

Eastern Nazarene College



Welcome to the January edition of our ENCOUNTER ENC newsletter!

Dear Friends,

Greetings on a beautiful, snowy day here on the Quincy campus of ENC! We are pleased to present this newest edition of the newsletter with important highlights and updates. Our Winter Term (or J-term as many of us remember it!) just finished up this week and we are now welcoming our students back to campus for the second semester. Later this spring we also will be launching our first fully online programs for Adult and Graduate Studies. We invite you to watch President Jack Connell's message that we shared with students and parents earlier this week – Dr. Connell outlines our plans for the semester and offers words of encouragement and hope about the mission of ENC.

This month we highlight the work of alumnus Darren Bodkin ('08), who has been working on the front lines of the pandemic. Our student spotlight features junior Victoria Parenti ('22) as she describes her experience working with the Animal Caretakers Team. We also want to let you know about our upcoming Presidents Forum on President's Day (February 15) – register below for an event that brings together all of ENC's living presidents as they share their memories of what makes ENC special.

We are continuing to focus on how we can better serve our alumni, friends and supporters, and we welcome your suggestions and ideas. We have posted a new opening – Director of Church and Alumni Relations – and we are excited about the possibilities! We are open to both full time and part time positions for these responsibilities. As we mentioned last month, if you would like an ENC mask, please [contact us](#). You even have a chance to win some special ENC swag if you can guess who is pictured below wearing their ENC masks!

As we look every day to our Creator for wisdom, strength and guidance, we are so grateful for your continued prayers and support.

In Him,

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

Special Message from President Jack Connell



Join us for a Presidents Day Forum on President's Day

This virtual event will feature an interactive discussion about what makes ENC special with former Presidents Kent R. Hill, David McClung, and Corlis McGee, moderated by President Jack Connell.

Feb 15th at 7:00PM

Click [here](#) to register today!



Join us on President's Day for a virtual

ENC PRESIDENTS FORUM

featuring former presidents

KENT R. HILL
DAVID MCCLUNG
CORLIS MCGEE

Moderated by

President JACK CONNELL

Monday • FEBRUARY 15, 2021 • 7:00pm



Alumni Profile



Meet Dr. Darren Bodkin ('08)



Major: Biology
Hometown: Trinidad and Tobago

Dr. Darren Bodkin is a healthcare worker working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as he finishes his pediatric residency at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. Read about his experiences and how Christ was revealed in his professional life as he ministered to his patients and their needs.

[Read More](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Hear from Victoria Parenti ('22) about the joys of participating in ENC's Animal Caretakers Team (ACT)

“Participating in ACT has challenged me to step outside of my comfort zone and has taught me different forms of responsibility that have helped me both academically and personally!”



The Animal Caretakers Team, led by Professor Jonathan Twining, provides an opportunity for ENC students to gain experience working with a variety of animals. Since 2008, students have tended to approximately fifteen animals, ranging from tarantulas to snakes, that reside in the basement of Shrader Hall. Click below to learn more about the Animal Caretakers Team and how it is preparing Victoria for her future career!

[Read More](#)



ENC's Masked Alumni Trivia

Do you know who this?

The first five to email the correct answer to alumni@enc.edu will receive some fun ENC swag!

[Request a Mask](#)

NEWS AND UPDATES

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New Adult Graduate Online Programs

*"One of our top institutional priorities over the past few years has been the expansion of our capacity for delivering courses to students via online instruction. In that light, it is my privilege to inform you of ENC's first fully online offerings: the **Master of Science in Management and Master of Science in Management-Healthcare Administration** degrees."*

Professor Bill McCoy
Interim Academic Dean



Help us Spread the Word!

If you or anyone you know is interested in more information, please visit our website at
online.enc.edu.

Faculty and Staff Openings at ENC

Please Share Widely with Your Network



Our ENC faculty members leave indelible marks on the lives of their students, as they seek to provide the transformational education that is at the

heart of our mission. That's why we hope you will help us spread the word about three critically important faculty openings we are looking to fill for Fall 2021. We are recruiting new faculty in [Education](#), [Psychology](#), and [Social Work](#).

We are currently seeking a new [Director of Alumni and Church Relations](#). The Director of Alumni and Church Relations will be responsible for developing and implementing the strategies, programs, communications and services that facilitate greater engagement between the College and its alumni and church constituents. Although our position description is for a full time position, we are considering utilizing full time or part time positions to fulfill these responsibilities. If you are interested or have recommendations, please contact our HR Department at careers@enc.edu.

President's Task Force on Racial Justice

Making sure the practices of our campus community align with the biblical call to justice for all of God's children.

The Task Force has been meeting frequently and has made recent updates to several initiatives.

[Read more](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

First Chapel Service of the Spring Semester

"We encourage you to join us for our first chapel of the Spring Semester, where we will continue our theme for the year "We, the Kingdom" in which we explore our identity in the kingdom Jesus proclaims in the Gospel of Matthew. We'll hear John the Baptist's doubts about whether Jesus is all he had hoped and Jesus's response that he may not be exactly what John expected. (Matt 11:1-6)"

Professor David Young
Dean of Chapel



Join us virtually through [Facebook Live](#) on Wednesday, February 3rd at 11:15am.

The
TIME
is
NOW

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPECIAL CHAPEL SERVICE
Wednesday • 11:15 am
FEBRUARY 10, 2021
Esther 4:14-16
FACEBOOK LIVE

Photo by Lloyd Blankenship

Undergraduate Admissions Virtual Events



Feb 17th at 12:00pm

ENCOUNTER ENC event focusing on the student resources that are provided on campus through our Center for Academic Success and The Brickley Center.

[Learn More](#)

STAY CONNECTED



We want 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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