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Dear Friends in the Local Schools:

On behalf of the Office of Cultural and Special Programs and the School of Education at Elon University, we would like to provide information about the Fall 2006 cultural calendar. With a broad range of topics by guest speakers as well as concerts and programs by award-winning performing artists, we invite you, your staff, and your students to attend our events this season.

The Elon Common Reading selection *Mountains Beyond Mountains* brings author Tracy Kidder on Tuesday, September 26, to share his account of the monumental work of Dr. Paul Farmer, an infectious disease specialist who has changed the course of modern medicine in poverty-stricken nations around the world. Other invited speakers for this fall include a lecture on the science of affirmative action by Roland Fryer, Jr., a Harvard assistant professor and junior fellow (Tuesday, September 12). The Liberal Arts Forum presents Asma Hasan, author of *Why I Am A Muslim* and *American Muslims: The New Generation* (Monday, October 9). William W. Parsons, deputy director of NASA's Kennedy Space Center will speak on "The Shuttle's Return to Flight After the Columbia Disaster" (Monday, November 6), and award-winning author Tim O'Brien will discuss "true war stories" and the blurred ground between reality and fiction (Thursday, November 16).

Performing arts programs include the Richmond Ballet's "American Masterpieces of Dance" on Wednesday, September 13; the popular Welsh folk ensemble Crasdant (Tuesday, October 10), Adams Foundation Piano Recital with Ursula Oppens (Thursday, October 19); and "The President's Own" United States Marine Band (Saturday, November 18). Academic departments will again present poetry and prose readings; two Art History guest speakers; as well as theatre productions and music recitals by students and faculty including two productions by our performing arts department: *Blues for an Alabama Sky* by Pearl Cleage and Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*.

The enclosed cultural calendar provides detailed information on these and more of Elon University's fall programs. Many events are free and open to the public. For those events that do require a fee, discounts are extended to student groups. Please contact Martha Hill, University Box Office Manager, at (336) 278-5610 weekdays between 12:30 and 5:00 p.m. For up-to-date information on any of the speakers or detailed directions to our campus, please visit our website: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/cultural>.

We hope to see you at our upcoming programs and appreciate your support!

Sincerely yours,

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