

# Founders Grove

Elon University's Founders Day first occurred in 1939 and continued sporadically throughout the following decades. In 2004, a committee was formed to bring the event back annually with a week of festivities relating to the history of Elon. During the week of celebration, a tree was planted in honor of someone influential in Elon's history. This became known as the Founders Grove. The Founder's Grove is a collection of 16 White Oaks (*Quercus alba*) located in the Lambert Academic Village quad.

A White Oak is the absolute king of the forest, this native towers over the other oaks in size, age, and beauty. The oaks open crown and wide-spreading branches reveal its distinctive, scaly gray bark. Although hard to transplant and slow growing, the White Oak will reach more than 100 feet in height and will easily last a century. This White Oak was likely present when Elon University was founded and has inspired Elon's logo.

William W. Staley	2004	Kenan	20.3"
Emmett L. Moffitt	2004	Cannon	13.8"
President William A. Harper	2004	Kenan	19.5"
Dr. Edward F. Brannock	2005	Cannon	6.2"
Dr. A.L. Hook	2006	Gray	9.2"
Thad Eure	2007	Gray	12.4"
President Dr. William S. Long	2008	Belk	3.9"
William H Trollinger	2008	Spence	12.0"
Isabella Cannon	2009	Spence	9.2"
President Dr J. Earl Danieley	2010	Linder	8.7"
Dr Thomas E. Powell Jr	2011	Linder	7.5"
Dalton L. McMichael Sr.	2012	Phi Beta	4.8"
Reid Maynard	2013	Numen Lumen	5.5"
President Dr Leo Lambert	2014	Belk	5.5"
President Dr J. Fred Young	2014	Phi Beta	5.8"
Tree of Values	2014	Numen Lumen	7.9"