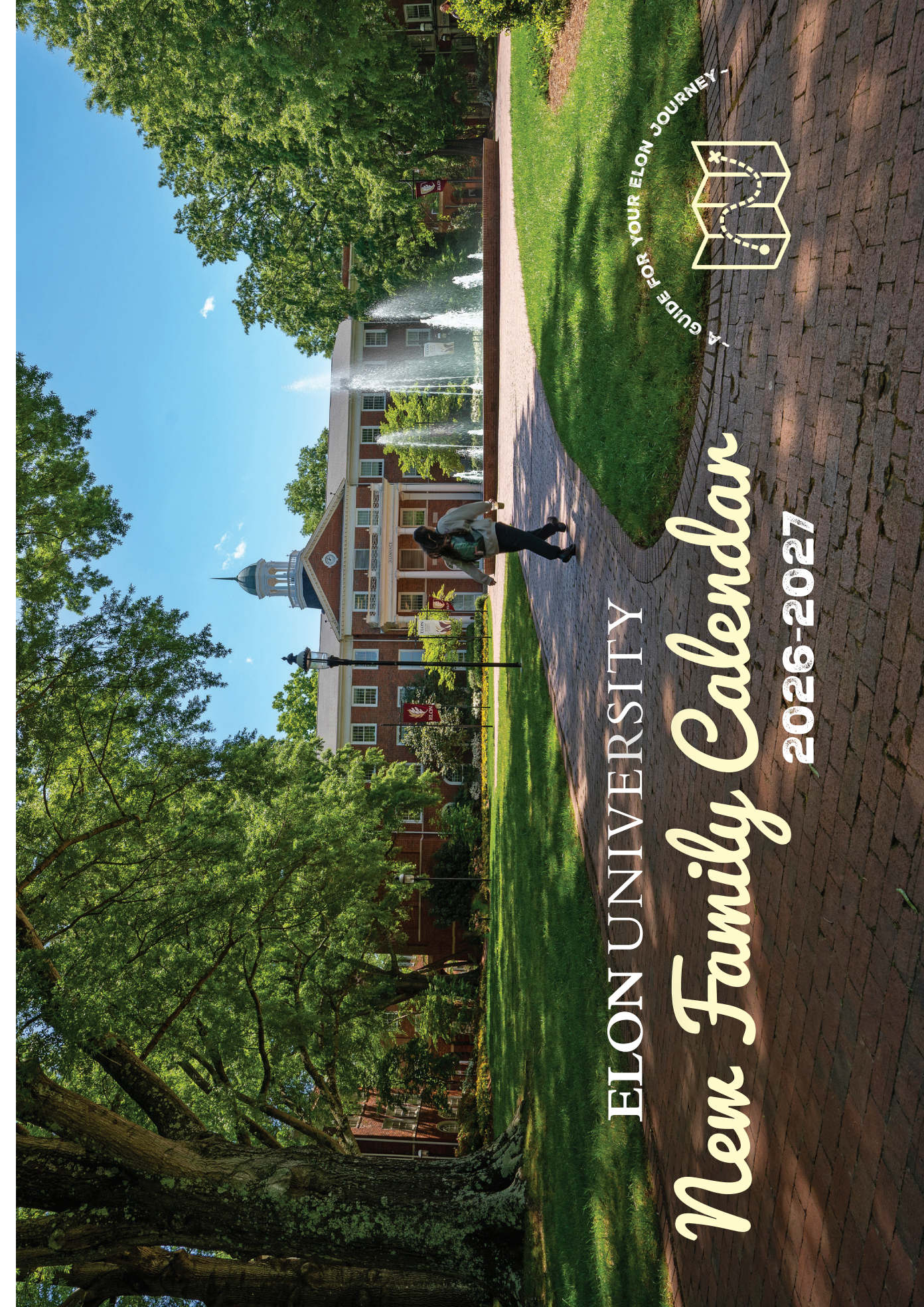


ELON UNIVERSITY

New Family Calendar

2026-2027

A GUIDE FOR YOUR ELON JOURNEY





WELCOME, parents and families! We are looking forward to your student's arrival on campus. This calendar will provide you with information, due dates and helpful tips to ease your student's transition to college life. There are many different offices and services at Elon designed to help you and your student. If at any time you do not know who to talk to, reach out to the Office of Parent Engagement or New Student Programs and we can help connect you to the right people and departments. Welcome to the Elon family!



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Orientation Website – elon.edu/orientation

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From mid-May until Move-in Day, the New Student Programs website will be the place to find information related to move-in, New Student Orientation and important action items for you and your student.

Elon Bound – elonbound.elon.edu

The Elon Bound Virtual Pre-Orientation program is for all new students and can be accessed using their Elon username and password. Families can create a guest account and explore the program for themselves.

Acorn Account – admissions.elon.edu/account

Your student's Acorn Account is their hub for tracking their progress on the summer checklist and will ensure they stay on track to be Elon Bound! Students use the same username and password they used when they applied for admission to Elon.

Ontrack – ontrack.elon.edu

OnTrack is Elon's system that allows students to access and maintain information pertaining to their living and learning experience. Students use their Elon username and password to log in.

Parent Engagement – elon.edu/parents

parentengagement@elon.edu | (336) 278-7470

Year-round, the Office of Parent Engagement is here to provide parents and families with news and information related to their student's Elon experience. Some hallmark programs and services include Family Weekend, Family Ambassadors, Summer Welcome events, Between the Oaks and a newsletter.

WELCOME TO THE ELON FAMILY!

Elon.edu/orientation is the website with information about New Student Orientation and move-in. Alongside the student's Acorn Account, this site has a summer checklist that details all the required summer tasks, including completing the Elon Bound Virtual Pre-Orientation program (**elbound.elon.edu**). Parents and families can create a guest account and follow along as their student completes their experience.

We hope you join us for a Summer Welcome event. These regional gatherings are an opportunity for new students and families to meet each other before moving to Elon and they provide an opportunity for students and families to ask questions. **Visit elbound.elon.edu/parents** for more information.

Please note the following May deadlines for parents and families:

- Create a guest account at **elbound.elon.edu** to follow along in your student's Elon Bound journey and engage in parent/family-specific content.
- Your student should visit the Dean of Students website at **elbound.elon.edu/odos** to view health insurance and immunization requirements. To waive out of Elon's health insurance, you must submit proof of coverage by **June 1**. All immunization information is due **July 1**.
- **April 30:** Requests for medical/disability-related housing accommodations and requests for emotional support animals are due.
- **May 5:** Your student's housing application is due on their Phoenix Living page at **elbound.elon.edu/phoenixliving**. This is also the last day for students interested in a living-learning community (LLC) to apply.
- **May 29:** Students are notified via Elon email if they are accepted to an LLC. Students are emailed their invitation to complete their Elon Bound Virtual Pre-Orientation at **elbound.elon.edu**. They must complete this program to sign up for a small-group advising session. Due **June 6**.

Deadlines for your student:

- Students are emailed their invitation to complete their Elon Bound Virtual Pre-Orientation at **elbound.elon.edu**. Students will use their Elon username and password to log in. Due **June 30**.



- **May 5:** Complete the Academic Course Interest Form for First-Year Advising & Registration by **May 27**. This includes selecting a time when your student will engage in a 1:1 advising meeting.
- **May 22:** Students should complete the World Language Assessment and math placement exams. They should have received an email with additional information.
- Through the summer, students are encouraged to visit **elbound.elon.edu/insp** and log in to pre-order their Elon commemorative T-shirt and Family Send-off Picnic wristbands.

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30 Requests for medical/disability-related housing accommodations and emotional support animals due	1	2
3	4	5 Housing and LLC applications due on Phoenix Living: elon.edu/phoenixliving	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 World Language Assessment and math placements due	23
24 31	25	26	27 Last day to complete Academic Course Interest Form	28	29 Students notified via email if they are accepted into an LLC	30



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “During the advising and registration experience, take advantage of this opportunity for your child to be personally engaged with an academic advisor and be excited and interested with the student’s decisions for classes. Ask your child a specific question about each course: is this a Core class, is this for your major, is this something you’ve always wanted to know more about, etc.” —**Lana & Stephen P’24, Naples, Florida**

There are many activities your students will be responsible for completing throughout the summer. Continue to consult the checklist at elton.edu/orientation and [eltonbound.elton.edu](https://elton.edu/elonbound). Your student has an electronic checklist they can reference in their Acorn Account (all three checklists reflect the same information). Help your student begin to shift their mindset from high school to college. We know there is a lot to do while they're wrapping up their high school experience. Be their coach and encourage them through all the assignments they have as they are Elon Bound!

Please note the following June deadlines:

- **June 1:** Your student must complete the Health Insurance Enrollment/Waiver form or enroll in the Student Blue plan. **Note: If you do not complete the waiver form (even if you have insurance), your student will be automatically enrolled in the Student Blue plan and charged the premium.** For more information visit elton.edu/odos.
- **June 5:** The deadline to register for any of the First-Year Summer Experiences (space is limited) is today.
- **June 10:** One-on-one virtual advising meetings begin. After students complete the Academic Course Interest Form, they will meet virtually with an advisor to discuss their first semester class schedule. Meetings end July 17.
- **June 30:** All students should complete the Elon Bound Virtual Pre-orientation program.
- Be on the lookout for communications from Elon's Office of Parent Engagement regarding filling out the family information form and attending a regional summer welcome event.
- Talk to your student about authorizing you as a third-party payer on their e-bill account (so you get financial statements and bills).



JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Complete the Health Insurance Enrollment/Waiver form or enroll in the Student Blue plan	2	3	4	5 Register for First-Year Summer Experiences	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Complete Elon Bound Virtual Pre-Orientation	1	2	3	4



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "As you help your student navigate the long to-do lists this summer, remember time-management is one of the key life skills students will learn in college. A head start of checking off tasks in a timely manner is a good habit to get into. Don't wait until the last minute to get things done. We put together a calendar with due dates and planned ahead to avoid a stressful rush of tasks." —**Tammy & David P'24, Alexandria, Virginia**

Now is the time to start having conversations with your student about college expectations and responsibilities, good judgement, etc. It's also time for parents and families to give their students more independence in making decisions — not providing answers or solutions (see **Elon's Coaching Model** at the back of the calendar). Have an honest conversation about what you expect, what they are hoping for and how often you all want to communicate once your student arrives on campus. Remember, you and your family are transitioning to your student's coach — encouraging, advising and supporting them as they navigate their newfound independence.

Please note the following July deadlines for parents and families:

- **July 1:** Required immunization records are due. Submit these records through the **Immunization Compliance Verification Portal** as directed on the Dean of Students website. Students are not required to have a pre-matriculation physical, but must submit proof of all required immunizations.
- Talk to your student about granting FERPA Proxy Access to you for grades **elton.edu/registrar**.

Deadlines for your student:

- Beginning **July 1:**
 - Register to vote! Elon Votes! offers resources for new students as they navigate voter registration and helps guide them through registering either in their home state or North Carolina. Visit **elton.edu/vote** for more information.
 - Request final high school transcripts be sent to the Office of Admissions.
 - Submit a photo for your Phoenix Card at **elton.edu/phoenixcard**.
 - Send any transfer credit, dual enrollment credit, Advanced Placement scores and/or International Baccalaureate scores to Elon University.
- **July 10:** Log into your Phoenix Living site (**elton.edu/phoenixliving**) to check your housing assignment and roommate information. **Find your "arrival-time" in your Acorn Account.**



- **July 15:** You'll get an email inviting you to complete three online programs: AlcoholEdu, Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates and Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging for Students (instructions will be emailed to your Elon email account).
- **July 15:** Submit academic accommodation requests and documentation. As you are planning the move to Elon, check out the Storage Scholars Ship to School option. Learn more at **elton.edu/storage-scholars**.

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 Required immunizations due See student deadlines above	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Housing assignments, roommate information and arrival times released	11
12	13	14	15 Submit academic accommodation requests and documentation	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Begin reading Elon's Common Reading book	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “The big transition is fast approaching. Check in with your child on their to-do list for Elon. Work with them to understand the difference between the Acorn Account, OnTrack and Moodle. It can be confusing and they may need your help.”

—Vicki & Michael P’23 P’26, Bethesda, Maryland

Move-in Day is here! As a reminder, students are assigned an arrival time in their Acorn Account. Plan to arrive at the Schar Center for the centralized check-in at this time. Make sure you print (from their Acorn Account) the dashboard sign that will have their building/neighborhood assignment. Remember, the rooms are not big, and you can always bring more stuff later. All rooms come with a bed, dresser, closet and desk. For packing purposes and to help ease the move-in process, we recommend packing items in suitcases or plastic tubs or boxes.

Label all items with your student's name, building and room assignment. This helps in case things get misplaced in the flurry of move-in.

Roommates: Good roommate relationships depend upon both roommates' ability to listen, communicate and compromise. Roommates will complete a Roommate Agreement to set rules on housekeeping, study habits, visitors, quiet time, etc. If conflicts arise, roommates can revisit the Roommate Agreement or get Resident Assistant mediation. It is best for students or RAs to work out roommate issues; family involvement is counterproductive.

Deadlines for parents and families:

- **August 1:** Tuition is due via Elon's e-bill website.
- **After August 9** you can begin shipping items to campus, especially if you and your student are travelling from further away. Address both mail and packages to:
Student first and last name
XXXX Campus Box (found in the "My Housing/M meal Plan" section of OnTrack)
Elon, NC 27244
- Print the dashboard sign. More information will be shared closer to move-in day.
- Before Move-in Day, have a conversation with your student about the online modules they completed related to alcohol and other substances, diversity and inclusion, and sexual and interpersonal violence. Share your values and expectations with your student.

- Discuss communication expectations. How often do you and your student plan to speak by phone or virtually? Make sure you are both on the same page.
- **August 21:** Move-in Day and orientation begins (see move-in time in Acorn Account).
- **August 22:** Parent/family programming concludes after lunch.
- **August 24:** If your student is in an LLC, encourage them to attend the LLC Kickoff to meet the LLC advisors and peers.
- Register for Family Weekend at elon.edu/familyweekend.

Deadlines for your student:

- **August 1:** Deadline to submit photo for your Phoenix Card.
- **August 3:** Deadline to register your vehicle and purchase a parking permit (if applicable).
- **August 3:** Order textbooks from Barnes and Noble at Elon and have them available for pick-up on Move-in Day or mail them to your house.
- **August 7:** Complete the Transition & Wellness Form.
- **August 15:** Finish up the AlcoholEdu, Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates and Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging online programs.
- **August 15:** Last day to order a microfridge rental.
- **August 20:** Print the dashboard sign. More information will be shared closer to move-in day.
- **August 21:** Move to Elon! Be sure to head to central check-in at the Schar Center first. Refer to the Elon Bound Driving Directions & Map at elon.edu/orientation. If you pre-ordered your textbooks from Barnes and Noble at Elon, don't forget to pick them up.
- **August 21-24:** New Student Orientation. All new first-year and transfer students are required to attend.
- **August 25:** First day of classes.
- Log into PhoenixCONNECT (elon.campuslabs.com/engage) and learn more about student organizations.

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Tuition is due; deadline to submit Phoenix Card photo.
2	3 Deadline to register vehicle and purchase parking permit (if applicable). Order textbooks from Barnes and Noble at Elon.	4	5	6	7 Complete the Transition & Wellness Form	8
9 Begin shipping items to campus if needed	10	11	12	13	14 Complete the AlcoholEdu, Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates and Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging for Students online programs	15 Last day to request microfridge rental
16	17 Order textbooks from Barnes and Noble at Elon	18	19	20 Print your dashboard sign for move-in	21 MOVE-IN DAY	22 Parent/family programming concludes after lunch
New Student Orientation						
23 30	24 LLC Kickoff event	25 First day of classes Drop/add begins for first half of semester courses	26 Drop/add ends for first half semester courses	27	28	29
New Student Orientation						



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “Relax! You’ve got this! And Elon has this tool Move-in will be a breeze with the help of Elon student volunteers. Be there for your student, but also understand that they’re likely to be ready to start their independence almost as soon as you arrive on campus. Make a grocery run before taking off!” —**Tammy & David P’24, Alexandria, Virginia**

At Elon we do not take Labor Day off, but we do have **Family Weekend!** Mark your calendars now for **September 25-27** and we hope to see you and your family back on campus!

START THE SEMESTER STRONG

Getting involved: Students are encouraged to attend the Student Organization Fair and explore PhoenixCONNECT, Elon's 24/7/365 organization and event hub. All 240+ student organizations are listed and include contact information. Students are encouraged to join organizations throughout the year and attend events they are interested in. Urge your students to find a few organizations to try (whether continuing a passion from high school or trying something new), but to be selective and not overcommit.

Learn expectations and manage time: Each class will have a syllabus showing assignments, papers, tests and faculty expectations. Time management is key; procrastination does not help anyone. Students also need to find their optimal time and place for studying. Is it in their room? The library? In the morning, afternoon or evening? Talk to your student about their time management. Ask them how they're balancing their schoolwork with getting involved and taking care of their wellness and well-being.

Successful students do the following: Attend class, get to know their faculty members, attend their faculty's office hours, communicate and seek help when they need it (office hours, Learning Assistance, tutoring, talking to their Elon 1010 instructor/advisor, the Writing Center, Belk Library, time management workshops through the Office of Learning Assistance, etc.). Ask your student what resources they've tried so far. Brainstorm a list of other resources they might try should they need or want to. The best place for your student to start is by connecting with their Elon 1010 instructor, who is also their academic advisor.



Be realistic: Many students come to college with performance expectations that are based on high school, not college-level academics. Remind your student to be kind to themselves, to take the first semester (or year) to adjust and to utilize support resources when needed. Engage in conversations with your student about what they're learning, not just how well they're performing in their courses.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Drop/add ends for full semester courses	2 Fall Organization Fair, 6-8 p.m., Young Commons	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Football vs. Sacred Heart; tailgating at the Global Lot and Global Basketball Courts Visit elonphoenix.com for full athletics schedule
20	21	22	23	24 Last day to withdraw from first half semester courses (grade of "W")	25	26 Football vs. Maine; tailgating at the Global Lot and Global Basketball Courts
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Family Weekend		Family Weekend				



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “Parents should advise their students to be honest with their roommates, and it is also important to be respectful. The first-year roommate might not be your best friend, but you have a responsibility to live well together.” —**Jeannine & Scott P’25, Stratham, New Hampshire**

GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS TRADITIONS

Elon Homecoming is October 9-10 with student events beginning on October 5. Student events include a special Homecoming Week College Coffee, the "E" decorating competition, Homecoming Week Student Celebration, Super BINGO and tailgating on Bank of America Drive. Homecoming is for all students. Encourage your student to attend the events, get outside their comfort zone and connect with others through campus traditions.

College Coffee & Numen Lumen: College Coffee happens every Tuesday on Phi Beta Kappa Commons from 9:40-10:20 a.m. During this time, the entire campus takes a break to connect with peers, staff, faculty and administrators over coffee and snacks. Numen Lumen is every Thursday from 9:50-10:20 a.m. In the same spirit as College Coffee, the entire campus takes a moment to pause and reflect. Encourage your student to attend these events. It is their weekly reminder to pause and slow down, connect with others, and nurture themselves and relationships with others.

More Elon traditions can be found at elton.edu/traditions.

HELP YOUR STUDENT STAY WELL

It is normal for students to begin feeling the stress of the semester after midterms. The novelty of beginning their college career has worn off, they may not have anticipated academic struggles after receiving their first few grades, and some students may feel they haven't "found their people" yet. All of this is normal and is typically very temporary. It is helpful to talk to your student early in the semester to help them better prepare for this time, and encourage them to reach out for support. Remember, all students have access to Health Services, Counseling Services and TimelyCare (24/7 health and well-being services). Ask your student how they are prioritizing their well-being. Are they going to the gym, meditating, seeking out religious or spiritual life offerings, connecting with peers socially, sleeping? What are their self-care practices?



A note about booking travel: Don't book your student's travel too early for fall, Thanksgiving or winter break. Many classes give midterms and final exams that students are expected to take in person. We know you're excited to see your student, but classes come first. Additionally, after fall break students should ensure they have scheduled a time to meet with their academic advisor to discuss course registration and planning for winter, spring and summer terms.

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 First half of semester courses end	10 Football vs. Wofford; tailgating at the Global Lot and Global Basketball Courts
Homecoming student events						
11	12 First day of second half semester courses Drop/add begins for second half semester courses	13 Drop/add ends for second half semester courses	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fall Break (residence halls remain open)						
25	26	27	28	29	30 Last day to withdraw from full semester courses (grade of "W")	31



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "At fall break, you will already see how much they have grown and they are used to their independence. Sit down with your kid and talk about new versus old home expectations. It will make the following breaks easier!" —**Tanya & Scott P'24, Bethesda, Maryland**

COMING HOME AGAIN

As Thanksgiving and winter break approach, you will find your student returning home — but they won't be the same as in high school, and the family dynamics may differ. Remember that this is an important and normal part of growing up!

Students might have different sleep schedules, personal habits, changes to their appearance, new ideas or even a new worldview. You might also find that during break, your student wants to spend a lot of time with their friends. This often means that your student feels comfortable with their family relationships but may feel less so with their hometown friends. Spending time with friends helps students figure out, "Are we still friends? Have things changed? Is our relationship OK?"

You may have expectations for your student while they're home. Will there be a curfew? Expected attendance at certain family events? Communicating openly about your expectations, and making compromises, will be important.

Thanksgiving break is a preview of the long break in December.

Communication and compromise help everyone adjust to the "new normal" of an independent student returning home.

As you plan for university breaks (Thanksgiving, winter break and spring break), know that the Moseley Center offers shuttles to the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) in Greensboro, the Raleigh/Durham International Airport (RDU) in Raleigh and the Burlington Amtrak station. Students must sign up through the link on the Moseley Center website at least 10 days before the first departure of each break to be guaranteed a seat.

Remember: Check with your student before booking their travel home. They will likely need to be in class, in person, and should not expect to miss for travel.

A note about advising and registration: Your student will be meeting with their academic advisor (who is their Elon 1010 instructor) to discuss schedule planning and registration for winter (J-term) and spring semester. Now is a good time to check in with your student to ensure they have had that meeting and see what they are hoping to take.



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Registration opens for winter, spring and summer classes	4	5	6	7 Football vs. Hampton; tailgating at the Global Lot and Global Basketball Courts
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Football vs. Campbell; tailgating at the Global Lot and Global Basketball Courts
15	16 Last day to withdraw from second half semester courses (grade of "W")	17	18	19	20	21 Residence halls (not apartments) close at 10 a.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving break
29 Residence halls reopen at 10 a.m.	30	1	2	3	4	5
Thanksgiving break						



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "As your student prepares for finals for the first time, encourage them to lean on advice from those who have been through the experience before: professors, mentors or students with more seniority. Our two Elon students have really benefitted from these relationships."

—Sarah & Tom P'22 P'25, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

THE HOME STRETCH

Three of Elon's most beloved traditions happen in late November and early December: The Festival of Lights and Luminaries, a holiday party with the president and Cram Jam. **The Festival of Lights and Luminaries** is a time when the Elon community comes together to stroll through the historic part of campus where thousands of luminaries illuminate the pathways. The **holiday party with the president** is an opportunity for students to enjoy an evening with peers, taking photos together and with President Connie Ledoux Book. It is a great way to celebrate the culmination of the semester and enjoy some holiday cheer. Lastly, **Cram Jam** happens before finals week each semester. Students are invited to a late-night breakfast served to them by professors and staff. This is a fun, light-hearted opportunity for students to take a study break and fuel up before jumping back into studying. Encourage your student to make time for these important community events to reduce some of the stress that is likely building around their final exams.

Soon your student will come home for winter break. Family relationships shift in college, and many parents and families find themselves in more of a "consultant" role than a "managerial" or "decision-maker" role. Building a strong relationship with your newly independent college student often means asking open-ended questions and listening more than talking.

Help students reflect on their semester with these questions:

- If you were starting at Elon all over, what would you do differently and why?
- What was your biggest challenge, and what did you learn?
- What are you most proud of and why?
- What have you learned about yourself so far?
- What is one thing you would really like to accomplish in the spring semester?



DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Housing Selection for 2027-28 information and timeline released	2	3	4 Classes End	5 Reading Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Residence halls close and students who are not returning for the winter term in residence halls and apartments must check out
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Winter break
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “When your kid gets home, ask them if there are any favorite meals they have missed and would enjoy or restaurants they want to make sure you go to as a family. Take time off from work (if you can) to spend quality time with them. Let them sleep in and enjoy catching up with their hometown friends.” —**Lana & Stephen P’24, Naples, Florida**

IT'S THE SAME — BUT EVERYTHING'S CHANGED!

It's the New Year. Your student will return to a familiar campus, but it won't be quite the same. Some changes:

Academic: Students take one four-credit-hour class in Winter Term. This class will meet Monday-Friday for three hours (either in the morning or afternoon) for three weeks. Then in the spring semester students will have new classes, a new set of professors and will have to learn their expectations, testing style, etc. It is an opportunity to refine the skills they developed in the fall semester or to try new techniques.

Social: Your student may find that the people they used to eat lunch or dinner with on certain days now have classes at that time or have other commitments. People will join (or leave) student organizations, and the groups change. Many students will go through sorority and fraternity recruitment and will make new friends. (NOTE: Check with Student Involvement for recruitment dates; Panhellenic Association Sorority recruitment occurs during "fake break," the time between Winter Term and the start of the spring semester). There is also potential for roommate conflicts that might arise out of changes in social groups, or because classes are earlier or later than last semester and students are up at different hours, etc. Winter Term and spring semester are a time for transition; that is expected and should be anticipated. Be understanding if your student feels a little unsettled. As the semester begins, students will find their groove. And if not, urge them to seek support from the many offices here to help them.

Burst the Bubble: Throughout the Winter Term, encourage your student to participate in Burst the Bubble programs. They are free, student-led, non-credit sessions where students learn from a peer. There is no homework, tests or outside assignments — just tons of fun learning to knit, strum a guitar, play Dungeons and Dragons, swing dance, paint, do a standup routine or cook, among many other options.



JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
			Winter break			
3 Residence halls reopen at 10 a.m.	4 Winter Term classes begin; Drop/add begins	5 Drop/add ends	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Last day to withdraw from courses (grade of "W")	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	19	20	21 Winter Term classes end	22	23 Residents not returning for the spring term must move out by 10 a.m.
					Exams	Fake break
24 31	25	26	27	28 First day of full spring semester classes and first half semester courses drop/add begins	29 Drop/add ends for first half semester courses	30



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "With only one class, students will have a different schedule during Winter Term. Encourage them to reach out and use the many services on campus that are available throughout the school year: Student Health Services, Learning Assistance, the Writing Center, Counseling Services and more are all right there for their use." —**Dawn & Christopher P'27, Waxhaw, North Carolina**

RESIDENCE HALL ROOM SELECTION

Housing selection is often a stressful time for students as they're deciding who they want to live with next year and determining their location preferences. Elon requires students to live on campus for their first two years (first-year and sophomore). Those going through the housing selection process get to choose their roommate(s) and location based on their assigned randomly generated housing selection time.

To participate, all students have to submit a Housing Application. It is recommended that students have a back-up plan when considering where they want to live as not everyone can have their first choice. Help your student strategize: "If this happens, then we will do this..." This way, they'll be as prepared as they possibly can be when it is their turn.

Additionally, almost 70% of juniors and seniors live off campus. Families with upper-class students should start exploring the local off-campus rental market and start preparing their student for this transition.

Steps for your student to follow:

- Read/review housing materials.
- Sign the housing agreement.
- Decide who they want to live with and their top choices for where they want to live. Make sure they have a back-up plan.
- Match with their roommates.
- Check their sign up eligibility.
- Log in during the application time and sign up.

Details about each step can be found at elton.edu/housing-selection.



FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3 Drop/add ends for full semester courses	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Housing Application Due Date	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "Housing selection is a stressful and messy and imperfect process. There is no guarantee students will receive their first choice. Encouraging them to be flexible and make plans and back-up plans and then back-ups for the back-up is important!"
—Jill & Craig P'23 P'26, Wake Forest, North Carolina

ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO SECURE THEIR ROOM

Residence halls (not apartments) close at 10 a.m. on Saturday of spring break and re-open the following Sunday. Look for the break housing application to apply for early arrival/late stay/break housing.

Whether your student lives on campus or off campus, encourage them to secure their room, apartment or house, and take their keys with them for break. Other important steps for them to take before they leave are:

- Unplug all appliances
- Hide or relocate valuables and move expensive items away from windows
- Secure any non-perishable food in airtight containers or cabinets; discard any perishable food from your refrigerator
- Empty all trash; if you live off campus, secure your trash and recycling containers
- Check all water faucets to make sure they are completely off
- Set your thermostat to 50-55 degrees
- If you live off campus and have a hidden spare key outside of your residence, make sure you remove it
- Make sure all doors and windows are shut and locked

SPRING BREAK SAFETY

Is your student traveling for spring break? Here are some tips:

International travel: Check the U.S. State Department travel warnings website for advisories. Have a few dollars of local currency when you arrive. Photocopy your passport. Use an international cell/data plan.

Money: Take only one credit card and your debit card; keep them on you at all times. Know the phone number to cancel credit cards if stolen.

Communication: Carry your cell phone at all times. Be sure a family member knows your travel plans, where you are staying and when you will return.



Health: Remember your medications. Use sunscreen if you are in a sunny location. Do not accept food or drinks from strangers.

General: Don't go anywhere alone; go in pairs or groups.

TimelyCare: The service provides access to **24/7 mental and medical virtual health care**, and students have enhanced access to **scheduled counseling** and **health coaching** services.

Consider joining Elon Outdoors on their spring break trip or an Alternative Break sponsored by the Kernodle Center for Civic Life.

MARCH 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	1	2 Last day to withdraw from first half semester courses (grade of "W")	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Residence halls close at 10 a.m.
						Spring break
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Spring break						
21 Residence halls open at 10 a.m.	22 Classes resume	23 Last day of first half semester courses	24 First day of second half semester courses; drop/add begins for second half semester courses	25 Drop/add ends for second half semester courses	26	27
Spring break						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "Elon faculty are eager to help students — it's a big part of why they teach! Students can find mentors among their advisors, professors or other faculty in their field of major study. Our son's Elon 1010 advisor is still his go-to mentor as a junior. Students can also find mentors among the Elon staff, whether it's in the library or the Student Professional Development Center." —**Tammy & David P'24, Alexandria, Virginia**

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

It is the home stretch of your student's first year! Here are some things to consider for the final weeks of school.

Summer school: Some students choose to attend summer school so they can focus on a critical course that is a prerequisite for their major or for the Core Curriculum. It is important students talk with their academic advisor if they are considering taking summer classes elsewhere. They'll want to have approval to transfer those courses before they actually take them. Elon offers many online and in-person classes during Summer Session I and Summer Session II. Again, if this is something your student wants to do, coach them to talk to their academic advisor to strategize.

Moving out: Some students decide to rent a storage facility as a group and leave their nonessentials in the area for the summer. Others ship their belongings home; others pack it all and drive it back. What will your plan be? Be sure to talk to your student about their final exam schedule and ensure they are done with their exams and final papers or projects before they leave for the summer. Also, be sure your student knows the last day to move out of the residence halls so they can plan accordingly. Their RA is a great source of information as they prepare to move out, clean and go through the check-out process.



APRIL 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Last day to withdraw from full semester courses (grade of "W")	13	14 Registration begins for fall 2027	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Last day to withdraw from second half semester courses (grade of "W")	24
25	26	27 Student Undergraduate Research Forum	28	29	30	1



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: "As your student's first year winds down, encourage them to reflect on their first-year experiences both inside and out of the classroom. This time of year, it's important that they stay on top of all the deadlines including class registration, housing, etc."

—Andrea & Jonathan P'25, Davie, Florida

CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS

Your student has finished their first year at Elon, and that is something to celebrate!

Be sure to validate your student and their achievements. Acknowledge their hard work this year. As you do, focus less on grades and more on the overall picture of major milestones:

- Moved away from home
- Adjusted to living communally with a roommate and/or hallmates
- Took college-level classes, sometimes in topics that were hard for them
- Made new friends and/or got involved in campus organizations
- Learned how and where they study best
- Managed their life independently: budget, food, exercise, etc.

When you create an atmosphere of caring, validation and support, you can help your student thrive as an emerging adult. And always remember to tell your student you love them!

Wish there was something in this calendar that wasn't here? Tell us so we can make changes for the future.



MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Classes end	11 Reading Day (evening exams begin)	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Graduate-level Commencement; Residence halls close at 10 a.m.	20	21 Undergraduate Commencement	22
		Exams				
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	31 Apartments close at 10 a.m.					



PARENT-TO-PARENT PRO TIP: “As your child is finishing their first year at Elon, cheer them on as they finish up the year strong! May goes fast, so encourage them to try things that they may not have tried — food trucks, exercise class, study outside, etc.”

—Libby & Peter P'24 P'25 P'26, Hopkinton, Massachusetts

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR STUDENT CONTACTS YOU ABOUT A PROBLEM



It is inevitable that your student will contact you with a problem. When they do, remember to breathe, reflect, then coach. We hope we can work together to help nurture your student's independence and development of problem-solving skills.

Breathe

It can be stressful when your student calls you with a problem and your first instinct will likely be to want to solve the problem for them. Take a moment to listen and ask questions.

Reflect

Consider if this is something your student could solve on their own with a little coaching. If you fix the problem for them, does that help them grow into their independence? Ask your student questions to help them work through the situation. What do they want to do? What options are they considering? Help them explore resources at Elon that might help them. Keep breathing.

Coach

Once they make the decision or find a path to move forward, encourage them, support them, and help them reflect on the process and outcomes. What might they have learned from this that they can carry forward? What might they have done differently? The main role of being a coach is to guide, provide advice and observe from the sidelines as your student plays in the game. Cheer them on from the sideline!

IN THE EVENT OF A SERIOUS ISSUE OR CONCERN ABOUT YOUR STUDENT OR OTHERS

While we encourage students to navigate their Elon experience as independently as possible, if you have an urgent concern about the health, safety or well-being of your student or others, there are offices available, and processes designed to assist you.

Campus Safety and Police

(336) 278-5555 (24/7 dispatch)

9-1-1 in the event of an emergency

Student Health Services

(336) 278-7230 | elon.edu/healthservices

Students who are ill can schedule an appointment online or via phone and will be seen and evaluated by a medical provider during operating hours. Some appointments may be next day. Current operating hours (subject to change):
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Counseling Services

9-1-1 for concerns about immediate safety and require immediate response

(336) 278-7280 | elon.edu/counseling

(336) 278-2222 | 24/7 non-emergency crisis counselor

Students can schedule an appointment with a counselor either online through the website or by calling their office.

TimelyCare

Timelycare.com/elon

24/7 on-demand and scheduled virtual medical and mental health care, as well as health coaching, peer support and well-being tools. Available to all Elon students at no additional cost.

Student Care and Outreach

(336) 278-7104 | studentcare@elon.edu | elon.edu/shareyoucare

Student Care and Outreach is an important point of contact for the Elon community and serves as a hub for student support in moments of crisis, challenge or need. The office provides non-emergency outreach and support to students with significant and complex concerns regarding their health, well-being or behavior. You can share a concern for your student or another by visiting elon.edu/shareyoucare.

SAFELINE

(336) 278-3333

SAFELINE is Elon's confidential 24/7 response to issues of sexual violence, interpersonal violence, stalking, bias, harassment and hate. If students experience any of these, they are encouraged to call SAFELINE.

After-Hours Assistance

Most administrative offices work on a Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. schedule. If you or your student have an urgent concern that must be addressed when offices are closed, contact Campus Safety and Police at (336) 278-5555 (24/7). Campus Safety and Police will connect you with the Student Life Staff Administrator on call. The Student Life Emergency Response System provides administrative response to students and families in crisis situations after hours and on weekends. After the immediate concern is addressed, the concern will be routed to the appropriate administrative office for follow-up with the student.



Using a holistic approach, HealthEU aims to empower every individual in the Elon community to actively implement and integrate wellness values in their daily lives, with their peers and in their greater purpose by providing access to resources, educational tools and support. Visit elon.edu/healtheu for more information.



IF YOUR STUDENT IS EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY (medical, psychological, police) they should call 9-1-1 FIRST. Once emergency assistance has been dispatched, Campus Safety dispatchers will then notify the Student Life Emergency On-Call Response System for follow-up.

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