

Eastern Nazarene College



Greetings and welcome to the February edition of our ENCOUNTER ENC newsletter!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support as we welcomed back students for the start of our spring semester this month. As alumni, parents and educators, we remain so grateful for Eastern Nazarene College, where the integration of quality education and Christian faith continues to shape the hearts and minds of all those who set foot upon our campus. The importance of continuing our mission to educate and uplift is our top priority all year long – and I encourage you to share in this mission, by rising to the challenge and inviting future students to ENCOUNTER ENC!

*"We, in Admissions, could not be more thankful for the numerous ways in which you have supported our students and the entire ENC community. This past year brought many challenges, but we were able to face them together. As we look ahead to the fall, our main goal is to connect even more new students to ENC. Our hope is that you would help by reaching out to future students and sharing all of the great experiences that ENC offered you--as a way to encourage them to experience ENC and make it their own home away from home." -**Natara Gray**, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Diversity Outreach.*



Further below, you can view a few [upcoming dates for Undergraduate Admissions recruitment events](#).

Also in this month's edition, we are excited to share stories from alumni couples who met at ENC, current updates from our faculty and staff, and a wonderful student highlight on [Seniesha Sekaquaptewa](#), sharing her journey towards entrepreneurship.

After almost a full year without ENC athletic events, we are looking forward to supporting our student athletes as they get back into action this semester. View their game schedule [here](#) and also watch them virtually through our livestream. Go ENC! We also encourage you to take a look at our [upcoming events](#) below to learn more about our 2021 Dr. John U. Free Physics and Engineering Seminar Series, named for ENC alumnus and esteemed Professor Emeritus Dr. John U. Free, and a two-part personal

finance webinar presented by nationally recognized finance expert and ENC alumnus Pete Benson.

We continue to be grateful to God for His never failing love and guidance. May you continue to feel His presence in a very special way.

In Him,

David



David P. Bergers ('89)
Vice President of
External Relations
and General Counsel

ALUMNI ♥ COUPLES

"Three things will last forever – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

Celebrating alumni stories of family and love during the month of February.

Jesse and Krista Casler '99

Brand new freshmen Jesse Casler '99 and Krista (White) Casler '99 had their first date over sundaes at Friendly's. Their dates for the next four years usually looked more like student government meetings, supply runs for events, taking classes, and volunteer projects, but working and learning side by side only strengthened their romance. Jesse and Krista married after graduation and today live in Lancaster, PA with their sons Josiah and William.



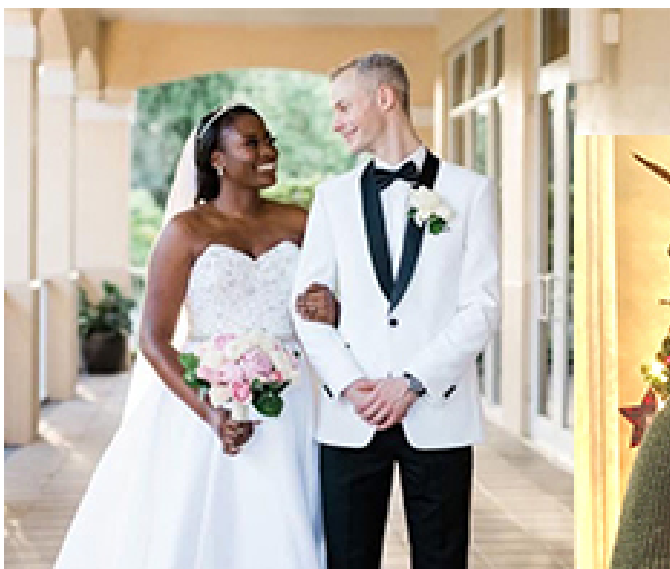
Lindell and Karisa Pascall '09

"Summer 2006 Karisa was an incoming freshman, and I was going into my sophomore year. I was on the Summer Ministry team visiting her church in Cape May. I tried to win her over by giving her one of those cool ENC t-shirts. While that did not originally work, we ended up dating 2 years later. We have been together for 13 years and married for 10! She's my best friend and I am her biggest fan!"- *Lindell Pascall*



Doug and Christina Desautell '16

"We are grateful that God brought us both together at ENC and for the memories we shared together on campus. We've been together since March 10, 2014! It seems like yesterday seeing Douglas around on our College campus and I always had the biggest crush! We got married on August 30, 2019 and welcomed our sweet daughter, Colette Rose Desautell, into our world this December of 2020. She has truly been the most amazing and beautiful blessing in this crazy season."- *Christina Desautell*



[Read More Stories Here](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

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Protecting The Den: ENC's COVID-19 Testing Key to Campus Health and Safety

*"ENC is a different place this year as we work to keep the campus healthy by observing protocols that change our daily norm, but it is still a place that cares deeply for students as we seek to model the love of Christ toward one another in new ways."***Jeffrey Kirksey**, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Services



Before the 2020-21 academic year began in August, Eastern Nazarene College's Emergency Response Team made the decision to conduct COVID-19 testing for all on-campus students weekly throughout the semester. In the Fall 2020 semester, ENC administered over 3,500 COVID-19 tests and the college anticipates over 4,500 tests to be administered throughout the spring semester with the additions of commuter students and some faculty and staff to the testing pool. Through the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard in nearby Cambridge, Massachusetts, ENC continues to obtain quick results, which has aided in efficient contact tracing and limiting exposure.

