

**President Connie Ledoux Book**  
**Elon University**

Dr. Connie Ledoux Book is a passionate advocate for higher education and its power to transform students' lives. She spent 16 years as an Elon faculty member and administrative leader, helping to build the university's reputation for excellence in engaged teaching and learning. In 2015 she accepted a groundbreaking role as the first female provost and chief academic officer at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. Following her impressive accomplishments there, she returned to Elon as the university's ninth president in 2018, bringing a deep appreciation for the university's unique history and its rapid rise to national prominence.

Under President Book's leadership, Elon launched the 10-year [Boldly Elon](#) strategic plan to advance the university's national leadership in experiential education, mentoring and student success. Elon has been reclassified as a Doctoral/Professional institution, ranked as a top-100 National University and named the nation's "Best Run" university. There are many new full-time faculty positions along with innovative new academic programs in engineering, nursing, science and technology. Elon has also made new investments in health and wellness; a new Division of Inclusive Excellence to direct progress on diversity, equity and inclusion; expanded professional development for faculty and staff; and lifelong learning opportunities for alumni. New facilities include the 5,000-seat Schar Center, Sankey Hall and Koenigsberger Learning Center, East Residential Neighborhood and LaRose Student Commons, and The Inn at Elon on-campus hotel. Opening in 2022 is the Innovation Quad, with new buildings for engineering and sciences.

In addition to leading Boldly Elon initiatives, Book is also working to complete the public phase of the \$250 million Elon LEADS comprehensive campaign, which has funded more than 100 new endowed scholarships and increased resources for students, faculty and programs.

As an advocate for access to education at all levels, Book is the incoming vice chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, a North Carolina Independent College and Universities board member and a member of the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum. Locally, she has launched joint initiatives with public schools and Alamance Community College.

Book earned her doctorate from the Grady College of Journalism at the University of Georgia, a master's degree in education administration and supervision from Northwestern State University (Louisiana) and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Louisiana State University.

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