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The 2013 Warren Business Forum

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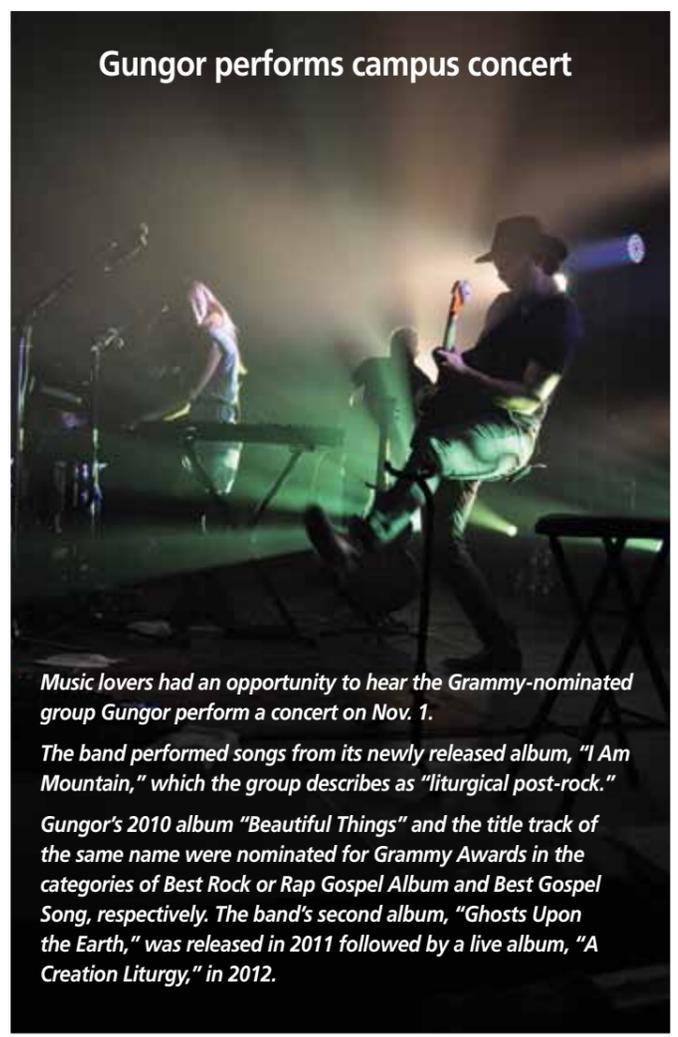
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Gungor performs campus concert



Music lovers had an opportunity to hear the Grammy-nominated group Gungor perform a concert on Nov. 1.

The band performed songs from its newly released album, "I Am Mountain," which the group describes as "liturgical post-rock."

Gungor's 2010 album "Beautiful Things" and the title track of the same name were nominated for Grammy Awards in the categories of Best Rock or Rap Gospel Album and Best Gospel Song, respectively. The band's second album, "Ghosts Upon the Earth," was released in 2011 followed by a live album, "A Creation Liturgy," in 2012.

Sarah Good (09)

ENC students, staff make strides against breast cancer



Nearly 80 ENC students and staff participated in the American Cancer Society's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk, held Oct. 5 at the Hatch Shell in Boston. Members of the ENC community participated in the five-mile walk in honor of friends and family members, raising more than \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Follow ENC on



Cody Shepard (14)



Dr. Corlis McGee, President

“Do not be afraid,
for behold,
I bring you good
tidings of great
joy which will
be to all people.
For there is born
to you this day in
the city of David
a savior, who is
Christ the Lord.”

It was truly a joy to see so many alumni travel to be with us at Homecoming this year. I always enjoy seeing old friends reconnect and renew acquaintances, often after many years – and many miles – apart.

Having the privilege to be a part of so many personal reunions at Homecoming, in fact, got me thinking about the role travel plays in our lives. As the pace of our lives grows ever faster, we seem to spend more and more time traveling – whether it’s commuting across town, driving across the country or flying around the world. Business or pleasure, we are a people on the move.

Yet while the speed and distances we travel may have increased over the centuries, the time we spend traveling really hasn’t increased as much as we may think. The earliest stories of the Bible recount the travels of God’s people – from Noah’s voyage on the ark to the Israelites’ flight to freedom out of Egypt. Some of these journeys, we know, were not undertaken by choice or desire, but by necessity. Many of these journeys were made at God’s direction – and not surprisingly, these are the travels that, though they often included trials and peril, produced the greatest dividends for God’s kingdom.

