

# we are the champions

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF YOUR ELON CAREER?**  
Winning the CAA. Beating JMU on their home court.

**IF YOU COULD SWITCH PLACES WITH ONE TEAMMATE, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?**  
For a day, I would like to be Jen Rhodes. She can jump out the gym. I would attempt to dunk.

**WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN BASKETBALL?**  
Receiving the Dean Elhers Leadership Award. It is the top award given out in the CAA.

**IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE SONG PLAYING DURING A GAME, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?**  
"Stronger" by Kanye West. The song is all about resilience and continuing to push forward.

**WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR INSPIRATION FROM?**  
God. It is a blessing to be able to play for His glory.

**IF YOU DIDN'T PLAY BASKETBALL, WHAT SPORT WOULD YOU PLAY INSTEAD?**

If possible, football. I'd love to be a running back.

**WAS THERE EVER A MOMENT WHEN YOU CONSIDERED QUITTING? WHY DIDN'T YOU?**

I never considered quitting. Coming in as a freshman, I was a bit discouraged as I transitioned to the college level. I was encouraged by those around me to keep pushing and keep grinding.

**WHAT WAS THE BEST ADVICE YOU WERE EVER GIVEN?**

Your hard work will always pay off. It may not come when you'd like it to, but those who work harder than everyone else will eventually have something to show for it.

**DESCRIBE YOUR SENIOR SEASON IN THREE WORDS.**

Blessed Honored Privileged (to be a phoenix).



### MAKING HISTORY

The women's basketball team made history this year when it surpassed the 20-win mark for the first time in 18 seasons of Division I basketball. The team continued its success in the postseason, winning the Colonial Athletic Association tournament held in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Elon defeated James Madison 78-60 in the title game and earned its first-ever bid to the NCAA tournament. The team landed an 11 seed but eventually lost 75-62 in the first round to 6-seeded West Virginia. The Phoenix ended its historic season with an overall record of 27-7.

**CAPTIONS:** 1) Senior Essence Baucom drives down the court on a fast break (All photos courtesy of Facebook). 2) The team celebrates after making history by defeating James Madison for the CAA Championship title. 3) Jen Rhodes jumps for the ball at the tipoff against Hofstra. 4) Shay Burnett goes in for a layup against West Virginia in the first round of the NCAA tournament. 5) Lenaira Ruffin evades a Hofstra defender during the CAA quarterfinals.