

# Eastern Nazarene College



## **Greetings and welcome to the April edition of our ENCounter ENC newsletter!**

Dear Friends,

Greetings! As the school year begins to wrap up, we here at ENC are grateful for God's blessings and guidance now and throughout the year.

After what has been a truly unique year on campus, we are excited to be celebrating both the 2020 and 2021 classes during Commencement on May 15th. Whether you will be joining us in person or on the livestream, we pray that this will be a special time for the entire ENC community as our Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Melody Eckardt delivers the Commencement address and sends our seniors off to accomplish amazing things!

We also are delighted to announce the launch of our first fully online programs. These online programs will kick off this August. As we look forward to bringing students back to campus in the fall, the Admissions team has put together some wonderful events including the *Coffee, Tea, and ENC* conversation with the ENC Podcast staff on May 6th and the ENCounter ENC event taking place on May 29th.

In this month's newsletter, we highlight the accomplishments of alumnus Dr. Stephen Wilson ('91) and two of our graduating seniors, Lily Cook ('21) and Cullen Gallagher

('21). We also want to share our numerous events scheduled to take place throughout May, including:

- Commencement Services
- The Kauffman Initiative for the Renewal of Christian Witness Spring Series
- ENCOUNTER ENC Event featuring Career Services and Alumni Staff
- Coffee, Tea, and ENC featuring the ENC Podcast team

For more information on these exciting events, please see below, where you also will find information about our upcoming athletic events and updates from the college.

Thank you for your prayers, your students, and your support.

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**David P. Bergers ('89)**

Vice President of  
External Relations  
and General Counsel

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ENC's Masked Alumni Trivia

**Do you know who this is?**

The first five to email the correct answer to [alumni@enc.edu](mailto:alumni@enc.edu) will receive some fun ENC swag!

[Request a Mask](#)

## Alumni Profile

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**ENC Alumnus Dr. Stephen Wilson ('91) was recently appointed Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and Chief of Family Medicine Boston Medical Center (BMC).**



Wilson's Boston University and BMC appointment came in April 2020 at a key point of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although he wasn't looking to leave his practice and teaching in Pittsburgh, he felt called to return to the Boston area. "(BMC) primarily works to take care of low-income patients, so it's a good fit," he says. God has been present in every aspect of his career, from his return to Boston to his decision to attend ENC. "My career has mirrored God along that path," he says. "All I'm trying to do is use the skills and talents He's given me in the best way He wants."

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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**Lily Cook ('21)**





For those of you who don't know me, I'm Lily Cook! I'm from Massachusetts. I'm a Crime, Law and Justice major on the legal track here at ENC, as well as a pre-law minor. Despite entering ENC in 2018, I somehow managed to change my graduation date to this May (still don't know how I pulled it off). I am so sad to leave this place behind but excited to start a new chapter. I was recently accepted into a few law schools in Boston and am awaiting some more decisions from Texas and California! I'll be pursuing my Juris Doctor to become an immigration lawyer and be an advocate for change. I am so, so excited for the crazy, difficult, rewarding journey ahead of me for the next three years in law school!

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## Cullen Gallagher ('21)

Cullen Gallagher, senior at Eastern Nazarene College, is preparing to graduate and tackle the world like the rest of his class. There's just one difference - Cullen is visually impaired. Despite this obstacle, it has never stopped him from achieving his goals and keeping his sights on accomplishing great feats in his life.

One of the reasons Cullen chose ENC was its Christian culture. He enjoys going to chapel each week and being part of the campus' Christian tradition. Coming from a Catholic background, he felt the school would be perfect in supporting him from a spiritual standpoint.



Previous to ENC, Cullen attended Perkins School for the Blind, so attending a mainstream school for the first time was a major change to his academic life. Throughout his time on campus, ENC provided unflagging support for his academic and spiritual life.

Cullen credits his success at ENC to the support of his various professors and the Center for Academic Success, which allowed him to take exams in an accessible format and helped him with assignments. With his experience at ENC, he has great hope for the college to continue being a great support for visually impaired students.

Outside the classroom, Cullen is involved with the National Federation of the Blind, an advocacy group comprised of visually impaired people from all over the United

States. He joined the organization a few months after attending his first national convention in Orlando in 2015. After five years of membership, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind for the affiliation of Massachusetts. Just one year later, he was promoted to Second Vice President. His advocacy work centers on access to technology and employment resources.

Cullen knows that ENC was the perfect choice for continuing his education and the support he's received will allow him to continue his work of advocating for himself and others with visual impairments.

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### **Eastern Nazarene College Launches First Fully Online Programs**

"We are pleased to be able to extend our educational mission beyond our Quincy campus, and we will do so with ENC's long-standing commitments to academic quality, Christian faith, and supportive community." – Dr. Jack Connell, President

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We are pleased to announce that Commencement ceremonies for graduates in both the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 will be held on the Gardner Lawn on Saturday, May 15. The college will host three ceremonies that day.

The ceremony for all graduates in the Class of 2020 will be held at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony for traditional undergraduate students in the Class of 2021 will take place at 2:00 p.m., and the ceremony for adult and graduate students in the Class of 2021 will be at 6:00 p.m. Due to current safety protocols in place, the graduates and a limited number of their guests will be able to attend the ceremony in person; all others are welcome to enjoy the ceremony through an enhanced livestream.

