

A Year Like None Other

Elon Sports Vision & WSOE 89.3FM

Like everything else, sports looked significantly different during COVID, but Elon students continued to work hard to cover them. Elon Sports Vision (ESV) and WSOE (Wonderful Sounds of Elon) are both important organizations on campus that are the go-to's for all things Elon sports.

Elon Sports Vision began in 2017 and was originally called Maroon Sports. The initiative partners with Elon Athletics to livestream and broadcast Elon athletic contests. Elon Sports Vision isn't just limited to broadcasting sports; students also produce two studio shows: "Elon Phoenix Weekly" and "One on One Sports."

Junior **Lillie Matsikoudis** has been a part of ESV since her freshman year. "I'm behind the camera during the games that are being live-streamed. I also have done sound and replay, but usually I'm behind the camera getting shots of the game," Matsikoudis said. She explained that ESV has given her a lot of valuable camera skills, like being able to follow action, which is beneficial to her cinema and television arts major. Matsikoudis said, "It's really nice that they hire students; it's a good

opportunity for students who want to go into sports broadcasting to get that hands on experience." The games are also really fun to watch, especially women's basketball, Matsikoudis added.

In contrast, WSOE has been a constant on campus since 1977 and is home to many student DJ's, radio shows, and podcasts. The station has radio shows that talk about sports; covering both professional sports to college athletics. Most importantly, students provide play-by-play action for all of Elon's women basketball games. Sophomore **Javik Blake**, sports director, also shares highlights of Elon's baseball games on WSOE. "Getting back in the booth was one of the best moments of the year. Even though we did things a little differently with the pandemic, getting to cover the team week in and week out was a blast," Blake said.

From talk shows to radio shows to live footage of the game, Elon Sports Vision and WSOE have you covered when the Phoenix hit the playing floor.

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Caption 1 WSOE's broadcast booth found a new home for the 2020-21 basketball season, moving to the concourse.



Captions 1) Students **Katie Bennert '24** and **Gray Aust '23** prepare for a remote broadcast in the McEwen School of Communications (Photo by **Javik Blake**). 2) **Javik Blake '23** and **Gray Aust '23** pose for a holiday picture before a WSOE broadcast (Photo courtesy of Javik Blake). 3) The view from the broadcast booth at the Schar Center (Photo by Javik Blake).