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ELON, NORTH CAROLINA

# THE PENDULUM

## celebrating 125 years of Elon

Town of Elon reflects on its history to guide its future

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TODAY, AROUND 10,000 PEOPLE live in the town of Elon though it is only 5 square miles. About 70 percent of the town is comprised of students. The population of Elon is growing by 290 people each year, according to the town.

Historically, the town of

Elon's success is a result of the university. And while Founder's Day is a time to celebrate the history of Elon, the town is also celebrating its progress in moving forward with future changes.

Downtown Elon — North Williamson Avenue — is one part of the town where many

residents are working to preserve Elon's history, and 125 years later, it is still the center of thriving small businesses.

To keep up with the speed of the university's growth, downtown Elon is promoted by the

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Top: Downtown Elon in the late 1960s, including The Elon Grill, Garrison's Soda Shop and Swift Cleaners.

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Bottom: Downtown Elon in 2018 with coffee shops, a bar, the Elon University bookstore, restaurants and more.

## Elon alumna to perform in 'Mean Girls' on Broadway

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The popular cult classic film, "Mean Girls," is being brought to life to the Broadway stage as a musical, featuring a familiar Elon University alumna face.

The musical has just begun previews this month after premiering in Washington, D.C. this past fall. The book of the musical was written by Tina Fey and composed by her husband, Jeff Richmond and it sports a young cast.



Barrett Wilbert Weed  
Elon University alumna '11

Cast in the role of Janis Ian is Barrett Wilbert Weed, an alumna of Elon University's Music Theatre program. She graduated in 2011 and has since been working professionally as an actress. After receiving her diploma, Weed moved to New York City and began auditioning for shows.

"I tried to go to two or three auditions a day," Weed said.

Only a few months after

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## College Republicans request more SGA funds than College Democrats

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For the past two years, the SGA budget has granted College Republicans more money than College Democrats.

In the 2016-2017 budget year, College Republicans requested \$6,313 and received \$3,250. Meanwhile, College Democrats requested \$2,503 and received \$2,100.

College Republicans were allocated \$3,500 and College Democrats \$2,200 for the 2018-2019

budget year during the SGA meeting March 8.

Funding is a crucial part of an organization's ability to grow on campus and to expand their opportunities and achievements in a school year. SGA holds budget hearings to give organizations the opportunity to request money, but some clubs request more than others.

Every organization undergoes the same process in their budget hearings, but many people might not know what that entails.

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student organizations request funding from SGA annually.

SGA's executive treasurer, junior Max Pivonka, explained that as SGA's budget grows, the number of students in the university also grows, so they are usually not

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