

Eastern Nazarene College



Greetings and welcome to the June edition of our ENCOUNTER ENC newsletter

Greetings ENC Alumni and friends!

Summer is upon us and we are so thankful to God for delivering our students, faculty and staff through another wonderful academic year. We have sent off our two Summer Ministry Teams, Sine Cera and Turn North, with boldness to do God's work. We pray blessings upon their travels and hope you too will join us in prayer as they minister to people all over the Eastern Region. See below for more details on the two teams.

It is with great excitement that we welcome two new staff members to the Office of Advancement and External Relations: Jill Dean, from the class of 1992, and Shelby Robinson, who completed her graduate degree program at ENC last month. This month's newsletter features Jill in her new role in the Alumni Office; next month you'll have the opportunity to read more about Shelby. Join us in welcoming them!

Also in this issue, you'll see we are in full preparation for Homecoming! We are happy to report that we are offering an in person Homecoming experience this October 15-16, 2021! Over the summer months we will feature our alumni award winners to give you a chance to get to know them and read about their many accomplishments. We are so thankful for this chance to be together again, and we will be providing a registration link later this summer. We can't wait to see you!

A note from David: It is with sadness I share that I will be leaving my role at ENC next month due to some significant emerging family obligations. Although I will not be serving the college in my current capacity, I will continue to assist in every way possible going forward. My time at ENC, albeit short, has been one of the highlights of my life. At the same time, I am thrilled that Laura Nase has agreed to step into the role of Executive Director of Advancement and External Relations. As an alumnus, former trustee, and current member of the team, I know that Laura will serve the College with distinction.

God always has a plan! I also am grateful to TJ Vazquez for his service to ENC over the past three years. He and his wife, Gabby, will be leaving for the sunny shores of California, where Gabby will be entering a graduate degree program at Point Loma Nazarene University. Thanks, TJ, and may God bless you both!

As always, thank you for your prayers, your students and your financial support.

In Him,



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



Laura M. Nase ('08)
Executive Director of Advancement and
External Relations

NEWS AND UPDATES

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The Alumni Office Welcomes Jill Dean!

Greetings ENC Alumni and Friends!

I am thrilled to be serving ENC as the Alumni Events Director. I love and miss my ENC class of 1992! Over the years, I have stayed connected with ENC and my classmates by planning our reunions, being involved with bringing youth groups for campus visits,

chaperoning many campus youth events, encouraging my two daughters to become third generation ENCers and serving on the Board of Trustees Executive Committee. It is a privilege to be in a position to reach out to other ENC Alums and their families. I am excited to play a part in planning and praying over our October 15-17th, in-person Homecoming! I love a blessed party!



Homecoming 2021

Save the date!

HOMECOMING

2021

October 15-16

Registration coming soon!

ENC Alumni Event



Chartered Island Boat Tour!

Join fellow ENC alumni on a beautiful river tour in upstate New York.

When: September 18th 2-4pm

Where: Uncle Sam Boat Tours
Alexandria Bay, NY

Cost to you: \$0

RSVP to Ryan Calhoun:
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315-408-2411

Alumni Profile

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2021 Alumni Award Winners

Throughout the summer months the Office of Advancement & External Relations will highlight alumni who will receive awards at our 2021 Homecoming weekend. Below you will find an overview of each award accompanied by the award winner's biographical summary. Celebrate with us as we honor our deserving alumni!

Emerging Leader Award

Emerging Leader Awards are awarded to alumni who have graduated within the past 20 years and who evidence a developing pattern of Christian leadership through vocation and service while representing the essence of the ENC Ideal.

After graduating from ENC, **Melanie (Adams) Haney ('01)** went on to earn her MFA in Creative Writing from Lesley University. Since then, she has published two collections of stories and her work has been featured in a variety of literary magazines and journals. Melanie has earned recognition and awards from organizations including, the Family Circle Magazine, Ann Arbor Book Festival, Ernest Hemingway Foundation, and more. Along with her writing career, Melanie also started Simply Mella Photography. Her photography appeared on the cover of New England Bride. She currently works as the Co-Director of the Thrive Outdoors Community Leadership Center in Manchester, NH.



Service to ENC Award

Service to ENC Awards are awarded to those who have evidenced a life of commitment to God and Alma Mater through long-term service to the College, its community, and its mission as ministers of Christ and the Kingdom while embodying the ENC Ideal.



James Heyward ('91) graduated from ENC with a major in Communication Arts and a minor in Religion. James has faithfully served his Alma Mater and the Nazarene church in a variety of ways since graduation. After completing his degree, James spent several years youth pastor at Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene in York, PA, before returning to ENC as the Director of Admissions in 1998. In 2005, James became the lead pastor for Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale, VA, where he has spent the last 16 years leading and serving the congregation there. In addition

to this role, James also continues to serve ENC on the Board of Trustees and as chair of the Enrollment Committee.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Summer Ministry



After last year's "Covid Summer," the Office of Spiritual Development is thrilled to share that

the Summer Ministry Program has hit the road again. We have two teams of six incredible students visiting camps and churches throughout the region and beyond! To learn more about our summer ministry teams and their schedules and to check out their summer schedules, visit our [summer ministry page](#).

Spot the Spot



Can you spot this spot on campus? We will randomly select two people with the correct answer to receive a free ticket to this year's main Homecoming event - The Back in Boston Bash. Email your answers to alumni@enc.edu for your chance to win!

Is it...?

1. **Gardner Hall**
2. **Lahue Gymnasium**
3. **Shields Dorms**
4. **Shrader Hall**
5. **Williamsburg Dorms**



UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

Share these exciting ENC events with others!

The Admissions Department is hosting "Virtual Fun Days" throughout the summer.



Gather around your preferred devices and join Virtual FUN Day, featuring "Among Us" to "Jack in the Box" games. You'll have tons of fun, make new friends, and learn more about ENC.

Dates:

Wednesday, July 14th

Wednesday, July 21st (Deposited and Confirmed Student Edition)

Wednesday, August 11th

3PM-4PM EST

[Click Here to Register](#)

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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