Charting Your Journey
Life Entrepreneur Program

Elon University is collaborating with national leadership development company, New Mountain Ventures, to offer this innovative program for sophomore students. Charting Your Journey will prepare students to craft a meaningful and flexible life plan in light of the ever-changing, fast-paced world outside Elon. Students will learn to identify their strengths, be alert to opportunities, take measured risks, set goals and think strategically, and practice the art of reflection and renewal. Students will also develop a resume. These skills will help students better align their core identity with their professional and personal goals, especially in the context of their remaining years at Elon.

Four cohorts of 10 to 12 students will participate in a 1 ½ day retreat, February 5-6 and enroll in a one-credit Transitions Strategies course during the first half of the spring semester. Cohorts will each be co-led by a faculty or staff person and an upper-class peer leader trained by professional facilitators. Students selected to participate will be assigned a cohort that will schedule a convenient time for the weekly class meetings.

Applications are due electronically or in hard copy to the Office of the Vice President for Student Life in Alamance 109 or to boshea@elon.edu by Friday, October 30 at 5 pm. Those accepted to participate in the program will be notified by email no later than Wednesday, November 4.

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Hometown: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Major (if undecided, list possible major): ___________________________
Credit Hours completed prior to Fall ’09: __________

Please tell us why you are interested in the Life Entrepreneur Program. What do you hope to gain from participating?
The following questions will not be considered as part of the application process but will assist in assigning accepted students to cohorts based on a diversity of experiences and activities:

1. Please list any Elon activities in which you have participated (organization memberships, leadership positions, campus employment, etc.):

2. Please list what you consider to be some of your major accomplishments (awards, recognitions, activities, etc.):

There is limited space available. By submitting this application and signing below, you are committing to the following, if accepted for the program:

- Pay a $50 deposit (fully refunded upon completion of the program in March 2010)
- Attend a November program introduction meeting
- Read Life Entrepreneurs (book will be provided for each student at the November meeting)
- Participate in the February 5-6 retreat (students will stay on campus for the evening)
- Enroll in a one-credit hour spring “Transition Strategies” course led by your cohort leaders
- Provide feedback on the program through interview and brief surveys

You are required to submit one reference from an Elon faculty or staff member to complete your application. The reference should speak to why you would be a good candidate for the program. The reference can be attached to the application or sent to Brian O’Shea, assistant to the vice president for student life and dean of students at boshea@elon.edu or CB 2188.

Please sign below confirming you agree to the above program details:

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Signature                          Date

(If submitting electronically, please type your initials on the above line and include date)