

Elon Academy Saturday Program February 17, 2024 (All Scholars and Rho and Sigma Families) 9:00 am – 12:30 pm <u>Next Saturday Program</u>



March 16, 2024 (All Scholars and Pi Families)

We look forward to seeing you on campus! Please arrive by 8:50 am to allow time for check-in so we can keep to our schedule. The check-in tables are located in the lobby of Koury Business Center (KOBC). After check-in, scholars will gather in KOBC 101 (directly off the lobby) for morning meeting.

Parking is available in the Colonnades lot behind KOBC- we cannot park in the admissions lot or The Inn at Elon as these are reserved spaces and parking there could result in your car being towed. On the day of the program, scholars or families may call (336) 264-1963 for help navigating campus, if needed.

If, prior to programming, a scholar or family member feels sick or is aware of exposure to COVID-19 they should NOT attend the program. If you have concerns about health and safety, please contact the Elon Academy office. At this time, wearing a mask indoors is optional. We ask scholars to communicate their absence by emailing or calling their college planning faculty or contacting <u>elonacademy@elon.edu</u>. As a reminder, the expectation is that all scholars will attend every Saturday program. There is no option to attend virtually. Excused absences are given only for sickness, family emergency, exposure to COVID-19, or death in the family. School related (e.g. marching band events), sports conflicts, and work are not excused absences. Missing a Saturday program will put a scholar behind in important college planning work that they are unable to "make up."

Scholar Announcements

The ACT will be administered to all high school juniors in their high schools on February 27th. While this date is typically the same across public schools in NC, please confirm with your school counselor that your school is participating on this date.

Please send your *spring class schedule* and any *test scores* to Ms. W-K (<u>ewinterichknox@elon.edu</u>).

CAT Mentor meetings resume this month! Please check your Elon email regularly and respond promptly to any communication from your mentor. You are also encouraged to be proactive and contact your mentor to schedule a meeting this month. Spring semester meetings should take place in February, March, and April. Some scholars will have a different CAT Mentor for the spring and those that do have an updated CAT Mentor assignment sheet attached to this newsletter.

Scholars may request an academic coach for the spring semester. The deadline to request a coach for spring is March 29th. To request, email Ms. W-K <u>ewinterichknox@elon.edu</u> and include 1) what class you are requesting, 2) your teacher's name, and 3) your general availability after school. Scholars taking an ACC class should use tutoring resources at ACC. Let us know if you have questions or difficulty accessing those services.

Phoenix Card: Belk Library hours available to scholars: Mon-Thurs: 8am to 11pm, Fri: 8am to 9pm, Saturday: 9am to 9pm, Sunday: 10am to 11pm. Check their website for any changes during January. Facilities at Campus Recreation are still unavailable. Please add the Elon Campus Security number to your phone **336.278.5555**. They are available 24/7 to assist you in any situation while on Elon's Campus.

SAT Fee Waivers: All juniors are eligible for SAT fee waivers. You are eligible for two fee waivers, which allow you to take the SAT twice at no cost. Scholars are also eligible for four ACT waivers. To obtain your fee waiver, you must reach out to your school counselor. As a reminder, Elon Academy does not have fee waivers. The only place you can get these is from your school counselor's office.

Continue to check your Elon email regularly (at least twice per week) and promptly respond to messages. If you have difficulty accessing your Elon email, please contact Elon's campus technology department at **336.278.5200.**

It is important that you provide your own transportation whenever possible. We do not have the staff to pick up large numbers of students. If you need a ride, call the Elon Academy office at 336-278-6109 by the <u>WEDNESDAY</u> before EVERY Saturday program.

Upcoming Events- 2024 February 23rd - Registration for the March 9th SAT March 8th- Registration for the April 13th ACT

Family Corner

This month our family programs are for the Rho (junior) and Sigma (sophomore) families.

Sigma (sophomore) families you will be offered a workshop in English or Spanish (your preference) about resources offered through College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), complete a financial aid estimator with Kimberly Stapleton of Elon's Office of Financial Aid, and talk about the importance of high school course selection and extracurricular involvement for college. Please see the attached document for important information on items to bring to the Saturday Program to complete the financial aid estimator tool.

Rho (junior) families you will hear from Kimberly Stapleton from Elon's Office of Financial Aid about ways to pay for college/financial aid as well as learn about the ways that academic life is different in college vs. high school.

Also- A reminder that it is a requirement for all junior scholars to take the ACT and SAT their junior year of high school and provide scores to EA prior to the summer program. Scholars not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to attend the summer program and are at risk of dismissal. Information on dates can be found on <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> (SAT) and <u>www.act.org</u> (ACT).

Pi (senior) families, please plan to join us on March 16th, 2024 for your last Saturday program!

Required Events for Pi scholars:

President's Reception: Wednesday, May 8 from 5-6:30 pm in Upstairs Lakeside (Moseley building). Families are encouraged to attend.

Transition to College Retreat: July 26-28. More information to come.

CAT Mentoring resumes this month. Scholars are expected to meet with their mentor three times this semester (February, March, and April). Some scholars will receive a new CAT Mentor for the spring semester. Family members are welcome to join one meeting each semester. Any questions about CAT Mentoring should be directed to your scholar's college planning instructor: Sigma's (Dr. Pyne), Rho's (Ms. W-K), and Pi's (Mr. B).

2024 Summer Program: June 9th- 28th, 2024. Please continue to communicate these dates to employers, sports teams, and other commitments. Scholars should be present for the entire three-week program.

Some fun (and FREE with your Phoenix Card) on-campus events:

Black History Month Dance Concert: February 16 at 7:30 pm and February 17 at 2 pm, McCrary Theatre **Elon Women's Tennis vs. Appalachian State** Sunday, February 25 at 1 pm, Jimmy Powell Tennis Center (E College Ave, Elon)

Don't forget your Phoenix card can be used to check out books in Elon's library and to see movies at Turner Theatre (schedule at turnertheatre.com)!



Koury Business Center and Sankey Hall Directions

Take Highway 70 West/South Church Street to Williamson Avenue. Turn right on Williamson. Follow this road for 1.7 miles. You will cross railroad tracks as you enter the campus area. Continue through the stoplight. Turn right on Haggard Avenue. Turn left on O'Kelly Avenue. Koury Business Center and Sankey Hall will be on your right.