



## **Elon Phoenix Families - Fall 2021**

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

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**Student Involvement**



Each semester, [Student Involvement](#) hosts over 75 student-centered programs, including concerts, comedians, late night programs, movies and tailgates. Student Involvement staff also oversee and support all recognized student organizations, including the chapters and governing councils within Elon's fraternity and sorority community.

Students can find a full listing of recognized student organizations and upcoming campus events and opportunities to build community by visiting [PhoenixCONNECT](#). Some highlights of what students can expect include late night movies, super bingo, themed trivia nights, comedic and musical performances, and tailgating prior to home athletic events. Marketing materials, such as posters and digital screen advertisements, are in many spaces across campus and within each residential neighborhood.

[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
- Drive-In style movies in a parking area on campus
- Live instructor-led painting classes called Punch n' Paint (PNT:101)

- Outdoor carnival, rodeo and skating rinks

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 205.

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## Declaring a Major

Did you know that after successful completion of [Elon 101: The First-Year Advising Seminar](#), your returning student can officially declare their major(s) and minor(s)? Not only would this official declaration provide your student with a specific road map to follow toward graduation (degree audit), but they would also be assigned an advisor who is an expert in that academic discipline. Additionally, this faculty advisor will assist your student in identifying major-related internships, undergraduate research opportunities, course selections and other major-related resources.

As a rule, all Elon students begin their tenure undeclared. This intentional policy allows for major exploration and/or confirmation of field of study. While your student might have expressed interest in a certain major upon admission, they must make an official declaration after the completion of Elon 101. Please note: As per the academic catalog, official declaration must be made by the start of your student's junior year.

Want to encourage your returning student to officially declare a major? Suggest that they visit the Academic Advising website's [major declaration link](#) and fill out the online form. It's as simple as that! There's even a video tutorial with step-by-step instructions.

If your encouragement prompts your student to declare prior to Sept. 17, your student is guaranteed a faculty advisor with enough time to meet before Winter/Spring/Summer registration!

Please contact the Office of Academic Advising for more information: 336-278-6500, or [academicadvising@elon.edu](mailto:academicadvising@elon.edu).

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## Community Engagement Opportunities

The [Kernodle Center for Civic Life](#) inspires, educates and prepares students across campus to partner with diverse communities. Students are encouraged to address local and global challenges and gain a deeper understanding of their responsibility to actively contribute to civic life. The center serves as the convener of community-based engaged and experiential student learning opportunities in collaboration with faculty, staff and community partners to address the common good.

Students are encouraged to [sign up for their weekly electronic newsletter](#) so that they can learn about opportunities to engage in our community. Upcoming opportunities include the chance to volunteer with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club and the Dream Center. In addition, students can learn more about participating in our fall and spring break experiences and serving in a leadership role with Elon Volunteers!

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## Family Weekend 2021



Time is running out to pre-register for Family Weekend 2021, taking place Sept. 24-26. Registration and a full schedule for this exciting weekend are now available. Advance registration ends on Thursday, Sept. 16, so we encourage you to sign up now!

For more information, please visit [www.elon.edu/familyweekend](http://www.elon.edu/familyweekend).

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## Break Shuttle Service





The Moseley Center has recently added additional times to their airport shuttle service around upcoming break times. To view dates, times and costs and reserve your student's seat, [click here](#).

Additionally, Moseley Center coordinates a chartered bus to transport students to the Washington, D.C. area for Thanksgiving break. More information can be found [here](#).

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## **Student Professional Development Center**

The Student Professional Development Center (SPDC) welcomes new director, Brooke Buffington. Read more about Brooke's work at Elon [here](#). Brooke replaces Executive Director Tom Brinkley, who will be retiring in December after 10 years of leadership and service to Elon University.

In a special 30th anniversary of its college guide, *The Princeton Review* has recognized Elon for excellence in career services again this year. The SPDC

has been recognized as a top-20 career services program for each of the past seven years and was ranked #4 in the country in 2021.

The SPDC continues to serve as an essential resource for students and alumni as they set and achieve their professional goals. Our career advising staff is available for in-person and virtual appointments. In addition to scheduling appointments, students can drop in to meet with a career advisor Monday through Thursday in our main office and in our satellite offices across campus. Please encourage your student to engage with us quickly and easily through the [Elon Job Network](#).

If your student is ready to start pursuing a summer internship and/or full-time job, please encourage them to attend our Virtual Job and Internship Expo on Sept. 29 from 2–5 p.m. ET, 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!

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

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**Residence Life is Hiring Student Staff**



If your student holds a passion for mentoring others, building community, and helping others identify why and how they can make a difference, then [a position within Residence Life](#) is a great opportunity. Our Resident Assistant and Apartment Manager applications open on Oct. 1 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 24 via the online application in [PhoenixCONNECT](#). The student staff positions hired in the fall semester are Resident Assistant (open to all students) and Apartment Manager (only rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply).

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## **Study Abroad and Study USA**

It's time for students to start considering study abroad and Study USA programs for 2022! The Global Education Center has all of the resources needed to make an informed decision.

[Study abroad](#) summer and fall 2022 programs open for early action applications on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Students can [search for programs on MyElonGlobal](#).

[Study USA](#) summer and fall 2022 programs opened for rolling applications on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Available programs:

- Elon in D.C. – [summer](#) & [fall](#)
- Elon in L.A. – [summer](#) & [fall](#)
- Elon in N.Y.C. – [summer](#) & [fall](#)

Students should apply to a Study USA or study abroad summer or fall 2022 program **by Thursday, Nov. 18** for their best chance at admission and to learn of Elon Global scholarship support by January.

NEW for fall 2021: Global Engagement advisors host drop-in hours Monday through Friday, 2-4 p.m., available in person or on Zoom. [Learn more on our website.](#)

Students and parents alike can also reach us anytime during business hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) by phone (336-278-6700) or by chat, available from any [elon.edu/global](http://elon.edu/global) webpage.

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## Residence Halls Break Schedule

Residence halls close for several breaks during the academic year. Please be sure to review the link below so you can make travel plans accordingly: <https://www.elon.edu/u/residence-life/resources/important-dates/>.

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## Upcoming Events

See the [2021-22 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 [Today at Elon website](#).

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

Sept. 24-26: Family Weekend

Oct. 14-17: Fall Break

Nov. 5-7: Homecoming & Reunion Weekend

Nov. 20-28: Thanksgiving Holiday Break





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