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## Welcome to the January 2022 ENCounter ENC newsletter!

**Dear Friends,**

We are so happy to have our students back on campus and in person! Our Health Services Office has been busy monitoring and tracking cases, which thankfully have been few! Our students are being well cared for as we continue to see our COVID infections decline. Praise God!

Our Facilities Team was very busy prepping on Friday for the snow we received on Saturday. Our Alumni Office challenged our students to a **Campus Photo Challenge** on our Instagram Account [@encalumni](#). Follow [@encalumni](#) to see the winner on Wednesday!

The Spring semester is in full swing and the campus is a buzz! We have some wonderful events on campus. **Dr. Malcolm Foley**, Director of Black Church Studies at Truett Theological Seminary, is coming to campus February 8-9. Dr. Foley will give a lecture February 8 (Zoom available) and will be the guest speaker in chapel February 9, also on [Facebook live](#). Later in February we will host our **Creation Care event** on February 22-23 on campus. More details available on our website.

Lastly, we have joined with [\*\*State Fund Insurance\*\*](#) (in partnership with Mapfre - the largest carrier in the State) to bring our Alumni and friends a significant discount on auto and home owners insurance policies for Massachusetts residents. You can stack discounts **up to 25%** (AAA discounts available as well). Head over to their [\*\*website\*\*](#) to see if you can get a cheaper policy. It saves money and supports ENC!

Continue to [\*\*update us\*\*](#) on your life events! As we head into February, we recall many of you met your better half at ENC! To have a little fun, please send us a picture of you and your lovebird during your time at ENC, and another one of you today! I will start! Phil and I met at ENC in 2005. We dated through our time at ENC and graduate school. In 2011, we married at Wollaston Church, where we served as Youth Pastor. The past three years, we welcomed Ruby and Robbie into our family, and celebrated our 10-year anniversary last year.

God has been faithful to us through our years of dating and marriage and we are thankful to have met at ENC. Show us the love and send us your **"before & after"** photos. We will feature them on [\*\*Facebook\*\*](#) and [\*\*Instagram\*\*](#) on Valentine's Day!









In closing, much love to you, our Alumni and Friends! Thank you for your financial support, your prayers, and your students! We are blessed!

*Laura*

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## NEWS & UPDATES

**Advancement Welcomes  
Kristen Rydwansky Wilson**



I am very excited to be back among the ENC community in my new role as **Donor Relations Director**. My connection with ENC has been life-long, as a child running around campus visiting family, a student, proud alumnus, and most recently New England Chapter Chair for the Alumni Council. I am looking forward to reaching out in the coming days to share all of the exciting things happening here at ENC and how you can support and strengthen the ENC community.

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**Donor Relations Director**

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# New Alumni & Friends Facebook Group

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

Our new social media pages are a place for all who attended, worked at, contributed to and appreciated Eastern Nazarene College. This is a platform for ENC folks to find one another, get reacquainted and to share the various happenings in our lives. Please join us!



[Join Facebook Group](#)

[Follow on Instagram](#)

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## ALUMNI UPDATES

***Backwards:  
Lose Your Life to Find It***





**Rachael Restrick (2010)** recently published her first book, *Backwards: Lose Your Life to Find It*. *Backwards* has garnered a perfect 5-star review on Goodreads, as well as Amazon, where it is available in both paperback and Kindle formats.



Restrict chose the title for *Backwards* based on Matthew 16:25: "*For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.*" This verse spoke to her journey in both grief and faith. After personal loss and mounting stress, she found solace in both counseling and the word of God. *Backwards* is a reflection of the time Restrict spent discerning the Bible's truth as opposed to the narrative of the world.

God spoke to her in a way that she knew would benefit others walking through grief, feeling alone, and wondering what God's part was in their suffering, and thus, *Backwards* was born.

We invite you to read more about Rachael's story [on our website](#).

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## More Alumni Updates

**Joseph Umstead, Class of 1979**, credits his composition journey to ENC Professors Lambert Brandes and Jay Rizzetto. Joseph's new orchestral composition premiered with Symphonicity, the orchestra of Virginia Beach, and will be featured in the International Composer's Festival in Hastings, England in May of this year.

**Josselyn Mata Calidonio, Class of 2021**, graduated from ENC with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics. Her undergraduate thesis, "Signal-Processing Application to Tremor Quantification and Diagnosis" was recently published by the Journal of Young Investigators. Josselyn shares, "As I begin my second semester of graduate school as a PhD Student [in Integrative Biosciences at UMass Boston], I feel enthusiastic about the future and the different research projects I am currently working on. This is the first of many publications to come!"

Congrats to **Joseph** and **Josselyn**!

Do you have good news to share? We love hearing from our Alumni! Email us at [alumni@enc.edu](mailto:alumni@enc.edu) with your life updates.

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## ATHLETICS

## National Recognition



The Eastern Nazarene College women's soccer team was one of 195 teams from across the country to earn the **United Soccer Coaches 2021 Team Ethics & Sportsmanship Award** for the 2021 season.

The Lions were among the 17 collegiate programs honored by the association with the **Gold Award**, which is awarded to teams with a percentage of cards ranging from 1-10%. Eastern Nazarene was shown just one yellow card in 16 matches during the 2021 campaign. The full article can be found [on the Athletics website](#).

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## Men's Volleyball is Back!



This month the Men's Volleyball team is back in action for their 2022 campaign and has already earned recognition. **Head Coach Derek Schmitt** picked up his **100th career men's volleyball victory** as the Lions defeated John Jay College 3-0 on January 22nd. Sophomore **Alejandro Garcia Fernandez (San Juan, Puerto Rico)** has also been tabbed the **New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week**.

Visit the Athletics site below for a full schedule of all our Lions in action this winter.

[Athletics Schedule](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Creation Care Summit**





NAZARENES FOR CREATION CARE  
PRESENTS:



# CREATION CARE: THE WHY, WHAT, & HOW EVENT

**February 22-23, 2022**  
**@ Eastern Nazarene College**



*Why should Christians care for creation?*

*What is Creation Care?*

*How might we engage in this work as the  
people of God?*

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**Registration: \$25 Suggested Donation**  
**[CreationCareEvent.eventbrite.com](https://www.creationcareevent.com)**

**Free for Students**

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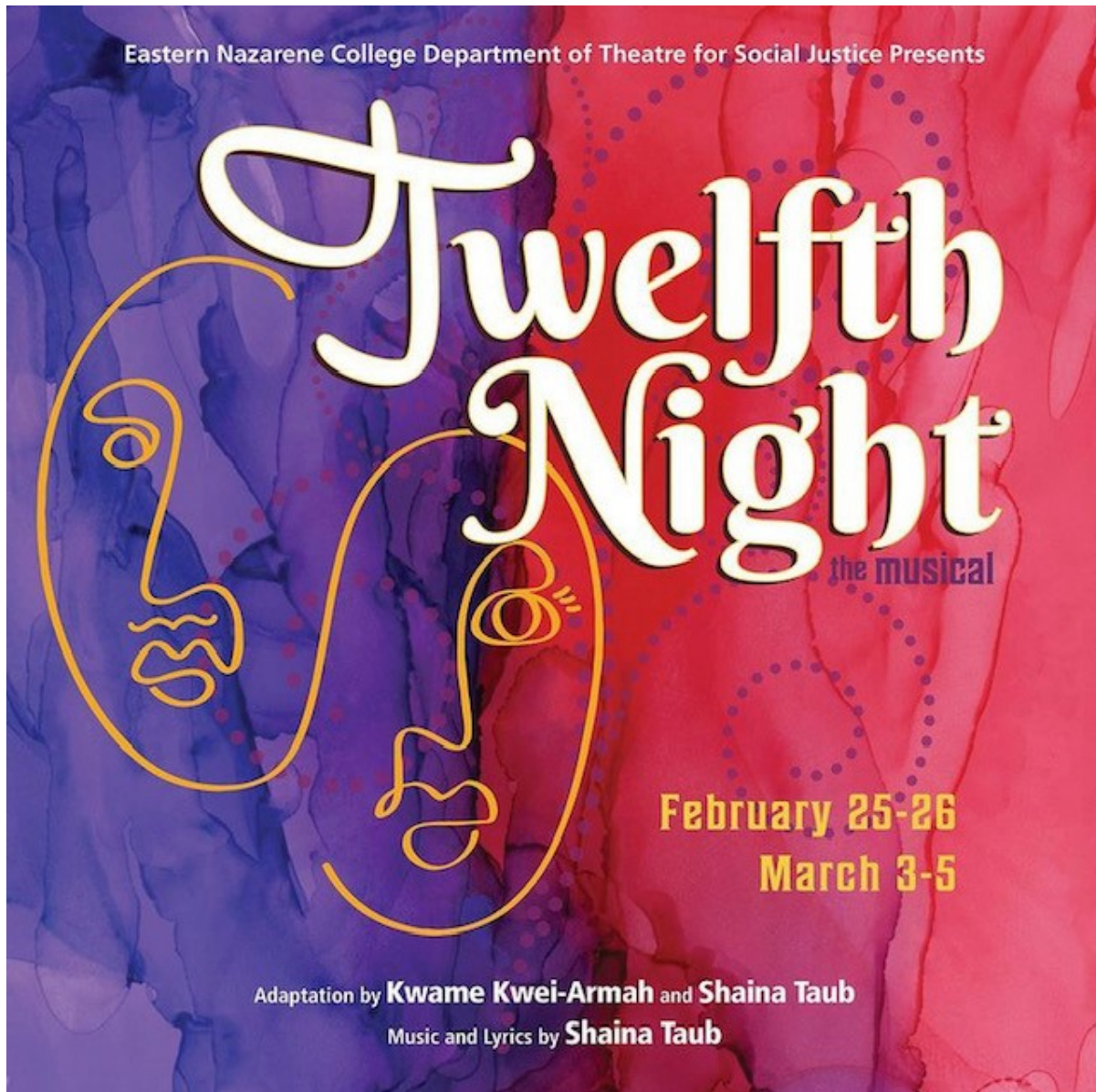
**Lifelong Learning Event**

