

## Break out the beads



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The Elon community embraces the colorful spirit of Mardi Gras on Tuesday in the McBride Gathering Space. Attendees celebrated the beginning of Lent with Cajun food, live jazz music, and plastic beads, sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry, LEAF (Lutherans, Episcopalians and Friends) and the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life. For full coverage of the event, visit [elonpendulum.com](http://elonpendulum.com).



## Ann Bullock named Dean of School of Education

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Elon University announced last week that Ann Bullock of East Carolina University would be filling the open Dean of the School of Education position starting June 1.



Ann Bullock

In an article posted on E-Net, Provost and Executive Vice President Steven House said Bullock would succeed interim dean Deborah Long.

Bullock said she is honored to be chosen to lead the School of Education.

"The School of Education [at Elon] can do so many amazing things, and I look forward to facilitating the faculty as they discuss and determine what those things are that we're going to focus on in the future," Bullock said.

When she takes over in the summer, she will look to expand the academic opportunities offered to education majors by working with other faculty and students to incorporate a variety of interdisciplinary minors to

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## Belk Library honors Black History Month

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As a crucial part of Elon University's progression in diversity and growth, the African-Americans who made history cannot be forgotten. Belk Library is commemorating many of these individuals through a display of various African-Americans who were some of the first of their race to attend Elon.

The display is called, "Milestones for African-American Students in Elon's History," and has been set up on the first floor of the library near Media Services and the information desks.

One student worker in the Belk Library sitting at the information desk has noticed several students stop by to examine the display, but not engage in a meaningful interaction.

**Belk Library encourages students to explore archives recognizing Black History Month.**

said sophomore Jonathan Eves. Belk Library Archives Librarian Shaunta Alvarez helped facilitate the compilation of photos for the display board that was initially made for the class of 2019



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Belk Library commemorates some of the first African-Americans who attended Elon College.

common reading book, "Why We Can't Wait," by Martin Luther King Jr.

Alvarez said she hopes the display will emphasize the need for students to be more open to meeting new people and building a more inclusive, diverse community.

"Every convocation, Dr. Lambert always encourages students to get to know people that they otherwise wouldn't associate with," Alvarez said. "I think that's

one of the key ways for folks to get to know one another and have deep meaningful conversations."

Though the board is intended to facilitate a dialogue, several students have yet to see the display.

"I feel like since neither of us has seen it, maybe it should be moved to a more

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## Zika virus forces Spring Break adjustments

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In light of the spread of the Zika virus, Elon University has postponed or rerouted five service trips scheduled to go to Central America and the Caribbean next month during Spring Break, the university announced Monday.

Fifty-six students were planning to travel to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala or Jamaica through the Alternative Breaks Program. These students now will be offered the opportunity to join programs already planning domestic travel during Spring Break for service work.

The juniors on the football team will not be traveling to Costa Rica for a planned academic and service experience, the release said.

The spring semester program to San Jose, Costa Rica, scheduled to leave in March, will not be canceled. According to the release, those eight students were provided with extensive information on the virus, and that staff members will assist any student who wants to re-enroll on campus.

The Zika virus is carried by mosquitoes. Approximately one in five cases lead to symptoms such as fever, rash, joint and muscle pain and vomiting. There is no known effective vaccine or medicine treatment.

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