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Elon hopes to use MLK Day to jumpstart race-related conversations

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FOR BRANDON BELL, THIS year's Martin Luther King Day was a project of inclusion.

The assistant director for the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CREDE), Bell, knew that the event was celebrated annually at Elon University, a similar trend for the majority of college campuses. But Bell wanted to be different in honoring the civil rights icon. When he sat down to think, the question Bell wanted answered was how Elon would do the greatest amount of service involving the most amount of people.

After all, that is Elon's mission, Bell said.

"Elon talks about creating leaders, scholars and global thinkers, and Elon asserts that an Elon education will touch the mind, body and spirit and in many ways MLK's life, touches the mind, body and spirit," said Bell, who started working here last semester after a stint at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. "What he set for us 50 plus years ago speaks to the values that Elon is trying to do today."

The result of this mission culminated in a multi-

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Top: Students and faculty gather for a special "Rising Above of Racial Consciousness" College Coffee Jan. 16.

Middle: AIDS Health Foundation promoted their Stand Against Hazing campaign at the Greensboro parade Jan. 15.

Right: Danyer Rey of the Greensboro City Workers Union marches in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Greensboro on Monday, Jan. 15.



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Deaths prompt national dialogue on hazing

Head of recruitment, students and staff discuss concerns

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Abbey Ojemann visited her best friend at Florida State University and in one day was caught up in its Greek culture. In particular, she said she noticed the narrow focus on drinking, partying and harassment.

She had no way of knowing that two years later, in 2017, Andrew Coffey would die there as a result of hazing while pledging a fraternity, and that the university's president would be forced to suspend all Greek activities on campus.

In recent months, the conversation around hazing has become a national conversation. In 2017, four student deaths involving hazing became viral stories, bringing the conversation around the all-too-frequent Greek life practice to Elon. According to the Office of

GREEK INVOLVEMENT

42%

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Fraternity and Sorority Life, 42 percent of Elon's student population belongs to a Greek organization. With National Panhellenic and

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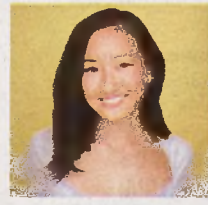
Sumi Yu '15 in a new role on NBC's latest drama, Rise

Musical Theater alumna will appear in five episodes of new drama

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During a scene in E5-E10 of NBC's newest drama, viewers will see and hear 'How I Met Your Mother's' Josh Radnor yelling across the screen in the role of Lou Mazzuchelli, a dedicated high school teacher who takes over its sinking theater program.

Sumi Yu, '15, playing a



Sumi Yu
Elon alumna '15

violin — or rather, miming playing a violin to a pre-recorded track of herself actually playing the violin — can barely make out the Radnor's words. His TV yells are real-life whispers from where she's at on set. In TV, unlike musical theater, Yu's major at Elon, the audio levels must be catered to the location of the recording equipment.

Yu plays the recurring role of a violin player in a high school band in the show 'Rise', which comes from the same producers of

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