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After a summer spent traveling throughout New England with student ministry teams, participating in research experiences or simply enjoying a well-deserved break, students returned to an ENC campus offering new opportunities for student service and growth.

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### *"I Dreamed a Dream"*

Angela Richardson (08) portrays Fantine opposite Broadway veteran Ivan Rutherford as Jean Valjean in Reagle Music Theatre's production of "Les Miserables" in Waltham, MA.

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Scott Levesque

### *An Entrepreneur's Lessons Learned*

During a two-day visit to campus, Kurt Heckman (84) shared his experiences as a successful entrepreneur and invited interested faculty, students and staff to collaborate on vCalc - an online, web based tool for all things math related.

For more on this story plus video go to [www.enc.edu/kurt](http://www.enc.edu/kurt)



Sarah Good (09)

### *Innovation in Quincy*

Bill Hennessey, senior project director for a new crowdsourcing company, rents space from the Quincy Chamber of Commerce at the Old Colony Campus as part of the Quincy Center for Innovation.

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The South Shore YMCA kids camps found a home on campus for the second year as ENC's partnership with the Y continues to grow.

**Scenes From Yesteryear**



Gerry Perry and Irene Reider are pictured with their Sunday School class at Boston Chapel, Dover Street location (c. 1965). The Boston Chapel collection is available for viewing and commenting online at <http://bostonchapel.omeka.net>. Photo courtesy of Gerry Perry.

**Students and Alumni:  
New email  
system coming  
to ENC**

This fall, ENC will begin migrating to a new email system called Office 365. Students will be the first group moved, with the transition starting the evening of October 11, 2013 and concluding over Columbus Day Weekend. The primary benefit of the new system is a much larger storage quota, but there are also a variety of other benefits and features such as SkyDrive file storage.

Alumni with ENC email accounts will transition over to the new system shortly after the students.

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– 1 Peter 4:10

## Serving the community

A few years back, Eastern Nazarene College prepared a Community Benefit Report that detailed the many ways our campus community makes a positive impact on the Greater Boston and South Shore regions. From ENC’s role as a local employer to the spending our students generate in area businesses, the report found that Eastern Nazarene College contributes more than \$80 million a year to the local economy.

Yet the greatest contribution ENC makes, I believe, is through the knowledge, skills, faith and values we impart to our students, many of whom graduate and remain in the Greater Boston area. They teach in our schools. They work in local businesses. They serve as interns, gaining valuable real-world experience. And they make a lasting, positive contribution to the community.

That is why I am so excited for ENC to be a partner in the new Quincy Center for Innovation (see story on page 8). Located on our Old Colony Campus, the center will serve as an economic incubator, offering affordable space along with mentoring and other technical assistance to entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. At the same time, the center’s presence on our campus creates tremendous future opportunities for ENC students to be at the heart of the City of Quincy’s economic development efforts.

The fact that the city and key partners such as the Quincy Chamber of Commerce selected ENC as the site of this ambi-

tious business initiative reaffirms the contributions the college and our students make to the local economy. But as this issue of *The Christian Scholar* demonstrates, ENC students and alumni contribute far more to the community and our world than can ever be measured in dollars and cents.

Consider alumnus **Jason Barry (96)**, who was recently honored for his work combating child exploitation (see story below). Or the efforts of **Prof. Jonathan Twining** and his students to assist the South Shore Natural Science Center in preserving and raising awareness of the South Shore’s environmental resources (page 5). ENC students also spent their summer teaching American Sign Language to local children (page 4) as well as traveling the country as part of our popular summer ministry teams (page 8).

Each day, Eastern Nazarene College students, faculty, staff and alumni live out their faith and make countless contributions, both big and small, to their local churches, businesses, neighborhoods and communities. This is the true benefit the wider community derives from Eastern Nazarene College; it is our legacy and our mission to continue to prepare future generations of students to become the caring, committed Christian leaders of tomorrow.

Blessings,

Corlis McGee

## Fighting child exploitation: Jason Barry leads efforts to protect children from predators



Jason Barry (96) is honored for his work combating child sexual exploitation in Mexico with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations. Photo courtesy of [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)

When reports of an insidious child pornographer based in Mexico started coming into the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), the non-profit organization knew just who to call.

**Jason Barry (96)**, a special agent with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)/Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) division, had been instrumental in establishing a good working relationship between NCMEC and the ICE/HSI office in the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. So when NCMEC began receiving tips about a suspect who was setting up child pornography websites from a computer based somewhere in Mexico, they immediately alerted Barry’s office.

After a three-year investigation conducted in cooperation with the Mexican federal police

and Mexican attorney general’s office, Barry’s team located and arrested the man. But the story didn’t end there: The suspect provided Barry and his team with information that led to the capture of a man charged with producing the “worst of the worst” of child pornography – and the rescue of 10 children between the ages of 3 and 14 who had been his victims.

“It’s extremely rewarding,” Barry said of his work combating child sexual exploitation. “When we intervene, we know that these kids’ lives are now going to go in a positive direction.”

For his efforts in this and other child exploitation cases, Barry was one of five U.S. law enforcement agents nationwide to receive an award from NCMEC at the agency’s annual awards ceremony in May. Nominated by members of NCMEC’s own staff, Barry said the credit for his team’s success is shared with that organization, which is mandated by congress to receive tips of child exploitation and forward them to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

“NCMEC has been a crucial partner in these investigations,” he said. “And our (Mexico City) team has grown a lot since we started several years ago.”

When Barry first arrived at HSI’s Mexico City office, it was receiving approximately 800 to 1,000 tips a month about child exploitation suspects in Mexico.

“The sheer volume of tips coming to Mexico was disturbing,” he said. “We knew it had to be addressed.”

