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Elon community offers graduates tradition

Danieley challenges graduates for journey ahead

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Reporter

After today, Dr. J. Earl Danieley can add another line to his already extensive Elon resume: Commencement speaker for the Class of 2004.

"I am highly honored to be chosen," Danieley said. "The university might have chosen almost anyone in the country."

This isn't Danieley's first graduation speech; he delivered the keynote address during commencement ceremonies in 1989 for Elon's 100-year anniversary. He also served one year as the baccalaureate speaker.

This year marks Danieley's 61st year of association with Elon. His tenure includes four years as an undergraduate student, 16 years as college president, and several years as a faculty member.

Danieley graduated from Elon College in 1946 and has become a fixture of the community as it has changed around him.

Immediately after graduating, he became a member of the college's

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"Let me earnestly urge you with every fiber of my being to establish and uphold the very highest standards for yourself, your living and your work. Standards of quality are not relative, they are absolute."

Dr. J. Earl Danieley



Photos Submitted



Dr. J. Earl Danieley has been chosen as this year's commencement speaker and will offer students advice on life at the graduation ceremony this Saturday. Danieley has spoken at many Elon events, but this is his first time serving as commencement speaker. He has been associated with Elon for 61 years as a student, professor and president for a 16-year term. Danieley is currently a professor of chemistry in the science department.

Elon degree steadily gains clout in uncertain job market

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This past year, seniors have been facing one of the many fears of college graduation: applying for a job.

Although Elon is not necessarily in the ranks of Harvard, Princeton or Yale, how does an Elon degree stack up against those of other schools across the country?

Allison Deiboldt, a 2002 Elon graduate, currently works in New York City as a research analyst with the ABC Kids.

"I do feel that the Elon name is gaining more recognition in New York City and across the country," she said. "It seems that whomever I speak to at work and in personal conversations, someone always knows of someone who went to Elon."

Senior business major Erin Dowd agrees with Deiboldt. "Elon is becoming more and more recognized as a good school," she said. While she participated in job interviews this year, Dowd said many people she spoke with were familiar with the Elon name.

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