

a colorful  
celebration  
of spring:

# HOLI

**O**N APRIL 13, THE Elon University community gathered at Speakers' Corner to celebrate Holi, a Hindu celebration meant to signal the start of spring.

The festival of colors is based in Hindu mythology, meant to symbolize the victory of good over evil and the arrival of spring.

Sophomore Abigail Mathews, a multi-faith intern at the Truitt Center for Religious Life, led the organization

and planning of the event in hopes it would help students learn more about the tradition.

"It's a really fun time but also a cool way to learn about a different culture and participate in something out of the ordinary at Elon," Mathews said. "You're going to be hearing Bollywood music blasting from the speakers here. That's not something you see every day. Hopefully it will be a good way for people to step outside of their comfort zone and Elon bubble."



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**1** Sophomore Abi Mathews smiles during Elon's Holi celebration on Friday, April 13, outside Speakers' Corner.

**2** Freshman Melanie Ferguson throws colored powder into the air during the Hindu festival of Holi on April 13.

**3** Sophomore Sarah Hope gets covered in colored powder at the Holi celebration.

**7** Sophomore Megan Barber smiles during Elon's Holi Celebration.

**4** Students throw colored powder into the air to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi on April 13.

**5** Senior Grace O'Hara laughs during the Hindu festival of Holi on April 13.

**6** Members of the coed a cappella group Twisted Measure stack in a pyramid, showing off their color and spirit for Holi.



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