[Click Here for Full Details](#)

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## Commencement Speaker

Dr. Melody Eckhart



Dr. Eckardt is a graduate of Messiah College, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and

the Harvard School of Public Health. She currently serves as Senior Maternal Health Advisor in the Global Health Innovation Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital and practices obstetrics and gynecology at Monadnock Community Hospital in southern New Hampshire.

As a member of the Board of Trustees since 2017, prior to serving as the chair, Dr. Eckardt served as Chair of the Enrollment Committee, co-chair of the President's Task Force on Racial Justice, and a member of the Executive Committee. She and her husband Ralph live in Milton, MA, with their three children and attend Wollaston Church of the Nazarene.

## UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

**Join us for the following events!**

**KAUFFMAN INITIATIVE**  
FOR THE RENEWAL OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS  
SPRING SERIES 2021

**NEW ADDITION**

**MORGAN HARPER NICHOLS**

**REMAINING SPEAKERS:**

MAY 3	REV. ALTHEA TAYLOR
MAY 10	BENJI SUPRICE
MAY 17	MORGAN HARPER NICHOLS

FIND MORE INFORMATION BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE.

The Office of Spiritual Development is excited to announce a final addition to the Kauffman Initiative Spring Series lineup. As an artist, poet, and musician, **Morgan Harper Nichols** inspires both young and old through her work.

[More Information](#)

**Share your ENC experience with others and invite them to attend these virtual events!**





## ENCounter

**Saturday, May 29th, 2021**

**When: 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

This is your virtual opportunity to hear about our robust programs, student involvement, the admissions process, and more!! We ENCourage you to join us! Your story has a place at Eastern Nazarene College, and our team is here to help!

Current LIONS are standing by, ready to share the transformational experiences they are having at ENC.

[Register](#)

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**May 6th**

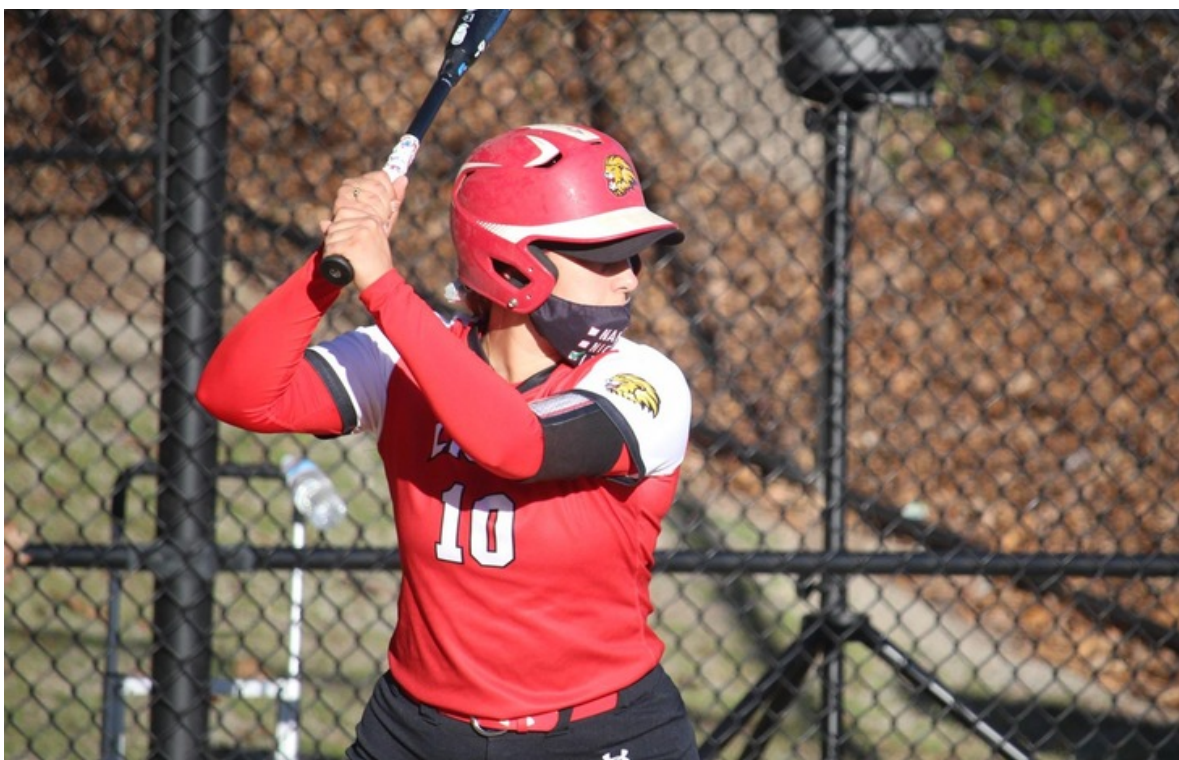
Join us [virtually](#) on Facebook at 5:30pm for our talk show series, Coffee, Tea, and ENC! This episode we will feature a conversation with the ENC Podcast staff!

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**Upcoming in Athletics**

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**April 30th:**

Women's Tennis @ Bridgewater State

**May 1st:** Softball vs. Lesley

**May 2nd:** Softball @ Lesley

**May 7th-9th**

NECC Softball Tournament

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# STAY CONNECTED

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The Office of Alumni Relations wants to hear from our alumni. Please keep your information up to date with the Alumni Relations Office by visiting the [Update Alumni Record Page](#) and share any news with us by visiting the Contact Alumni Relations page or by emailing [alumni@enc.edu](mailto:alumni@enc.edu). Please send us good news, obituaries, and other life events or achievements.

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