In addition to volunteering to be NCMEC’s point of contact for all Mexico-related tips, Barry began forming partnerships with the Mexican authorities, accompanying some of them to Washington to receive training from NCMEC on how to pursue child sexual predators.

Building those partnerships paid off. In less than a year, Barry’s team had reviewed thousands of tips, resulting in numerous arrests of suspected possessors, traders and producers of child pornography.

Some cases involve sex tourism emanating from the United States. “Registered sex offenders are traveling to Mexico and engaging in sexual activities with minors and exploiting these children,” he said.

Another positive development that has resulted from Barry’s partnership with Mexican officials: the establishment of 24-hour call centers, staffed by the Mexican federal police, to receive leads about child exploitation.

“This type of work is very impactful,” said Barry, noting that his agency, ICE/HSI, currently chairs the Virtual Global Task Force (VGT) – [www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com](http://www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com) – on child exploitation. Established in 2003, the VGT is an international task force made up of law enforcement, non-profit organizations and industry aimed at making the internet a safer place as well as identifying, locating and helping children at risk.

A Sociology major and soccer standout during his college years, Barry credits the courses he took at ENC with preparing him for his current career.

“**Prof. Mike Roberts** gave me a great foundation in understanding the justice system,” he said, adding that he also took several Criminology courses. “I wouldn’t have the job I have now if it weren’t for ENC.”

While acknowledging that his work brings him in contact with life’s darker elements, Barry said he tries to focus on the positive outcomes of his work to rescue children from exploitation.

“You learn to love the work you do – you become passionate about it,” he said. “It’s easier to walk with positive thoughts and to focus on the good that’s being done. Otherwise, the job will eat you alive.”

Those positive thoughts include knowing that a child has a brighter future thanks to the efforts of his team.

“The day we intervene,” he said, “is the day when everything changes for the better in that child’s life.”

## Campus News

### ENC creates newly defined Business Division and Department

ENC has created a newly defined Business Division and Department, which will be chaired by **Elizabeth Buckley**.

The change follows a year-long assessment and evaluation of the college's business programs under the able leadership of **Kenneth Armstrong**, who served as acting department chair during this process.

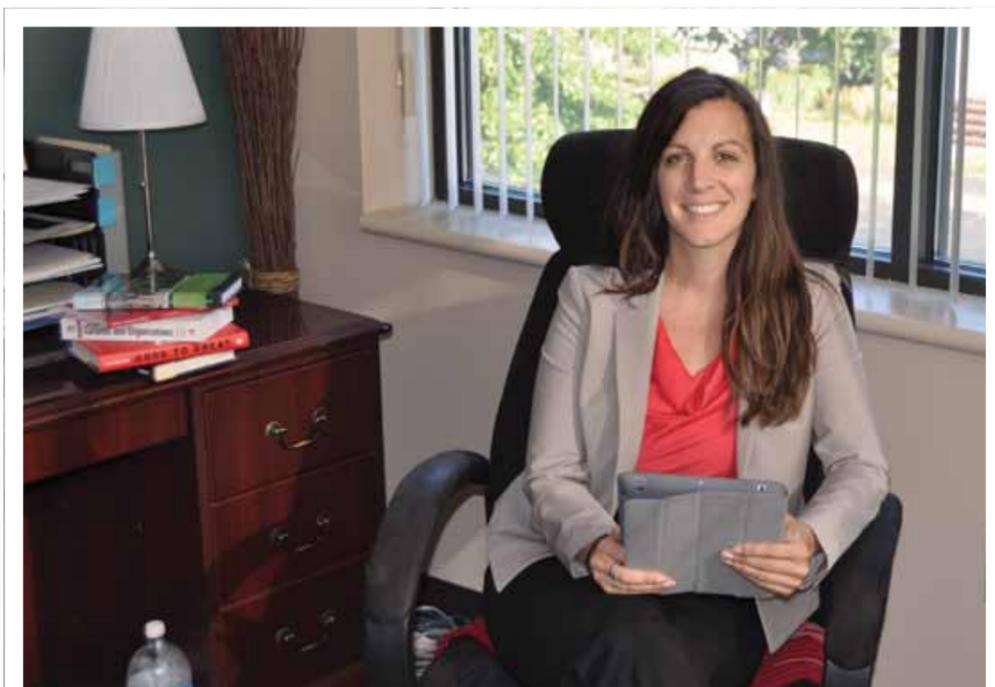
"Ken's experience in leading business programs at Anderson University and Olivet Nazarene University proved invaluable in helping us to create the new department and division structure that Elizabeth Buckley will now oversee," said **Dr. Timothy Wooster**, dean and provost of the college. "Through this restructuring, the Business Department will move from the Social Science Division into a division of its own. In addition, the curricular program aspects of our traditional undergraduate business programs and those of our Adult & Graduate Studies business programs will be merged into this new, coordinated division."

Previously a curriculum specialist in ENC's Adult & Graduate Studies division, Buckley will now oversee all curricular and academic aspects of ENC's business programs, including traditional undergraduate and AGS undergraduate courses as well as master's degree courses.

Buckley's business experience includes serving as a project management consultant for Global Scripture Impact in Haiti and ASHOKA International in Ahmedabad, India. She previously served in consulting roles with Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group, Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation and EAB Consulting Associates.

Buckley holds a BS in International Business from Messiah College as well as an MBA and MA in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

"Elizabeth brings extensive management, business consulting, and international economic development experience to her new position as chair of the Business Division and Department," Wooster said. "Her insights and leadership will be critical as we prepare our students to assume business leadership roles in today's global economy."



