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Elon welcomes newest admit, Inman

Inman Admissions Welcome Center opens its doors to current, prospective students



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Clockwise from left: Sophomore tour guides Jenny Fukunaga and Justin Morin speak with prospective student Emily Freirich in the lobby of the recently-opened 32,000-square-foot Inman Admissions Welcome Center. The building was funded largely by donors and is expected to welcome more than 12,000 prospective students and their families to campus each year.

Caroline Fernandez
News Editor

The opening of Elon University's new admissions center, The Inman Admissions Welcome Center, provided the opportunity for offices to merge in one central location.

For the past few years, the Office of Admissions and Financial Planning — which includes Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate Admissions and Financial Planning — has been scattered across campus. The Office of Financial Planning has been situated in a building on South Campus since January

2013, while many Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions offices were housed in the Powell Building. The Inman Admissions Welcome Center consolidates the offices of undergraduate admissions, graduate admissions and financial planning under one roof.

Greg Zaiser, vice president of admissions and financial planning, said the new building provides the department with space and centralization.

"[Inman Admissions Center] consolidates our services and department, which is really important to our prospective and current students," Zaiser said.

The building, which includes 38 meeting spaces and offices as well as two presentation theaters, increases the number of people that can be accommodated at one time. The previous room for admissions presentations in Moseley Center seated 120 people, while the new Clohan Theater in Inman seats 165 people.

"We have over 12,000 students, plus their families come to visit a year," said Zaiser. "[In the past,] families [would] try to schedule visits, and we have been full. We've given them self-guided walking tours because we didn't have the space for

an information session."

Seventeen spaces in the building were named after donors, all of whom are Elon alumni or parents.

William and Patricia Inman, parents of 2000 alumna Jacklyn, made the lead gift toward the construction of the building in 2013.

The Inmans made gifts to Elon before the admissions center project was proposed, supporting for Rhodes Stadium, Koury Business Center, Lindner Hall and Numen Lumen Pavilion.

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Preparing for the real world means working in college

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For many Elon University students, maintaining a job is an integral part of the college experience. Students face a wide variety of choices, ranging from on-campus employment opportunities to employment outside of campus. Students at Elon have options — it's ultimately what works best for them, given their interests and schedules.

In August 2011, Elon established the starting minimum wage as \$9.00 per hour. One of the pri-

mary objectives of the policy was to attract students to seek employment on campus rather than off.

Tom Brinkley, executive director of corporate and employer relations at Elon, believes the higher minimum wage rate contributes to the competitive nature of on-campus jobs, which are often filled soon after being posted to the Elon Job Network.

"I think the wage rate is very appealing to students," Brinkley said. "The jobs off campus... are not going to pay that rate, so students are more inclined to seek these jobs if they are looking for

Elon's Minimum Wage

\$9.00

National Minimum Wage

\$7.25

employment."

Typically, students interested in on-campus employment submit a resume and a cover letter and then complete an interview, a practice intended to mimic the job application process after graduation and prepare students for their careers.

"It is a competitive process, so [when] they are interviewing for jobs, they are required to have a resume," Brinkley said. "It's just like having a job outside. They are employed and evaluated and subject to expectations."

As a result, students with on-campus jobs are constantly

honing their professional skills. Brinkley said students' professional growth is facilitated faster when they are employed during college. According to him, on-campus employment complements student development.

Nancy Carpenter, Elon's on-campus student employment coordinator, agreed. She noted students who have a job listed on their resume are more attractive candidates for internships and jobs after graduation. She believes the train-

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