The same is true for us today. This issue of *The Christian Scholar* highlights how members of the ENC community are continuing to share God’s message of hope and love both at home and around the world. From **Carissa Schutz’s** experiences teaching English in Mongolia (page 5) and **James Heyward’s** travels to speak to groups around the country (page 11) to **Scott Turcott’s** travels to meet with alumni (page 9), members of the ENC community continue to fulfill the great commission through travels near and far. So as we celebrate this holy season, let us be ever thankful for the travels we undertake in His name, and turn our thoughts and hearts to other journeys made long ago: Those of a simple carpenter and his espoused wife, some lowly shepherds and three wise men who set out to follow a star:

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

I wish you safe travels this holiday season, wherever your journey takes you.

Blessings,

Corlis McGee

Corlis McGee

Noted civil rights activist John Perkins speaks about Christian community

Civil rights activist Dr. John Perkins was the guest speaker at a special service held October 24 in the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene.

Sponsored by ENC’s Office of Spiritual Development and Church Relations, the event also featured a performance by the ENC Gospel Choir.

During the service, Perkins read the story of Abraham and shared biblical references to Isaiah 61, which begins:

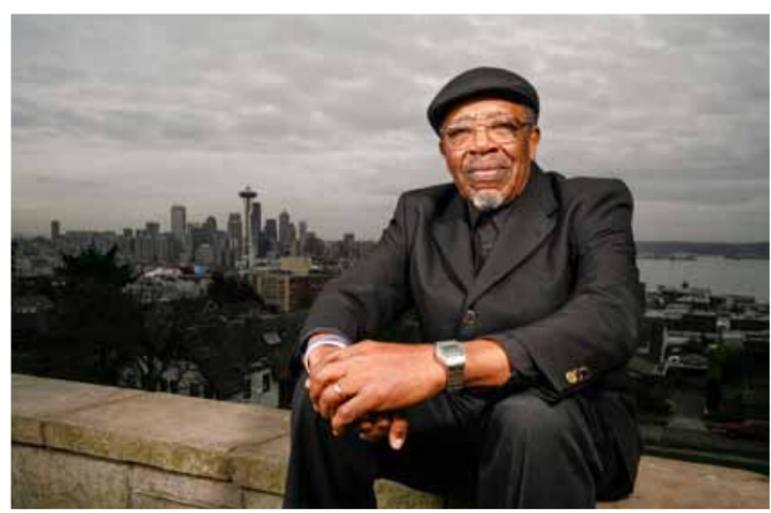
*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.*

The following day, Perkins spoke during the Friday chapel service.

“God elected the church to stand up and say, ‘I am not ashamed of God,’” Perkins told students. “The just shall live by faith, and we may be His representatives here on Earth.”

Sophomore **Canaan Hess** said he felt “enlightened” after hearing Perkins’ message. “John Perkins has a final mission of reaching college age students,” he said, “because he believes we are the next generation of people that is going to impact generations to come.”

The son of a Mississippi sharecropper, Perkins and his wife founded Mendenhall Ministries in 1960 to help the poor in rural Mississippi meet their own needs. They later moved to Jackson, MS, where they founded Voice of Calvary



Courtesy photo

American civil rights leader John Perkins was born a Mississippi sharecropper’s son and grew up poor in the bitter racism of the time. He is an author, speaker and teacher on issues of racial reconciliation, leadership and community development.

Ministries to provide urban families with youth programs, health care and affordable housing development.

In the 1980s, they moved to a crime-ridden neighborhood in Pasadena, CA, where they established the Harambee Christian Family Center and the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, a non-profit organization aimed at advancing the principles of Christian community development and racial reconciliation. In 1989, Dr. Perkins gathered a group of national Christian leaders together to form the Christian Community Development Association. Since then, CCDA has grown into a network of more than 700 organizations around the world.

Dr. Perkins is the author of numerous books, including *Restoring At-Risk Communities*, *A Quiet Revolution* and *Let Justice Roll Down*.