Scott Levesque

As chair of the Business Division, Elizabeth Buckley will oversee curricular and academic aspects of ENC's business programs, including traditional undergraduate, AGS undergraduate and master's level courses.

### Jeff Kirksey named vice president of student development and retention



Courtesy photo

**Jeff Kirksey** recently joined ENC as vice president of student development and retention.

Previously the dean of admission and retention at Houghton College in New York, Kirksey oversees the "out of class" experiences for ENC

students, providing leadership in the areas of residential life, social and community life, counseling and career services, health services, varsity athletics and student government.

"Jeff's 10 years of experience in higher education is rich and diverse, with significant leadership roles

in developing successful student learning and retention efforts," President **Dr. Corlis McGee** said. "He has been deeply involved in efforts to assist new students as they transition to college life, creating and implementing programs and policies that immerse students in opportunities for growth."

Kirksey also served in variety of administrative capacities at George Fox University, Baylor University and Geneva College. He holds a B.A. in Organizational Communication from George Fox University and later earned an M.S. degree in Higher Education Administration from Baylor University. He recently began doctoral studies in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

### Sign language club hosts camp

Local children had an opportunity to learn American Sign Language this summer, when ENC's Sign Language Club hosted a summer sign language camp.

Held from Aug. 12-16 on the East Elm campus, the camp was open to children ages 6 and up, who learned the basics of ASL through classroom lessons as well as a variety of outdoor games and activities.

The Sign Language Club also offers ASL classes for both adults and children throughout the school year.

For more information, email [signlanguage@enc.edu](mailto:signlanguage@enc.edu).

### Center for Responsibility and Justice welcomes new director



From left to right, Amelia Gonzalez (15), Mariel Zoquier (15), Nathalie Phillips (14), Emma Lewis (16), and Darrell Young (15) are coaches in the CRJ's Keys to Success initiative, which provides academic support as well as both peer and professional mentoring to ensure maximum potential academically, professionally and socially.



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Professor Laurie Giles

Psychology and Crime, Law and Justice professor **Laurie Giles** has been named executive director of ENC's Center for Responsibility and Justice. An assistant professor in ENC's Psychology and Crime, Law and Justice Department, Giles will oversee the center's programs that promote awareness and understanding of social justice issues.

"Professor Giles brings a wealth of experience as both a practicing attorney and with community/social justice issues," President **Dr. Corlis McGee**

said. "Her expertise will prove invaluable in helping our students find meaningful ways to address issues of inequality and injustice."

McGee noted that Giles has served as the co-chair for the U.S. Justice Department Conveyed Community Task Force, which addressed community/police relations and conflicts related to racial profiling, discriminatory practices and procedures. She has also served as an ethics commissioner for the town of Trumbull, Conn. and as an associate general counsel for the Connecticut Conference of NAACP branches, working in areas of community-based civil rights and equal justice initiatives.

Giles said she plans to initiate several new CRJ programs, including a partnership with the Boston Public Schools, peer mentoring and a social justice literary journal. "Education will be a key focus of our CRJ initiatives," Giles said. "Through our efforts, we aim to increase the success rate of students from underserved and underrepresented populations and advocate for educational equality."

Giles has more than 20 years of experience working in the areas of criminal defense, family law, trusts and estates, elder law, education law, employment discrimination and family mediation. She has taught at Springfield College and the University of Bridgeport School of Law.



Professor Laurie Giles, executive director of the CRJ, discusses peer mentoring with coaches of the Keys to Success initiative.

Sarah Good (09)

## Old Colony Campus home of Quincy Center for Innovation

Eastern Nazarene College will play a pivotal role in a new economic development initiative aimed at attracting innovative, entrepreneurial start-up businesses to the City of Presidents.

The Quincy Center for Innovation – to be housed at ENC’s Old Colony Campus (OCC) – will provide a flexible and affordable environment along with a variety of support services to assist start-up companies and aspiring entrepreneurs. Slated to open in October, the 12,500 square-foot facility will also provide a variety of events, education, programs and one-on-one mentoring as well as access to an extensive network of industry experts providing assistance to help start-up companies grow and expand.

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch noted that the new initiative is the result of an ambitious partnership among the City of Quincy, ENC, South Shore Innovation and Quincy 2000, the economic development arm of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

“Business growth and entrepreneurship are at the heart of our city’s great future, and the new Quincy Center for Innovation is a great example of what can happen when our stakeholders in government, business and the community come together and think creatively about ways to promote and sustain growth in our city,” Koch said. “The Chamber of Commerce and ENC deserve great credit for this exciting initiative.”

Quincy Chamber of Commerce President Dean Rizzo agreed. “As we became immersed in our efforts to attract bio-tech and life sciences companies to Quincy, we learned that an innovation center is often the breeding ground for young entrepreneurs in many of the emerging industries we hope to attract,” Rizzo said. “We are extremely grateful to Eastern Nazarene College for their partnership and support which has made our vision a reality.”

ENC President **Corlis McGee** said the new center’s location at ENC’s Old Colony Campus highlights the college’s important role in the local economy.



Sarah Good (09)

“Over the years, ENC has developed strong working relationships with local businesses, who value the contributions that ENC student interns and graduates make to their companies,” McGee said. “We’re pleased to strengthen our partnership with the city and to demonstrate the important role Eastern Nazarene College plays in providing educated, highly skilled graduates to entrepreneurial start-ups and established businesses alike.”

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce will play a pivotal role in developing new business start-ups through the Quincy Center for Innovation at ENC’s Old Colony Campus. (L-R) Erin Glennon, marketing assistant and graphic designer; Donna Mavromates, vice president; Maralin Manning, director of business development; Stacy Myers (07, 10), membership development assistant; Dean Rizzo, president. Not pictured: Margaret Laforest, director of tourism and marketing.

