



FIGHTING CANCER

*Elon community
conducts research,
seeks to raise awareness*

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On a chilly Sunday afternoon, senior Megan Sibree walks over to the McMichael laboratories eager to conduct research on cancer induction methods.

Cancer is an all-too-familiar issue for Sibree, who dreams of an end to the crippling disease affecting millions of families across the United States.

When Sibree was 3, her 29-year-old mother died from acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Within the past two years, her two grandmothers died from cancer as well.

"I want to make a difference in people's lives because I know what it means to lose someone from a disease like that so prematurely," Sibree said. "I've seen firsthand what cancer does to a family."

As a 2014 Lumen Prize recipient, Sibree has examined the mechanisms of cancer development and how cancer forms in the

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Spring admit students adjust to late start

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Every spring, Elon University welcomes approximately 50 new students to campus. Referred to as "spring admits," these students start their Elon experience one semester behind the rest of their peers.

Like the rest of the student body, they come from various places and have various reasons for accepting the spring admit status, including deferment, over-enrollment and transferring. But one thing they all seem

to have in common is a love for Elon and a strong desire to be here despite the late start.

Starting at a school in the middle of the year is by no means easy.

"The transition to Elon has been, in one word, hectic," said Kendall Crosby, a freshman spring admit who began studying at Elon a few weeks ago.

Students like Crosby arrived on a Sunday or Monday and attended a small convocation, met with their Elon 101 instructor, had an

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Elon raises tuition by 2.87 percent

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The Elon University Board of Trustees approved its 2016-17 fiscal year budget, increasing tuition by 2.87 percent — the increase amounts to \$912.

With an increase of \$517 in room, board and fees, the total package cost will increase by 3.31 percent. According to President Leo Lambert, this will be the second-smallest increase in at least 27 years.

Elon Dean of Students Smith Jackson and Provost Steven House said the process for drafting a budget began in August 2015 with the goal of striking a balance between keeping Elon as a best buy insti-

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tution while handling cost as reasonably as possible.

"If you want to make things better, you need additional funds and that's where the tuition increase comes from," House said.

House added that Kiplinger ranks Elon 29th in the nation for best college value among private institutions.

As part of the university's commitment to increase access to lower-income applicants, the budget approved on Feb. 11 features a 7.1 percent increase in financial aid. The financial aid increase will offer

additional funds for need-based scholarships, Presidential scholarships, Elon Engagement scholarships and the university's six fellows programs.

"You want to have an entering class that reflects your values and is going to be really dynamic," Jackson said. "You want to get students who are talented who might not be able to be here if they didn't have financial assistance."

With a total tuition-room-board-fees cost of \$44,599 next year, Elon maintains it is an affordable institution for higher education.

"Students want smaller classes, they want better technology and we want to deliver that," House said. "The goal is to handle cost as best as we can."

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