



Captions 1) Bobby Cain '21 and SGA Treasurer Andrew Ciampa '22 hold their bricks. 2) Emily Roberts '21, a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, takes a photo with her brick. 3) Catcher for Elon Baseball, Matt Oldham '21, smiles with his brick (Photos by Simeon Phillips).

Follow the Brick Road

Seniors leave their mark on Elon with engraved bricks

On May 5, 2021, about 75 seniors ventured Under the Oaks to receive their engraved bricks. They were able to take photos with their bricks and then place them on the pathway for Elon students, alumni, staff, faculty, and visitors to see for years to come. And more senior bricks will be placed Under the Oaks before Homecoming next year.

This tradition began in 2014 as a part of the dedication of the Martin Alumni Center. “Elon alumni were offered the opportunity to engrave a brick. Shortly thereafter, we made this a senior class giving tradition and began placing the senior bricks Under the Oaks,” said **Caroline Blanchard**, Coordinator of Affinity & Student Programs at Elon University. There is also a giving component to the bricks. Students purchase the brick and can choose where that money is allocated to – an academic department, a club, athletics, etc. Students are then able to have something meaningful engraved on their bricks, whether that be their graduation year, favorite on-campus club, or a favorite quote.

Senior **Rachel Cifarelli** said, “I got a brick because I love the idea of leaving a legacy behind at Elon, especially one literally sealed into the ground we walk on! I chose the phrase ‘constantly growing, learning & becoming’ because I felt like it embodied my past few years here better than listing the organizations I’ve been part of could’ve. I hope a future Elon student sees my brick and gets a sense of the transformation they’re going through as a person.”

Blanchard said, “I think senior bricks are a great tradition because it’s a way for seniors to extend their connection to campus well beyond their four years as undergrad students. We’ve seen alumni come back with their children and find their brick, or young alumni coming back for Homecoming – it’s something that people are excited about seeing when they return to campus.”🔥

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Captions 4) **Nicole Amelio ‘21** and **Kendra Holland ‘21** take a photo with their brick in front of West. 5) **Kristin Chan ‘21** and **Shekinah Reese ‘21** take a photo with their bricks Under the Oaks. 6) Members of Delta Upsilon, **Jack Dudich ‘21** and **Spencer Rieser ‘21**, hold their bricks (All photos by **Simeon Phillips**).



Captions 7) **Charles Arrington ‘21** wears his gown and smiles with his engraved brick. 8) **Amy Rodriguez ‘21**, **Madeline Skaife ‘21**, and **Georgia Burnham-Lemaire ‘21** all smile with their bricks before placing them Under the Oaks. 9) A senior gets handed her brick. 10) Students begin to place their engraved bricks on the pathway Under the Oaks. 11) Students collect their engraved bricks before placing them Under the Oaks (All photos by **Simeon Phillips**).