## Faculty News

### Three Alums among new faculty for 2013-2014

**Kevin Smith (94)** has joined ENC as associate professor of Music and department chair. He will also serve as the new director of the Choral Union. Smith returns to ENC with his wife **Mendy (Roberts, 94)** and their two sons. He received a Master of Sacred Music from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, before receiving a Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. He has more than 10 years of higher education experience and has served as chair of the Music Department as well as coordinator of music education and director of choral activities at Crown College in St. Bonifacius, MN.

**Paulo Leite (91)** returns to ENC as assistant professor in the departments of Psychology and Crime, Law and Justice. Leite graduated from ENC with a degree in Social Work and went on to receive a master’s degree in Counseling Psychology from Cambridge College. He is certified as a mental health counselor and received his Massachusetts Education Certification as a school social worker and school adjustment counselor for all levels. He is also certified by the Office of the Attorney General as a conflict resolution trainer/instructor and is a certified family mediator.

**Stephanie (Sipe, 00) Flaherty** is the field practicum coordinator and instructor for the Social Work Department. She earned her BA in Social Work from ENC and went on to receive her master’s from Wheelock College with a concentration in Forensic Social Work. She is most interested in practice issues where social work intersects with the legal system as it related to human rights and social justice. She has more than a decade of social work experience, including domestic violence agencies, community organizing, and program director. Most recently, Flaherty served as the executive director of a local non-profit domestic violence agency providing both residential and community-based services. She

has also served on numerous local and state boards and councils, taught as an adjunct in ENC’s Social Work Department, and has been a member of the ENC Social Work Department Advisory Committee since 2006.

Other faculty members joining the ENC community include **Carrie Read Spray, PhD**, assistant professor in the Department of Biology and Chemistry, and **Adam Wallis, MA**, instructor of Religion and Philosophy. Dr. Spray earned her PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from Purdue University in the area of electrodeposition of thin film materials for clean energy applications, and has experience teaching general, environmental, analytical, and inorganic chemistry. Professor Wallis is a ThD candidate in Theology at Boston University’s School of Theology and has an MA in Philosophy from Northern Illinois University and an MA in Theological Studies from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

In addition, **Stephanie Gillett** and **Addison Rouse** have joined ENC as instructors in Exercise Science as they take on coaching the softball and baseball teams. **Justin Mann** has joined the men’s basketball staff as an assistant coach. For more on the coaches, see page 9.



Sarah Good (09)

Pictured above:  
Carrie Reid Spray  
Adam Wallis

Pictured left:  
Kevin Smith  
Paulo Leite  
Stephanie Flaherty

## Stories on the Sojourn

By Scott Turcott, vice president for Institutional Advancement

**W**hat brought you to ENC? This is a question I ask alumni when I visit with them. I enjoy hearing people's stories. Everyone has a story and with a little coaxing most are willing to share. I follow that question by asking, "What did you gain at ENC that has made a differENCe in your life?" Listening to the stories of alumni and friends of ENC continues to be one of the most enjoyable aspects of what I do for ENC.

This year at the Homecoming Celebration Dinner, we will focus on celebrating and investing in our stories. We will hear the answers to the two questions mentioned above from this year's award winners. Their stories are indicative of the stories I hear as I visit with alumni around the country.

We recently had someone on campus to help us take a look at how we market ENC. He asked us all to share the story of how we came to be at ENC. For several it was a two-part story since many of us are alumni. I was amazed at the stories. They were powerful and compelling tales of lives changed by God. There were three key elements common to all the stories: a desire to serve, a kindled passion and a key influencer.

These keys are generally found in the stories of our alumni; they are all part of the mosaic that is the ENC story. Each story has helped to shape what ENC is today. While there are dozens of stories I could share I've chosen two that I think you'll find engaging and indicative of the mosaic.

I recently met with **John Lalone (73)**. He has had a successful career with IBM. John's piece of the mosaic that is the ENC story is an interesting one.

When John was a child, his family did not live near a Nazarene church but his mother, a true prayer warrior, grew up in the Nazarene church. They attended a different church close to home but on occasion his mother would take them to the Carthage, NY Nazarene church on Sunday evenings.

The summer after his junior year in high school John's aunt invited him to attend the Upstate New York teen camp. Although he had prayed at the altar as a young child, it was during this summer camp that he became grounded in his faith and spent a lot of time with the quartet from ENC. The ENC quartet had a significant impact on his spiritual walk during camp.

After his senior year in high school, John was accepted by several universities offering large scholarships, including a full-tuition scholarship to any New York State college. Without even considering the others, he selected ENC. During the fall of his freshman year he experienced a real questioning of his faith and began to ask himself why he selected ENC. His nature is to thoroughly analyze before making any decision, yet he made the important decision of which college to attend without any analysis.

By the time John graduated from ENC and entered graduate school it was clear to him that going to ENC had been the best non-decision he had ever made. He grew to understand the true reason: His mother had prayed since he was a small child that he would go to ENC. God honored those prayers and used events like the ENC quartet to guide him to the path He had prepared for him.

In graduate school, he learned he was more prepared in his field of study than those from big name universities. But more importantly, he established friendships and a walk with the Lord that became the foundation of his life. Even today, when asked who outside his family most influenced his life, ENC faculty members come to mind. John says, "I thank God often for the blessings He has given me and ENC is on that list."

Our second story comes from a conversation I recently had with **Jim Paynter (63)**. Jim - a native Ohioan - is retired from a successful career with GE. Occasionally his parents sent him to church. He remembers well the day when he accepted Jesus as his Savior. It was March 19, 1958.

