**Elon University**

**Station at Mill Point Neighborhood Plan**

**2017-2018**

**Residential Campus Mission Statement**

To integrate academic and residential experiences in order to further students’ intellectual, personal and community development as lifelong learners and responsible global citizens.

**Residential Campus Vision Statement**

The residential campus program embodies the university’s mission by creating communities that enhance student learning and engagement. Students interact with faculty, staff and fellow students in residential communities designed to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom. Through planned and informal interactions, students encounter new ideas and perspectives, debate the larger questions of life, and practice active citizenship in a shared community.

**Residential Campus Diversity Statement**

Inclusivity is an integral part of the development of the living-learning experiences of all students, faculty, and staff in each neighborhood.  The programming need not be “one size fits all,” but rather structured to the developmental stage of the majority of residents and when possible build upon their previous experiences and learning.  We regard inclusivity as a responsibility of each member to promote differences and commonalities.  We pride ourselves on actively living the life we want for our neighborhood.  Each neighborhood is committed to cultivating inclusivity as a fundamental respect for human dignity.

1. **Station at Mill Point Neighborhood Plan**

* **Neighborhood Association Chair: Billy Baker,** Community Director, Station at Mill Point Neighborhood 2017-2018

1. **Neighborhood Association Membership / Organization Chart**

CHAIR

Community Director of SAMP

SPDC FELLOW

SPDC STAFF

COMMUNITY PARTNER

ALUMNI STAFF

OTHER FAC/STAFF

APARTMENT MANAGER

SAMP STUDENT REPRESENTATION

* Chair (Residence Life): **Billy Baker,** Community Director- *Role is to provide oversight and guidance for the neighborhood and co-lead the Neighborhood Association.*
* SPDC Fellow- TBD (Annual position to begin in July)- *Staff member holds regular office hours in the Depot building and helps direct the Life After Elon Series in the fall.*
* SPDC Staff- Ashley Pinney, Associate Director of Corporate & Employer Relations for the School of Communications- *Ashley serves as a connection to the SPDC and is a former fellow connected to SAMP. She has helped to coordinate the Life After Elon in a City Series.*
* Community Partner- Marilyn Slade, Program Assistant for The CREDE and member of The Morgan Place Community (community service site)- *Marilyn serves as a connection to the Elon First Baptist Church and has been the main community contact for the Community Tailgate and other partnered events.*
* Alumni Staff- Deidra Smith, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement- *Deidra is the advisor for the Student Alumni House and coordinates alumni events in the neighborhood during homecoming. She also has reached out to alums to assist with the Life After Elon in a City Series.*
* Other Faculty/Staff- There is room for additional membership if the right faculty/staff member is interested
* Apartment Manager- TBD (New Apartment Manager leadership positions will be determined in May/June)
  + Station at Mill Point Student Representation – A group of engaged students will express interest via online interest forms that will be sent out beginning in April. These students will help guide overall direction and ongoing program to supplement previously planned events.

1. **Neighborhood Unique Features:**
2. **Student Demographics (Fall 2017 Data):** 318 students – 76 juniors (24%), 242 seniors (76%)
3. **Facilities:**

* 24 buildings – opened 2012
* 320 apartment spaces – 100% 4-person units with single rooms
* Depot commons building (Love Family Student Commons) with fitness room, mailboxes, fireplace, kitchen, meeting space, and Student Professional Development Center satellite office
* Outdoor recreation spaces including basketball hoop, pool, sand volleyball court, community garden, and outdoor grills

1. **LLCs & LLC Advisors:** 2 LLCs; 2 Staff LLC Advisors

* Interfaith House: Mindfully Plural in the Station (Carrie Seigler)- The community will include its focus and commitment to multi-faith, but will also include elements of mindfulness practice
* Student Alumni House (Deidra Smith)- Community focuses on connecting current students to the Elon Alumni Association

1. **Student Leaders**

* Student Staff and Mentors: 4 Apartment Managers

1. **Faculty-in-Residence: None**
2. **Staff-in-Residence**

* Nolan Patouillet,Assistant Director of Residence Life for Station at Mill Point Neighborhood, lives in building 311
* Student Professional Development Center- 2 Fellows
* Academic Advising- 1 Fellow

1. **Intellectual and/or Community Themes**

* “Preparing Students for Life After Elon”- The Station at Mill Point Community annually consists of roughly 75% senior students. Programs and initiatives will focus on preparing students to be successful upon graduation. This happens with career programming done in connection with the SPDC and other initiatives to help students learn tangible skills to live outside of college (example- Learn to Cook Series)

1. **Residential Neighborhood Partner**

* The Oaks Neighborhood (both upper-class, apartment communities)
* Due to students being already involved and busy in campus by their sophomore, junior, and senior years, the partnership will need to be strategic to provide students with meaningful experiences at times that work in their schedules
* Current Programs to be co-sponsored
  + January Diversity Themed Book Club
  + Wine and Art Events
  + Beginning of Year Opening Event (food trucks travel between the Station at Mill Point and Oaks Event

