

Freshman makes immediate impact on college campus

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Travis Suber, a freshman from Tryon, NC, is a broadcast communications and political science major. Since arriving on campus, he has become involved in several activities: a freshman fellow in the Isabella Cannon Leadership Program, a sports anchor on Elon Today, a host on WSOE's The Trent and Travis Show and chairman of the North Carolina Student Legislature.

Q: You came to campus and got involved in all of these activities. What made you so motivated your first year here?

Suber: Well, I had a plan before I came to campus, about what I wanted to do in the next ten years. One of them happened to be getting involved, having professors know who I was immediately, anyone in a position who could affect my years here at Elon.

Q: What do you see yourself

doing after four years?

Suber: I wouldn't mind working with network news. I know that's a challenge for most people, because they have to go through the affiliates, however, I'm going to bypass that.

Q: Wait a minute. How do you plan on doing that?

Suber: Well, by establishing my contacts early, and working with affiliates through internships.

Q: Were you always this motivated in high school?

Suber: The last two years I wasn't. I didn't have the will. I knew what I wanted to do, but I didn't want to take the time to do it. I basically didn't care about my schoolwork.

My junior year, I stopped and said, 'Lord, just let me do everything over. I want to start fresh.' I went in and got straight A's the first and second semesters. That's what really got me going.

Q: You said you asked the Lord to help you start over. Is He a strong force in your life?

Suber: Oh yeah. My grandfather was a pastor, so I grew up in that environment. Ever since I was little, I remember my mother saying, 'The Lord will make a way.' So it's always been a huge influence on me.

Q: Out of all the organizations on campus, which one do you get the most fulfillment from?

Suber: Definitely the North Carolina Student Legislature. On campus for the past two years, NCSL has been pretty blasé, and hasn't been well known. However, this year, we've rebuilt the entire program, and I was able to be a major playing part in that, working with my adviser, Chalmers Brumbaugh, and others. Now, we've been able to build our group to the largest across the state. That's just over a period of two months.

Q: What's the purpose of NCSL? What do you all do?

Suber: We're similar to Model UN (which deals with different nations). The chapters act as representatives of certain counties.

Many NC colleges have chapters. We operate under parliamentary procedure, just like any other government agency. We present resolutions to be brought forth in the House and Senate chambers and we debate them on the floor. Basically a mock government.

Q: So I take it that you're interested in politics.

Suber: I love politics. Ever since I read about John Hancock when I was little.

Q: So how come you're not interested in running for an office?

Suber: I didn't say I wouldn't. SGA, probably in the next two years, I'll run for president. But I'm going to work my way up to that first.

Q: You just got appointed as the social sciences chair for SGA, right?

Suber: Yes, I want to work hard for this division, especially since NCSL falls under this. I want to make sure we get the best benefits possible, and become one of the more prominent departments and divisions on campus.

Q: What about running for a national office?

Suber: That's always been a possibility for me. Eventually, I think my life will turn to politics. I'll hold some type of government position. You never know, the presidency might be in my future.

Q: With all of these activities on campus you're involved in, how do you balance your time and still have fun on the weekends?

Suber: It fell into place that my responsibilities fall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, basically. The Lord really blessed me with a good schedule this year.

Q: Are there any activities you'd like to be involved in but don't really have the time for this year?

Suber: I would like to do something with Liberal Arts Forum, RSA and the Black Cultural Society. But BCS's meeting times are the same as Elon Today (the TV show). But next semester I'm going to have to balance my time so that I can get involved in them.

Young actress makes Elon debut this weekend in fall musical

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Amber Massey, one of the children involved in Elon College's fall musical "Children of Eden," is 7-years-old and in the second grade. She is from Burlington and is the daughter of Mike and Felicia Massey. Felicia is the secretary for Leadership Development.

Cieslak: So what do you do in the play?

Massey: We sing and we just learned our first [dance] step today. We learned you go the bot-

tom and then you go to the top. It's fun.

Cieslak: Your mom told me that you just auditioned for a school play. What is it about?

Massey: It's called "The Candy Cane Lane." It's about these children and they're dreaming that they're in the Candy Cane Lane where candy canes are all around them. I tried out for Candy Cane Jane.

Cieslak: What does Candy Cane Jane do?

Massey: She sings a bunch and says parts. She leads the people

into the dream. I like to sing.

Cieslak: Did you do any other plays at school?

Massey: "The Little Red Hen" and "The Gingerbread Man." I just sang in the choir in both of them.

Cieslak: You like to sing a lot. Why do you like to sing? Who taught you to sing?

Massey: I think it's fun. My mom taught me. She signs upstairs at church. She sings good.

Cieslak: Do you dance, too?

Massey: I took tap, I took ballet and I took clogging. Clogging is when you do these fast tap things.

Cieslak: Your mom also told me that you were in plays at church. What kind of plays do you do at church?

Massey: It's called "A Star Is Born" and I'm going to try our for Paige. It's about Mary and Joseph and it's about this little girl and she's selfish.

Paige is a girl and she helps the person who is selfish. Her name is Sophia, and Paige helps

her not to be selfish. I also done a divorce play and I done a Christmas play.

Cieslak: What do you like about school?

Massey: I like math and I like to do science.

Cieslak: Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Why?

Massey: I want to be either a teacher or a doctor, because a teacher, they teach people stuff. I want to be a doctor. I want to be a nurse actually because I want to help people.

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