In the summer of 1958, Jim was working in New York painting the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. While there, he attended the Kingston Church of the Nazarene. In late August an ENC quartet came. Afterward a representative asked him why he hadn't applied. Jim replied that he hadn't planned on going to college and he didn't have the money. The ENC representative suggested Jim call **Dr. Jasper Naylor**. He did and two weeks later he was a student.

Jim was admitted on probationary status but earned good grades that first semester, and his probationary status was removed. He remembers working at Carl's Auto Body with other ENC students including **John Bowen (64)** to pay his way through school.

Chapel had a positive impact on Jim's life as a young Christian. He also recalls that professors praying before class made a strong impression. Several people had a strong impact on Jim. He says **Coach Carroll Bradley (50)** had the greatest impact. Jim joined the team in his third year when coach asked him. Coach's encouragement and strong love for people had a profound influence on Jim's life.

In the spring of 1959 there were special services on campus and one evening student body president **Branson Roberts (60)** stood and confessed to clocking in for his campus job and then studying or doing other things on campus. This sparked confessions by others and the service extended into the wee hours of the morning. Jim said there was a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit and lives were changed, including his.

In addition to his spiritual development, Jim feels blessed that he developed a strong sense of integrity at ENC. He says there were several faculty and staff that contributed to this but he specifically mentions **Coach Bradley** and **Professor Wilbur Mullen**. Their influence helped throughout his career. When he encountered difficult situations at work, he would hold the line and act with integrity even when it meant going against management. The faculty and staff also did a great job of instilling a desire to give of your best and achieve to the level of your capability and beyond. Jim says, "I owe a great deal to Coach Bradley and others."

ENC has a rich history made up of thousands of stories like the ones you just read. Many of them are interconnected. I wish I could hear them all. I'd like to hear yours. If you're interested in sharing, please send an email or call so we can see where your story fits in the ENC mosaic.



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## Students gain real-world experience at South Shore Natural Science Center



Introduction to Ecology Lab students visit the South Shore Natural Science center in Spring 2013 for live animal presentations and a walk through the EcoZone.

The center agreed, and Twining edited the videos for use specifically at the science center.

“The current plan is to have two video displays,” Twining explained. “One will use a large flat-screen TV to display full-length videos of three- to four minutes on a loop. For kids, there will be a portable kiosk with a touchscreen display where they can choose from four shorter videos, plus an interactive Q and A where they can see what they have learned.”

The students’ videos will be narrated by Environmental Science major **Sarah Andrus (15)**. What’s more, the exhibit’s new interactive kiosk is being designed by ENC Engineering students. In addition to determining the system requirements for the kiosk, students will be responsible for developing the system, procuring the hardware and software required, and testing the system.

“This is a great opportunity for students to acquire corporate experience firsthand,” said Engineering **Prof. Pierre-Richard Cornely**, who is supervising the students’ work on the exhibit. “Through this project, students will go through the entire design cycle as currently performed in the industry.”

In addition to having ENC students continue to serve as interns at the center during the academic year, Twining’s Conservation Biology Lab students will complete an environmental survey report on two SSNSC properties located in Hanover.

“The students will assess the properties and offer recommendations as to whether they’re suitable for recreational use,” Merrill said. “Usually these surveys cost thousands of dollars, so to have the ENC students complete them at no cost is just a huge benefit for the center.”

Other plans currently under consideration include involving ENC students in the creation of a renewable energy exhibit.

“There are so many opportunities for us to continue to partner with ENC,” Merrill said. “It’s just been wonderful.”

From caring for animals to designing interactive kiosks, a new partnership between Eastern Nazarene College and the South Shore Natural Science Center (SSNSC) is providing ENC students with a variety of opportunities to gain real-world experience in biology, environmental conservation and engineering.

Through the partnership, ENC students have become intimately involved in the center’s operations, with individual students serving as interns and entire classes conducting environmental surveys and even offering recommendations for center improvements and programming.

“This partnership has been so wonderful for the science center,” said Tracey Merrill, executive director of the South Shore Natural Science Center, which attracts 50,000 visitors each year.

Merrill said the idea of the partnership was born out of ENC’s existing partnership with the South Shore YMCA. The science center merged with the Y two years ago, Merrill said, so that the center “could spread our environmental message more broadly and the Y could have its own, built-in environmental educational center.”

Y officials suggested Merrill meet with Biology **Prof. Jonathan Twining** to discuss ways in which ENC students could become involved in the science center.

“What was supposed to be a brief meeting turned into two and a half hours,” Merrill recalled. “There was just a lot of synergy between Jon and me; we kept saying, ‘We could do this’ or ‘How about that!’”

Twining agreed. “Since Tracey and I began working on this partnership last fall, it really has been great for both ENC and SSNSC,” Twining said. “We’ve come up with a number of ways to get both individual students and classes engaged at the center that give students practical, hands-on experience in conservation.”

**Engaging students:** To begin the partnership, SSNSC invited ENC students to visit the center, where a special scavenger hunt afforded them an opportunity to learn more about the non-profit, which is situated

on 30 acres surrounded by 200 acres of conservation/recreation land in Norwell. After familiarizing themselves with the center’s programming, ENC students then began making tangible contributions to the center’s operations.

“This spring, the South Shore Natural Science Center

became the field study portion for Prof. Twining’s Topics in Environmental Science course,” Merrill said. “We divided the 12 students into two groups: the first group studied our trail system, assessing our signage, reviewing our curriculum, making notes and identifying plants along the way.”

The second group of students studied the center’s raptor exhibit, which educates visitors about birds that hunt in the air. In addition to designing a new raptor cage, ENC students researched the permitting that would be needed for an

expanded exhibit and met with local conservation agents to determine the best location.

