

Eastern Nazarene College



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

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of the Lord! This week we remember our Savior's death on the cross and His triumphant resurrection from the tomb. We are grateful here at ENC for God's blessings and guidance now and throughout the year. If you are unable to join a local church for Holy Week services for COVID-related or other reasons, you may find these [resources](#) helpful for celebrating individually or with other members of your household.

It is hard to believe Commencement is right around the corner for our class of 2021 students, and we also are excited to welcome back our 2020 graduating class since we were unable to host Commencement last year. We look forward to celebrating our students' amazing accomplishments on this special day. For those who cannot attend graduation due to size limitations or other constraints, we will be livestreaming the event, which will be held on May 15th. We will be providing additional details in the coming weeks.

In this month's newsletter, we are pleased to highlight the accomplishments of two of our alumni, Dr. Jossie Owens ('74) and Dr. Richard Simons ('77), and one of our current

students, Money Hamilton ('21). We also want to share our numerous virtual events scheduled to take place in April, including:

- The 2021 Dr. John U. Free Physics and Engineering Series
- The Hall-McLaren Life Sciences Lecture Series
- The Kauffman Initiative for the Renewal of Christian Witness Spring Series
- Coffee, Tea, and ENC, featuring our President, Dr. Jack Connell
- ENCounter ENC event featuring Career Services and alumni staff

For more information on these exciting events, please see below, where you also will find information about our upcoming athletic events and the Theater and Arts students' spring production of the *Velveteen Rabbit* on April 15, 16 and 17.

Last week we were thrilled to have alumnus Pete Benson join us for a two-part webinar series titled *A Biblical Blueprint for Financial Fitness*. If you were unable to attend these insightful sessions, but are interested in learning how God has called us to steward our resources, you can watch the recordings by clicking on [Session 1](#) and [Session 2](#).

Thank you for your prayers, your students, and your support.

In Him,

David



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



ENC's Masked Alumni Trivia

Do you know who this is?

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

[Request a Mask](#)

Alumni Profile

**ENC Alumnus Dr. Richard Simons ('77) receives recognition
as a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
in London**



The education Simons received at ENC has fueled his passion for medicine and provided him with key knowledge that continues to prove useful in his field. “I often fall back on the education I received at ENC,” says Simons.

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Celebrating National Women's History Month

Dr. Jossie Owens ('74) Continues to Break Barriers

Dr. Jossie Owens ('74) made history when she became the first black woman in the United States or Canada to be elected District Superintendent (DS) for the Church of the Nazarene (New England District). Throughout her career, Dr. Owens has created a powerful legacy of leadership and has been a strong advocate for women.

Owens' impressive career journey began when she was a child attending the historic Boston Chapel. ENC served as an invaluable resource to the church and Owens cites the ENC students who were involved as her primary motivation for later attending the College. "They saw the Gospel. They didn't see color. It reminded me of the table where we meet Christ: there's no boundaries, no barriers."



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NEWS AND UPDATES

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The Lions are Back in the Den



After nearly a year's hiatus from competition, Eastern Nazarene College's athletic teams have returned to the court, field, track, and more – with added precautionary measures surrounding COVID-19. Weekly testing, mask wearing, and social distancing practices have been implemented to ensure the health and safety of teams, coaches, and staff.

