

# E2 unites members of the Elon community

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One feature frequent online social networkers will enjoy is E2's closed network. Members must register in the Elon system or have a student in the system to join. E2 is also funded entirely by Elon, so the network will remain ad-free.

Like Facebook, E2 allows students to form groups and plan events, and the site also provides a Top Ten Photo Gallery for each user to upload ten photographs.

Another feature different from Facebook and MySpace is the more professional atmosphere of the site.

"It's built like Facebook," Parsons said, "but it's more professional. You're able to post résumés and portfolios. You're able to work with future employers and alumni."

In fact, the only public aspect to E2 is employers' access to résumés and portfolios.

To keep up with the professional atmosphere of the community, the terms of service outlines Elon University's policies that must be followed on the site. Each page includes a red flag for visitors to alert moderators of inappropriate content.

However, inappropriate content is not a concern for Anderson or Parsons. Parsons said that "E2 will police itself. You don't want to have a picture of you drinking right beside a résumé or portfolio."

Susan Cogwell, a freshman beta user of E2, said she'd "use E2 for communicating with my professors since it's more personal than regular e-mail. I'd also use it for connecting with other students about stuff specific to Elon, like my classes or my sorority."

The purpose of the community is to also appeal to more mature audiences.

"Unlike Facebook, you'll be able to list academic interests because we want faculty to be able to list their area of study," Anderson said.

Another feature of E2 is its extended membership.

"After you graduate, you no longer have access to Elon e-mail or Blackboard, but with E2, you create a separate account and it'll last forever," Anderson said.

For how simple and professional E2 looks, only three people have built this site: web applications developer John David Parsons, Web site manager

## How do I sign up?

You can join E2 by going to <https://e2.elon.edu/>.

Choose a user name and make a profile page similar to those on Facebook or MySpace.

David Morton and graphic designer Chris Eyl.

"It's probably one of the biggest projects I could ever imagine taking on," Parsons said. "These other sites have 20 programmers. We have a team of three people doing this entire project."

Anderson said, "we encourage people to join, but they should expect bugs."

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## E2 features

- Ad-free network
- Space to post résumés and portfolios
- Closed network
- Membership lasts after graduation
- Profile page
- Space to post photos
- Social forum for students, professors, parents and alumni

# Students cycle to raise awareness for Push America

Caitlin Burke  
Reporter

Students will ride bikes from the Pi Kappa Phi house to Andrew's Elementary school, where members of Pi Kappa Phi will host a field day for the students on May 5 to raise awareness about Push America, an organization which works to improve life for people with disabilities.

Cyclists will meet at the fraternity house at 8 a.m. Saturday and ride the six miles to Andrews Elementary School.

The event is called a "Mini Journey of Hope," after the national philanthropy event for Push America in which participants receive sponsorships to bike ride from the west coast to the east coast of the United States.

Juniors Kevin Rate and Joshua Donde will participate in the full Journey of Hope this summer.

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Pi Kappa Phi has completed many service projects for Push America, such as constructing playground equipment for the disabled.

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