“At the end of the semester, both groups of students met with our staff and board of directors and presented their recommendations,” Merrill said. “We’ve already begun implementing some of them. The ENC students’ contributions have just been great right from the start.”

**Interactive vernal pool exhibit:** This fall, visitors to the South Shore Natural Science Center will get to see another tangible sign of the ENC/SSNSC partnership: a new exhibit built specifically to showcase a series of videos Twining produced on vernal pools.

“I began working on a vernal pool documentary about a year ago after ENC’s Professional Development Committee provided funds to purchase a video editing computer,” Twining said. “My plan was to make a series of videos about vernal pool species and make them available to the public on the internet.”

After Twining delivered a presentation on vernal pools at the science center, he suggested they consider using some of the videos in the center’s EcoZone Museum to help educate people about vernal pools.

“... a brief meeting turned into two and a half hours. ... we kept saying, ‘We could do this’ or, ‘How about that!’”

Tracey Merrill, executive director  
South Shore Natural Science Center



Students in the Topics in Environmental Science Lab work with Biology alum Chris (Contrael, 97) Jacobs, SSNSC membership director and volunteer coordinator, to make recommendations on upgrading the trails at South Shore Natural Science Center. Pictured left to right: Chris Jacobs, Kyle Lally (14) Sarah Andrus (15), Dominic Penson (14), Michaela Dimos (14) and Athena Horton (13).



ENC students present their recommendations to South Shore Natural Science Center officials.

Watch John Twining’s videos on vernal pools at [jonathantwining.wix.com/vernalpoolchronicles](http://jonathantwining.wix.com/vernalpoolchronicles)

## Summer ministry teams follow a roadmap to 'life changing experiences'



Teens from Maine to Virginia had an opportunity to experience worship and praise in a bucolic setting this summer, as more than a dozen ENC students spent their summer break ministering at church camps across the region.

From late June through mid-August, three summer ministry teams – named *In the Overflow*, *Never the Same* and *Made from Dust* – traveled across the country, working with youth at camps located in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. From singing songs of praise to playing games, the ministry teams made an impact on young people ranging in age from 12 to 18.

“It was really cool seeing how kids would work through tough (issues) during the week at camp and at the end just leave it all at the altar,” said **Steven Rodriguez (14)**, a member of the *In the Overflow* ministry team. “My group built such a close relationship that by the end of the summer we became family.”

For Rodriguez, one of the most memorable moments of the summer involved leading worship at Centro De Avivamiento Valle de Sitim Iglesia de Nazareno – a Spanish-speaking church in White Plains, NY.

“Even though there were some language barriers, everyone on the team loved how people at the church welcomed us in,” he said. “Personally, I loved when we were singing praise in both English and Spanish. It made me think of how God doesn’t care if you speak a certain language. All God cares about is if we are worshipping with all our heart.”

*Pictured above: Summer Ministry Team “Made From Dust”:* Josh Lojzim (16), Crystal Erb (15), Abigail Moore (14) and RJ Barnett (16).

*Top Right: Summer Ministry Team “In The Overflow”:* Lisabeth Almeida (15), Mike Maynard (15), Sarah Brulé (15), Steven Rodriguez (14) and Cameron Smith (16).

*Right: Summer Ministry Team “Never The Same”:* Stephen Taylor (14), Leann Williams (14), Canaan Hess (16) and Bethany Mohnkern (15).



Courtesy photos



Katie Smith (14)



## Volleyball adds new head coach; team alum named assistant coach



**Jim Rendle** has joined the Eastern Nazarene College Athletics Department as head volleyball coach, with **Megan (O'Donnell, 02) Johnston** joining the staff as assistant volleyball coach.

“Jim Rendle is one of the most outstanding volleyball professionals in New England,” Athletics Director **Dr. Nancy Detwiler** said. “He has a proven record of developing skills and molding players into championship teams. The leadership learned by his students has spawned top quality people who coach volleyball at every level of the sport.”



A highly respected coach within the volleyball community, Rendle brings with him a successful background and a wealth of knowledge. He began coaching at North Quincy High School in 1985 and had an immediate impact, as the team posted a 9-7 record in his first season after winning just two matches the previous year. In 2002, Rendle guided the Red Raiders to a 25-2 record en route to claiming the Massachusetts Division I State Championship.

Rendle developed the North Quincy girls' volleyball program into a championship-caliber program as he guided the Red Raiders to six Massachusetts Division I State Championships. In 1992, he was named *Boston Globe* Coach of the Year.

Rendle recently retired as athletic director for the Quincy Public Schools. Since 2001, he has served as director of the Mass Patriots, a Junior Olympic volleyball club based out of North Quincy. Rendle first joined the Mass Patriots as

a coach in 1987 and is the head coach of the Mass Patriots Blue 18's squad. He has led the Mass Patriots to the 16 and under regional championship in 1999 and to a third-place finish at the Baystate Invitational in 1999.

In 2011, Rendle received the Friends of Wollaston Beach Friend of the Year Award. In 2012, he received the President's Award for Merit from the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Director Association.

Johnston graduated in 2002 from ENC, where she was a four-year member of the volleyball team. She claimed All-Commonwealth Coast Conference first team honors as a sophomore and junior before earning second team accolades as a senior.

During her career, Johnston helped the Crusaders garner three Commonwealth Coast Conference playoff appearances. A setter on the court, she recorded 2,415 assists while also registering 1,198 digs, 514 kills and 75 aces in 111 career matches.

Prior to attending ENC, Johnston played for Rendle at North Quincy High School.

“Megan is a product of Jim Rendle's volleyball coaching through four years of high school at North Quincy,” Detwiler said. “Her collegiate years at Eastern Nazarene helped her further develop her setting skills and a realization that volleyball can be a vital link to Christian leadership. Megan shares a philosophy that hard work is the key to success.”



