ELON UNIVERSITY



ELON PHOENIX FAMILIES

FALL 2020

These newsletters are sent to the families of current Elon students throughout the year by the Office of Parent Engagement.

Family Fall: More Than a Weekend!

The schedule and registration for our first-ever virtual **Family Fall: More Than a Weekend** is live and online!

Family Weekend, originally scheduled for Oct. 23-25, has been reinvented to allow families to participate via virtual technologies throughout the fall semester. Renamed for this year, Family Fall: More Than a Weekend, will provide a rich set of options for student and family participation.

Please visit our Family Fall website at <u>www.elon.edu/familyfall</u> for more information and to register for the events you'd like to attend. Events are already underway and will continue for the next six weeks! Keep in mind, not all events require a sign-up, and some events have a limited capacity.



Mail Services

Students love getting mail and packages from family and friends. In order to ensure a timely and efficient process, please be sure items are addressed with the student's first and last name and campus box number. We encourage students to use their home address for shipping items if the delivery date is close to when they will be leaving campus for Winter Break. Mail Services will not be responsible for forwarding packages if an item is not delivered or picked up prior to when they leave campus.

Break Shuttle Services

Shuttle service is provided to Greensboro's Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO-PTI) and the Raleigh/Durham International Airport (RDU) at designated break times throughout the year. This year, our available spaces are limited to ensure physical distancing and to protect the health and safety of our students and drivers. Occupants are required to wear face coverings and will be seated to allow for maximum distance between passengers. Please sign up as soon as possible. For more information, please see https://www.elon.edu/u/moseley-center/airport-shuttles/.

Flu Clinics

In accordance with the strong recommendations of public health officials, Elon will require all students to receive the flu vaccine before returning to campus for classes in January. Important notes:

- Students can receive the flu vaccine at one of the <u>on-campus clinics</u> scheduled this fall or can do so through a private provider.
- The university will cover all out-of-pocket costs not covered by insurance for students who receive their flu vaccine at one of the clinics held on-campus.
- Students may also receive a flu vaccine off-campus at almost any pharmacy or their primary care physician. Most flu vaccines are covered by insurance, but students are responsible for any additional out-of-pocket costs for flu vaccines received through off-campus providers. Students should upload documentation of their flu vaccine on their <u>Phoenix Health Portal</u>.
- Students requesting a medical or religious exemption should file the request no later than Oct. 31, 2020, using the form available <u>online here</u>.

Details about this flu vaccine requirement can be found online here.

Cultural Events

Continuing with our Fall 2020 Cultural Calendar, Elon University is hosting an online discussion tonight, Tuesday, Sept. 29, with historian Douglas Brinkley, the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and professor of history at Rice University, the CNN presidential historian and a contributing editor at Vanity Fair. The discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m. EDT and is available at www.elon.edu/live.

For the full Cultural Calendar, visit https://www.elon.edu/u/cultural-calendar/.



Elon Votes

Elon Votes! is a nonpartisan organization aiming to help Elon students engage in democracy by registering to vote and casting their ballots in upcoming elections. Elon Votes! is encouraging students to **register to vote** prior to their state's posted deadline. Visit **www.elon.edu/vote** to learn more about the voter registration process.

With many members of the organization's target audience voting for the first time this year, Elon Votes! is hosting a number of events to help them stay informed and engaged in meaningful dialogue while reminding them of the power of their vote.



Elon Dining

<u>Elon Dining</u> is proud to offer several new service styles. Students have more options for food with online ordering, grab and go options, and chef-made meals delivered with Good Uncle. Check out below some of Elon Dining's latest updates!

Online Ordering

New online ordering is available through a new phone app, the <u>Transact Mobile</u> <u>Ordering App</u>, in retail restaurants across campus where physical distancing is impossible. These locations include Qdoba, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Boar's Head Deli, Biscuitville, Freshii, Flat-Out, and Acorn Coffee Shop. The app offers guests the ability to quickly order food and pick up on their way to class, eliminating the need to wait in line.

New Menus & More Grab-and-Go Options

Enjoy in-house made charcuterie boards, fruit trays, overnight oats, granola bowls and more between classes. Sushi and Poke Bowls, has been added to Fountain Market. It compliments Boar's Head Deli with freshly made bowls and salads using great locally sourced ingredients. In addition, chefs are re-thinking stations in all dining halls, building complete menus at each station so that guests can get in less lines and enjoy meals faster. Each station in all dining halls features a complete menu, including entrees, sides and desserts, so guests don't have to visit multiple stations to complete their meals.

On-Campus Meal Delivery

<u>Good Uncle</u> is Elon's premier meal delivery app that provides nutritious, high-quality meals that are delivered to convenient spots on campus at no extra cost. Good Uncle's menus are designed specifically for delivery by a Michelin-star chef. The app also offers prepared meals in Elon Dining markets on campus, so guests can pick up a chef-made meal and enjoy it in the comfort of their home.

Student Involvement

We are focusing on physically distanced live events as much as possible and providing opportunities for our students to gather socially, but in smaller groups. As plans are finalized, we are encouraging students to visit <u>PhoenixCONNECT</u> for a full list of upcoming campus events and opportunities to build community. Some highlights of what students can expect include late-night movies, super bingo, do-it-yourself craft kits, virtual trivia, small group competitions, and online painting classes.

Late Night Elon programmatic offerings this fall will include:

- Rotating Thursday night series, including trivia, bingo and coffee house events
- Weekly movie series every Friday and Saturday night
- DIY craft kits that can be completed each weekend either individually or in small groups

- Drive-in outdoor movie in a designated parking area on campus
- Virtual painting classes Punch n' Paint
- Pumpkin carving competition part of the Tradition Council's <u>From the Flame</u> <u>challenge</u>
- Homecoming 'E' painting competition part of the Traditions Council's <u>From the</u> <u>Flame challenge</u>

For a full calendar of student events, please visit <u>PhoenixCONNECT</u>.

Upcoming Events

See the <u>2020-21 academic calendar</u> and the university's cultural calendar for upcoming event dates. You can also see a <u>full listing of on-campus events</u> on the new <u>Today at</u> <u>Elon website</u>.

Below, we've highlighted Elon events that may be of interest to you and your student:

Homecoming & Reunion Week 2020: Oct. 12 - 18

Registration for Winter and Spring classes: Oct. 29

Election Day: Nov. 3

Festival of Holiday Lights: Nov. 12

Last day to reserve Thanksgiving Holiday airport shuttles: Nov. 15

Reading Day: Nov. 24

Final Examinations: Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

