Welcome to the Elon Family!

New Student Orientation is excited to welcome your family into the Elon community! We encourage you to attend all Orientation activities scheduled specifically for parents and family members during Orientation Weekend. New Student Convocation, an Elon tradition, will formally welcome the Class of 2020 to Elon and set the tone for your student’s academic pursuits. Following Convocation, a New Family Coffee will be held at Scott Plaza. This will provide an opportunity for you to meet with other Elon parents from your area and beyond. You will also be able to become familiar with the Elon staff and interact with your student’s Academic Advisor. As a well-informed parent, you can be a strong foundation for your student’s success at Elon! For more Orientation updates and helpful hints, please visit our website at www.elon.edu/orientation. You can register for Orientation and order bELONG t-shirts and Farewell Picnic tickets at https://www.elon.edu/Sales/registration.

 Helpful conversations to have prior to Orientation:

- Talk about the expectations you have for your student both academically and socially. While this may or may not be your student’s first taste of freedom, friendly reminders of your expectations may be helpful.
- Your student should contact his/her roommate and decide what each will bring. Students will be more comfortable when they arrive if they have begun the process of getting to know one another. Plus, they will not have to worry about having two televisions or two futons! Students will find out their roommates in late July.
- Your student should attend ALL Orientation events. Attendance at these programs will aid in a successful academic and social transition to life at Elon.
- Start planning your visits to campus & your student’s visits home. You won’t want to wait too long to book flights, hotel reservations, etc., as spaces may fill up quickly for university and regional events. Elon offers an airport shuttle to the Greensboro (GSO) and Raleigh-Durham (RDU) airports for students. For airport shuttle service information be sure to check out www.elon.edu/moseley. Prior to making travel arrangements visit www.elon.edu/residencelife to see when Residence Halls close for holidays.

 Questions?

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Acorn Inn  (336) 585 - 0167
Burke Manor Inn B&B  (336) 449 - 6266
Best Western  (336) 584 - 0151
Drury Inn & Suites  (336) 584-2004
Holiday Inn Express  (336) 584 - 4447
Comfort Suites (Whitsett)  (336) 449 - 5161
Comfort Suites (Graham)  (336) 221 - 9199
Country Suites  (336) 584 - 1115
Courtyard by Marriott  (336) 585 - 1888
Hampton Inn & Suites  (336) 584 - 8585
Hampton Inn (Mebane)  (919) 563 - 5400
Ramada  (336) 227 - 5541
Super 8 Motel  (336) 584 - 8787

Several local hotels offer discounts for Elon visitors, so be sure to ask! Please note hotels fill up quickly; make your reservations now!

Visit the Are You Ready? website for important information about the transition to Elon at www.elon.edu/areyouready

Keep an eye out!
Your student has received an Orientation information packet in the mail in June!

**FAQs just for you!**

When do most parents leave Orientation?
The majority of parents return home after the Farewell Picnic on Saturday. On Saturday morning, New Student Convocation takes place and parents are strongly encouraged to attend this event, followed by a parent gathering and meetings with your student’s academic advisor.

What type of computer should we buy?
Eaton recommends a laptop. However, this depends on your personal preference. Whether you choose Mac or PC, employees from Technology Support will be available on Move-In Day for internet set-up and technological assistance. All new students are eligible to download Microsoft Office Professional from www.elon.edu/technology/newelon.html by clicking “Student Technology Guide” and then “Software.”

When does my student find out his/her housing assignment?
Housing assignments will be posted online and an e-mail will be sent to students’ Elon email accounts late July. Visit Residence Life at www.elon.edu/residencylife for residence hall dimensions and other housing questions.

Can my student bring a microwave?
Students are not allowed to bring their own personal microwaves. The only microwave unit allowed in residence halls is the MicroFridge unit provided by Elon; students will be able to rent these units online in July once housing assignments are posted.

How do I ship my student’s belongings to Elon?
If you are flying to Elon or want to save space in the car, you are welcome to ship your student’s belongings to campus. Please address the boxes to your student with the following template:

Student’s Name
100 Campus Drive
XXXX Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244

Students can receive their campus box number through OnTrack

What meal plan should my student have?
All first-year students are required to have at least the basic all access meal plan. For more information visit: www.elondining.com/meal-plans. There will be a time allotted for new students to change their meal plans at the beginning of the year. Phoenix Cash is different than the meal plan. It is similar to a debit card and can be used at specific on-and-off campus locations. More details can be found at www.elon.edu/phoenixcard.