1. **Annual Traditions**

* Community tailgate with Station at Mill Point Residents and Morgan Place Community Residents prior to Elon Football game
* Community Trick-or-Treat event in partnership with Fraternity and Sorority Life
* Wine and Art Night at The Oak House with guided painting
* Civil Rights Museum Trip partnered with Morgan Place Community Members
* Active discussion with residents about internships, careers and graduate school through SPDC Drop-in Hours
* January Diversity Themed Book Discussion around an author or topic related to the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Address
* The Learn to Cook Series with campus dining and faculty guest chefs/discussants
* Spring Life After Elon Series focusing on post-graduate plans (insurance, graduate school, personal finance, and negotiations)
* City Connections program to allow students to connect with alums in cities where they may be moving
* Community Garden led by students in partnership with Environmental Studies Students

1. **Faculty Dine-In Program-** Mini grants will be available for students to purchase food and cook for a faculty or staff member
2. **Dining at Elon**

* Partnered with Aramark for Learn To Cook Series with chef Candace Lawson

1. **Community Service Partner(s)**

* Morgan Place Community- The Morgan Place Community has been a community partner since the Station at Mill Point was built. Due to the unique proximity and relationship with the neighborhood, the focus is more on an ongoing relationship and community activities instead of a more traditional service model. The Community Tailgate, Community Trick-or-Treat, Civil Rights Museum Trip, and the new Community Food Box are all activities with the community.

1. **Elon University Partners**

* Truitt Center for Religious & Spiritual Life – Partnership is with the Interfaith House: Mindfully Plural LLC. The group will run their own programming but may have the opportunity to engage in neighborhood wide events.
* Office of Alumni Engagement- Partnership is with the Student Alumni House whose goal is to connect current students to the Office of Alumni Engagement. The group hosts an alumni reunion event in the Love Family Student Commons and assist with connections to alums for the City Connections events.
* Student Professional Development Center – The SPDC has been a partner since the beginning of the community. They provide regular career services open hours and help to plan programs throughout the year related to job preparation.
* Residential Campus Dining and Engagement- Beginning in 2015, The Station at Mill Point started partnering with Campus Dining to have food trucks at some major neighborhood events instead of doing standard Aramark Catering. The Learn to Cook Series has been a popular way for students to interact with Aramark chefs to learn basic cooking skills.
* Center for Leadership- a Leadership Capstone project will be partnering with The Station at Mill Point to help create a food box in the Morgan Place Community as a way for community members to have access to non-perishable food. The plan is for future food drives to regularly stock the box.

1. **Neighborhood Outcomes**

**(A) Students will be able to verbally articulate their Elon experiences**

**(B) Students will have a knowledge of local resources and engage in the local community**

**(C) Students will gain practical knowledge about life after college related to food, finances, jobs, and graduate school**

1. **Students will connect to each other to build lasting friendships and relationships**
2. **Plans to Measure Program Effectiveness**

* Electronic survey to gauge learning outcome effectiveness at end of each semester- These can be guided because of RSVPs required for events
* Focus groups in early spring to get feedback and potential changes to future plans

1. **Planned Calendar for Neighborhood Events**

Based on neighborhood traditions, and the previous year’s calendar of events, the following events will be planned to happen on or around the following dates. There is still room for neighborhood wide community development or educational events that students or staff help to initiate.

*All Dates are Currently Tentative*

**June**

**June 8-** Move-in Date #1 (early move-ins)

**June 15-** Move-in Date #2 (all residents can move-in)

**June 20-** Early Summer Pool Party Social **(D)**

**June 24-** Trip to Saxapahaw Summer Saturdays **(B)**

**July**

**July 15-** Community Garden Planting **(C)**

**August**

**August 28-** Station Opening Celebration (5:00-7:00 pm) **(D)**

**August 31-** Neighborhood Association Resident Interest Meeting (8:00-9:00 pm)

**September**

**September 6-** Neighborhood Association Resident Interest Meeting (8:30-9:00 pm)

**September 6-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**September 14-** Neighborhood Association Meeting

**September 19-** Learn to Cook Series (5:30-7:00 pm) **(C)**

**September 30-** Morgan Place Community Tailgate (TBD Depending on game time) **(B,D)**

**October**

**October 4-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**October 11-** Engage the Community Dinner with the Burlington Mayor- Ian Baltutis **(B)**

**October 21-** Civil Rights Museum with Morgan Place Community (3:30 pm- 7:00 pm) **(B)**

**October 28-** Community Trick-or-Treat partnered with Loy Neighborhood (1:00-3:00 pm) **(B)**

**November**

**November 2-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**November 7-** Wine and Painting Night (6:00-8:00 pm) **(D)**

**November 9-** SAMP Neighborhood Association Meeting

**December**

**December 1-** Learn to Cook Series (5:30-7:00 pm) **(C,D)**

**December 11-** Finals Study Halls in the Depot **(D)**

**January**

**January 4-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**January 8-** Winter Term Diversity Book Club 1- The Other Wes Moore **(A,C)**