Dr. Perkins’ evening sermon is available at www.enc.edu/johnperkins.

“Love
is the
final
fight.”

John Perkins

Campus News



Scott Levesque

The Friends of Nease Library and the Social Work Department co-sponsored a lecture and panel discussion on homelessness recently. Held Oct. 19, the event featured a presentation by Alan Burt. Author of *Blessings of the Burden: Reflections and Lessons on Helping the Homeless*, Burt discussed his book and his experiences working with the homeless on Cape Cod. Following Burt's lecture, **Lora (Stadler, 79) Wooster** and **Jonathan Lanham (04)** joined Social Work Department Chair **Dr. Stacey (Reed, 93) Barker** and senior **Nicole Comeau** for a panel discussion.

Two long-standing holiday traditions brightened the Christmas season this year, as the ENC **Choral Union**, **A Cappella Choir** and **Chamber Singers** presented holiday concerts. The Choral Union presented its annual free performances of Handel's *Messiah* December 7 and 8 at the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene. **Dr. Kevin Smith (94)** conducted the 60-member choir, which was accompanied by an orchestra comprised of local musicians. For 80 years, the ENC Choral Union has presented Handel's *Messiah* as a holiday gift to the City of Quincy.

The **A Cappella Choir** and **Chamber Singers**, meanwhile, presented *Candlelight Christmas* December 6 at Quincy's Bethany Congregational Church. The choirs performed a variety of Christmas and holiday selections to kick off the festive season in conjunction with the South Shore Performing Artist Series.

History Professor **Bill McCoy** presented at the 18th annual Leprosy Congress in Brussels, Belgium, speaking about his research on leprosy in Swaziland.

Physics and Engineering professor **Dr. Pierre-Richard Cornely** received an invitation to present his work on earthquake monitoring and prediction at the December 2013 American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.

Sponsored by the History Department, Dr. Bill Wood, a professor at Point Loma Nazarene University, presented a lecture titled "Reflections on Syria and the Condition of the Arab Spring."



Sarah Good (09)

The women's soccer team, coached by Steve Hamilton, celebrates its overtime win over Western New England University at Homecoming.

Women's Soccer, Volleyball teams advance to playoffs

The Women's Soccer and Volleyball teams advanced to the Commonwealth Coast Conference playoffs this year, with both teams falling in the quarterfinals.

The sixth-seeded soccer team battled Gordon College in overtime, eventually falling 2-1 and finishing the season with an 11-7-1 overall record. The two teams remained scoreless in the first half before Gordon took a 1-0 lead. Three minutes later, ENC's **Hannah Scahill (17)** scored her 14th goal of the year, assisted by **Abby Spittler (14)**.

With the score tied at the end of regulation play, the game moved into overtime, with Gordon scoring the winning goal just under two minutes into the overtime session.

The sixth-seeded Women's Volleyball team, meanwhile, lost 3-0 to third-seeded Endicott College. Senior **Cayla Clinkscale** racked up 14 kills and six digs during the match, while junior **Kortney Jenkins** amassed 15 digs and six kills. The team ended the season with a 15-17 overall record.

Follow Lions sports at athletics.enc.edu.

Left to right: Jon Lanham (04), data manager for Father Bill's and Mainspring; Susan Watkins (72), director of Nease Library; Linda Day (68) chair of the Friends of Nease Library; author Alan Burt; Nicole Comeau (14); and Stacey Barker (93), social work department chair participated in a lecture and panel discussion presented by the Friends of Nease Library Homecoming weekend. To become a member of the Friends of Nease Library call 617-745-3850.

Boston Semester program gears up for fall

The rich historic and cultural offerings of the Boston area will once again be available to students from around the country, as Eastern Nazarene College prepares to offer two new sessions of its Boston Semester program.

Initially launched in Fall 2010, the Boston Semester® is a study abroad program that brings students to the ENC campus for courses that draw on Boston's numerous opportunities for learning.

"The Boston Semester ideally appeals to History, Literature and Political Science students who want to study the movers and shakers of their discipline in their place of origin," said **Prof. Ben Cater**, the program's director. "The list of important historical, literary and political events and figures who lived and worked in Boston and Greater New England is almost endless: the Puritans and the Boston Tea Party, Henry David Thoreau, Herman Melville, John Updike, John Winthrop and John F. Kennedy."

