

Eastern Nazarene College



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

Dear Friends,

I greet you full of pride for our recent graduates! While our Commencement ceremony looked a bit different than in years past, the ENC spirit was still alive and present. We sent off our graduates equipped with an excellent ENC education and a wonderful foundation that will enable them to be agents of change for our world.

Commencement weekend kicked off on Friday evening with a virtual Baccalaureate service. Throughout the day and evening on Saturday, we celebrated both the classes of 2020 and 2021 in three separate services. Dr. Melody Eckardt, our Chair of the Board of Trustees and Commencement speaker, challenged the graduates to say "Yes!" to opportunities even when they aren't sure of the outcome. It was a beautiful day full of celebration!

In addition to a visual tour of Commencement, this newsletter is packed with moments of pride for our faculty, staff and alumni. Also present, is an Alumni Profile featuring Simone Deane who recently was accepted as a Peace Corps Response volunteer.

We look forward to the launch of our [first fully online cohort ever](#), set to begin on August 18th. A special [\\$4,000 scholarship](#) will be offered to those enrolled for an August start.

We encourage you to spread the word and share this information with those who may be interested. There is still time to register!

As always, 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



Class of 2020 and 2021

A message from the 2020 and 2021 Senior Class Presidents



"We have come so far in our four years here at ENC. Do you remember the awkwardness of orientation, all of the forced conversations? The strangers we met during those first few weeks became the friends we ultimately laughed with, cried with, and even made fun of. It's hard to believe how quickly that turned into the ease we feel today. We have such a unique story to tell and prove that we showed resiliency through it all."

Rachel Sullivan
2020 Senior Class President

"Congratulations Class of 2021! I am so proud of all you have done! As we move on to the next stage of our lives, cherish the memories, and never give up! These last four years have been so challenging, but we came out on top! You all will do great things!! Remember that you are bright, and God made you in his image! I am so blessed to have

been your Senior Class President this year! So go out and show the world what we are made of!"

Cassandra Cook
2021 Senior Class President



A look back on Commencement.....



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Annual Faculty and Staff Honors

We are honored to recognize our staff and faculty each year for their dedicated years of service to the College and tremendous commitment to students.

Emeriti Honors



Leroy Hammerstrom, Ph.D.

Professor of Mathematics

Faculty Emeritus

"He is recognized for his dedication to ENC, his love of her students, and the integrity of his character. His work in the classroom was consistently marked by his originality as a teacher and his kindness toward students. His thoughtfulness and attention to detail earned him the deep respect of his peers."

Terttu Savoie, M.L.S

Librarian Emerita of Technical Services

"She is recognized for her dedication to ENC, her love of her students and the generosity of her character. Her faithful work in the library's technical services department ensured the smooth operation of the library and its ability to serve students over decades"



Linda Scott, Ed.D.
Associate Dean Emerita of Academic Affairs

"She is recognized for her dedication to ENC, her love of her students, and her willingness to undertake the most thankless tasks in any academic institution. Her work in the administration was consistently marked by her concern for students and dedication to the mission of ENC"

Michael Holt, M.B.A., J.D.

Professor of Business

Faculty Emeritus

"He is recognized for his dedication to ENC, his love of her students, and the kindness of his spirit. His service over the years has helped shape countless students for careers in the field of business and accounting and has earned him the respect of his peers."



Lorne Ranstrom, Ed. D.

Professor of Education

Faculty Emeritus

"He is honored for training up a generation of teachers whose impact has already shaped the lives of thousands of children in Massachusetts and beyond. He is esteemed for his tireless service to the teaching profession, nurturing countless relationships that have helped maintain the efficacy of the teacher education program throughout the state."

Faculty and Staff Awards

Professional Achievement Award

Recipient

Teaching Excellence Award

Recipient

Nicholas Pruitt
Humanities Professor

Vicki Schow
Social Sciences Professor

Administrative Faculty Award

Recipient

Staff Exemplary Award

Recipient

Timothy McDonald
Registrar

Charlie Burt
Chief Information Officer

[View Years of Service Awards](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Outstanding Seniors for the Class of 2020 and 2021





Katherine Sautter '20
Noah Cheney '20

Rebecca Hayner '21
Jose Mata Calidonio '21

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Online Programs Scholarship Offer

ENC is offering a \$4,000 scholarship for those enrolled within the inaugural class for the online Master of Science in Management programs.

"We are very excited for the launch of our new online programs this Fall. Come join our first online cohorts *evah* and score some cool swag, not to mention our largest scholarship *evah* - \$4,000."





**Online
Master's Programs**

**Enroll now to begin
August 18th and receive a
\$4,000 scholarship**

**EASTERN
NAZARENE COLLEGE**

[Learn More](#)

Alumni Profile

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Eastern Nazarene Alumna Rejoins Peace Corps to Aid in U.S. COVID-19 Response

“After the global evacuation, I thought my journey with the Peace Corps had come to a very final end,” said Deane. “While I never imagined serving again, I still have a spirit of volunteerism and service. I see this special deployment as a call to action; it is within my ability to respond and do my part to positively affect the course of the pandemic and the lives of others.”



Simmons Deane, 32, a 2010 graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and a former Peace Corps volunteer, has been accepted as a Peace Corps Response volunteer and will join the agency's special domestic deployment to a FEMA-supported Community Vaccination Center (CVC) in the United States. Deane served with the Peace Corps previously in

the Kingdom of Eswatini as a health extension volunteer and was among the nearly 7,000 volunteers serving when the agency globally evacuated in March 2020.

[Read More Here](#)

ENC Softball Treks to Texas for NCAA Tournament



After capturing its second-straight New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) championship, the Eastern Nazarene College softball team punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season. The Lions were placed in the Marshall, Texas Regional and drew host East Texas Baptist in the opening contest. Eastern Nazarene dropped a 10-2 decision to the No. 7 Tigers before falling to No. 9 Salisbury in an elimination game. The Lions finished the 2021 campaign with a 24-7 overall record.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Kauffman Initiative Spring Series

The Office of Spiritual Development just concluded the Kauffman Initiative Spring Series with a final message from Morgan Harper Nichols. You can check out the entire series by visiting the website or listening on the ENC Podcast.



[Kauffman Series Details](#)

[ENC Podcast](#)

Summer Ministry



The Office of Spiritual Development is excited to be sending out two summer ministry teams throughout the region this summer. You can read about those teams, the locations they will be traveling to, and receive updates by visiting the [summer ministry page](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS | DATES

Share these exciting ENC events with others!



May 29th

ENCOUNTER ENC event focusing on humanity and chapel.
[Register here.](#)



June 26th

New student orientation will be a virtual event that gives new students the opportunity to engage with important campus offices, meet with academic advisors, and connect with fellow students.

[Learn more.](#)

STAY CONNECTED

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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