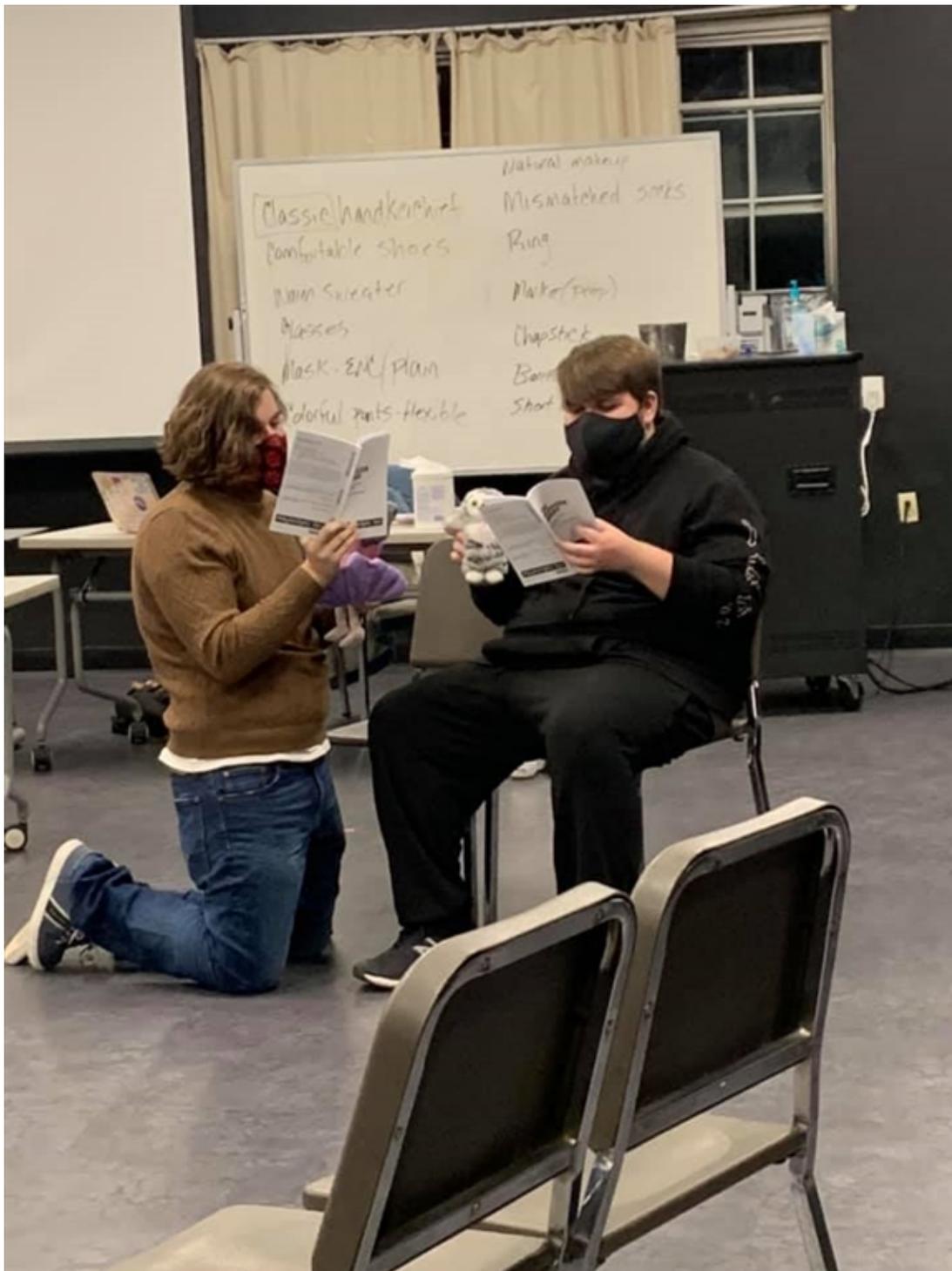
ENC's baseball, softball, and men's volleyball teams are in the midst of their conference seasons with league titles and NCAA Tournament berths at stake. The Lions' basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, and women's volleyball teams have all returned to competition with abbreviated schedules this spring. "Having the opportunity for our student-athletes to compete again has been a blessing. There has been so much work, behind the scenes, from our athletic trainers and our testing center to make this happen, commented head women's basketball coach Sacha Santimano. "We are thankful for each day that goes by and for the opportunities to step onto the court. Having the chance to coach this family is not something we take for granted. We continue to hope for a safe and healthy season for all our sports."

"It's great to see teams, not just practicing like the fall semester, but competing against other colleges and getting W's," said head men's and women's volleyball coach Derek Schmitt ('95). "What has really impressed me as a coach and someone who sees all the teams in action, has been the commitment of the athletes to their respective programs, practicing and

working out to get better, with no guarantee of how many games or matches they will play. A special shout-out goes to our two Athletic Trainers, Toni Kabilian ('00) and Katie Montalbo (M'20), who have been overseeing 15 teams practicing and competing at ALL hours of the day," added Schmitt.

No spectators are permitted to be at ENC home athletic events but many home games will be live-streamed for free at athletics.enc.edu.

Welcoming our Theatre and Arts Students Back to the Stage



The spring production of **Velveteen Rabbit** will be held in the Black Box Theatre on **April 15th and 16th at 7pm and on April 17th at 10am, 11:30am, and 1pm.**

Theatre and Arts students are looking forward to being back on stage and sharing their passion with the community. Although things won't completely be back to normal, due to additional safety restrictions in place, students are excited to perform again, after a year long wait!

"The students dived into this show with excitement since we are finally back on stage! Knowing that at any moment we might have to shut things down due to Covid, they all still

voted to move forward because working on a show brings us all life, even if it never gets performed. It's also exciting to finally be performing in our completed black box space."
-Dr. Tara Brooke Watkins, Professor of Theatre for Social Justice, Humanities Program

To purchase tickets, please contact 617-743-3715. Tickets must be purchased prior to all performances; there will be no door or online sales available. Tickets are also limited to 30 people per show.

Audiences will be seated in "family groups," and all audience members must wear masks. We ask that any groups able and willing to sit together purchase tickets as one group. No one will be seated with audience members with whom they have not purchased a ticket.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Money Hamilton ('21)

Hear from Money Hamilton ('21) as she discusses her pursuit and passion for entrepreneurship, and the support she received within the ENC community along the way.



UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

Join us for the following events!



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*

**The 2021 Dr. John U. Free Physics and Engineering Seminar Series is held on
 Fridays from now until April 19th, 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](#)

**The Hall-McLaren Life Sciences Lecture Series is held on Thursdays from
 now until April 8th at 4:00pm.** This is a colloquium series honoring Professors
 Lowell Hall and Philip McLaren that presents cutting edge research and
 professional pathways in the life sciences.

[View Full Program Schedule](#)




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This upcoming Spring series will kick off during the first week in April. Stay connected with all future updates by visiting the link below.

[More Information](#)

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



April 1st

Join us [virtually](#) on Facebook at 5:30pm for our talk show series, Coffee, Tea, and ENC! This episode will feature a conversation with President Dr. Jack Connell.



April 15th

ENCOUNTER ENC event featuring Career Services and alumni staff.
[Register here.](#)

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