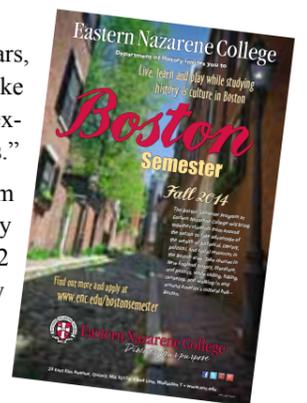
While students who attend the Boston Semester will live and take courses on the ENC campus, much of the semester experience will include visits to Boston and other sites of historical significance such as Concord, MA; Newport, RI; and upstate New York.

"In the classroom, students will be privy to lectures by world-class scholars, including Harvard University historian Laura Thatcher Ulrich and Mt. Holyoke scholar Joseph Ellis," Cater said. "They'll also engage in a whole range of extracurricular activities like sailing, camping, kayaking and touring museums."

The new Boston Semester sessions will begin with a four-week pilot program in May 2014 that will offer a three-credit course in Boston history taught by Cater. A full semester session will be held in Fall 2014 and will offer up to 12 credits for courses in Boston's intellectual and material history, U.S. history from a New England perspective and New England literature.

"So far, we've enjoyed a very positive response from students around the country," Cater said.

For a video and more information on the Boston Semester® program, visit www.enc.edu/bostonsemester.



Sarah Good (09)

Natural Science Division presents alumni career panel

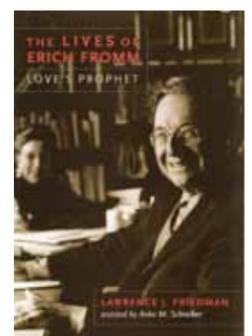
Natural Science students had an opportunity to hear from alumni working in the medical field recently, when The Honors Society and Phi Delta Lambda hosted a Natural Science Division Alumni Panel. Presented during Homecoming Weekend, the event enabled current students to hear from alumni, who outlined their career paths and discussed how their professional pursuits correlated with their faith. Panelists included (pictured left to right) **Donald Yerxa, PhD (72)**, moderator; **Stephen Wilson, MD (91)**; **Kara (Nichols, 06) Govoni, CNM**; **Richard Simons, MD (77)** and **Daniel Chung, DO (85, 88)**.

Harvard historian Larry Friedman delivers presentation on Erich Fromm

Harvard historian Larry Friedman presented a lecture on German psychologist Erich Fromm on October 17 in Shrader Lecture Hall. The free presentation was open to the public.

Friedman presented the lecture "Erich Fromm's Prescriptions for a World Without War: Human Attractions to Love and Death." Author of numerous works including *Escape from Freedom*, Fromm fled his native Germany after the Nazi rise to power, first traveling to Geneva and later to the United States and Mexico, where he became a leading scholar in the fields of psychoanalysis and political psychology.

A professor at Harvard's Mind-Brain-Behavior Initiative, Friedman has written eight books and more than 50 scholarly articles. His book *The Lives of Erich Fromm: Love's Prophet*, published earlier this year, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography and the National Book Award.



Teaching, exploring, growing in Mongolia

Carissa Schutz, an English major from the Class of 2010, recently spent a year in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, teaching English and exploring another culture. Now, back in the states, she is attending Boston University's graduate program in Education, with a concentration in teaching English as a second language.

Q: What inspired you to travel to Mongolia for a year?

A: Ever since my senior year, I wanted to live abroad after college, but I didn't know exactly how that would happen. In October of 2012, I started applying to teach English in China, but then I heard about the opportunities in Mongolia and it just seemed like the best fit. Once I was there, I knew the "Land of the Blue Sky" was exactly where I needed to be.

Q: What surprised you most about your experience?

A: Everything about living in a different culture is surprising! I didn't expect to meet such faithful brothers and sisters. They really inspired me. I also loved getting to know my students. We laughed a lot, even with the language barriers. Mongolians and New Englanders have the same sense of humor!

Q: How did your time in Mongolia shape your perspectives or your faith?