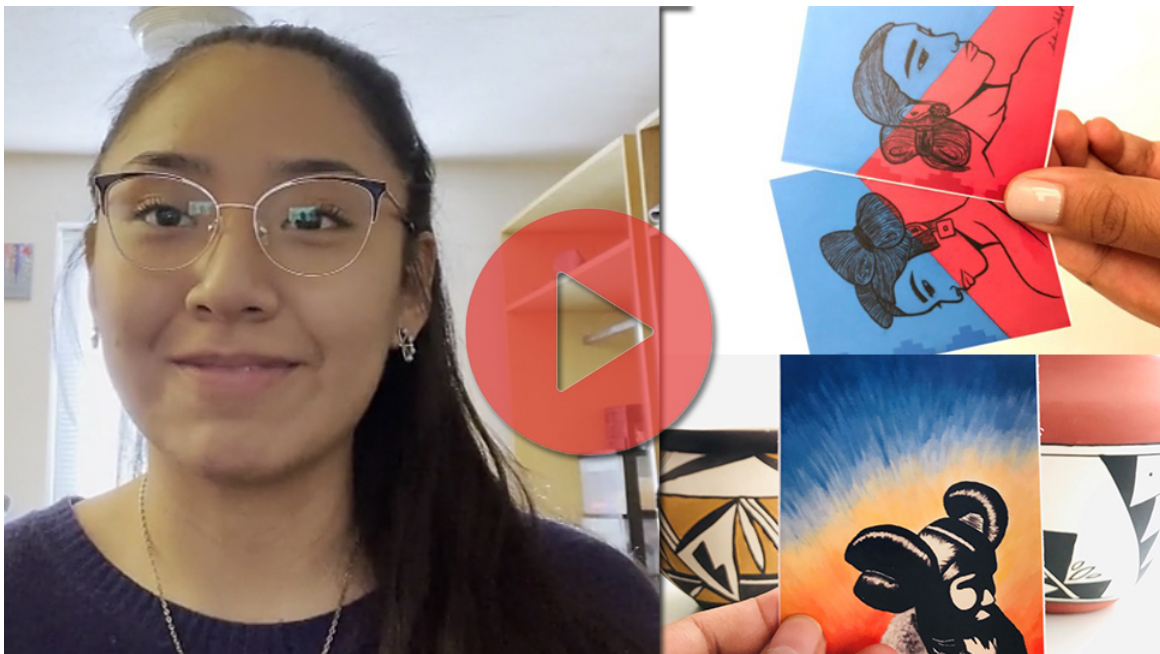
"Keeping COVID at bay is a community wide effort. I have been so impressed to see my colleagues and students step up to care for the community in very meaningful ways. Thanks to Patsy Malas and Romey Caringal and their team of amazing students, we have a full service Testing Center that enables the campus to provide PCR testing to all traditional undergraduate students weekly (twice weekly if needed). Lis Moreau, Director of Residence Life and Housing, and the Residence Life Team, with the help of a small army of campus volunteers, are working hard to provide good care to our students in quarantine and isolation housing including: facilitating moves, delivering meals, providing laundry service, delivering packages and mail, placing care packages, and responding to specific student requests to make their stay in quarantine as positive as possible," said Jeffrey Kirksey, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Services. "This is a challenging time, but I am sincerely proud of the colleagues I serve alongside and the incredible students that grace this campus."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Meet Seniesha Sekaquaptewa '21

Hear from Seniesha Sekaquaptewa ('21) about how she has connected with her Native American culture and heritage through her original artwork. Visit her Instagram, [@_sekaquaptewa](#), to view her art pieces.



NEWS AND UPDATES

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In case you missed our Presidents Forum....

Enjoy this insightful fireside chat with former Presidents Kent Hill, David McClung and Corlis McGee, moderated by President Jack Connell.



Welcoming Laura Nase '08 as a new member of the External Relations Team

Laura Nase, a graduate of ENC in 2008, received her B.S. in Business Communications, and a M.S in Nonprofit Management & Philanthropy in 2011 from Bay Path University. As a former Executive Board of Trustees member, she cares deeply for the mission of ENC and her students. Laura's professional experience in fundraising began at ENC in 2008 and she continued her fundraising career with other nonprofit organizations.