Julianne Atwater (14) serves in a match with doubles partner and team captain Kelsey Waddle (14). The women's tennis team, coached by Cristian Popa, is integrating freshman players with experienced upperclassmen, creating a team focused on competition and community.

## Gillett named head softball coach

**Stephanie Gillett** was named the head softball coach in June 2013. She will also serve as the senior woman administrator (SWA) on the Lions' athletics staff.

Gillett comes to Eastern Nazarene after a five-year stint serving as the head softball coach and athletics coordinator at Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colo. Gillett founded the softball program at Valor Christian in 2008 and guided the Eagles to their first-ever postseason appearance in 2012 with a squad comprised of primarily freshmen and sophomores.

In her role as the athletics coordinator at Valor Christian, she oversaw scheduling, compliance, youth camps and was responsible for maintaining the athletic department's website.

## Addison Rouse named head baseball coach

**Addison Rouse** has joined ENC as the new head baseball coach, Director of Athletics **Dr. Nancy Detwiler** recently announced.

“We are excited to add a coach of Addison's caliber to lead our baseball program,” Detwiler said. “He brings a lot of energy and a wealth of knowledge from his days as a player as well as his experience at the college level. His desire is to be a Christian example to lead men to leadership roles through the sport of baseball.”



Sarah Good (09)

Rouse joins ENC after serving as the top assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Brescia University in Owensboro, KY. He spent two seasons with the Bearcats, where he managed all of the program's recruiting efforts, including scouting players, travel and allotment of scholarship money.

He also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AK, and three summers working with the American Legion program in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. He served as the team's hitting and pitching coach in 2009 and 2011 and managed the squad during the 2010 season.

Rouse graduated from Brescia University in 2009 with a BA in English. As a collegian, Rouse helped the Bearcats claim the 2009 KIAC championship and reach the NAIA National Tournament in 2008 and 2009. He was also selected to the KIAC All-Academic Team in 2009.

Rouse earned his master's degree in Sports Administration from Henderson State University in 2012. He also attended Ohio Valley University in Vienna, WV, where he helped the Fighting Scot capture the 2006 WVIAC title en route to an NCAA Regional Tournament berth.

“I am extremely grateful to have received this opportunity and it is truly a dream come true,” Rouse said. “I couldn't be more excited to join the ENC family. I look forward to developing a championship-caliber program, as well as producing outstanding Christians, students and young men.”

Rouse inherits a Lions' baseball team which nearly doubled its win total last spring from the 2012 season.

## Mann named assistant Basketball coach

**Justin Mann** has joined the Eastern Nazarene Men's Basketball staff as an assistant coach, head coach **Jim Aller** announced.

Mann comes to ENC after serving as an assistant coach at Urbana University. Prior to his time with the Blue Knights, Mann worked at Meridian Community College as an assistant coach and at Metamora High School as the boys' junior varsity head coach. He has also coached at the Bradley Basketball Camp, serving as a camp coach as well as a supervisor.

Mann graduated from Lander University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications in 2009. He was a member of the Bearcats' NCAA Division II men's basketball program for two seasons. Mann spent one season at Kishwaukee College where he averaged 11 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two blocks. He began his collegiate career at Northland Community and Technical College, averaging 12 points and eight boards per game in one season with the Pioneers.

“I am excited about the addition of Justin to our program as an assistant coach,” Aller said. “He brings with him a wealth of basketball knowledge which will greatly benefit our players and program.”



Sarah Good (09)

Prior to her time at Valor Christian, Gillett coached softball at Rockford High School in Rockford, Mich. for two seasons.

Gillett graduated from Cedarville University in 2002. As an undergraduate, Gillett served as a student assistant coach with the Yellow Jackets' softball program where she was responsible for implementing practice plans, assisting in recruiting and other various game day management responsibilities. She helped guide Cedarville to the NCCAA Midwest Regional Championship en route to a berth in the National Tournament in 2000. In her time at Cedarville, three Yellow Jackets earned NCCAA All-America first team honors.

“I am thrilled to become a part of the

ENC family,” said Gillett. “To have the opportunity to continue developing a program while also encouraging young women to become powerful and effective Christian leaders in their community is my true joy.”

# alum News

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**Craig Taylor (94)** recently published an ebook titled *When Building a Life: How Nehemiah Can Change What You Thought Was Possible*. The book illustrates how the story of Nehemiah can help people avoid getting distracted by day-to-day trials and achieve their goals. "Nehemiah overcame the odds against him," Taylor said in a promotional flyer for the book. "In the process, Nehemiah modeled how impossible dreams can become reality for modern life-builders." *When Building a Life* is available where ebooks are sold.

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**Ann Lambert, MEd (LEAD, 01)** was a finalist for the annual Teacher of the Year Award in Massachusetts. She teaches at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham, MA.

## In Memory

**Virginia June (Hamilton, 46) Cross-Smith** passed away June 15, 2013 at the age of 87. She was a retired minister's wife who held a double major in Music and Education, and a master's degree in Education. She played piano and organ for her church family and taught elementary education in Massachusetts. She moved to Florida 25 years ago, where she served as a substitute teacher and was a Mary Kay consultant well into her 80s. Predeceased by her first husband, Rev. F. Grant Cross, she is survived by her husband of 13 years, **Ottis Smith (45)**, two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Former ENC Professor **Helen Sullivan** passed away June 1, 2013 at the age of 98. A native of New Brunswick, Canada, Prof. Sullivan taught in the academy at ENC while she completed her master's degree at Boston University. In 1943, she moved to Canada, where she married Flight Sergeant Kenneth Sullivan. Following the war, the couple served pastorates in Canada before returning to ENC, where Prof. Sullivan taught English and French and Rev. Sullivan established the ENC Press. Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by three sons, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to the **Rev. Kenneth E. and Helen R. Sullivan Scholarship**, ENC Development Office, 23 E. Elm Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

**Rev. Edward T. Dell, Jr. (48)** died Feb. 25, 2013 at the age of 90. An In Memory item in the Summer 2013 issue of *The Christian Scholar* incorrectly listed his title and age at time of death. *The Scholar* regrets the errors.

