

2023-24



Historic NEIGHBORHOOD

MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER.



HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
2023-2024



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WELCOME TO HISTORIC!

The Historic Neighborhood is located at the heart of Elon University! The Neighborhood features West Residence Hall, the oldest operational building on campus, which survived the devastating campus fire of 1923. When the Elon College campus was rebuilt and resumed full operations in 1926, the area now known as Historic Neighborhood was located at the center of campus. Here in Historic, we acknowledge our past, create our present, and ascend to a better and brighter future, just like the phoenix of lore.

With over 600 first-year students in six residence halls, we welcome the ingenuity and initiative of our newest Elon students as they write the next chapter of our history. Their stories—and our histories—begin with the strong social and intellectual connections they make here.

We unite under the theme Start Making History Together to recognize that students begin their legacy in their first year. This theme is supported by planned outcomes that align with the objectives of our neighborhood events and activities.

Together, we write our story. Together, we make history.

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OUR TEAM



Community Director | *Jordyn Williams, M.Ed*

Responsible for the overall administration & residential experience of Historic Neighborhood



Graduate Apprentice | *Caleigh MacKinnon*

Assists with the overall administration & residential experience of Historic Neighborhood



Faculty Director | *Claudine Moreau, Lecturer in Physics*

Responsible for the overall academic & intellectual experience in Historic Neighborhood



Faculty in Residence | *Kevin Otos, Professor of Theatre*

Assists with the overall academic & intellectual experience in Historic Neighborhood



Program Assistant | *Amy Vaughn*

Responsible for the overall day-to-day job operations & logistics of Historic Neighborhood

OUR TEAM | *Meet the RA's!*

Elon University Residence Life employs Resident Assistants (RAs) who serve as community developers & integrate the Residential Campus Initiative into the neighborhoods. RAs are integral parts of the Residence Life team. They are responsible for engaging residents in the residential campus experience by fostering a safe & healthy environment that is supportive of the students' personal and academic growth and development

Kenley Bidwell | *Senior RA, Brannock Hall*

Antonella Tommasi | *LLC Senior RA, Sloan Hall*

Brendan Sobolewski | *Barney Hall*

Cal Baker | *Sloan Hall*

Brooke Menzock | *Carolina Hall*

MaryGrace Kennedy | *Carolina Hall*

Gillian Coleman | *Carolina Hall*

Kiera Wenzel | *Hook Hall*

Taylor Salmon | *LLC RA, Sloan Hall*

Evan Smith | *Smith Hall*

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| Liam Stephens <i>Smith Hall</i> | Cayden Williamson Smith Hall |
| Drew Edwards <i>Smith Hall</i> | Emma Larson <i>Virginia Hall</i> |
| Tessa Mattison Virginia Hall | Chloe Gillpatrick Virginia Hall |
| Caroline Bentley <i>West Hall</i> | Lily Andresen-Simmons West Hall |
| Charlotte Todd <i>West Hall</i> | |

MISSION • VISION • OUTCOMES

Mission Statement

Elon University Residence Life supports students' **holistic** development by integrating **academic, social and residential** experiences, *developing* **dynamic, inclusive,** and **intellectual** living communities, and encouraging students' growth as **active** global citizens.

Vision Statement

Elon is working toward a goal of having 75 percent of undergraduates **living on campus**. A strong residential experience **connects** students to Elon's **vibrant** academic and student life programs and contributes to a more **intellectual** campus climate.

Neighborhood Outcomes



GROWTH



WELLBEING



COMMUNITY

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES

In Historic, students engage in programs that foster their intellectual & social growth. This theme goes along with one of Boldly Elon's themes, "Learn," as it pertains to the desire to grow "student- and learning-centered relationships." This resonates with the HealthEU "Emotional" theme, as well. We are passionate about enhancing our community, growing in understanding of others, and guiding students to find who they are meant to be in this world.



Learning Outcomes Include:

- Understanding identities, both one's own and those of others
- Discovery of new and promising opportunities for individual growth
- The meaning of scholarship and research and how these fit into their plans
- Support for advancement opportunities in academic pursuits
- Recognizing the power of mentorship in their personal and professional development



WELLBEING

First-year students experience independence for the first time in their lives and often struggle with maintaining their health and wellness. This theme goes along with one of Boldly Elon's themes, "Thrive", by encouraging a life of "emotional, physical, financial, social and spiritual wellness."

Learning Outcomes Include:

- Utilize HealthEU Initiatives in this outcome with a particular focus on community, emotional, purpose, & social wellbeing
- Discover physically healthy habits through exercise, yoga, & partnerships with Campus Recreation
- Connect with Elon counseling services to focus on mental health awareness

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES

We strive to develop a sense of community in our neighborhood. Students will be encouraged to attain these developmental outcomes. This theme goes along with one of Boldly Elon's themes, "Connect", encouraging students to make connections with fellow students and Elon Alums. This theme also connects with the HealthEU theme of "Purpose" to understand how students can make this world a better place.



