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Charter Schools Graduate Six Seniors

Five of the Graduates Were Enrolled for Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years

Lakeside Charter School and Kennedy Charter School each awarded diplomas to three graduates in separate ceremonies on the respective campuses. In black robes and caps, the graduates marched to the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” processional to begin this special event attended by proud family members, guests, friends, faculty and fellow students.



Kennedy Charter Public School graduates Brian and Makeda (Yolette not pictured).



Elon Homes President Fred Grosse and school staff conducted the ceremonies. At Lakeside, Principal Joel Medley presented the diplomas; at Kennedy, Director of Education Stacey Rose congratulated students as she handed them their diplomas.

Both campuses hosted a luncheon for graduates, guests, students and staff following the commencement program.

Barry, Brian, Chaka, Nancy and Makeda spent the last three years of their K-12 school years as students of either Lakeside or Kennedy Charter Public School. The sixth graduate, Yolette, attended her last year only.

Barry, Nancy and Makeda were enrolled as day students from the community; Brian, Chaka and Yolette were residential students.

All six have plans to continue their education or training. Chaka has been accepted at North Carolina Central University. Brian, Makeda, Barry and Nancy expect to enter community colleges. Yolette has joined the U.S. Army and will report for duty in August.

Thanks to the dedicated faculties and the small classes, constant encouragement, options and individualized attention provided by the Elon Homes charter schools, these

students, several of whom entered with educational challenges, have received quality educations while completing high school. Elon Homes is gratified that its commitment to the charter school concept is enabling more young people to reach this important milestone and prepare for promising futures.

Elon Homes is extremely proud of these young people for their achievements and extends congratulations and best wishes to them as they undertake new challenges and seek fresh opportunities.

Lakeside Charter Public School graduates Barry (far left), Chaka (center) and Nancy with School Director Joel Medley (second from left) and P.E. teacher Troy Leath (far right).

From Your President



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord.

The church currently celebrates the holy Season of Pentecost. Pentecost Day, born of flames and soul transforming power, marks the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. At the Tower of Babel, arrogance and pride caused the people to be separated from God and each other, the tower to be destroyed, languages to be unfamiliar, and sinfulness to reign. In the account of Pentecost we read how God unites people on this day. In the place of sinfulness is faithfulness. In the place of destruction is the building of the church. In the place of separation is unity of language and spirit. God's Holy Spirit unites people of any difference into a community of acceptance and hope.

The groundbreaking of our new 32 bed unit at the Snyder campus in Elon is, we pray, a Pentecost event. We pray to God that the foundation of this new home be blessed with the pouring out of his Holy Spirit. We will gather under this one roof

people of all races, creeds, religions, ethnic backgrounds, differing socio-economic means, ages, levels of education and varieties of psychosocial needs. From within this rich variety and sacred differences we ask the Lord to bless us with a community of common language and understanding. We join with staff, donors, churches, boards of directors, alumni and volunteers since 1907 in prayerfully building on our campus in the name of Christ. Should we not do this, it is so clear, this building would be in vain.

We give thanks to God for this new opportunity on our campus. We form our newly transformed campus in His name, and we humbly invoke the name of the Holy Spirit to bless and guide our actions. May the awakening and transforming fire of Pentecost Day move about our campus and touch us all with faith and hope in this new day and the days ahead.

Blessings,

Frederick G. Grosse
President

Community Based Programs update

On April 29, Elon Homes for Children was licensed by the state to provide Therapeutic Foster Care. Therapeutic Foster Care is designed to provide an alternative, less restrictive family setting for children and youth transitioning out of home or an institutional setting. Elon Homes will provide community based services in a family setting with individualized, goal based treatment in a least restrictive, normalized environment. The agency will also secure necessary community services needed to support its therapeutic foster care clients to increase their likelihood for success. With both campuses licensed for Specialized Foster Care and Therapeutic Foster Care, Elon Homes will serve the Piedmont, Triad and Western areas of North Carolina.

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Don Bolden Named Alamance County Man of the Year Elon Homes Board Member for Over 20 Years

At an April dinner held in Burlington, the Boys Scouts of America, Old North State Council, Alamance District, named Don Bolden Alamance County Man of the Year. The award recognized Bolden’s many contributions to the community including his over 20 years of service to the Elon Homes for Children Board of Directors. Bolden chaired the board in 1988 and 1989.

A native of Burlington, Bolden retired from the *Burlington Times-News* in January 2000 after 51 years with the paper. He became editor in 1982 and retired as the paper’s first executive editor, a position he held for 11 years. Now editor emeritus, Bolden writes a weekly column, an occasional editorial and travel articles.

Don Bolden

Bolden has written four books on Alamance County history including *“Alamance, A County at War”* which won the top award of the North Carolina State Historical Society for 1995. For Elon Homes’ Diamond Anniversary in 1982, Bolden compiled a factual history entitled *“Caring.....for 75 Years.”*

He has won numerous writing awards.

In 1998, Bolden was chosen as one of the first two recipients of the R.C. Hoiles Award, presented by the *Times-News’* parent company to recognize special service by an individual and values held by the individual.

