

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

For Parents and Families of the Class of 2015



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 2015 to Elon and set the tone for your student's academic pursuits. Following Convocation, Parent Coffee will be held in 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.

PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Friday, August 26:	Move-In Day
8:00am - 3:00pm	Check-In at Residence Halls & Orientation Hospitality Center open
<i>(If traveling less than 4 hours to campus, we kindly ask you to refrain from arriving prior to 10:00am to alleviate traffic congestion.)</i>	
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Transfer Parent Session
6:15pm - 7:15pm	Parent Orientation Session and Q&A with Administrators <i>(space limited to last names A-K)</i>
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Parent Orientation Session and Q&A with Administrators <i>(space limited to last names L-Z)</i>
Saturday, August 27:	New Student Convocation
8:30am - 12:45pm	Brother / Sister Orientation <i>(For younger siblings of students, ages 4-12)</i>
9:00am - 10:00am	New Student Convocation <i>(Please be seated by 8:50am; attire is dressy-casual)</i>
10:00am - 11:20am	Parent Coffee- Scott Plaza
10:30am - 12:15pm	Transfer Parent Session
11:30am - 12:30pm	Parents & Academic Advisor Session
12:30pm- 2:00pm	Farewell Picnic <i>(Tickets for the Farewell Picnic are sold on Move-In Day in Residential Areas & the Orientation Hospitality Suite)</i>

*Note: This schedule is tentative and for **parents only**; for a complete Orientation schedule, please refer to the information given at Check-In on Move-In Day or visit our website for the most up-to-date information, www.elon.edu/orientation.*

FAMILY WEEKEND

Interested in joining us for Family Weekend?
September 23-25

Call (336) 278-7271 for more information
or visit www.elon.edu/students/weekend/

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.** The 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 stereos! Your student will find out their roommate on July 1st.
- **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 Piedmont-Triad (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?

New Student Orientation
(336) 278 - 7777
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www.elon.edu/orientation
Follow us on Twitter @ElonOrientation
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Parent Programs Office
(877) 784 - ELON (3566)
parentprograms@elon.edu
www.elon.edu/parents

There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children - one is roots, the other wings.
~ Stephen Covey

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Acorn Inn	(336) 585-0167
Burke Manor Inn B&B	(336) 449-6266
Best Western	(336) 584-0151
Comfort Inn	(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
Days Inn (Whitsett)	(336) 449-6060
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; consider making your reservations now!

Keep an eye out!

An important Orientation mailing for your student will be coming in late June!

Visit Admission's website to find out more information on what enrolled students need to know at www.elon.edu/admissions

FAQ'S 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 coffee and meetings with your students' academic advisor. If you are unable to attend Convocation, you can watch a live stream on the orientation website.

What type of computer should we buy? Elon 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 will be handing out free Ethernet cords. All new students will receive a copy of Microsoft Office Professional 2007 (for Windows) or 2008 (for a Mac) through the mail before they arrive to campus. For more information on computers visit: www.elon.edu/technology/newtoelon.html

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 on July 1st. Visit Residence Life at www.elon.edu/residencelife 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 have been posted.

Should my student bring a car to campus? All new students are allowed to bring a vehicle to campus. If your student brings a car, he/she will need to fill out the necessary paperwork and attend one of the Car & Campus Safety sessions offered during Orientation. Please contact Elon Campus Security with any further questions (336) 278 - 5555. If your student does not bring a car, he/she can bring a bike or rent one from Campus Recreation.

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 his/her campus box. Please address the boxes to your son/daughter with the following template:

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

Due to limited space, we can only accept 3 packages per student and trunks cannot be shipped. The packages can not exceed 18"x 18" x 18".

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.campusdish.com/en-US/csse/elon.

There will be a time allotted for new students to change their meal plan 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 at www.elon.edu/phoenixcard.

MOVE-IN DAY DIRECTIONS, PARKING, & UNLOADING:

Please note that driving directions are different for Move-In Day to help us alleviate traffic on this busy day.

Your cooperation in using the following directions and designated parking areas will help Move-In Day run smoothly. With over 1,500 new families entering the campus at once traffic is likely to become congested. Orientation Staff will be available to assist you with parking & unloading.

We ask that if you live less than four hours away, please arrive to campus no earlier than 10:00am to avoid traffic and long lines.

Carolina, Smith, Danieley Center, Colonnades:

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 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 Rd. Take a left at the next light, Front Street. Follow specific directions below:

Carolina & Smith: 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.

Danieley Center Buildings & Colonnades: Continue on Front Street for 1.5 miles turning right on Haggard Ave. Turn left into the Danieley Center and follow the road. After unloading, please move vehicle to designated parking lot.

For all other areas:

Interstate 85/40 to Exit 140, University Drive.

From Southbound 85/40, exit and turn right. From Northbound 85/40, exit and turn left. Follow specific directions below:

West Area (Sloan, Virginia, West), Hook, Brannock, Barney & Pavilions: Go straight through the first stop light (Target shopping center will be on left). At second light turn right onto Rural Retreat Rd. At stop sign, 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 *first* parking lot on the left will be for the West Area. The *second* parking lot on the left is for Hook, Brannock, Barney, & Pavilions.

North Campus Residence Halls (Moffitt, Staley): Proceed straight on University Drive. University Drive will turn into Cook Road. Proceed on Cook Road. At the stop sign, turn right on Haggard Avenue. From Haggard Avenue, make your first left onto University Drive (Route 100). At the first traffic light, turn right onto S. Williamson Avenue. Take a left on Phoenix Drive. Your first right will place you in the Harper Center parking lot. After unloading, please move vehicle to the back of the Harper Center lot.

Transfers & Commuters: Proceed straight on University Drive. University Drive will turn into Cook Road. Proceed on Cook Road. At the stop sign, turn right on Haggard Avenue. From Haggard Avenue, make your first left onto University Drive (Route 100). At the second light, turn right onto N. O'Kelly Drive. Moseley Center will be on your right. Transfers & Commuters should park in the Moseley Center lot and proceed to check-in at the Orientation Hospitality Center, which will be located 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 possible updates in the week leading up to move-in day.