Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching

Crawford inspires next generation of teachers

Described by a colleague as a “motivating, engaging and innovative” teacher and mentor, Glenda Crawford, professor of education, has received the 2009 Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching.

A Burlington, N.C. native, Crawford joined Elon’s faculty in 1990, and since then, students have benefitted from her collaborative instruction style, which relies heavily upon discussion and student participation.

“What sets Dr. Crawford apart from other professors is her ability to lecture without simply ‘giving’ information. She asks the right questions at the right time to stimulate thinking and encourage dialogue with the goal of thinking at a higher level,” says a former student.

Distinguished Scholar Award

Roselle recognized for excellence in scholarship

Nearly two decades ago, Laura Roselle, professor of political science, was completing her graduate studies and beginning her career as a scholar, focusing on the interactions of media and politics in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union. Today, she is an internationally recognized expert on the relationships between communications, politics and international studies, and has been named Elon’s 2009 Distinguished Scholar.

“Her contributions inside Elon make for stronger students and administration,” a colleague says. “Her contributions outside the university only improve Elon’s reputation among peer institutions.”

Roselle, a member of Elon’s faculty since 1993, is no stranger to campuswide recognition. In 2007, she received the Outstand-
Crawford seeks to deepen her students’ experiences by incorporating service learning elements into her courses through the Amigos Project, a program that partners Elon education students with local middle school students for whom English is a second language. The Elon and middle school students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities together. The Amigos Project has grown into a capstone experience in Crawford’s Critical Issues in Education course, in which her students use multimedia tools to create digital stories about their interactions with the middle school students.

“Glenda understands that this population is growing exponentially, and she wants our teacher candidates to understand the importance of successfully working with all public school students,” a colleague says. “Potential employers of our students say that, due to this course, they aggressively seek our Elon graduates because they know they are prepared to work with a multitude of learners.”

Crawford’s primary research interest, the cognitive and social abilities and needs of middle grades students, figures prominently in her teaching design and is the subject of her latest book, Differentiation for the Adolescent Learner (2008). The book draws upon her research and observations, as well as the service learning experiences of her students, who say her passion for middle grades education is contagious.

“I originally was an elementary education major, but it was largely due to my interaction with Dr. Crawford that I began to seriously consider middle grades education,” a current student says.

Former and current students say that Crawford’s classes were far from easy, requiring challenging work and new ways of thinking. They also cite her “warm, caring presence” and her willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done.

Crawford is the 39th recipient of the Daniels-Danieley Award, established by President Emeritus J. Earl Danieley and his wife, Verona Daniels Danieley, in honor of their parents.

Dimont shines in service to the community

Whether it’s working diligently to fulfill Elon’s transportation needs or spending hours building and painting sets for a local dance school, Keith Dimont relishes giving his time and effort for the benefit of others. In recognition of his service to Elon and the community, Dimont, supervisor of automotive services, has received the 2009 Periclean Award.

“Keith’s extended family is the community. So many call upon him for one thing or another because they know he is there for them,” a colleague says. “Just ask and it is done.”

The list of individuals and organizations that have benefitted from Dimont’s tireless efforts is long. For the Kopper Top Life-Learning Center in Liberty, N.C., he built a greenhouse and props for the group’s therapeutic horseback riding program. Through his church, he has helped homebound members by cleaning their yards and mowing their lawns. He’s devoted hours to cooking and grilling at local festivals and high school events. After Hurricane Katrina, Dimont led two busloads of people to the Gulf Coast to assist with the clean-up and recovery of hard-hit communities. While there, he cooked for the volunteers, repaired equipment and built a shelter for recovery workers to protect them from bad weather on the job. He also helped storm victims contact their families and find safe places to stay if they had lost their homes.

Dimont exhibits equal dedication to his diverse duties at Elon. An employee of a local business that works closely with Dimont lauds his organized and professional approach to his work and his willingness to go the extra mile to get the job done.

“I worked around our schedule, before and after normal working hours as well as Saturdays and Sundays,” the employee says.

Through it all, Dimont does it with a smile.

“He is so much fun to be around. He enjoys people and has a heart of gold,” a colleague says.

Dimont is the seventh recipient of the Periclean Award, which is presented annually to an Elon faculty or staff member whose service to the broader community exemplifies the Periclean ideals of civic engagement and service.
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“She is a role model in every sense,” a student says. “She has encouraged me to think far beyond my self-imposed limitations and has inspired me to stretch all of life’s possibilities.”

A member of Elon’s faculty since 1999, Book has guided scores of students in research and has inspired them to produce publications and presentations for campus, regional and national conferences. She encourages her students to pursue a variety of opportunities to lay foundations for successful careers in communications, including competitive internships and, in particular, field research.

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Book has devoted significant time and effort to leadership and service roles across Elon’s campus. She has served as associate dean for the School of Communications during its growth and transformation over the past few years. She recently was chosen to assist the president’s office in developing Elon’s next strategic plan. Outside of Elon, Book is a mentor to young members of her church and serves as a Guardian ad Litem.

“She leads by example,” a student says. “She is my role model, exemplifying a strong and intelligent woman, wife and mother.”

Book is the second recipient of the Ward Award. The award was established by Tom and Beth Ward; their sons A.T. ’05, Christopher ’08 and Chase; and Tom Ward’s mother, Dorothy Mears Ward, to honor a faculty or staff member who demonstrates a commitment to Elon undergraduates through outstanding mentoring. @

In addition to her publications, Roselle has presented research and participated in panels at the most prestigious conferences in the fields of communications, political science and international studies. She has served on the executive committee of the International Communication section of the International Studies Association, and she served as the section’s chair for the 2008-2009 term.

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Roselle, who also serves as a visiting professor of public policy at the DeWitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy at Duke University, is the 10th recipient of Elon’s Distinguished Scholar Award. The award recognizes a faculty member whose research has earned peer commendation and respect, and who has made significant contributions to his or her field of study. @

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Meredith Allison, assistant professor of psychology, presented research on alibi believability with student co-authors Kyla Mathews ’09, Stephen Michael ’08 and former exchange student Hyeman Choi at the American Psychology-Law Society.

Crystal Anderson, associate professor of English, presented at an invited panel at the Evolutionary Momentum in African American Studies: Legacy and Future Directions conference at Clark University in late February.

Janna Anderson, associate professor and director of the Imagining the Internet Center, was interviewed in March by two news organizations as an expert on the topics of broadband diffusion and the future of the Internet. She discussed the future of the Internet with television host Anand Naidoo of Al Jazeera on March 13. She talked with a reporter from WXII-12, an NBC station in Winston-Salem, for a March 9 report about the digital divide in North Carolina. Anderson has also been named to the steering committee for the World Wide Web 2010 conference.

Brooke Barnett, associate professor of communications, and two students were featured March 11 in a segment for Fox 8’s “The Buckley Report” with Bob Buckley that examined the level of privacy, or lack thereof, that teenagers and young adults expect in the era of Facebook and YouTube.

Wally Bixby, associate professor of exercise science, provided insight for a “Myth Buster” column featured on “AARP Bulletin Today,” an online news site for the AARP and its 40 million members. Bixby commented on the misconception many people have about losing weight in the summer.

Anne Bolin, professor of anthropology, presented “Secret Sexual Places as Sites of Embodied Renovation” at the annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Santa Fe, N.M., in March.

Pam Brumbaugh, director of experiential education, and Debby Wall, assistant director of employer relations and experiential education, attended an intern forum at INTERPOL’s U.S. National Central Bureau in Washington, D.C., in April.

John Burbridge, professor of management, presented an invited paper, “The Brooklyn Dodgers in Jersey City,” in April at the Seymour Medal Conference held in Cleveland. Burbridge also delivered two lectures in March to a sports law class at Florida State University.

Ken Calhoun, assistant professor of communications, represented Quick Fiction magazine at a literary festival in Salem, Mass., on March 28. He also gave a presentation March 16 titled “Extending Your Reach with Interactive Media” at the College Media Advisers spring convention in New York.

David Copeland, A.J. Fletcher professor in the School of Communications, worked with CBS to produce “Blogging Through History” for “Sunday Morning,” one of the network’s weekend news magazine programs. The segment aired March 29 and traced the development of media in America.

School of Communications faculty Vic Costello, Don Grady and Rich Landesberg joined several Elon students April 22-25 at the annual Broadcast Education Association conference in Las Vegas. Costello served as chair of the BEA Festival and hosted the Festival of Media Arts. Grady and Landesberg moderated panels for the conference.

Glenda Crawford, professor of education, was an invited guest lecturer in March at Tbilisi State University in the Republic of Georgia.


Steve DeLoach, professor and chair of the department of economics, spoke with News 14 Carolina on March 6 about the prospect of the U.S. government’s nationalizing some of the country’s largest financial institutions.

Catherine Ross Dunham, associate professor of law, has been named associate dean for academic affairs at Elon University School of Law.

A March 12 story on NPR’s “Marketplace” program featured research by Benjamin Evans, assistant professor of physics. The segment explored the types of cutting-edge scientific research that stands to lose funding by state and federal lawmakers looking to trim expenses in the current economic downturn.


Cynthia Fair, associate professor of human services, co-authored an article, “I don’t want to sit by you: A Preliminary Study of Stories and Consequences of Stigma and Discrimination from HIV-positive Mothers and their Children,” in the Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children and Youth. She also co-authored “Telephone Support Groups for Fathers Parenting HIV-Infected Children” in the spring 2009 edition of The Source, a journal for clinicians who work with children and families.


Paul Fromson, professor of psychology, and Carol England ’09 presented research at the recent Eastern Psychological Association annual conference in Pittsburgh. The study grew out of England’s research for the Elon College Fellows program.


Stephen Futrell, associate professor of music, has been invited to serve as the repertoire and standards chair for jazz choirs for the southern division of the American Choral Directors Association.

Kenn Gaither, assistant professor of communications, and three seniors in his international public relations capstone course were interviewed April 20 for a segment on bilingual professors on WFMY News 2, a CBS affiliate in Greensboro.

Kathy Gallucci, assistant professor of biology, presented her paper, “Student Learning with Case Study Method of Instruction,” in April at the 82nd International Conference of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching.

Faculty, staff garner honors

School of Communications

Excellence in Service/Leadership
Lee Bush, assistant professor of communications

Excellence in Teaching
Frances Ward-Johnson, associate professor of communications

Excellence in Scholarship
Harlen Makemson, associate professor of communications

Dean’s Award for Exemplary Service
Registrar’s Office: Mark Albertson, Susan Patton, Robin Straka and Karen Pore

Martha and Spencer Love School of Business

Excellence in Teaching
Buck McGregor, associate professor of accounting

Excellence in Scholarship
Steve DeLoach, professor of economics

Exemplary Service, External
Rob Springer, director of institutional research

Exemplary Service, Internal
Susan Manning, associate professor of management

Exemplary Service, Staff
Brenda Crutchfield, program assistant to Dean’s Office

School of Education

Excellence in Teaching
Paul Miller, associate professor of sports medicine

Excellence in Service
Bill Andrews, assistant professor of physical therapy education

Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences

Excellence in Teaching
Paul Fromson, professor of psychology
Joel Hollingsworth, lecturer of computing sciences
LM Wood, associate professor of art

Excellence in Service/Leadership
Evan Gatti, assistant professor of art
Karl Sienerth, associate professor of chemistry

Excellence in Scholarship
Charles Irons, assistant professor of history

Jessica Gisclair, associate professor in the School of Communications, presented “Perceptions of Beauty and Self in China’s X-Generation” to the Asian Popular Culture Division at the PCA/ACA conference in New Orleans in April.
Danny Glassmann, assistant director of residence life and the multicultural center, and Rebecca McQueen, assistant director of residence life, presented at the Unity Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on April 4. Their presentation explored the societal influences and representations of bisexual identity in and out of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Mary Gowan, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, spoke with News 14 Carolina on March 25 for a segment on the use of furloughs, rather than layoffs, by governments and private companies during the current economic recession. Gowan also was selected as one of 18 outstanding female leaders in education, law, medicine and industry in the region to be honored by the Triad Business Journal’s annual “Women in Business” list.

Andrew J. Haile, assistant professor of law, and Thomas Molony, assistant professor of law, published the first in a series of articles planned for the North Carolina Bar Association’s quarterly publication of its Business Law section. Haile also published a March 27 guest column for the Triad Business Journal.

Dale Harrison, adjunct associate professor and assistant director of the Sunshine Center of the North Carolina Open Government Coalition, spoke with News 14 Carolina on March 19 about public records and open meeting laws that affect the way government does business in North Carolina.

Greg Hlavaty, instructor in English, published an essay in Barrehouse #7. The essay explores his adolescent obsession with pop culture icon Henry Rollins.

Joel Hollingsworth, lecturer in computing sciences, has had his paper accepted for publication and presentation this summer at the 2009 World Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Applied Computing in Las Vegas. His paper, “Integrating Mobile Computing with Android in Computer Science II and Computer Science III,” is co-authored with Dave Powell, professor of computing sciences.

Love School of Business faculty Earl Honeycutt and Sharon Hodge, and marketing student Kelley Blakewood, presented their article “Turnover and the Sales Force” at the 2009 National Conference in Sales Management in March.

Charles Irons, assistant professor of history, gave an April reading at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as part of the Southern Historical Collection Book Series. His book, The Origins of Proslavery Christianity: White and Black Evangelicals in Colonial and Antebellum Virginia, was published last year.


Howard Katz, professor at the Elon University School of Law, provided analysis for News 14 Carolina on March 4, focusing on the municipal management challenges that arise during staff and leadership transitions.

Mike Kingston, associate professor of biology, was interviewed this spring by the La Jolla Village News in San Diego about the phenomenon of green beaches in southern California.

Mark Kurt, assistant professor of economics, presented his paper, “New Observations Regarding Individual Heterogeneity and Inter-industry Wage Differentials,” at the 2009 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings in March.

Chris Leupold, assistant professor of psychology, and Tony Weaver, assistant professor of leisure and sport management, joined two students presenting “Creation of a Strategic Performance Model for Division I Athletic Directors: Phase I,” at the Scholarly Conference on College Sport.

Tim McMahon, assistant professor of communications, visited New York on March 13 to judge the 2009 Silver Anvil Awards from the Public Relations Society of America.

Darris Means, assistant director of the Elon Academy, and Kimberly Johnson, associate director of admissions and director of multicultural recruitment, presented on the Elon Academy in April at the Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling Annual Conference in Raleigh. Means also presented two sessions on the Elon Academy at the American College Personnel Association’s (ACPA) annual conference in Washington, D.C.

Brad Moore, associate director of planning, design and construction, was named one of 100 Emerging Professionals to receive scholarships to attend the American Institute of Architects national convention this spring in San Francisco.

Tom Nelson and Frances Ward-Johnson, associate professors in the School of Communications, participated in the AEJMC Midwinter Conference in the Minorities and Communications division. Nelson presented a paper, “Diversity Within Diversity.” Ward-Johnson served as conference co-coordinator for the division and was moderator and discussant for a session. Ward-Johnson also presented a paper, “Diverse Messages: Reaching Minority Voters during the 2008 Election Campaign and Beyond,” at the 2009 National Conference of the Popular Culture & American Culture Associations this spring in New Orleans. She also was named to the Universal Accreditation Board, the leading certification body for the public relations profession.


David Noer, Frank S. Holt Jr. Professor of Business Leadership in the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, had his monthly column published March 21 and April 26 by the (Greensboro, N.C.) News & Record. The columns are titled “The New Workplace Commandments” and “The Barney Fife Leadership Syndrome.”

Gary Palin, executive director of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, was one of six judges on April 4 for the National Idea to Product Competition for Social Entrepreneurship hosted by Purdue University. In March, Palin was a featured speaker and moderated the lead panel discussion launching the 2009 MIT Global Startup Workshop in South Africa.

Rebecca Todd Peters, associate professor of religious studies currently serving as the 2008-09 president of the Southeast Region of the American Academy of Religion, presented her presidential address, “Beyond the Economic Crisis: Rethinking the Moral Foundations of Political-Economy,” in March in Greensboro. She also presented the inaugural Bridgeway Lecture at Furman University on March 25 on the topic of “Ethics, Solidarity and the Challenge of Responsible Global Citizenship.”

Instructional Design and Development awarded Rebecca Pope-Ruark, assistant professor of English, a grant for a technology initiative to advance teaching and learning using flip video cameras.

Jeffrey C. Pugh, the Maude Sharpe Powell Professor of Religious Studies, presented a paper on Dietrich Bonhoeffer for the Constructive Theology section of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Southeast regional meeting in Greensboro in March.


Kathy Scarborough, manager of the campus shop, received the Campus Outreach Award at the annual meeting of Barnes & Noble college stores recognizing her efforts to weave the campus shop into the fabric of the campus.

Omri Shimron, assistant professor of music, presented a lecture-recital, “New Music from Israel: Metamorphosis II (2007) by Menachem Wiesenberg,” on March 20 for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting of the College Music Society at George Mason University.


S. Christian Smith, the new director of career services for Elon University School of Law, published “Counselors’ Continuing Education: An Exploratory Assessment of Activities and Perceived Value” in the Tennessee Counseling Association Journal.

Mina Garcia Soormally, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper, “El cuerpo sin marca en el Tuzaní de la Alpujarra (The unmarked body in El Tuzaní de la Alpujarra),” at the Association of Hispanic Classical Theater conference in El Paso, Texas, in March.

John G. Sullivan, Powell Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, published an article titled “Spring’s Stirrings: The Art of Being a Beginner,” in the spring 2009 issue of Itineraries, the electronic journal of the non-profit organization Second Journey.
Tom Tiemann, professor of economics, spoke with News 14 Carolina on April 3 about President Barack Obama’s plans to help the ailing domestic auto industry, particularly GM and Chrysler.


Biology faculty David Vandermast and Janet MacFall and their students presented research this spring at the annual Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting.

Ross Wade, assistant director of career services for the School of Communications, had his résumé exercise that uses the Internet resource Wordle featured on Psychology Today's “Career Transitions” blog.

Pamela Winfield, assistant professor of religious studies, presented a paper, “Religion and the State in Japan: The Case of Shinnyo-en,” and served as moderator and panel respondent at the annual Southeast Commission on the Study of Religion (SESCOR) regional conference in Greensboro, N.C. She also named co-chair for the Religions of Asia section of SECSOR.

Bill Webb, assistant professor of theatre, gave a presentation about Elon’s performing arts production of “The Phantom of the Opera” at the Southeastern Theater Conference in Birmingham, Ala., on March 9.


The Purple Crown: The Politics of Martyrdom, a book by religious studies instructor Tripp York, has been voted one of the best books of 2008 by The Mennonite magazine.

WHO'S RETIRING

JoAnn Cousin, custodian
JoAnn joined Elon's staff 11 years ago after working for 24 years at Glen Raven Mills. When the mill closed, she was referred to an opening at Elon and took a job working the third shift in Alamance Building. From there, she switched to the first shift and worked in all corners of Elon's campus.

While at Elon, JoAnn says, she took advantage of her academic surroundings, often sitting in on computer classes and asking students for help on her own computer projects.

“They taught me how to use the computer. I would go to different students with questions, and they would tell me anything I needed to know,” she recalls. “The students were all really great about helping you out with things. I thoroughly enjoyed my educational time at Elon.”

JoAnn says she is happy to retire and spend time with her five grandchildren, work as a floral decorator and catch up on projects around the house.

Stanley Greeson, assistant director of physical plant
Stanley came to Elon 28 years ago as an employee for his uncle's masonry company, which had been contracted to build the colonnades and gazebo off of the west side of Alamance Building. He left that day as an Elon employee, accepting a position with the school's maintenance department. Stanley stayed at Elon three years, then left for another job. But three years after leaving, he made his way back to the college.

