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Welcome to the February 2022 ENCOUNTER ENC newsletter!

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, I am moved by how at various stages of our lives, scripture guides and inspires us, meeting us where we are at, attending to our hearts. With love and mercy, the scriptures teach, the Lord directs our paths as we walk with him.

Of late, **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** has been a signpost to me as I discern the need to resign as ENC's Executive Director of Advancement and External Relations. This decision flows from the unique season of my life. I serve two vocations as a mother to young children, Ruby (3.5 years) and Robbie (nearly 2), and wife and partner in ministry to Phil, who is a Lead Pastor for a Nazarene congregation.

Over the past four and a half years, it has been a joy to serve ENC on the Board and within the Advancement office. I am grateful the Lord called me to support ENC through these seasons.

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As our office transitions, **Kristen Wilson '92, Director of Donor Relations**, will provide temporary leadership. We are currently in the process of hiring a **full-time Alumni Director** and encourage all who are interested to apply through our [careers page](#).

Thanks for your **TWOS-Day** support this month! We will have another fun opportunity as a part of our March Gladness Month. Look out for an announcement in your email tomorrow!

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In this issue of the **ENCOUNTER Newsletter**:

- Alumni Award Nominations
- Inaugural Lacrosse Season
- On-Campus and Nationwide Events

In closing, thank you for your faithful support, your students, and your friendship. May God continue to bless ENC through you!

With gratitude,



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Executive Director of Advancement and External Relations



NEWS & UPDATES

Meet our Student Staff



Pictured left to right: Gina Lozano, Olivia Fiore, Sharon Biondi

Gina Lozano '20 and '22 (Monclova, Mexico) joined the Advancement staff in 2020 as a Graduate Assistant (GA). She had just earned a Management degree with a minor in Environmental Science at ENC. She will complete the Masters of Science in Management program this May.

Olivia Fiore '22 (Andover, MA) has been in the office as a student worker since 2019. Olivia will be graduating from ENC with a Bachelor's in Crime, Law and Justice in May. She has post-graduate plans of attending law school.

Sharon Biondi '20 and '22 (Lara/Barquisimeto, Venezuela) joined the staff as a GA at the same time as Gina. Sharon had just completed a Bachelors in Global Business here at ENC. She will also be completing her Masters of Science in Management this spring.

We are grateful for the support that Gina, Olivia, and Sharon provide for this office!

Thank you for giving
on **TW**  **S-Day!**

Last Tuesday was a once in a lifetime milestone as the date lined up to be **2/22/22**. To celebrate, we asked folks to give a gift of their choice: **\$2, \$22, \$222, \$2,222, or \$22,222**.

Two-gether you gave **\$9,459.54!**

Thank you for helping us celebrate this day that will not occur for another 200 years.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Once a Lion, Now a Red Sox



Juan Rivera ('11) has built quite the following in the local baseball community over the last few years. His work has recently garnered the attention of the **Boston Red Sox**.

As a former Division III player, Juan only went up from his time at ENC. After graduating, Juan transitioned to a coaching role here at his Alma Mater before moving on to coach for several other programs. Now, he is taking his career one step further by joining the **Red Sox** as a minor league coach this season.

Read the full story [here](#).

Nominate Outstanding Alumni



It's that time of year again.

“What time is that?” you might ask. If you aren’t aware, every year the Alumni Council honors deserving alumni with awards that are presented during Homecoming.

This year, the nominees should come from a class who graduated in years ending in ‘7 and ‘2.

To read more about the award criteria and to nominate an alumni, please visit the link below.

Alumni Awards

ATHLETICS

Basketball Honors

Eastern Nazarene's basketball teams fought hard in post-season play. Last week, the women's basketball team suffered a 93-84 loss to Mitchell in the semifinals game ending the season with a 13-9 overall record. On Saturday afternoon, our men's basketball team fell to Mitchell in a thrilling NECC championship game leaving the team 14-12 for the season.

Members of both teams garnered conference honors.

Men's Basketball

- First-year head coach **Logan Sharp** - **NECC Co-Coach of the Year**
- Sophomore **Bernie McGuiness** (Cumming, GA) - **NECC Co-Player of the Year, NECC All-Tournament Team**
- Sophomore **Levi Grady-White** (Springfield, MA) - **NECC All-Tournament Team**
- Graduate student **Ozzy Traill III** (Valley Stream, NY) - **NECC Del Malloy Sportsmanship Team**

Women's Basketball

- First-year head coach **Didier Dinh** - **NECC Coach of the Year**
 - Seniors **Alondra Jimenez** (Santa Barbara, CA) and **Sydni Oviatt** (Fruit Heights, UT) - **All Conference Team**
 - Senior **Michala O'Donoghue** (San Bruno, CA) - **NECC Del Malloy Sportsmanship Team**
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Inaugural Season

After many years on the college's radar, ENC is proud to step into the inaugural season of Lacrosse. The team is being led by head coach **Mark Wirth** and will begin play this week.