Active in local and state Baptist activities, Bolden has also served on numerous boards and committees in the area. He was Alamance County Citizen of the Year in 1990. A graduate of Burlington High School and the University of North Carolina, Bolden is married to his high school sweetheart, Billie Faye Johnson.

President Fred Grosse represented Elon Homes at the dinner along with Jane Grosse, vice president for Institutional Advancement and board of directors members Donna Oliver, Richard Keziah, Barbara Tapscott and former board member Jack Lindley. Grosse later stated, “Don is an exemplary member of the board and a strong Christian man. He is rightly deserving of this award and represents the best of Elon Homes for Children and our Alamance County community.”

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Snyder Campus 32 Bed Residential Unit



Above: In May, the Elon Homes for Children Board of Directors held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Snyder Campus 32 bed student residential unit scheduled to be completed in February 2004. Students will continue to live in their cottage homes on the campus until completion of the new facility which is being built by Keck Construction Inc. A liturgy of Christian dedication was conducted during the ceremony by Board Chair Joe T. Fort, Sr. and Elon Homes President Dr. Fred Grosse.



Above: Sonny Wilburn, Executive Director of the Alamance Chamber of Commerce with Dr. Fred Grosse. Following the groundbreaking, guests and board members enjoyed lunch and a brief program with students and staff.

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Your Charitable Dollars at Work

When the Elon Homes for Children Family Care Program received a referral on a 37-year-old homeless, unemployed, crack cocaine addict who was fighting to regain custody of her 8-year-old daughter, the EHC Family Care worker first drafted a plan to win restoration of parental rights for Joyce. Then step by step, the worker supported Joyce as she worked toward reunion with her daughter. Joyce was immediately required to complete a detox program. Then she found a sponsor and faithfully attended AA/NA meetings, secured a job and moved to a private room above a garage. Within several months Joyce completed a rigorous 12 hour Family Care Active Parenting course where she was taught child development, open communication skills, ways to instill courage and self-esteem in children, and how to improve cooperation from her child. The Family Care staff member worked diligently with Joyce on practicing these skills and monitored the interactions between mother and daughter during their bi-monthly visits. When Joyce moved into her own home with the added pressures of being a homemaker, the worker helped her with organization, budgeting, flexibility, and cleaning skills. Eight months after the initial referral, through the help, encouragement and skills and training of the Family Care worker, Joyce was reunited with her daughter. Today, Joyce is clean, employed and providing a good home for her daughter who is doing well in school.

The EHC Family Care Program has been instrumental in strengthening and preserving families once in crisis but with the desire and will to function as loving, caring families.



Activities at Snyder Campus

Exploration Camp Helps Students Answer “I Want To Be”

The Exploration Camp held in early June at the Snyder Campus challenged students to think about careers that were of interest to them.

Natasha responded, “I want to be a veterinarian.” Andre said, “A sports director.” Rico answered, “A bail bondsman.” Doris thought a pediatrician. Josh J. aspires to be an entrepreneur. Josh A. thinks he’ll be a computer technician. Hector wants to be a boxer. Marteha replied, “A judge.” Nathan’s response, “A pro-athlete.” Michael plans to be a businessman. Tanecia is considering becoming a cosmetologist.

With the help of summer project volunteers, Elon Homes staff developed a curriculum that gave students an opportunity to explore various careers, the education and/or training required and the actual work involved. Students also received help in how to go about applying for employment.

Jeanette Ashe, Reidsville beauty salon owner, presented a hair and skin care session. Both males and females enjoyed the day devoted to hands-on lessons. Ashe dispersed door prizes and taught the essentials of personal care.

Yvette Nguyn, manager of Total Elegance Salon and Spa, invited students to test the pedicure turf. Two students received pedicures; others expressed an interest in nail care and tanning.

Alice P. Braxton, certified resumé writer and coach, facilitated a summer workshop held in Johnston Hall. She provided students with a career planning workbook, a complimentary resumé critique certificate and a wealth of interview tips.

Supervisor Tracey Swink of Bayada Nurses, Greensboro, gave a presentation on home care. Students learned about types of position available in nursing and visited the Bayada facility. They returned to campus with a better knowledge of what is home care and whether they might consider a career in the field.

There were numerous other opportunities to learn about possible careers. For example, students visited Stageworks and Lighting in Raleigh where staff recommended that anyone considering stage work should first volunteer as a stagehand. At the Burlington Fire Department, students were told to continue their educations as a first step to a promising future.

When Exploration Camp ended, students were unanimous that the week had been worthwhile. Everyone agreed they gained valuable knowledge and were encouraged to think seriously about how they want to make their living.

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Snyder Student to Attend Transportation Program for Rising Juniors, Seniors

Michael S. was accepted for the summer high school transportation program sponsored by the Transportation Institute of North Carolina A&T State University, June 25 through August 1. Students have an opportunity to interact with transportation professionals and to learn about careers in transportation. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 to be considered and receive a stipend and a college level course, tuition free. Certificates will be awarded to students upon completion of the summer program. Congratulations, Michael.