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## LaRosa honored as Boston Business Journal CFO of Year

**Robert "Bud" LaRosa (LEAD, 93)** recently received *Boston Business Journal's* CFO of the Year award at a luncheon held at the Sheraton Boston. After serving as CFO of Tocci Building Companies in Woburn, MA from 2001 to 2003, LaRosa returned to the company in 2012 as Chief Business Performance Officer and CFO. In those roles, LaRosa increased profitability on consulting work by 30 percent and consulting revenue by 20 percent. His community service activities include organizing company-wide furnishing and clothing drives for the non-profit A Mission of Deeds and the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

"Bud exemplifies everything as it relates to being a leading CFO," said *Boston Business Journal* Publisher Chris McIntosh. "He is a strong, dedicated leader and serves as an outstanding CFO for Tocci. We are honored to have awarded him with the CFO of the Year award."

Now in its fifth year, the *Boston Business Journal* CFO of the Year Award recognizes CFOs who significantly improve their companies and organizations based on criteria that includes demonstrated financial growth, overcoming significant business challenges, team leadership and superior management.



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Weddings can turn into a reunion when alums gather to celebrate with friends made at ENC. Joining Erica (McGrath, 09) and Andrew Leman (09) on their big day are left to right: Stacy Myers (07, 10), Melissa (Leman, 07) Adair, KerryLynn (Wallace, 09) Lebbos, Wassim Lebbos (08), Ashley Jardim (09), Allison (Vesey, 08) Ardrey, Carissa Schutz (10), Jonathan Ardrey (09), Jennifer Jacquet (11), Sarah Good (09, 13), Sarah Troxler (09), Marie Castro (09), Andrew Hill (09), Benjamin Thompson (09) and Jacqueline (Gressett, 10) Hill.

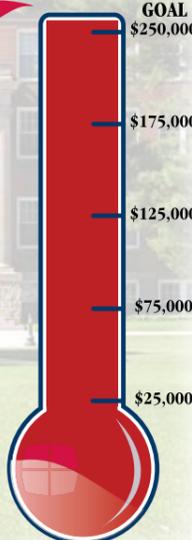
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## Meet Angela Richardson

Town: Burlington, MA  
 Graduation Year: 2008  
 Majors: Communication Arts and Music  
 Minor: Theatre



Angela Richardson (08) has spent the past several years perfecting her theater craft at Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston in Waltham, MA and working as the assistant to the producer during the day. She has performed in more than 25 roles at Reagle, most recently as Fantine in “Les Misérables” with Broadway veteran Ivan Rutherford as Jean Valjean. Angela was part of ENC’s theater program from 2004-2008, receiving the 2008 awards for Outstanding Senior in both the Theatre and Music departments.

**Q: What were your favorite on-stage roles at ENC?**

**A:** I was very blessed to be a part of so many productions on the ENC stage where I learned a lot about myself as a person and as a performer. Some of my favorite experiences were the multiple characters I played in *Blue Light and Other Stories*, the Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*, and the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. My most cherished role was Snoopy in *You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. That cast, which included the late **Bryan Killen (09)** as Charlie Brown, made each rehearsal and performance a fun collaboration and special memory.

**Q: How did ENC prepare you for your current roles and position at Reagle Music Theatre?**

**A:** The superb professors in the Music and Theater departments like **Tim Shetler, Mike Ballard, Jean Danton, Nat McIntyre, Lambert Brandes, and Eunice Ferreira**, prepared me greatly for the outside world of theater. They taught me to healthfully know your voice and body’s limits in order to perform in multiple shows a week, respect all members of a production on and offstage, that each note and lyric in a song was written for a purpose, and to find the humanity in each character. Most importantly, they taught me the importance of maintaining your faith in a culture that follows the world’s ethics and selfish tendencies. All of those lessons are things I constantly seek to excel at and uphold.

**Q: What’s next? Where do you see yourself going in the future?**

**A:** Hopefully, I will continue to perform in great productions and in challenging roles that push me to be my absolute best as I continue to trust in the promise of Jeremiah 29:11: “*For I know the plans I have for you,*” declares the Lord, “*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*”

**Q: You recently appeared as Fantine in Reagle Music Theatre’s production of “Les Misérables.” What was that experience like?**

**A:** It was truly a gift from the beginning to the end. It was artistically challenging and a bit daunting because it was my first opera as well as my first professional principal role. I felt that God was with me and for me from the very beginning of this great journey, so I depended on Him to guide me through each situation. Everyone was so professional; the cast, crew, orchestra, and production team. It was a clear case of “iron sharpening iron.” It was a joy to be with so many talented people collaborating together, pushing each other to be our absolute best.

**Q: What was it like playing opposite Ivan Rutherford – an established Broadway actor? What did you learn?**

**A:** Ivan is a generous actor and performer who treated everyone in the cast as his peer. He would see what we would bring to a scene first, then play off of our collaboration, instead of dictating what he had done before during his 2,000+ performances on Broadway and around the world in the role. By being the kind and giving person he is, Ivan perpetuated an amazing bond of trust and camaraderie between the entire cast. A true lead does exactly that; they lead the cast and Ivan was and is a wonderful example of how to do that correctly.



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