



1) Elon students with their chests painted in support of the Phoenix football team hold signs and cheer for the home team. (Photo courtesy of *Connor Willis '21*.) 2) SGA Executive President *Jack Johnson '20* cheers on the Phoenix with other Phoenix Phanatics during a game against the Citadel on Sept. 7, 2019. (Photo by *Zach Obmann* for ENN.) 3) Students pose for a photo at a Phoenix football game. (Photo courtesy of Elon University.) 4) A young fan of the Elon Phoenix holds up a pom-pom to show support for the football team. (Photo courtesy of Elon University.)



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Phoenix Phanatics



Phoenix Phanatics was created in 2017 and became the official student fan club for Elon athletics. The more than 140 members strive to improve school spirit and attendance at games.

Junior *Connor Willis* said he has valued his time with the organization.

“Phanatics has impacted my life at Elon by giving me a community with people in all aspects of the campus,” Willis said. “Whether it’s the athletes, the students in the stands or the alumni that continue to support, Phanatics is something that brings the Elon community together. Phanatics is not only about supporting athletics, but about loving Elon as a whole.”

The organization’s treasurer, junior *Matthew Mitten*, told Elon News Network that the Phanatics experienced growth this year since they were able to take advantage of the Student Government Association’s new funding model. According to Mitten, the organization would still exist without the greater access to funding, but would be limited to cheering in the stands.

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