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Youth Conference in Greensboro Offers Workshop Choices for Students

Several Snyder Campus students attended “The Remnant,” a youth conference sponsored by Mt. Zion Ministry. Workshops during the four day conference included “Music Skool Sessions,” vacation bible school, off campus activities and a family fun day. The young people were asked to choose six of the 14 workshops offered. A “Star Search” gave talented young people the chance to present poetry, singing, rapping, dances etc.

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Spiritual Exploration Camp, June 23 - 27

Monday through Friday, students enjoyed leaving campus to explore the beauty of newly erected buildings, landscapes, hard-carved carousel horses, bumper car rides, bowling, scenic city parks, pedal boats on area lakes, etc. Each day students were involved in afternoon bible study which was an integral part of the week’s activities.

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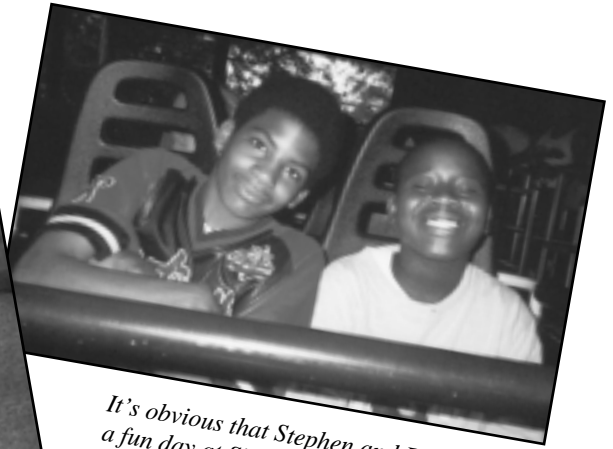
And More to Come

A Golf Week with Will Stinnett
Join Curtis White for Sports Challenge Week
Busch Gardens and Water Place Summer Trip

Cooking Camp with Sonja Harris
Design Your Own Web Site with Dale Frazier



Pool is a favorite activity in the new Kennedy Campus Teen Center. Note second pool table, a recent gift from a generous donor. The center is a great addition to campus life. A huge thank you to the committee responsible for creating the center and especially to William Turner who chaired the committee.



It's obvious that Stephen and Donnie had a fun day at Six Flags. The overnight trip to the Georgia amusement park was a reward for Kennedy Charter students' hard work over the past year. For the second year, Kennedy Charter Public School was named one of the 10 most improved high schools in North Carolina.



The two 5-bedroom houses being built on Kennedy Campus will be dedicated in a ceremony in late August. The houses are being built through a collaborative effort with Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofit groups. Older students in need of therapeutic foster care and an independent living/preparation for adult living setting will occupy the homes. Youth from Elon Homes and Right Moves for Youth who have participated in the construction of the homes have done a great job, according to Bert Green, Executive Director of Habitat Charlotte. Here, students have just raised a truss on the site B house and are busy securing it in place. The houses are going up "at breathtaking speed" said a staff member. Elon Homes is funding the project with support from several sponsors.



SouthTown Riders, a Christian organization that works with Charlotte inner city youth, hosted students for two days on the lake near Latta Plantation. About the days' activities, President Danny Tolentino said, "Our goal is to encourage students to try wakeboarding and show them that they can accomplish things they never thought they could."

The Role of Philanthropy



Jane Grosse, CFRE
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Replace Assumptions With Confidence

Today in the face of economic uncertainties and longer life spans, we need and want to make every provision possible to assure future security for our families.

And today, more information on the need for making a will is available than ever before.

That's why it is disappointing, if not tragic, when estates are settled without the benefit of a will.

A will lets you know If you already have a legal will, you can *know* what will become of your property. But if you don't have a legal will, consider the following:

1. You can't just assume "my spouse gets everything." If you are a wife and mother or husband and father and die first, your spouse may get only a part of your estate. The state may set aside part of your assets for the children when they come of age. In that event, your spouse will have to obtain permission from the probate judge to use these funds for the children's benefit. In your will, however, you could have eliminated these restrictions.

2. You can't just assume estate taxes and court costs are the same with or without a will. The simple fact is that court costs are usually higher when there is no will. And tax-saving arrangements can often be included in a will to help conserve your property. **3. You can't just assume that any of your assets will go to charity.** Even if you have told your spouse or close friends of your wish, by law the court cannot take such action. But your wishes can be carried out if you include bequests in your personal will.

How to get started

Step I: List the persons you have responsibility for, including yourself. Consider the ages and needs of the people in your life.

Step II: Prepare a list of all of your property. Include house and car(s), stocks, bonds, mortgages, real estate, jewelry, antiques, collections and other assets. List the value and original cost of your assets and your income.

Step III: Write down what you want to do for each person you listed and how you want to accomplish it. Some will need income, others cash. What do you want to happen to what is left? Consider naming Elon Homes for Children for a bequest for what is left.

Step IV: See your attorney and ask him or her to draft a legal will for you.

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