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# THE PENDULUM



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Tres McMichael and Hope Koene were crowned as Homecoming Royalty during the home football game on Saturday, Nov. 3.

## REIGNING PHOENIX

Crowned royalty: Two seniors win the Homecoming vote and take their checks to charity

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### CHARITY DONATIONS

Each of the winners received a prize of \$100 to donate to a philanthropy of their choice.

**S**URROUNDED BY CHEERING FANS and the bright lights of Rhodes Stadium, seniors Hope Koene and Tres McMichael were crowned Elon University's 2018 Homecoming Royalty.

McMichael, a music theatre major and member of the Alpha Beta Beta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Elon, keeps a busy academic schedule. He's pursuing a double major in arts administration and music theatre and minors in leadership studies, business administration and African and African-American studies.

Koene is a member of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority, a Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success (SPARKS) peer educator and a tour guide. She's majoring in public health studies and minoring in neuroscience and psychology. She is on the pre-med track and hopes to pursue a career in pediatrics someday.

Both seniors, who were elected from a group of 20 nominees, were surprised when their victories were announced

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IT WAS JUST A REALLY GREAT WEEKEND TO BRING TOGETHER THE FIGHTING CHRISTIANS AND THE PHOENIX — ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ... MAKE ELON SO SPECIAL.

**TRES MCMICHAEL**  
SENIOR, HOMECOMING ROYALTY

to the crowd of Elon students, staff and alumni. McMichael said he didn't even hear his name called at first.

“When we went onto the field, everything was happening so fast, and I didn't realize they had started announcing people's names,” McMichael said. “I kind of, sort of heard the runner-ups, and I heard them announce Hope's name. Then there was a pause, and people started clapping, so I

started clapping, too.”

Koene said she was happy and excited when she heard her name called.

“I do a lot of work in health promotion and I'm really passionate about Planned Parenthood, so knowing that I can support a philanthropy that I really care about and also utilize my love for the Elon community, it made sense for me to kind of try out and run for Homecoming,” Koene said.

The winners each received a prize of \$100 to donate to the philanthropy of their choice. Koene and McMichael's philanthropies are both geared toward women's rights and empowerment.

McMichael decided to give back to A BroaderWay Foundation, where he interned his freshman year. Founded by Idina Menzel and Taye Diggs, one of the foundation's programs, which is open to girls from urban communities, is a four-weeklong summer camp in Massachusetts called Camp BroaderWay.

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## MIDTERMS: The battle over the sixth district

Understanding Mark Walker's and Ryan Watt's political platforms that were constantly at odds

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Republican Mark Walker and Democrat Ryan Watts went head-to-head in the race for North Carolina's sixth district for the U.S. House of Representatives.

The base of Walker's platform was job and economic growth, while Watts focused on partisan gerrymandering and providing new leadership in Washington, D.C.

Watts, a 28-year-old University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill business graduate, believed it was time for a change in leadership and policy within North Carolina. Walker, a Baptist minister who has held office since 2015, believed he was still best for the job.

The platforms of both candidates were largely at odds. The two political opponents clashed on issues such as immigration, gerrymandering, education and gun control.

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Breaking down the candidates' opposing platforms.



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Burgers, fries, shakes and a classic vibe in downtown Graham.



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