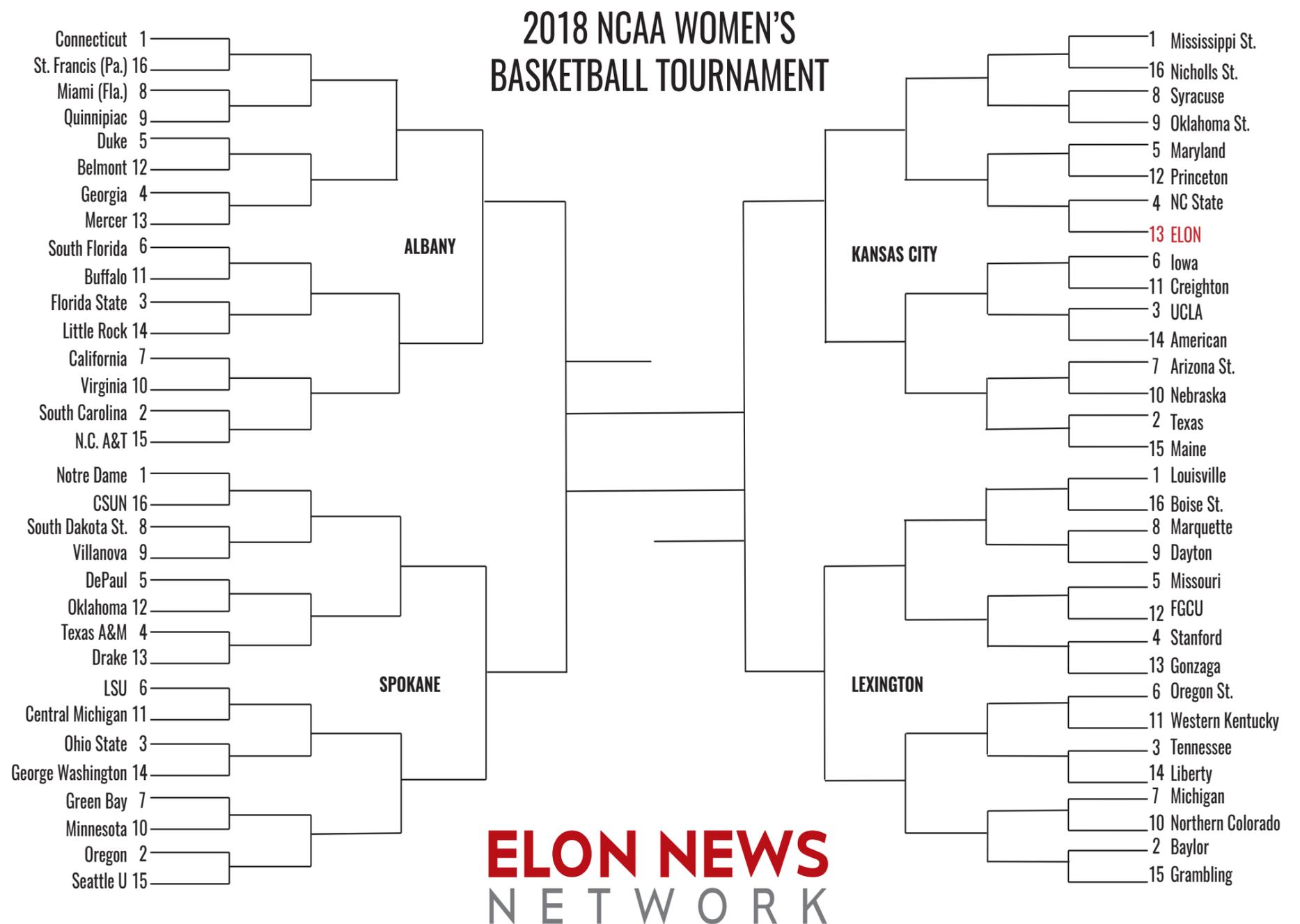
champions — that's a great accomplishment," Smith said. "We're excited about the opportunity for our fans to be able to support us in the NCAA Tournament. There's nothing like having that sixth man in the stands ... so I'm hoping that people really come out and support us."

Meanwhile, NC State enters the tournament as the No. 4 seed after falling in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament to the University of Louisville 59-64.

No matter how many times she has gone dancing, emotions still run high for Smith as she watches her team's name appear on the screen.

"I probably won't sleep tonight," she said.

**The women's basketball team members wait to hear the name of their opponent in the first round of the NCAA March Madness Tournament March 12 in Alumni Gym.**



Elon sophomore guard Lexi Mercer guards the ball while being covered by Drexel freshman guard Hannah Nihill during the first half of the CAA championship.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon's head coach Charlotte Smith cries as she embraces players after their win against Drexel University.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe D'Antonio, commissioner of the Colonial Athletic Association, hands President Connie Book one of the 2018 Women's Basketball CAA Championship trophies after Elon defeated Drexel University.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon head coach Charlotte Smith holds up the 2018 CAA Women's Basketball Championship trophy and celebrates with the team after defeating Drexel University in the championship game March 10.



An Elon fan holds up a sign to support the Phoenix during the CAA Championship game.

CAROLINE BREHMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER