Wishing a Warm Welcome to Our Newest Student Leaders

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Congratulations!

From Katie Burr, Director of NSTP:
Spring is not “around the corner” for New Student & Transition Programs, it’s here! Much like other departments on campus, spring semester brings with it a newfound energy and enthusiasm. Students are participating in trainings that will prepare them for their roles as First-Year Summer Experience Facilitators and Orientation Leaders. Gap students are excitedly integrating into campus life, joining organizations and navigating the transition with the help of Gap mentors. The Life Entrepreneur Program participants wrapped up a successful transitions strategies course and are putting their networking tools to great use seeking internship opportunities. As we eagerly anticipate the transition to summer, there is never a dull moment here in NSTP! Read more to learn about NSTP “springing forward” in 2015.

Katie H. Burr
Gap arrived in Costa Rica on October 21, where they finished the remainder of their Gap Semester. Students completed homestays with local Tico families, learning first-hand about the culture of Costa Rica and also took intensive Spanish classes during their time in the country. They returned home for winter break on December 3rd. For January term, they moved into the Elon campus and took both an academic and a special Elon 101 course. Students are also being mentored by past Gap semester participants to be guidance on how to best navigate the transition.
Back On Campus:
What is the Gap Pack Up To?
For Derek and Brittany Luther, New Student Orientation created a very important path for their lives after Elon. During their undergraduate experience, it was the main organization where they committed their time and in the process of climbing the ladder of positions, they met each other.

Derek and Brittany both first served as Orientation Leaders and then on Head Staff toward the later half of their time at Elon. For Derek, New Student Orientation led him to pursue a Master’s degree in Higher Education Administration after serving as the first Director of New Student Orientation from 2001 – 2004. Today he works with colleges and universities across the country on recruitment, retention and advancement initiatives that help them better engage their constituents using Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) solutions. Brittany pursued her Master’s degree in Pediatric Healthcare and Child Studies and received her certification as a Child Life Specialist following an internship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). After completing her internship, CHOP offered her a job and she worked in the neurology, oncology and emergency department for six years. Following their time in Philadelphia, the Luthers moved to Charlotte where Brittany taught at the Charlotte Latin School for two years.

Today, Derek and Brittany live happily married in Charlotte and have two young boys. They look back on their Elon days fondly, and for them, August will always be their favorite time of year.

“Orientation provides experiences that are truly life changing. From orientation leader, to covering the director position in a time of transition, I experienced it from each seat. Embrace your experiences and take it all in! You will use the skills in every new job you ever have, and will be thankful for the experiences.”

- Brittany Luther
The Office of New Student & Transition Programs is a team made up of professional staff, student staff, program coordinators, and office assistants alike. Each person plays an important role both here in our office, as well as in other commitments through their campus and personal lives. Their time at Elon has been marked by prestigious awards, accomplishments and events that we would like to celebrate.

*Congratulations to our NSTP Family!*

**Katie Burr**  
*Director of New Student & Transition Programs*  
Katie got married on November 15th to her now-husband, Jon Burr! They enjoyed a relaxing honeymoon together in Maui, Hawaii.

**Felicia Massey**  
*Program Assistant for Student Development*  
Felicia became a grandmother on October 29th! Elias is the son of her daughter, Amber, an 2013 Elon alumna.

**Sarah Vaughan, ‘16**  
*New Student Orientation Coordinator*  
**Ryan Boudreau, ‘16**  
*GAP Coordinator*  
**Kimberly Beale, ‘16**  
*Office Assistant*  
In February 2015, Sarah, Ryan and Kim were initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honor Society.
Consider Making A Gift to NSTP

Elon alumni,
Do you have cherished memories of your experience as an Orientation Leader, a Challenge Course Facilitator, or a First-Year Summer Experiences participant? Would you like the opportunity to strengthen these and other transition programs for students to come? Here's your chance: you can give back to a department that housed such meaningful experiences for you! Consider designating your gift to Elon toward New Student & Transition Programs. With your financial contributions, we hope to enhance programming and resources for students in transition. Your gifts may go toward funding a scholarship for FSE participants, guidebooks and other resources for student leaders in the office, or nice polo shirts for OLs on hot August days. If you would like your gift to contribute to a specific item or program, send us an email and let us know!

Giving to NSTP is simple:
• Visit the University Advancement webpage (click here)
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In the words of enthusiastic Orientation Leaders, “R – O – C – K , you rock, you rock!”

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