2/26	REGIS (MASS.)
3/2	MAINE MARITIME
3/9	EMMANUEL (MASS.)
3/12	AT ALBERTUS MAGNUS
3/15	NVU-LYNDON
3/16	AT ST. JOSEPH (CONN.)
3/24	AT MT. ST. MARY (N.Y.)
3/26	VS. MT. VERNON NAZARENE
3/30	AT SALEM STATE
4/2	AT NICHOLS
4/13	NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE *
4/16	AT MITCHELL *
4/19	AT THOMAS (MAINE)
4/23	AT NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE *
4/27	MITCHELL *

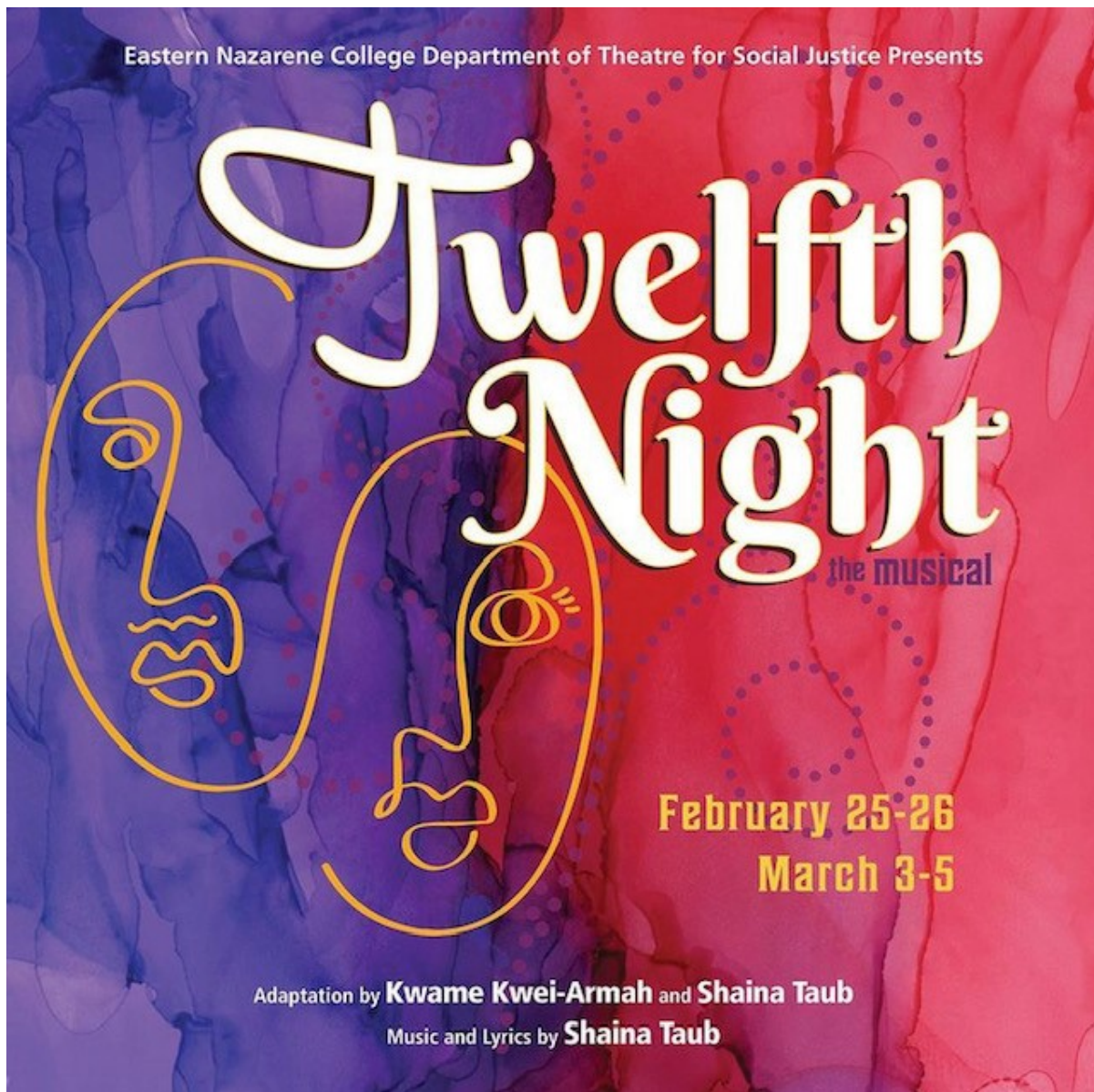
2022 MEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE



Athletics Schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

Twelfth Night



Have you heard the word, word, word on the street?

The Theatre for Social Justice Department at **Eastern Nazarene College** proudly presents **Twelfth Night**, a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy by composer and lyricist Shaina Taub (As You Like It).

This production is directed by **Emily Cameron** with Music Direction by **Berklee School of Music's Makai Keur**.

Twelfth Night opened this weekend and will have another set of showings **March 3-5**. If you have not seen it, we invite you to reserve your seat for this weekend!

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

Alumni Gatherings

We have several exciting alumni gatherings coming up in the month of March! We would love to see you! Please register for any events that you plan to attend using the link below.

