



ELON PHOENIX FAMILIES

SPRING 2021

*This e-newsletter is sent to the families of current Elon students  
by the Office of Parent Engagement.*

## **Family Weekend 2021**



As you've probably heard, we announced earlier this week that Family Weekend 2021 will be held Sept. 24-26, 2021. Events will take place throughout the weekend, highlighted by a home football game against William & Mary on Saturday, Sept. 25.

As we near the date, we will make plans that are in accordance with public health and safety guidelines and gathering limits. We encourage our families to

make arrangements that are flexible and/or refundable. Look for our next update regarding this exciting weekend by June 1.

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## Facebook Live Series Continues



Our Phoenix Families Live series on Facebook continues on Tuesday, March 23 at 4 p.m. Join us on our [Facebook page](#) to hear from administrators from the offices of Student Conduct and Student Care & Outreach.

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## Global Education Center

### Welcome to Dean Gozik

We welcome a new Dean of Global Education, Dr. Nick Gozik. [Read more about Dean Gozik here.](#)

Dean Gozik replaces Dean Woody Pelton, who retired after 12 years of leadership and service to Elon University.

### Study Abroad and Study USA

Elon once again earned a [#1 ranking in study abroad](#) by the Institute of International Education's *Open Doors* report. Additionally, Elon has been recognized as the top program by the *U.S. News and World Report* and the *Princeton Review*.

While many global programs have been canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic and many students have had to withdraw or defer to a future term, some Elon students were able to participate in study away programs this past year. [Take a look back at 2020 in international education at Elon.](#)

Additionally, the University is seeing a return to near pre-covid numbers in upcoming terms:

- May Term 2021\*: 69 study abroad
- Summer 2021: Over 100 approved for study abroad or Study USA
- Fall 2021: Over 450 approved for study abroad or Study USA

\*In lieu of Winter Term 2021 programs, Elon created a special, one-time [May Term](#) for faculty-led study abroad. It is anticipated that 69 students will study on four programs, traveling to France, Greece, Italy, Spain, and Tanzania.

### **Upcoming application cycles**

An Elon application is required for every Elon global engagement program. Some programs may also require an additional application in order to be considered for the program. [Learn more from the deadlines page.](#)

### **Funding Opportunity**

In pursuit of 100 percent access to global engagement, the Global Education Center established a special COVID-19 hardship funding request process in partnership with Financial Aid and University Advancement. Through this process, a student may request additional funding for losses or expenses incurred due to COVID-19. [Learn more from the financial planning page.](#)

### **Connect with GEC Staff**

- Chat anytime during business hours (M-F, 8-5) from the bottom right corner of the [Global Education Center website](#).
- Call 336-278-6700
- Email [global@elon.edu](mailto:global@elon.edu).

Your student can also attend Quick Questions on Zoom, which we host every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. and every Thursday, 9-11 a.m. This is a great place to get started, chat with multiple advisors or ask a quick question. Your student can also [request a virtual appointment](#) with an advisor. [Learn more from the Contact Us page.](#)

For families preparing for summer or fall programs, the GEC will be in touch with your student directly about [pre-departure preparation](#), including upcoming family webinars.

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## Student Professional Development Center



The SPDC continues to serve as an essential resource for students and alumni as they set and achieve their career goals. Our career advising staff is available for virtual appointments with students and alumni. In addition to scheduling appointments, students can virtually drop-in to meet with a career advisor on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please encourage your student to schedule an appointment (or access drop-ins) through the [Elon Job Network](#).

If your student is seeking a summer internship and/or full-time job, please encourage them to attend our **Just in Time: Jobs and Internships virtual fair on April 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. EDT, which will be held on the Elon Job Network**. If your organization would like to participate in this event, we would love to have you!

We want to thank those of you who have contributed to the **SPDC Internship Grant Fund**. Over the past year, this fund provided 20 high-need students with \$2,000 grants, and we are continuing to ask for your support in 2021. If you are interested in contributing to this important fund, please contact Tom Brinkley at [tbrinkley@elon.edu](mailto:tbrinkley@elon.edu).

Please contact the [Student Professional Development Center](#) if you have any questions.

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## Student Involvement



Each semester, [Student Involvement](#) provides over 75 student-centered programs, including concerts, comedians, late-night programs, movies and tailgates. Student Involvement staff also provide oversight and support to all recognized student organizations, including the chapters and governing councils within Elon's Fraternity and Sorority Community.

