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PENDULUM

People of color and the LGBTOIA community

pursue acceptance in both spheres

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EMBERS OF THE LGBTQIA community and people of color have always been discriminated against. But for people of color who also identify as LGBTQIA, they say they face double the discrimination and the experience of having multiple oppressed identities is called intersectionality.

Merriam-Webster The Dictionary defines intersectionality as "the complex, cumulative manner in which the effects of different forms of discrimination combine, overlap, or intersect."

People — especially col-lege students — often use identity to connect with others and exist in social groupings. But in cases where people may fit in multiple identity groups, identity can become complicated. It is even more complicated

Clockwise from top: Tres McMichael, Matthew Antonio Bosch, Julian Rigsby, Darius Moore, Chris Stolz and Detric Robinson are members of the LGBTOIA community and people of color.

DEFINING INTERSECTIONALITY

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines intersectionality as "the complex, cumulative manner in which the effects of different forms of discrimination combine, overlap, or intersect

are marginalized.

According to the Nation-al Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 40 percent of LGBTQIA adults are racial and ethnic minorities, but 60 percent of LGBTQIA and HIV positive people who report hate violence are people of color.

According to the Amer-ican Public Health As-sociation, black sexually marginalized men may be times more likely 1.2 to

white counterparts. With Intercultural En-

gagement being one of the four themes of Elon University's 2018 Winter Term, students and faculty who identify in these groups want the conversation around this issue to open up.

Detric Robinson, community director for the Danieley Neighborhood at Elon

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Rushing to religion

A girl's journey to finding her independence through community

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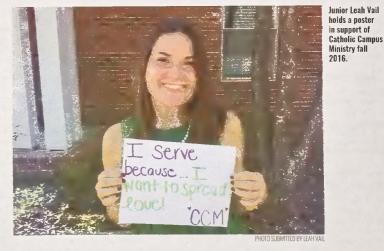
When junior Leah Vail decided to rush a sorority during Fake Break of 2016, she felt that there were two categories of girls at Elon that rush: the ones who had always dreamt of joining or the ones — like her — who were told to try it out to see how the experience was.

At Elon, 53 percent of females joined a Greek sorority in 2016 according to the

Elon Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring

Elon Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring 2016 Chapter report. Once Bid Day came, Vail joined the Epsilon Chi chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. The happiness she felt as she ran down to the AOII house on Bid Day would soon turn into depression and loneliness, soon leading her to withdraw from the organization. It was through other orgaorganization. It was through other orga-nizations such Catholic Campus Ministry and Leadership Fellows that she found the communities that allowed her to prosper on Elon's campus.

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