“I never left again,” he recalls. “I have enjoyed every minute.”

During his tenure, Stanley served as supervisor of the carpentry and paint shop before becoming assistant director of physical plant, and he fondly remembers Elon’s “building boom” in the 1980s and 1990s, and when the college held its first Commencement exercises Under the Oaks. He says he enjoyed getting to know the students who would work at physical plant as they grew through their college years.

“Having those relationships with the students, watching them grow and graduate, it really meant so much,” he says.

Stanley retired in February and since has enjoyed spending time with his wife, Judy, their two daughters and four grandchildren. He looks forward to having more time to fish and travel in retirement.

Richard McBride, university chaplain
Richard began his Elon career with a prayer at the opening of the Center for the Arts in 1984. On May 23, he’ll conclude that career by delivering the keynote address Under the Oaks at Elon’s 119th Commencement. They’re fitting bookends to a career that has contributed significantly to Elon’s dramatic growth over the past two and a half decades.

Richard’s prayers have uplifted Elon’s faculty, staff and students during moments of joy and sorrow. He has worked to bring global awareness to the university community, and he established corner-

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stone programs at Elon, including the Elon chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Elon Volunteers!, Hometown Heroes and the Turning 21 dinner.

After devoting so much to Elon, Richard is looking forward to taking some time for himself, concentrating on “being” rather than “doing,” he says. He plans to spend the beginning of his retirement reading, enjoying moments with his family, working on carpentry projects and writing when he is met with a compelling thought.

“Being chaplain has been a wonderful privilege because there is no single definition for the job,” Richard says. “I have enjoyed being part of a vibrant community with lots of energy. I’m looking forward to what comes next.”

Jim Murphy, director of instructional design and development
Jim, a member of Elon’s faculty for the past 25 years, has enjoyed witnessing the vast changes that have happened on campus during his tenure.

He remembers when there was just one computer on campus connected to the Internet, when books were moved hand-to-hand from the old library in McEwen Building to the new Belk Library, and when Elon’s summer school was nothing more than an idea from the provost. He has treasured his time at Elon, enjoying its beauty and watching it grow into the prestigious university it has become.

“There has not been a day in the past 25 years that I have not looked forward to going to work,” he says.

In retirement, Jim plans to keep up with technology and hopes to continue consulting and teaching. He also plans to travel and spend more time with his wife, Daphne.

“Some of the first days of my retirement will focus on completing the 42 years’ worth of items on my things-to-do-around-the-house list with my wife,” Jim says.

Romelle Nall, program assistant, residence life
After working as an area assistant in East Area for nearly 13 years, Romelle can’t say enough nice things about Elon and its students.

Romelle came to Elon in 1997 after leaving Smith Elementary, where she worked as an assistant teacher. She said she was attracted to Elon because she had met a few staff members who said that they felt a strong sense of family and community.

“I really enjoyed working at Elon,” she says. “I had lots of student contact, and it was so nice to see them blossom and bloom. And I learned from them, too.”

Now that she’s retired, she has moved to Holly Ridge, N.C. She says that she and her family own a sailboat and they hope to do some sailing and traveling after finishing some projects around the house.

David Noer, Frank S. Holt Jr. Professor of Business Leadership
David will carry vivid memories of two broken ankles he suffered over his seven-year career at Elon into his retirement. First, he broke his right ankle as he stepped out of Long Building, the former home of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business. Five years later, he broke his left ankle as he stepped off of a curb near the newly built Koury Business Center. Today, he recounts the events fondly, saying it was “an interesting and memorable connection between the old and the new business school buildings.”

David says the most enjoyable aspect of working at Elon has been the energy and creativity of its students. He says he always will remember “the physical beauty of the campus, the collegiality of the faculty and the leadership strength of President Lambert.”

In retirement, he plans to pursue leadership consulting, speaking and executive coaching, and looks forward to having more time to devote to writing.

