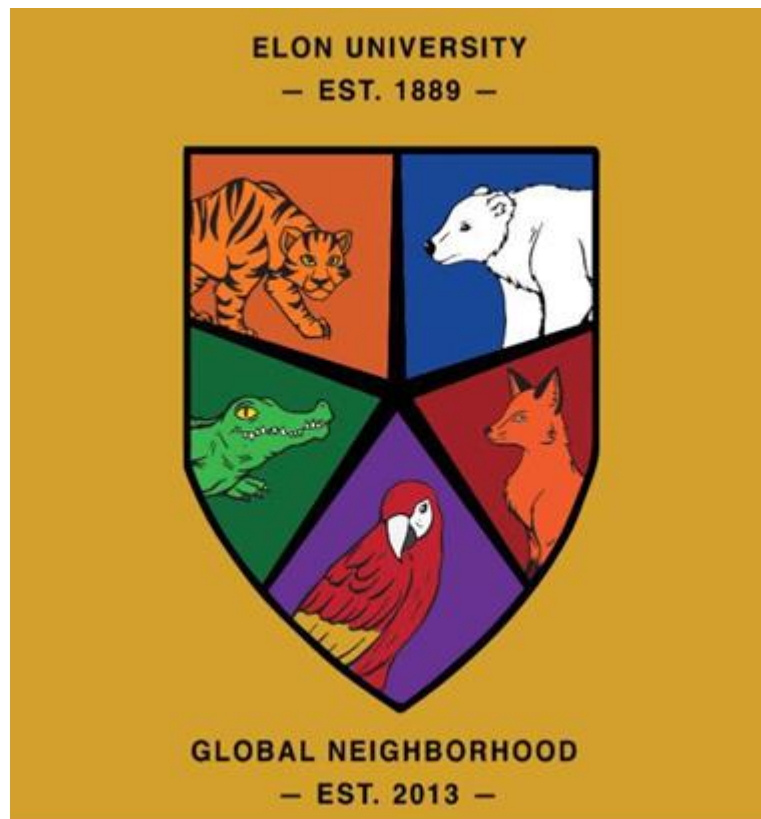


Elon University

Global Neighborhood Plan

2022-2023



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1. Neighborhood Description

A. **Global Neighborhood is home to 595 students:** it is primarily a first-year neighborhood (about 67%) but all class years are represented through both residents and student leadership. It consists of 5 residence halls, **Global A** (2014), Russell B. **Gill Hall** (formerly Global B, 2014), G. Smith **Jackson Hall** (formerly Global C, 2014), Nan P. **Perkins Hall** (formerly Global D, 2013), **Global E** (2013). Global Neighborhood is home to 7 LLCs: International, the Multifaith, Performing Arts, ASHES, African Diaspora, Polyglot, and Creative Arts LLC. Four of the residence halls (Global A, Gill Hall, Perkins Hall, and Global E) have classrooms on the first floor. Global Neighborhood is also home to the Global Commons building, with the Great Hall, Steeped Cafe, and faculty/staff offices for the Core Curriculum and Global Education Center.

Global Neighborhood has both an overall theme of “Thriving as a Global Citizen,” and annual sub-themes. Past themes include:

- 2021-2022: “Wellness with/in the World”*
- 2020-2021: “Wellness with/in the World”*
- 2019-2020: “Intersections of Identity”
- 2018-2019: “Education Equality”
- 2017-2018: “Migration: Movement, Transition, and Community Change”
- 2016-2017: “The Arts Without Borders”
- 2015-2016: “Food: The Culture, Ethics, and Politics of Eating”
- 2014-2015: “Gender and Sexuality Across Cultures”
- 2013-2014: “Religion and Conflict”

The theme for 2022-2023 is “Inner/Outer Peace”

With this theme, we will create programming with a dual focus: First, supporting students’ development of personal wellbeing and inter-personal peace in their transition to college and through their time at Elon. Second, we recognize the need for intercultural competence among students, and will create programs that support students’ awareness of and action within an ever-changing global society with an emphasis on social justice. We recognize that although “peace” is an admirable goal to strive for, personally and globally, it is also a complicated concept and our theme will engage directly with the complexities of peace and conflict on personal, local, and global levels.

B. **Branding:** In order to continue promoting our distinct Global Neighborhood brand, we will continue to distribute stickers and buttons at student events. We will aim to produce our GN calendar and place one in each room at move-in. We will work with our LLA to

create a logo for GN's theme for 2022-2023 of "Inner/Outer Peace." We will work with the LLA to create/continue brand guidelines for promotional materials and social media. We will continue our successful (in 2021-2022) House Cup competition to promote both building and neighborhood identity.

2. Neighborhood Outcomes

1. Engaged Learning: Deepen the intellectual culture of the neighborhood

- a. Students will make connections with faculty and staff outside of the classroom by engaging in academic activities and discussions,
- b. Students will reflect upon the first-year common reading, *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*, through discussions with faculty, staff, and student leaders, and peers.
- c. Students will develop a curiosity for learning beyond the classroom.
- d. Students will develop an understanding of the Global Neighborhood's theme, *Thriving as a Global Citizen*, and this year's specific theme, *Inner/Outer Peace*.