Florida

- When:** Friday, March 11, 6:30pm
Venice COTN
- Where:** 1535 Venice Ave
Venice, FL, 34292
- What:** *Enjoy desserts, drinks and fellowship with Dr. Jack Connell & your ENC friends and family*

MARCH MADNESS:

A Look Back at the King's Tournament

- When:** Saturday, March 19
- Where:** 1pm EST
Zoom
- What:** *Join us for a time of virtual fellowship as our conversation centers around The King's Tournament.*

California

- When:** Saturday, March 19, 11am-2pm
- Where:** Point Loma Nazarene University Campus
Fermanian School of Business
- What:** *Enjoy an Alumni Zoom (11am) followed by lunch and fellowship (12pm) with Dr. Jack Connell & your ENC friends and family*



Registration

Anthony Ray Hinton



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ANTHONY RAY HINTON

FROM *JUST MERCY*
CHAPEL, MARCH 30TH

We are very excited to welcome **Anthony Ray Hinton**, whose story is featured in Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy*, to chapel on March 30th. Mr. Hinton is the author of ***The Sun Does Shine*** in which he recounts his story of spending 30 years on death row due to wrongful conviction until he was exonerated in 2015. We invite you to join us for this special chapel service sponsored by **The Kauffman Initiative** at **11:15am** on **March 30th**. If you cannot join us in person, we invite you to join us via [livestream](#).

Send me a Reminder

MONTHLY GIVING SPOTLIGHT



MARCH GLADNESS

"I will be glad and rejoice in you!" (Psalm 9:2)

Are you...

Team Willy or **Team Spange**?

Team Shields or **Team Memorial**?

Team Munro or **Team Young**?

Team Commuter or **Team Adult and Graduate Studies**?

Keep an eye out on social media and in your inbox for exciting details about March Gladness tomorrow!

IN OTHER NEWS

Church Prayer Calendar

The Office of Church Relations is continuing with the prayer initiative this month. Each week, we will pray for the District Superintendent and Churches in one of our districts throughout the Eastern Field.

We hope that you consider joining us as we pray for all our churches.

Eastern Field Prayer Calendar

February 27th - April 2nd

Feb. 27-Mar. 5	Mar. 6 - 12	Mar. 13 - 19	Mar. 20 - 26	Mar. 27 - Apr. 2
27. Maine Rev. Steve Dillman	6. New England Rev. Ken Stanford	13. Upstate NY Rev. Olivia Metcalf	20. Metro NY Dr. Sam Vassel	27. Philadelphia Rev. Kerry Willis
28. Farmington Falls Gardiner Great Island	7. Dorchester Immanuel Dorchester Second Duxbury St. Paul's	14. <i>Living Hope</i> Lowville Bethel Owego	21. <i>Centro de</i> Avivamiento Clinton East Rockaway	28. Lansdale Lavelle Lewisburg
1. Jackman Leeds Lewiston	8. East Charleston Faith Comm. Chapel Falmouth	15. <i>Parish Faith</i> Plattsburgh Potsdam	22. Edison New Beg. Elizabeth Spanish Elmont Haitian	29. Limerick Macungie Media
2. Lisbon Falls Livermore Falls Maine West Point	9. Fitchburg Framingham Hartford	16. Rochester Calvary Rochester Cross of Christ Rochester Grace	23. Elmont Roca Far Rockaway Far Rockaway Sp.	30. Middletown Mifflinburg Millville
3. Mechanic Falls Millinocket New Chance	10. <i>Hartford Spanish</i> Haverhill Hingham North St.	17. <i>Rochester Iglesia</i> Rochester Trinity Sanborn Faith	24. <i>First Church</i> First South Asian Fishkill	31. Montoursville New Holland Norristown
4. New Horizons North Waldoboro Norway	11. Hooksett Grace Chapel Iglesia Lawrence Johnson Lamoille	18. <i>Springwater</i> Syracuse Christ Community	25. Freeport Comm. God's Flock Greater Glory	1. Northfield Oxford Pennington Grace
5. Pittsfield Richmond River of Hope	12. <i>Journey</i> Keene Lakeville	19. Syracuse Com. North Syracuse Valley Vermontville Com.	26. Haitian Comm. Nueva Vida High Mountain	2. Pennsville Philadelphia First Philadelphia First Spanish

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The Office of Alumni Relations loves to keep in touch with ENC Lions! Please share your news, or update your contact information, by visiting us via the [Update Alumni Record Page](#). If you would like to email us, please reach out via alumni@enc.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

Job Postings

Eastern Nazarene College is always seeking new and dedicated members to join the college team. We have a variety of career opportunities on our website and we encourage you to apply if you are interested!

[ENC Careers](#)

Alumni & Friends Facebook Group

Last November, we launched ENC's Official Alumni & Friends Facebook Group and Instagram page.

We have officially surpassed 750 members in the group! This is a great place to stay up to date with fellow classmates, hear first hand about some of the exciting ENC initiatives, and reminisce on previous years at ENC. If you are not already in the group, we invite you to join as we continue sharing exciting updates from the office!



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