Can my student bring a car to campus?
First-year students are allowed to have a car on Campus. Parking permits will be distributed once the Student fills Out the necessary paperwork and completes a Car and Campus Safety session, either online or during Orientation.

How do I navigate campus?
On Move-In Day, your student will receive a detailed schedule. We encourage you to download the Elon Guides app in advance so you can be current about times and locations of different events.

**Move-in day directions, Parking, & Unloading:**

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**Please follow the directions provided rather than using a GPS. Please note that driving directions are different for each Residential Neighborhood to help us alleviate traffic on this busy day and improve the quality of your move-in experience.**

Your cooperation in using the directions, check-in schedule, and designated parking areas will help Move-In Day run smoothly for all 1500 families coming to campus. Orientation Staff will be available to assist you with parking & unloading.

Check-in for 1st floor residents is at 8am; 2nd floor at 9:30am; 3rd and 4th floors at 10:30am. Please come at your designated time to minimize traffic and wait time!

**Daneley & Colonnades Neighborhoods:** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 141, Huffman Mill Road. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Proceed north on Huffman Mill Road through Church Street. Huffman Mill turns into Shadowbrook Drive. Continue on Shadowbrook Drive through intersections at Edgewood & Saddle Club. Shadowbrook becomes Briarcliff Road. Take a LEFT onto York Road. Cross over the railroad tracks, then take a LEFT onto E. Haggard Avenue. You will see Elon’s Gerald Francis Center in front of you. Take a RIGHT into the Daneley Center Drive. Signage and staff members will direct you to unloading and check-in areas.

**Carolinas & Smith Residence Halls:** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 141, Huffman Mill Road. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Proceed north on Huffman Mill Road through Church Street. Huffman Mill turns into Shadowbrook Drive. Continue on Shadowbrook Drive through intersections at Edgewood & Saddle Club. Shadowbrook turns into Briarcliff Road. Take a LEFT at the next light, Front Street. Continue on Front St. for 1 mile turning LEFT immediately past the Railroad Tracks on Lebanon Ave. Turn RIGHT onto Antioch. You will unload at the designated area and have 10 minutes to unload your car with the help of Orientation Staff before moving your car to long-term parking.

**Hook, Brannock, Barney, & Academic Pavilions:** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 140, University Drive. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Go straight through the first stop light (Target shopping center will be on left). At second light turn RIGHT onto Rural Retreat Road. At stop light, turn LEFT onto St. Mark’s Church Rd. (turns into N. Williamson Avenue), continue straight. Immediately after crossing the railroad tracks, turn RIGHT on to Lebanon Avenue. The second parking lot on the left is for Hook, Brannock, Barney, & Pavilions.

**West, Virginia, & Sloan:** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 140, University Drive. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Proceed straight on University Drive. Take the exit on the RIGHT for Elon University - E. Haggard Avenue. Turn LEFT at the left onto Haggard Avenue. Turn LEFT into the parking lot for Arts West. Signage and staff members will direct you to unloading and check-in areas near West, Virginia, and Sloan.

**The Global Neighborhood:** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 140, University Drive. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Proceed straight on University Drive. Go over the overpass and continue straight on University Drive. Go through the intersection at Manning Avenue. At the first stop light, turn RIGHT on N. Williamson Avenue. Signage and staff members will direct you to unloading and check-in areas.

**Transfer & Commuter Students (Living Off-Campus Only):** Interstate 85/40 to Exit 140, University Drive. From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn RIGHT. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn LEFT. Proceed straight on University Drive. University Drive will turn into Cook Road. Go over the overpass and continue straight on Route 100 East towards Elon University. Go through the intersections at Manning Avenue and N. Williamson Avenue. At the second stop light, turn RIGHT onto N. O’Kelly Drive. Moseley Center will be on your right. Transfers & Commuters living off-campus should park in the Moseley Center lot and proceed to check-in at the Orientation Hospitality Center inside of Moseley Center.

*Please note that directions are subject to change due to construction happening around the university. Check the orientation website for any updates*