

BEST PROFESSOR

# TOM NELSON

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**T**OM NELSON LOVES HIS job. Now an associate professor of communications, Nelson has been teaching at Elon University for more than 20 years, longer than some of his students have been alive.

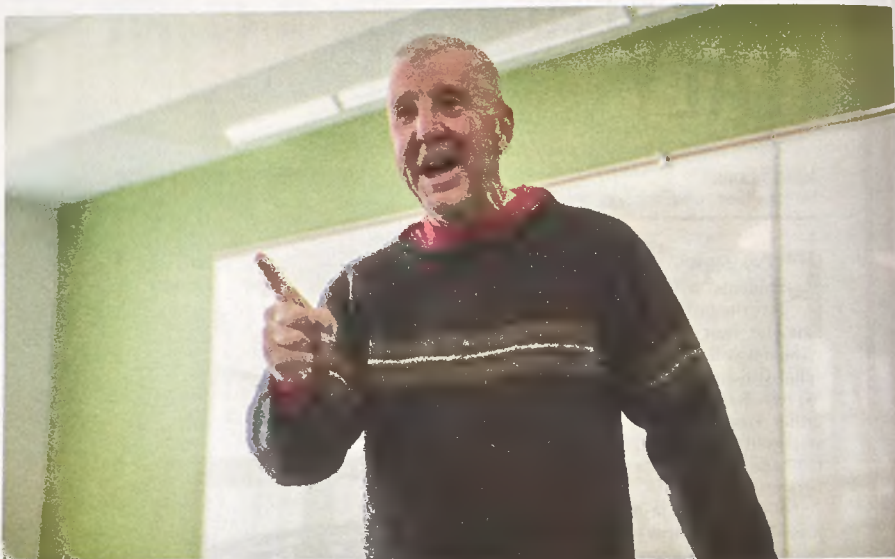
But the students are the reason Nelson loves his job, he said. And the students must love him, too — Nelson was voted best of Elon professors.

When Nelson started teaching at Elon, the communications department was much smaller than it is today — Nelson was one of less than a dozen employees — but despite the school's growth, Nelson said there's still time to connect with students.

Nelson said that's actually his favorite aspect of the school.

"I like that you have contact with the students, it's still small enough."

In one word, Nelson said this atmosphere in the School of Communications has lent it an unmistakable air of "camaraderie."



Tom Nelson teaches in the School of Communications at Elon University. He arrived at Elon in 1996.

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Nelson said he couldn't be sure why students like him, but he said he hopes it's because he truly likes his students.

"I do like them, I really do," Nelson said. "I think they're funny."

HAVE A QUESTION?

**Professor:** Tom Nelson  
**Location:** Schar Hall-Communications Bld 208B  
**Education:** Graduated from Boston College with a B.A. and studied Radio/Television at Syracuse University

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**Second:** Anthony Hatcher  
L.D. Russell  
**Fourth:** Scott Windham and Cathy McNeela

BEST STAFF MEMBER

# MS. JUDY

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**M**ANY STAFF MEMBERS HAVE a positive effect on the daily lives of students at Elon University. One staff member in particular is known for her fond interactions with students who see her at Qdoba. She is known around campus as Ms. Judy.

Her consistently friendly interactions make her memorable to all students and faculty who see her.

"Ms. Judy is just really funny," said freshman Dan Messulam. "Every time I see her, she always gives me a high-five. She always has the scoop as to what my friends are doing, kind of before I do sometimes."

Her positive attitude and care for the students characterizes a type of personality valued by the Elon community.



Ms. Judy, who works on the dining staff for Eion University at Qdoba Mexican Grill in Danielely, was voted as the Best Staff Member.

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