



Rally Elon capped off the ambitious fundraising effort, Ever Elon, with the announcement that the campaign raised more than their \$100 million goal. It is still accepting funds through December.

## Ever Elon raises more than \$105 million, surpassing goal

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Elon University's fundraising campaign, Ever Elon, has surpassed the original goal of \$100 million, though funds will still be collected through Dec. 31.

At Rally Elon, a Friday night presentation at Rhodes Stadium for students, faculty and alumni, President Leo Lambert announced that more than \$105 million has been collected so far.

"We thank each and every one for your commitment to the school and the difference you've made here has shaped this university," Lambert said.

The ceremony, which concluded with a fireworks display, included brief remarks by those impacted by the goals of the campaign, which include student scholarships, faculty development, new facilities

and annual giving. Senior Andrew Somers, recipient of a scholarship, shared his experiences at Elon, including study abroad trips and opportunities for leadership.

"It's not just a financial gift, it was a door opened and it changed my life," he said.

George Johnson, dean of the School of Law, addressed the creation of three professorships at the Law School, while Alison Morrison-Shetlar, dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, and Matthew Matheny, men's head basketball coach, spoke to the creation of new facilities, including Lindner Hall and Alumni Field House.

Senior Nicole Morillo shared her experiences as a student who, in high school, was discouraged from applying to a private institution such as Elon. As a recipient of a scholarship to attend the university, she said she discovered her passion of

encouraging other underrepresented students to go to college.

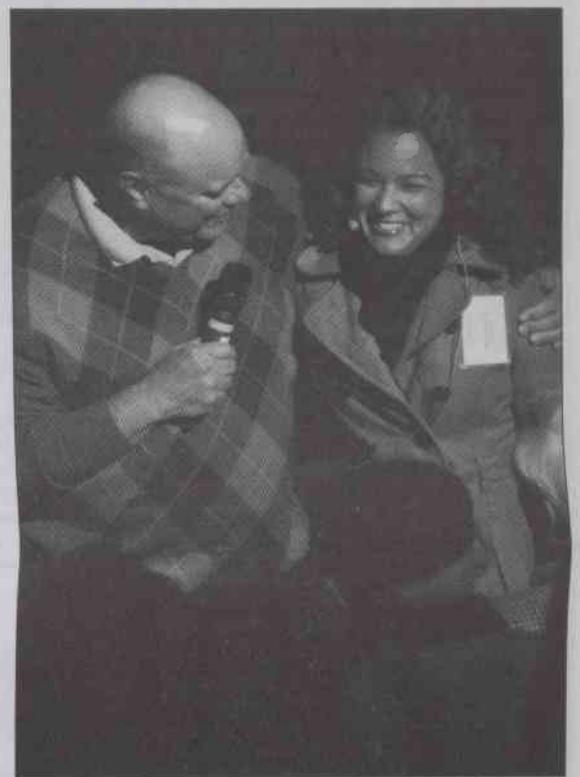
"It not only gave me the gift of education, it opened up a world of opportunity," she said. "I hope to one day provide a similar opportunity to students."

Publicly launched in 2008, the Ever Elon campaign was an ambitious project to introduce during one of the worst recessions in the country's history, according to Allen Gant, chair of the Board of Trustees.

"What we need is more Elon graduates," Lambert said.

According to Lambert, the university has seen firsthand the power of philanthropy to share the direction of the university.

"We have great ambition as a university and together we are going to realize each and every one of them," Lambert said. "We are going to take this university to where it belongs - to the national stage."



Ever Elon Co-Chair Allen E. Grant Jr. hugs senior Susan Scholar Nicole Morillo after talking about how Elon has affected them.

## Top-6: recipes with an autumn twist

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It's the season for colder days and crunchy leaves. It's time for sweaters, boots and scarves. Fall is also a great time for delicious seasonal foods such as pumpkins and squash, apples and pears and hot beverages for those colder days. So grab some utensils and find the secret to a great fall through these popular recipes.

**1. Pumpkin/Sweet Potato Soup:** What's fall without pumpkins? Pumpkins can be served at all meals, whether it's roasted pumpkin seeds or pumpkin dip as a healthy alternative to popular sour cream dip. Pumpkin soup is easy to make and you can add a twist by adding spices or serve it in a hollowed pumpkin. If pumpkin isn't your thing, then try butternut squash soup or SimplyRecipes' creamy sweet potato recipe. Both meals are also healthy and can be garnished with diced apple or served with a tossed salad.

**2. Fall Salads:** Seasonal produce, such as cranberries, grapes, broccoli and Brussels sprouts, makes great appetizer or

entrée salads. Use baby spinach leaves or arugula leaves instead of the usual Romaine lettuce and throw in apple or pear slices, some broccoli, raisins, beets and you instantly have a low-fat fall salad. A simple vinegar and olive oil dressing will do just fine. The more color in your salad, the healthier and tastier it is.

**3. Butternut Squash Risotto:** Risotto is traditionally served after an appetizer, so it's great after you've had pumpkin soup. Like most fall recipes, this dish uses butternut squash, which is as sweet and creamy as pumpkin. Combined with chicken or vegetarian broth, risotto requires more attention than soup or salad, but is equally delicious.

**4. Pumpkin Cheesecake Pie:** This dessert is a twist on both the traditional pumpkin pie and creamy cheesecake, and it's simply genius. This treat has the sweetness of pumpkin pie and the richness and smoothness of cheesecake.

Allrecipes.com and Delish both offer this recipe, but the former suggests garnishing with whipped cream and pecan halves. Try Hershey's chocolate-chip pumpkin cheesecake if you want to take this recipe to another level.

**5. Grilled Chicken & Apple Sandwich:** While summer is over, there's still time to grill your

favorite foods and what better way to transition summer's grilled taste with fall's produce than in a grilled chicken and apple sandwich? Chicken is one of the leanest meats. Instead of stuffing the sandwich with popular condiments, this meal uses vegetables and fruits.

**6. Gluten-Free Apple Crisp:** You can't think of fall without thinking of apples—apple pie, caramel apples, apple pancakes. And just because you're allergic to gluten or choose not to eat foods that contain gluten doesn't mean you can't enjoy tasty fall treats.

### Rachael Ray's Easiest Ever Baked Stuffed Apples

Source: FoodNetwork.com

#### INGREDIENTS

4 McIntosh apples  
1/2 lemon  
4 tablespoons butter, softened  
3/4 cup whole-grain cereal with dried fruit (recommended: Mueslix)  
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar  
1/4 cup chopped walnuts  
1 pint vanilla ice cream

#### DIRECTIONS

Heat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

Trim the tops and scoop out the center and the seeds of each apple and rub the edges of the trimmed fruit with the lemon.

In a medium bowl, combine the butter, cereal, sugar and walnuts.

Fill the apples with the cereal mixture. Set the apples upright in muffin tins and bake until tender and bubbly, about 20 minutes.

Transfer to serving dishes, top with ice cream and serve hot.