Nan Perkins, vice president of university advancement
Nan wore many hats in her more than 30 years as a member of Elon’s faculty and staff, ranging from professor of English to director of communications, dean of admissions and financial planning, and vice president of advancement.

“It was a lot of personal relationships and a lot of personal growth,” she says of her Elon career.

Nan played an integral role in the beginning of Elon’s long-range planning process in the 1980s under President J. Fred Young and with recent strategic plans under President Leo M. Lambert. But her favorite job, she recalls, was helping Elon share the institution’s story with a generation of aspiring college students.

“I truly enjoyed putting the Elon story to words, I enjoyed seeing how it all came together,” she recalls. “That was really special.”

Nan officially retired in November 2008 and since then has spent her time traveling (she and her husband, Ed, recently returned from New Zealand and Australia and they’re planning a trip to Scotland and Ireland for the fall) and spending time with her six grandchildren.

Student writers Bethany Swanson ’09, Robert Hoppey ’09 and Jillian Weiss ’12 compiled the retirement announcements.

Cory Ray, campus police officer
Formerly a member of the Guilford County sheriff’s department, Cory joined Elon campus safety and police this winter. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his three children ranging in age from 6 to 12, and camping.

Matt Matheny, head men’s basketball coach
Matt served as an assistant to Davidson head coach Bob McKillop for 16 years before joining the Phoenix in March. Originally from Statesville, N.C., Matt comes to Elon with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children; Brock, 5, and infant daughter Ava. He enjoys golf and spending time with family when not on the hardwood.
Happy Birthday!
Congratulations to the newest members of the Elon community:

Christopher Eyl, associate director of design for University Relations, and his wife, Emma Jones, welcome daughter Ruby Katherine, born Tuesday, March 17. Dianne Ford, coordinator of serials and government documents at Belk Library, is Ruby’s proud grandmother.

Philip Craft, director of communications for the Elon University School of Law, and his wife, Betsy, welcome son Peter William, born Saturday, March 24.

Anne Marx, assistant professor of leisure and sport management, and her husband, Jon, welcome son Adam Joseph, born Thursday, April 2.


Benjamin Evans, assistant professor of physics, and his wife, Elizabeth, welcome daughter Alexandra Skye, born Monday, May 4.
**Physical plant pushes campaign to new heights**

Elon's physical plant division gave a boost to the 2008-2009 Faculty/Staff Campaign in April, when 33 percent of its staff made gifts to benefit the Ever Elon Campaign to build the university’s endowment.

Physical plant’s participation rate ranked among the highest of any division of the university so far this fiscal year. Their generosity helped push the overall Faculty/Staff Campaign participation rate this fiscal year to 34 percent, matching the 2007-2008 total for employee giving. Leading the way among the departments within physical plant were the third shift environmental staff (61 percent participation), and the carpentry and paint shop staff (45 percent).

As of late April, Elon’s faculty and staff have contributed more than $231,500 in cash and annual gifts to the Faculty/Staff Campaign. Physical plant’s outstanding participation, in addition to the gifts of many others in divisions throughout the university, reflects the unique investment Elon employees make in their university community.

There is still time to push this year’s participation rate even higher. Faculty and staff contributions made through May 31, 2009, will count toward the 2008-2009 campaign total. Contact Brian Howard at x7425 or bhoward@elon.edu for more information on how you can make a gift to the Faculty/Staff Campaign. To view more information about the Ever Elon Campaign, visit www.everelon.org.

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**Staff Appreciation Day is Friday, May 29!**

Mark your calendar and check your e-mail for more information from the Office of Human Resources.

**In Memoriam**

The Elon community mourns the loss of Eugene Gooch, 57, professor of chemistry. He died Friday, April 3, after being struck by a motorist while riding his bike on University Drive near Elon’s campus.

Gooch joined the Elon faculty in 1988, specializing in chemical education and organic chemistry, and he quickly became a popular teacher and mentor among students. He was a leading scholar in his field, noted for his research on nuclear magnetic resonance, natural products, organic synthesis and molecular modeling.

A celebration of Gooch’s life was held April 7 at the Elon Community Church. He is survived by his wife, Marcia.

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