2. Social Connectedness: Enhance students' personal development

- a. Students will recognize their role within multiple communities, through floor, building, and neighborhood programming.
- b. Students will identify a support network at Elon by building relationships with peers, student leaders, faculty, and professional staff.
- c. Students will identify resources to support their thriving at college, including emotional, physical, financial, and social well-being.

3. Diverse Citizenship: Develop responsibility for inclusive communities

- a. Students will develop intercultural knowledge and literacy, including self-awareness, through interaction with people from different backgrounds than their own.
- b. Students will articulate their own sense of community, outlining their connection and responsibility as global citizens.
- c. Students will recognize the impact of their actions within their community.
- d. Students will have opportunities to enact locally-rooted, globally-minded citizenship in ethical and responsible ways.

3. Engagement Strategies for Orientation, First Six Weeks, Neighborhood Identity and Community Development, Annual Traditions

A. First Six Weeks Student Engagement

Global Neighborhood Opening Ceremony (Details TBD-Occurs the evening of move-in day)

Summary: Each fall, the Global Neighborhood presents a grand Opening Ceremony to welcome students to the community and to kick-off the weekly Global Neighborhood events. This ceremony symbolically opens the year and establishes the intellectual culture of life in the Global Neighborhood as a collaboration of students, faculty, and staff from across campus, working together towards greater global awareness. To close the ceremony, students recite the Global Neighborhood Oath.

The Global Neighborhood Oath:

As a member of the Global Neighborhood, I aim to thrive as a global citizen:

- **Seeking** to identify and engage with my campus, local and global communities,
- **Reflecting** on the impact of my actions in these communities,
- **Respecting** and appreciating cultures and experiences different than my own, and
- **Working** to promote the common good.

I commit to:

- **Making** the most of this opportunity to develop my global perspective, in concert with my own personal development and understanding of the communities around me, and
- **Investing** my time and energy to thrive as a proud member of the Global Neighborhood.

We are planning several additional initiatives for the first six weeks that focus on being open and present within the neighborhood. Ranging from activities informally engaging students within neighborhood spaces to thoughtful programming, our focus is to create a strong Global Neighborhood community that encourages student thriving.

RAs will engage residents in at least one community development activity per week throughout the first six weeks. In some weeks, the expectation will be to escort their floor to a Neighborhood hosted event. Other weeks could include hosting an individual program on their floor or taking residents to campus hosted events. RAs will also be completing one-on-ones with residents for Maroon Moments during the first six weeks. The CD will provide a detailed outline of these expectations to RAs during student staff training.

Overall neighborhood initiatives for 2021-2022 include:

- **First Week BBQ:** Coordinated by the Living Learning Assistant and President of the SNA, this BBQ will be a fun welcome for GN students and an introduction to their neighbors in Loy Neighborhood. All FIR, LLC advisors,

Linked Course faculty, and GNA members are invited, and all student staff are encouraged to bring their residents. If the weather holds, the event will be followed with a film screening on the Global Quad.

- **First Neighborhood Dinner:** This first dinner will be a fair-style, picnic event for various faculty, staff, and offices across the Elon community to connect with Global Neighborhood residents around the common read, *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*. This dinner will continue our outdoor dining experiences that were successful in 2020-2021 and introduce students to campus partners.
- **Escort Students to Late Night events on campus:** We are developing an initiative where students can coordinate attendance at Late Night events for both safety and community.

B. Annual Traditions

Global Neighborhood's annual traditions include our monthly community dinners and film series, as well as regular outdoor festivals to utilize our outdoor spaces. For example, we hold:

- Monthly community dinners with conversations between students and faculty.
- Monthly international film series in the Global Commons media room and/or screenings on the Global lawn.
- Regular outdoor “festivals” to create opportunities for Global students, faculty, and staff to interact in Global Neighborhood's outdoor spaces and create shared experiences. The Fall Festival is traditionally harvest/Halloween themed, and the Spring Festival is International themed.
- We traditionally hold a Beginning of year and End of year BBQ on the Global Basketball courts to celebrate a great year together.
- Trivia Nights are an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together to learn about different topics in a non-traditional way. Trivia Nights are sometimes held in combination with our dinners, or as separate coffee-shop events We aim to hold one trivia night each semester in 2022-2023.
- Events to accompany university initiatives, especially: our first dinner highlighting the common reading and our Global Neighborhood Tailgate early in the Fall semester to support Phoenix athletes.

4) General Calendar

A. Planned Calendar for Neighborhood Events:

September

Sept 6 (Tue): Neighborhood Dinner - Common Reading, Global Basketball Courts, 5:30-7

Sept 20 (Tue): International Film Series

Sept 30-Oct 2: Family Weekend

October

Oct 4 (Tue): Neighborhood Dinner - Trivia Night

Oct 12-17: Fall Break

Oct 18 (Tue): International Film Series

Oct 28 (Fri): Fall Festival - Global Quad (4-6)

November

Nov 4-6: Homecoming

Nov 8 (Tue): Neighborhood Dinner

Nov 3 or 10 (Thu): International Film Series (French Film w/French Week)

Nov 19-Nov 28: Thanksgiving Break

December

December 2: Last day of class