Graduating the 'Elon Bubble'

4 seniors plan to go global, experience new culture after commencement



igorous application processes. Waiting around for job offers. Making new living arrangements.

Ask any graduating senior at Elon and they will say they've dealt with all this and more when making plans for what they're going to do after leaving college this May.

But for four of these seniors, their postgraduation to-do list includes something substantially larger and even a bit frightening – preparing to move to another country all together.

"Right now, globalization is everywhere, so it's good to find a job offer abroad," said senior Hiroshi Wada, who will be working for Pfizer, a pharmaceutical company in Japan, after he graduates.

Not only are the economic aspects beneficial, but working internationally often entails doing something worthwhile to achieve the coveted status of "global citizen," a term Elon promotes regularly through on-campus programs and lectures.

"My goal is to find something that I can be passionate about and bring it back over here (to the United States) in future endeavors," said senior Gayla Carr, who will be moving to Italy to teach English to children.

And though they may have a general goal in mind for moving to a different country, these students can all agree on one thing: They have no idea what to expect.