

LOCAL
PARTNERSHIPS,
TRANSFORMATIVE
INTERNSHIPS



**Campus
Alamance**
ELON UNIVERSITY

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Elon University's Student Professional Development Center and Kernodle Center for Civic Life launched the Campus Alamance summer internship program in summer 2021. This paid, eight-week internship program, offered at no expense to the employers, partners businesses, nonprofit organizations and government entities in Alamance County with talented Elon University interns for a mutually beneficial experience.

Program partners must:

- Be a registered nonprofit organization, government entity or established business with full-time employees and be located in Alamance County
- Provide project-based work for the intern
- Commit to the full eight-week program
- Provide an assigned supervisor (full-time, professional employee) who will guide the intern
- Supply all necessary equipment and tools needed for the intern to complete work
- Allow intern to attend weekly professional development sessions
- Agree to conduct student application review and interviews



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Campus Alamance is developing a pipeline of talent and opportunity here in Alamance County. It's a mutually beneficial program that has been well received by both students and employers, and we see great opportunity ahead."

— **Robin Kazmarek**, director of internships for Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences



Previous Campus Alamance partners:

- Alamance Arts
- Alamance Community College
- All That JAS
- Authentically Alamance Farmers' Market
- Be Polite Properties, LLC
- Benevolence Farm
- Blessed Sacrament School
- Burlington Sock Puppets
- Burlington Animal Services
- Burlington Police Department
- Burlington Recreation & Parks Department
- Chandler Concrete Co., Inc.
- CrossRoads
- Elon Oaks Veterinary Hospital
- Exum Photography
- Glen Raven
- GKN Driveline
- Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County
- Milestone Wealth Management
- New Leaf Society
- Ralph Scott Lifeservices, Inc.
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of Alamance County
- The Valley Golf Course
- Toasty Kettlyst
- Town of Elon
- TS Designs
- United Way of Alamance County
- Vantage Pointe Planning

STUDENTS

97%

of Campus Alamance interns reported their internship was valuable or very valuable in their development as a professional

97%

of Campus Alamance interns would recommend the program to other Elon students

Top 3 competencies

students reported demonstrating during their internship:

- Communication
- Career and Self Development
- Professionalism

— Based on responses from 35 interns

PARTNERS

100%

of Campus Alamance partners found participation in the program to be beneficial or very beneficial

50%

of Campus Alamance partners offered an additional or extended internship experience to their students as a result of participating in the program

Top 3 competencies

partners reported students demonstrated during the internship:

- Professionalism
- Communication/Technology
- Critical Thinking/Teamwork

— Based on responses from 13 program partners

Transformative

MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL

Thought Provoking

When asked to describe the program in one word or phrase, partners and student interns said:

A time to better oneself

Phenomenal and very impressive quality of student

Rewarding

LIFE CHANGING

Brilliant local partnership

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“The Campus Alamance program is one of the best opportunities that Elon has provided for their students. Because of the program, you get to see that there’s so much that your community brings to you and offers, and you can provide back to them.”

Zillion Moe '23

Milestone Wealth Management

A finance and entrepreneurship major, Zillion Moe was responsible for taking on several projects related to data sets during his internship with Milestone Wealth Management in summer 2022. Creating profit and loss statements and utilizing conditional formatting skills he had gained from his classes, Zillion made a wide range of data sets simpler to digest and more efficient to work from. Through the internship, he discovered his knack for data processing, a significant reason for his aspirations of becoming a financial analyst, while also recognizing a need to improve on communicating his findings.



Sarah Rusthoven '23

Alamance Arts

Sarah Rusthoven was one of the 14 students in the original cohort of the Campus Alamance program, which launched in 2021, and returned in summer 2022 to broaden her experience. At Alamance Arts, the communication design major’s daily duties included working on the center’s newsletter, the annual report brochure, social media posts and event planning. She forged connections with various nonprofits in the area by assisting with their community development work, such as helping to plan a summer children’s art camp and Esperanza, a Hispanic Heritage Month festival.



“I like that this program is called Campus Alamance because it’s about making Alamance County your campus, your learning space. Outside of Elon, what kind of connections can you make in the community?”

Hana Hawthorne '23

Benevolence Farm

A human service studies major, Hana Hawthorne began interning at Benevolence Farm as part of a class and was eager to continue working with them. Located on 13 acres, Benevolence Farm supports women transitioning from prison. The residents help make candles, soap and body care products from the herbs and flowers on the farm. As part of her daily duties with the Campus Alamance program, Hana assisted with the re-entry process, the enterprise market, transportation of residents, organizing outings, research and fundraising. She continues to work for Benevolence Farm part-time.



“The day I met the residents and went to the house for the first time on the farm, I remember everyone being so welcoming. The team is so supportive, and they care about one another, and they care about their residents.”



ABOUT **ELON**

Elon University has built a national reputation as the premier student-centered environment for experiential learning, with an emphasis on strong personal relationships between students and their faculty and staff mentors. Elon's 6,302 undergraduate and 825 graduate students come from 46 states and 49 other countries. Elon's rigorous curriculum is grounded in the arts and sciences and complemented by nationally accredited professional programs. Elon is ranked among the top-100 National Universities by U.S. News & World Report, with a No. 1 ranking for excellence in undergraduate teaching and No. 6 for innovation. Elon is the only university in the nation recognized by U.S. News for excellence in all eight academic programs "Focused on Student Success," including a No. 1 ranking for learning communities and a No. 2 ranking for first-year experiences.

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