**January 10-** Book Club Attends Wes Moore Address **(A,C)**

**January 22-** Winter Term Diversity Book Club 2- The Other Wes Moore **(A,C)**

**February**

**February 7-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**February 8-** SAMP Neighborhood Association Meeting

**February 19-** Life After Elon Series (1) **(C)**

**February 20-** Engage the Faculty/Staff Dinner (6:00-7:30 PM) **(A,C)**

**February 26-** Life After Elon Series (2) **(C)**

**March**

**March 5-** Life After Elon Series (3) **(C)**

**March 7-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**March 12-** Life After Elon Series (4) **(C)**

**March 27-** Fall Planting for Community Garden **(C)**

**April**

**April 4-** Late Night Station Snacks (9:00-10:00 PM) **(D)**

**April 12-** SAMP Neighborhood Association Meeting

**April 20-** City Connections Event 1 **(C)**

**April 27-** City Connections Event 2 **(C)**

**May**

**May 9-** Finals Study Hall in the Depot **(D)**

**May 14-** Faculty Mentor Dinner in the Depot (**A,D)**

**May 15-** Wine and Painting Night **(D)**

**May 16-** Tour De Point Senior Event **(D)**

**Event Descriptions-** Below are descriptions of events that may require further explanation than the title.

***Community Garden****-* The Community Garden was a student initiated idea 3 years ago that has had mixed success depending on student buy-in. There is currently a committed group of students and connection with an Environmental Services class that could make the garden more sustainable in the future.

***Community Tailgate****-* The Morgan Place Community joins Station at Mill Point Residents for a tailgate event in the Love Family Student Commons prior to a football game in the fall.

***Community Trick-or-Treat****-* The Station at Mill Point community hosts a trick-or-treat event for community members and families of faculty and staff. Students sit on the front porches and hand out candy as kids come by.

***Engage Dinners****-* In order to further engage with the community and faculty/staff, the Station at Mill Point will host 2 community dinners. Students will first hear from leaders in the local Burlington community about exciting things happening in the greater community. In the spring, residents will have the opportunity to hear from faculty and staff about their experiences in college and lessons they learned as they transitioned to life after graduation.

***Wine and Art Program-*** Residents are led in a guided painting class at the Oak House with an art student or faculty member alongside their peers.

***Diversity Themed Book Club-*** Residents will have an opportunity to receive a free copy of “The Other Wes Moore” to read and discuss in a January book club. Attending the Martin Luther King Jr. address to see the author will also be a part of the experience.

***Civil Rights Museum Trip-*** Community members from the Morgan Place Community will join together with Station at Mill Point residents and a faculty/staff member to travel to the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC.

***Learn to Cook Series-*** Students have an opportunity to learn from Aramark Chef Candace Lawson as they prepare a meal together and learn basic cooking skills.

***Life After Elon Series with SPDC-*** The SPDC helps co-sponsor a series of workshops related to skills or topics relevant to recent graduates like personal finance, contract negotiations, graduate school, and professional branding.

***City Series Event-*** Elon alums from different cities Skype in or visit in person to describe their experiences moving to a specific city. This is designed for students planning to move to these specific cities in order to make some contacts and to hear about living in that city (Raleigh/Durhm and Nashville are the fall 2016 cities)

***Faculty Dine-in Program-*** Students have an opportunity to apply for a $50 grant to invite a faculty or staff member to their apartment and share a meal. This is an opportunity for students to engage with faculty or staff outside of class in a non-structured environment.

***Late Night Snacks-*** These are monthly night snack programs for the community to gather together and to also share any community news or information about upcoming events.

***Faculty Mentor Dinner in the Depot-*** In an effort to further the connection between faculty and Station at Mill Point residents, the neighborhood will host a faculty dinner where students can invite any faculty member who has been meaningful to their Elon experience for a dinner celebration right after finals.

**Neighborhood Budget Projections**

Monday Night Opening Event $1000 (Food Trucks)

$50 (Banner)

Community Tailgate Event $2000 (Food)

\*\*\* Additional funding request from residential campus budget\*\*\*

Community Trick or Treat Event $750 (Food and Supplies)

Engage Dinners $300/each ($600 total)

Wine & Art Program $350 (Food and Supplies)

Diversity Book Club $300 (Books)

\*\*\* The university book grant program could cover the cost of 20 books \*\*\*

Diversity Book Club Food $300 (Food)

Civil Rights Museum Trip $100 (Tickets and travel)

Learn to Cook Series (4 times) $100/each ($400 total)

SPDC Partnered Events (Life After Elon) $30/each ($120 total)

City Series Events $200/each ($400 total)

Faculty Dine-In Program $50/each ($200 total- guestimate)

Community Garden Planting $200/ each ($400 total)

Finals Study Events $200/each ($400 total)

Tour De Point Year End Event $1000

Late Night Snacks Programs $100/each ($700 total)

Faculty Mentor Dinner in the Depot $500

Total Neighborhood Programming $9570

\*\*\* Please note that this does not include additional funding requests from other offices\*\*\*