Dear incoming transfer students,

Hello and welcome to the Elon community! I would like to congratulate you on your decision to transfer to Elon University and reaffirm how excited we are to meet you and assist with your transition in August. You are joining a community of students who take great pride in Elon’s commitment to engaged, academic and co-curricular growth. The student body, including a cohort of over 200 transfer students, are eager to assist with your assimilation to campus and connect you to various academic, experiential, and social opportunities.

It has been a busy summer submitting final transcripts, corresponding with Kathy Ziga to register for classes, finalizing housing details, and completing the necessary paperwork prior to your arrival in the fall. As you complete these tasks, I am sure that you have many questions, which is why I want to share a few specific resources that are in place for you to utilize prior-to, and throughout your transition to campus.

The first, and most immediate resource available is your Transfer Student Mentor*. This is a continuing Elon student who has been through the transfer process and has volunteered to be your personal guide as you prepare to begin classes in the fall. Your mentor will contact you in late July, and is there to answer any questions that you may have. Please be sure to ask your mentor to share their personal experiences and advice about the transition.

The next resource that I encourage you to utilize is the Elon Transfer Student Organization**. This student organization is solely dedicated to connecting new transfer students to Elon’s campus and community through social and informative programming that occurs throughout the school year. Come see the TSO leadership team at the TSO table during Elon’s fall Organization Fair!

The last resource available to you is one that you have already begun correspondence with, the Elon University Staff that facilitate the transfer Admission and Academic Advising processes. I implore you to remain in contact Kevin Napp (the Associate Director for Transfer and Special Admissions) and Kathy Ziga (the Assistant Director for Academic Advising for Transfer Students), as they will be invaluable resources throughout your Elon career.

I know that transitioning to a new university can be a daunting process, however I assure you that your time at Elon will be one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences, challenging you to be a better scholar and leader. I hope that you do not hesitate to reach out to one of the aforementioned student or staff resources should you have any questions or hesitations about your upcoming transition to Elon.

I look forward to meeting you in August and am truly excited to see the amazing places that your decision to transfer to Elon will take you!

Best regards,

Patrick Achey
President, Elon Transfer Student Organization
*The Mentor Program*

Similar to the TSO, Elon’s Transfer Mentor Program seeks to assist with the transition through the provision of peer resources and guidance prior to new students’ arrivals to campus. As a new transfer student, you will be paired with a continuing student as your “transfer mentor.” They will serve as a resource to answer any of your questions as you prepare to come to Elon! Your mentor is also happy to share their own personal experience and advice to ensure that you are fully prepared to make this exciting transition! Your mentor will contact you in late-July via email to further explain their role and share details about various programming for new students and mentors that will occur during the first week of fall classes!

**The Transfer Student Organization**

The Elon Transfer Student Organization (TSO) is a student organization dedicated to assisting with the transition of Elon’s nontraditional new students. Specifically, the TSO is a resource for Elon’s transfer and Spring Admitted populations to make connections with students, organizations, and faculty/staff resources to ensure they feel welcomed to the Elon community. Students can take advantage of monthly social outings such as campus scavenger hunts and movie nights, and informative programming sessions that connect new students to valuable transfer resources, such as advising and housing. For more information about upcoming programming and monthly meeting times, stop by the TSO table at Elon’s fall 2017 Organization Fair!