

BEST PARKING AREA

# THE OAKS

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**O**AKS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS VOTED as having the best parking lot in Elon News Network's Best Of edition. The parking lot is within walking distance of Rhodes Stadium, Alumni Gym and the currently under-construction Schar Center — which makes it a prime location to park for athletic events. Academically, it is in close proximity to the School of Communications and other buildings in the Historic neighborhood. It is also right across the street from the Moseley Center. Senior Donita Sharkey, an apartment manager in Oaks, says she is proud of Oaks for a number of different factors, but knowing that students like to park there is an added bonus.

"Oaks is the neighborhood that cultivates a sure sense of community while providing the tools and environment for students to grow independently, and ultimately succeed," Sharkey said. "I'm also glad we are able to create a place where people would want to park."



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**PRIME LOCATION**

**Athletics:** Near Rhodes Stadium and Alumni Gym  
**Academics:** Near the School of Communications, Historic Neighborhood and the Moseley Student Center

**RUNNER-UPS**

**Second:** McMichael  
**Third:** Colonnades  
**Fourth:** Mill Point  
**Fifth:** Global

The Oaks Neighborhood parking lot is located close to many central spots on campus, such as the Koury Athletic Center, Moseley Student Center and Lakeside Dining Hall.

BEST CAMPUS TRADITION

# LUMINARIES

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**T**HE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF Holiday Lights celebrates and honors both alumni and senior donors of Elon University through the lighting of luminaries.

Each luminary had the name of an alumni or senior donor and was lit on Dec. 5 for the fourth consecutive year of the festival.

More than 4,300 alumni, donors and members of the 1889 Society, a group recognizing donors who have gifted to Elon in two or more consecutive years, were recognized this year.

"I wanted a luminary because it was a way of giving back to Elon after four years," said Lizzy Bulloch, a recent Elon graduate. "Seeing them all together made me feel part of the Elon community."

Bulloch donated to the school through her luminary and used it as a way to connect with other graduated friends.

"A lot of my friends also donated and got a luminary," Bulloch said. "On the day, we all went and got hot chocolate and then went to look for each of them. It was actually a lot



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**LUMINARY LOGIC**

**What:** Festival of Holiday Lights  
**When:** Before first semester exams  
**Where:** In front of Alamance in Historic

**RUNNER-UPS**

**Second:** College Coffee  
**Third:** Jumping in a fountain  
**Fourth:** Stealing a brick  
**Fifth:** Leo's Christmas party

of fun."

The Festival of Holiday Lights has historically taken place prior to first semester exams as one of the events planned to help students de-stress during the testing period.

"It's a nice idea of community, bringing people together to celebrate the lighting of the luminaries," said freshman student Imanol Yepez-Frias. "It's a really nice Elon tradition."

Elon University's campus lights up with luminaries and holiday cheer for the annual Festival of Holiday Lights at the end of the fall semester.