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# THE PENDULUM

**ELON**

OnTrack

Student Profile

## CHOOSE ONE:

Elon enacts gender pronoun initiative

**HE/HIM**      **SHE/HER**      **THEY/THEM**

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Students are now being asked to update their gender pronoun on OnTrack, and a form was given to Elon 101 instructors about proper pronoun usage as part of the LGBTQIA Task Force's latest initiative. When students log onto OnTrack, they're redirected to a student profile page with a gender pronoun selection. The options are he/him, she/her and they/them.

The Elon 101 form provides guidelines for professors to be more inclusive in classrooms, discourages them from taking roll out loud and using gendered phrases like, "You guys."

"If you read names off the roster like 'Stephen' and suddenly a student raises their hand and says, 'It's Stephanie,' then you

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## Do you actually bELONg?

PhoenixCONNECT a result of social climate task force

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The Presidential Task Force on Social Climate and Out-of-Class Engagement has written 42 recommendations to assist in strengthening Elon University's reach outside the walls of classrooms, looking specifically at how students identify with like-minded cohorts that include clubs and organizations.

In response to the findings, Elon has created PhoenixCONNECT, an online resource that displays many of Elon's clubs and organizations, and will also open an office in Moseley Center to act as a hub for students.

The app and office are intended to encourage more involvement among students. Two of the most recurring themes identified by the Task Force had to do with slipping through the cracks as a result of either missing the Organization Fair or not joining Fraternity & Sorority Life, which about 35 percent of students are actively part of.

"We're looking at it because, for most of our students, they do actually have great experiences

at Elon and a really strong sense of belonging," said Jon Dooley, assistant vice president for Student Life and dean of Campus Life, who co-chaired the Task Force with Associate Professor of Communications Naemah Clark. "What that means is that when a student doesn't find that connection, it's even more glaring to us as an institution.

"Elon is a place that is restless — that is really growing and wanting to improve and this is just a process of improvement."

President Leo Lambert appointed Dooley and Clark in August 2015 to lead the 29-member

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## Elon institutes new on-campus dining hours

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As a result of a Presidential Task Force and SUB findings on an analysis of students' experiences, number of different dining options will debut around campus this fall.

Pulkit Vigg, resident district manager of Elon Dining, said this wasn't founded on anyone's personal opinion and that, "it is based on feedback and data that we have

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### DINING HALL CHANGES

**Acorn:** Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Late Night:** 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.  
Thursdays | Lakeside  
Fridays | Tap House  
Saturdays | McEwen  
**Varsity Sports Grill:**  
Open 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
**Colonnades:** Offers brunch from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday

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