We are committed to providing engaging, physically-distanced live events, which provide opportunities for students to gather socially, but in smaller groups. We encourage students to visit [PhoenixCONNECT](#) for a full listing of recognized student organizations, and their upcoming campus events and opportunities to build community.

[Late Night Elon](#) programmatic offerings this semester include:

- A rotating Thursday night series which includes trivia, bingo and coffee house events
- Movies in Turner Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights
- DIY craft kits that can be completed either individually or in small groups
- Drive-in style movies in a parking area on campus
- Live instructor-led painting classes called Punch n' Paint

Is your student still looking for ways to get involved at Elon? The [Student Involvement Ambassadors](#), a dynamic team of student leaders, are here to assist students one-on-one in identifying meaningful involvement opportunities across campus. Please encourage your student to contact the Ambassadors via [studentinvolvement@elon.edu](mailto:studentinvolvement@elon.edu), or drop by Moseley 207.

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## **Residence Life**



The university housing selection process for next year is underway. This process is for currently enrolled students. More detailed information and updates may be found at [www.elon.edu/residencelife](http://www.elon.edu/residencelife).

Housing selection at Elon occurs in sequential phases:

1. Applying for a living-learning community
2. Current apartment residents applying to return to their spaces
3. Rising juniors and seniors applying for housing
4. Rising sophomores applying for housing

If you or your student has questions, please reach out to Residence Life at [residencelife@elon.edu](mailto:residencelife@elon.edu) or 336-278-7300.

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## Service Opportunities

Loy Farm is currently up and running. Students can sign up to volunteer for Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. shift [here](#). Joining for the farm shift is a great opportunity to get outside, meet some new people, and get your hands a little dirty! Produce harvested from the farm goes directly to Allied Churches to support healthy meals for individuals navigating homelessness or insecure housing and food insecurity.

Habitat for Humanity currently has opportunities available to contribute to local house builds. Students can sign up for weekly shifts on Saturday mornings [here](#). Volunteering with our local Habitat chapter is a great way to make a tangible impact, meet other students, and contribute to the dream of a new homeowner.

The Boys and Girls Club is looking for tutors to support children in all grades

with virtual learning and homework. Volunteering for tutoring is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the kids are in school. After school programming starts at 3 p.m. which is when volunteers can play basketball, computer games, arts and crafts, or board games with the kids until 5:30 p.m. Please contact [bqc@elon.edu](mailto:bqc@elon.edu) if you are interested in coming to hang out with these amazing kids!

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## Elon Dining

Stay in touch with Elon Dining! We've introduced a number of dining innovations this semester, from new Food Hall-style menus at McEwen Food Hall, to new local partnerships with local North Carolina vendors and farmers like Larry's Coffee and Latta's Egg Ranch. Plus, stay in the loop as our sustainability team introduces a new hydroponic Micro Farm at McEwen, where we will be growing our own leafy greens, herbs, and microgreens for our chefs! You can follow us on social media here: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#), and check out our website for updates: [www.elondining.com](http://www.elondining.com)

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## The Inn at Elon

With spring comes fresh new flavors and experiences at The Inn at Elon! With spacious rooms and four-star amenities, including a welcome drink and complimentary bicycle rental, The Inn at Elon is quickly becoming a guest favorite.

Savor the latest creations from Executive Chef Jeff Miller in our onsite restaurant and lounge, The Mark at Elon. Stop in to try the latest locally-sourced creations, including charcuterie, crab cakes, cauliflower steak, juicy pork tenderloin, and prime cuts of beef or sip one of the new inventive cocktail specials. Enjoy The Mark at Elon indoors or outdoors - heated patio seating is available!

To learn more about our special packages, our comprehensive cleanliness measures in place or to make reservations visit: [www.theinnatelon.com](http://www.theinnatelon.com). You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) (The Inn at Elon) and [Instagram](#) (theinnatelon) to get the latest updates.

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## Upcoming Events

See the [2020-21 academic calendar](#) and the [university's cultural calendar](#) for upcoming event dates. You can also see a [full listing of on-campus events](#) on the new [Today at Elon website](#).

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

April 5: Easter Holiday

April 16: Registration begins for Fall 2021

April 21: Break day - no classes

April 27: SURF Day - no classes



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