We are thrilled to be hosting **Creation Care: The Why, What, and How?** event. This is an event for students, pastors, laity, and anyone who wants to learn more about caring for creation.

Learn more and register today using the link below!

**Event Registration**

# 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 Shauna 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** features the talents of performers from the greater Boston area and the design talents of ENC's very own Theatre for Social Justice Majors.

Rehearsals have begun, tickets are already selling, and we are thrilled for **Twelfth Night** to come to our community! For more details, please reach out to [boxoffice@enc.edu](mailto:boxoffice@enc.edu).

Reserve Your Spot

## California Alumni Gathering

Southern California Alumni and friends! **Rob & Wanda Gailey** and **Dick Pritchard** are partnering with the Alumni Office to host an exciting event in the greater Southern CA area. Please complete the survey so we can plan a great time together.







**Alumni Survey**

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# MONTHLY GIVING SPOTLIGHT



Do you want to make a gift to ENC but cannot afford a significant one-time gift? **Monthly giving** is a great way to spread out the gift to make a big impact, in an affordable way! Start with a \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$84 gift which gives you membership into the ENC Society. Start your monthly giving today!

Monthly Giving

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# IN OTHER NEWS

## Church Prayer Calendar

The Office of Church Relations is continuing with the new 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

January 30th - March 5th

Jan. 30 - Feb. 5	Feb. 6 - 12	Feb. 13 - 19	Feb. 20 - 26	Feb. 27 - Mar. 5
30. <b>Philadelphia</b> Rev. Kerry Willis	6. <b>Pittsburgh</b> Rev. Dan Eddings	13. <b>Mid-Atlantic</b> Dr. David Bowser	20. <b>Virginia</b> Dr. Phil Fuller	27. <b>Maine</b> Rev. Steve Dillman
31. <b>Allentown</b> Avon Grove Bangor	7. <b>Abundant Love</b> Albion Wesleyan Allison	14. <b>Annapolis</b> Annapolis Latino Baltimore Brooklyn	21. <b>Abingdon</b> Alexandria First Alive	28. <b>Farmington Falls</b> Gardiner Great Island
1. <b>Bethlehem First</b> Bethlehem Promised Land Birdsboro	8. <b>Anita</b> Atlasburg Beaver Falls	15. <b>Baltimore Dundalk</b> Baltimore Lighthouse Baltimore Parkville	22. <b>Annandale Calvary</b> Annandale Presencia Arlington First	1. <b>Jackman</b> Leeds Lewiston
2. <b>Bridgeton</b> Burlington Camden Spanish	9. <b>Belle Vernon</b> Bethel Park Boswell New Life	16. <b>Bedford</b> Bel Air Berkeley Springs	23. <b>Besserat</b> Berryville Bloxom Community	2. <b>Lisbon Falls</b> Livermore Falls Maine West Point
3. <b>Cape May</b> Collingdale SW Philadelphia Haitian	10. <b>Bradford</b> Brookville Calvary Bunola	17. <b>Berlin El Rio</b> Berlin the River Burnham Freedom Way	24. <b>Bristol Scenic Park</b> Bristol Turning Point Buckingham	3. <b>Mechanic Falls</b> Millinocket New Chance
4. <b>Ephrata</b> Fairview Village Harrisburg Bethany	11. <b>Butler</b> California Calvary Clarion	18. <b>Cambridge</b> Catonsville de Restauracion Chambersburg Mosaic	25. <b>Charlottesville First</b> Charlottesville Northridge Chesapeake First	4. <b>New Horizons</b> North Waldo Norway
5. <b>Hershey Community</b> Kutztown Bethel Lancaster	12. <b>Clearfield</b> Confluence Conneaut Valley	19. <b>Chestertown</b> Cockeysville Bethel College Park	26. <b>Christiansburg First</b> Colonial Heights Covington	5. <b>Pittsfield</b> Richmond River of Hope

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If you are a Massachusetts resident, you may be eligible for stacked discounts to make your policies cheaper!

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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](mailto:alumni@enc.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!



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