

Opening Weekend 2016

On August 26th, Elon University proudly welcomed over 1600 new students to campus, making the class of 2020 Elon’s largest and most diverse class to date. These 1600 students represent traditional first-year students, as well as Elon’s increasing numbers of transfer students and international students. The combined efforts of students and professional staff across all areas of campus, as well as the energy and excitement each new student and their family brought to campus, made Move-In Day 2016 one of the smoothest and most successful the University has seen. This year’s Move-In Day was also one of the hottest in recent years, with temperatures just falling short of the record high for that day. Despite the sun and heat, families and Orientation staff alike kept smiling as they carried box after box from the parking lots to the residence halls—eager for a great start to a new school year.



MOVE-IN DAY FAST FACTS



High temperature on August 26th



Student volunteers carrying boxes



Average miles walked by an OL



First-year students in the Historic Neighborhood

Receiving Your Acorn

President Lambert’s address at New Student Convocation was the highlight of the weekend for many students and families, as his compelling words not only reaffirmed students’ choice to come to Elon, but also challenged them to not take a moment of their college experience for granted.



Students also heard messages of welcome and inspiration from Kyle Porro, Student Body President; Dr. Steven House, University Provost, and Dr. Smith Jackson, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students. At the end of the address, new students passed through lines of faculty and selected an acorn, a symbol of new beginnings at Elon. Receiving an acorn at Convocation is one of Elon’s most loved traditions, as Convocation is one of only two events that takes place in the historic “Under the Oaks” area of campus. The next time the class will be together Under the Oaks will be May 2020, when they receive their oak sapling at graduation.