She served in administration at Owego Church of the Nazarene, grew memberships with the Tioga Chamber and South Shore Chamber of Commerce and performed other nonprofit work. Laura shared, "I look forward to deepening relationships with our alumni and friends at ENC! I believe in the advancement of our college and the bright future for our students."

The role of Director of Alumni and Church Relations is still open, and we are considering both full time and part time roles!

If you or someone that you know is interested in applying, [visit](#) our website for more information.

Faculty Announcements

We remain grateful to our ENC faculty members for the lifelong impact they continue to have on the lives of students each day and we are privileged to be able to highlight their accomplishments.



Tara Brooke Watkins, Ph.D.

Humanities Program

Professor of Theatre for Social Justice

Professor Watkins recently successfully defended her dissertation at Tufts University entitled "Performing History in North Tulsa: Black Wall Street and the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre."



David Young, Ph.D.

Dean of Chapel

Professor of Biblical Literature

Professor Young's dissertation on the *Reception of the Epistle to the Hebrews in Early Christianity*, was recently accepted for publication in the *Library of New Testament Studies*.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Tara Brooke Watkins and Dr. David Young on their recent accomplishments.

ENC Celebrates Black History Month

"The celebration of Black History month provides a glimpse into the vast and fundamental role of Africans in American History. To celebrate Black History month, is to celebrate American History. *"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots"* (Marcus Garvey, 1887-1940). Black History month is also an indictment on our society that such history languishes in what is considered canonic. The significance of Africans and African Americans in our historical world and American historical development informs current society of African American's essential place in our today and our future." - **Robert Benjamin**, Associate Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and Dean of Students

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
and COMMUNITY LIFE
PRESENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO

WRITTEN BY
JAMES BALDWIN
DIRECTED BY
RAUL PECK
WITH THE VOICE OF
SAMUEL L. JACKSON



A film based on an unfinished work of author and activist, *James Baldwin*, that explores the history of racism in the United States through Baldwin's reminiscences of civil rights leaders *Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr.*



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FIRST SHOWING

followed by brief discussion

TUESDAY | 7:30 PM

MARCH 2

RUTH CAMERON AUDITORIUM

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SECOND SHOWING

followed by brief discussion

WEDNESDAY | 7:30 PM

MARCH 3

RUTH CAMERON AUDITORIUM

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Film is available on NETFLIX

★★★★★

ZOOM DISCUSSION

MONDAY | 8:00 PM

MARCH 8

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Special viewing and virtual discussion held on James Baldwin's iconic film *I am Not Your Negro*.

UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

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Please join us for the
Dr. John U. Free
Physics & Engineering
Seminar Series | 2021

Fridays | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Presentations

February 26 - April 29

**Featuring Faculty and Physics and Engineering
Senior Research Presentations**

*This series encourages collaboration and information sharing between programs
and promotes an atmosphere that supports undergraduate research*

Join us for our **2021 Dr. John U. Free Physics and Engineering Seminar Series on Fridays from February 26th - April 19th, from 4:30pm-5:30pm**. This series encourages collaboration and information sharing between programs and promotes an atmosphere that supports undergraduate research.

[View Full Program Schedule](#)

A Biblical Blueprint for Financial Success



Do you need Financial Solutions and Guidance right now?

If so, don't miss this Webinar: **A Biblical Blueprint for Financial Success**

Who - have you faced **financial challenges** because of COVID 19 or just in general?

What - a virtual seminar just for YOU to help give you tools and **practical advice you can follow right now.**

When - March 23rd and 24th at 7:00pm.

Where - in the comfort of your own home over the computer...**we make it easy.**

Why - many of our alumni have asked for and need **financial solutions and answers right now.**

Special Guest Speaker: Alumni, Advisor, Author: C. Pete Benson

Session on March 23rd

Session on March 24th

**Spring Commencement will be held on May 15th
for the Classes of 2020 and 2021**



**Join us this Lenten Season as our Office of Spiritual
Development focuses on spiritual disciplines, through alumni
interviews and student testimonials in their new Rhythms Series.**



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



March 4th at 5:30pm

Join us [virtually](#) for our live talk-show series, Coffee Tea and ENC! This month we will be joined by student-athletes who will be sharing all about athletics at ENC.

Munro Day



March 5th at 10:30am

The Munro Scholarship is awarded to our top academic performing incoming students! We will host a virtual event that will include robust information about our academic programs, insight to our campus activities, and an interview process for the invitees. [Learn more.](#)



March 20th at 2:00pm

ENCOUNTER ENC event focusing on STEM and Social Sciences programs.

[Register here.](#)

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. Please send us good news, obituaries, and other life events or achievements.



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