Learning Outcomes Include:

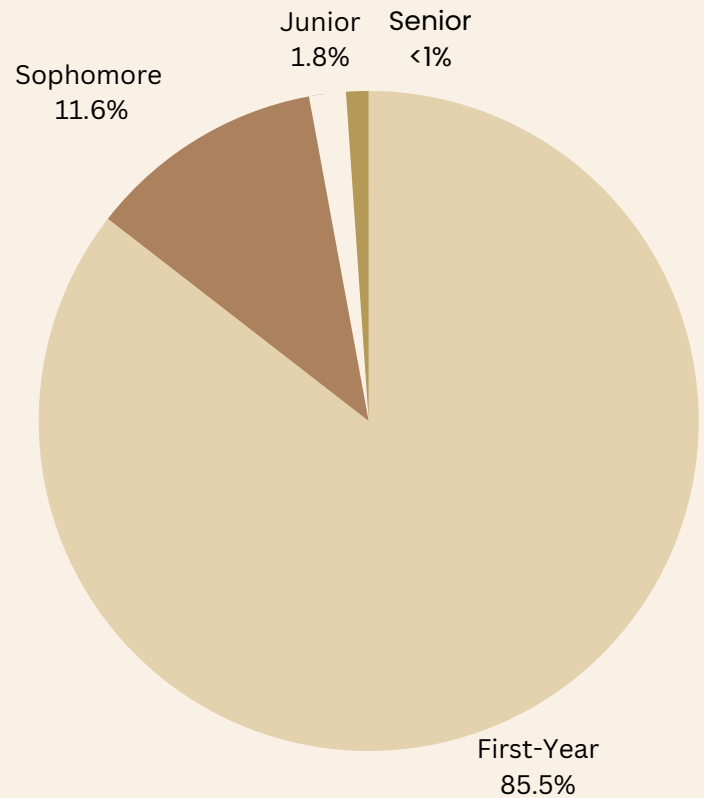
- Develop a greater sense of empathy for others
- Connect across campus through neighborhood, campus partners, and Elon Alums
- Get involved in student-led programs and initiatives
- Support one another by celebrating the efforts of peers, athletes, performers, and scholars
- Make a difference through volunteer work and civic events

This outcome is not limited to our geographic footprint. Our planned programs will introduce students to the wealth of social, cultural, and intellectual resources at Elon and throughout the surrounding region.

NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURES

Facilities

- Carolina (women;s only)
- Smith (men's only)
- Hook, Brannock, Barney (HBB)
- Sloan
- Virginia
- West (women's only)



Student Demographics

LaRose Student Commons



- Historic Neighborhood Office (Residence Life Staff, Faculty Director, Faculty-In-Residence)
- Game room w/ pool table, table tennis, videogaming area
- 3,000 sq.ft event space on Floor 2
- A kitchen for students to prepare food
- Lounge space

NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURES

Living & Learning at Historic

Communications LLC

Located in Sloan Hall, the Communications Living Learning Community connects students who are considering a career in communications. The community is open to students intending to major or minor in communications or who want to live with students engaged in designing, writing, and producing media. Students connect with faculty on a more personal level, learn from others on the floor who share common academic and extracurricular interests, participate in field trips to media organizations, and host speakers on communication-related topics.



Advisor: Staci Saltz
Lecturer in Cinema & Television Arts
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Advisor: Carol Smith
Professor of Education



Advisor: Evan Small
Lecturer of Wellness

Outdoor Learning Community

The Outdoor Learning Community (OLC) is a group of first-year students who share a common interest in outdoor education/adventure-based activities. Students in the OLC are passionate about the natural world, interested in learning more about ways to engage in outdoor pursuits, and curious to grow their skills. Members of the OLC participate in a variety of adventure-based activities, both on and off campus, and take ABL 225: Introduction to Adventure-Based Learning with other OLC students in the spring semester.

Sport Management and Media

The Sport Management and Media (SMM) Living Learning Community offers a unique environment for Elon University students interested in exploring the study of sport. Through regular LLC activities such as dinners, field trips, discussions, common readings, interaction with faculty and guest speakers and on- and off-campus events, SMM residents will begin to examine sport by exploring their relative interests and learning more about opportunities in the sport industry. The community is open to any student with an interest in majoring or minoring in sport management.



Advisor: Cara Lucia
Associate Professor of Sport
Management & Chair of the
Dept. of Sport Management



Advisor: Mark Cryan
Assistant Professor of
Sport Management

PROGRAMS & TRADITIONS

Elon Success Guide



During the first six weeks, the neighborhood will host programs that focus on how to have a successful college experience.



Neighborhood Dinners

Twice a semester, the Community Director in partnership with the RAs will host two neighborhood dinners. One of the neighborhood dinners will take place under the Oaks in hopes to target residents living in West, Virginia, and Sloan Halls. The second neighborhood dinner will occur on the HBB Basketball court in order to target students living in Hook/Brannock/Barney, Smith, and Carolina Hall.

Open Mic Night



Twice a semester, we will host an Open Mic night to allow the students in Historic and surrounding neighborhoods the opportunity to express themselves in creative ways such as singing, dancing, poetry, etc.



Historic Block Party

At the end of the Spring semester, Historic Neighborhood will host a block party in the neighborhood to celebrate the end of their first year. The event will include food trucks, games, and different activities to engage students to celebrate all their accomplishments.

PROGRAMS & TRADITIONS

Study Jam



At the end of the fall semester, students will have the opportunity to go to LaRose for a quiet place to study and prepare for exams. Snacks and study materials will be provided.



Male Initiatives

Twice a semester, we will have two male initiatives that focus on the providing programming for the men in Smith and the general male population in Historic. Some of those programs may include a sports game watch night or bonding activities and dinners with Facilities Maintenance.