A: Living in Mongolia was very humbling. I had to rely on other people for everything, and that was difficult when I like being independent. My students wouldn't let me cross the street on my own, for fear I'd get hit by a car! Mongolians are very communal and hospitable, and at first it was a little uncomfortable, but now it is a way of living I aspire to. I also experienced religion in a completely different context, and my perspective on worship and prayer has altered dramatically.

Q: You're in graduate school at Boston University, pursuing a master's degree in teaching English as a second language. Where would you like to teach in the future?

A: If I ever have the chance to go back to Mongolia, I won't even think twice! But really this past year taught me that His ways are higher than my ways, and so I'm relying on His direction. Right now, I'm completing my practicum at a high school in Boston. I love teaching in general, but I really hope I can teach abroad again!

Q: What would you say to anyone considering traveling abroad?

A: Living in another culture is life changing. I now have friends from all over the world, and I can't help but see things in a different light. So if you have the chance – go! I had good days and bad days, but ultimately I'm a better person for going. I've heard a lot of excuses from people of all ages about why they could never do it, but if you are called to go, there is really no such thing as a good excuse!

To read more about Carissa Schutz's time abroad and some of the stories she shared, visit her blog at beyondideas.blogspot.com.



Being introduced to a Kazakh hunting eagle in the Mongolian countryside was one of many adventures Carissa Schutz experienced in the "Land of the Blue Sky."



Carissa Schutz (center) celebrates with her English language students on graduation day in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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CRJ programs help students develop as leaders, mentors

The Center for Responsibility and Justice began the new academic year by offering a variety of opportunities for student learning, mentoring and leadership.

Leadership Retreat

To help kick off a new year of CRJ's Keys for Success Program – an initiative that pairs new students with student mentors to address everything from study skills to networking – the center sponsored a weekend retreat to Camp Taconic in the Berkshires. Six student coaches – all alumni from last year's program – joined 14 student fellows at the "Cydney Fields Leadership Retreat," named in honor of an ENC student and Keys to Success alumna who passed away unexpectedly shortly before the start of the school year.

"The goals of the retreat were to provide the coaches with leadership development opportunities, and to enable both coaches and students to bond and develop a personal sense of success and achievement," said CRJ Director **Laurie Giles**. "Judging from the papers written by students after the retreat, it turned out to be so much more."

Several students noted how the retreat not only enabled them to bond with fellow participants, but also afforded them an opportunity to connect more deeply with their faith.

"Through this retreat, I was able to come to terms with what God is doing in me," one student wrote, "and also to allow him to work through me to touch the lives of others...and allow my life to be touched by them as well."

Other retreat participants said the experience helped them work on their mentoring skills, while some said they simply appreciated the opportunity to address such issues in a peaceful setting.

"Being involved in a fast-paced college life, I personally tend to lose myself in the hustle and bustle, which conflicts with my own vision and goals that I have set for myself," a student wrote. "Throughout this experience, I reflected on how to better myself as both an aspiring Biology student and a leader on and off campus."

Boston Public Schools partnership

The fall semester also marked the start of a new partnership between the CRJ and the Boston Public Schools. Through the CRJ's "Tangible Dream Makers" program, 12 ENC students are embedded in five classrooms at Roxbury's Tobin School. Working with fourth and fifth graders, ENC students participate in a variety of education activities, including providing one-on-one tutoring and leading classroom activities. ENC students receive internship credit for the 35 to 100 hours they spend at the school during a semester.

"The Education Department is using this experience to fulfill the pre-



At the CRJ sponsored weekend retreat to Camp Taconic in the Berkshires, student coaches joined with new students at the "Cydney Fields Leadership Retreat," named in honor of the ENC student and Keys to Success alumna who passed away unexpectedly shortly before the start of the school year.

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practicum requirement for Elementary Education majors," Giles noted. "We hope that this school may one day become a student teaching site for ENC students."

ENC sophomore **Christina Saint-Pierre** said she loves being able to help the young students realize their full potential.

"The first day I entered the classroom, there was a boy who was having difficulty with the math assignment," she recalled. "He said, 'I can't do it.' But I knew he had the potential and I told him so. When he was later able to finish the whole math packet before everyone else in the class, I was like, 'Wow, this is awesome!'"

Saint-Pierre said participating in the Tangible Dream Makers program is helping her to grow both spiritually and mentally, and she looks forward to working with the Tobin School students throughout the remainder of the academic year, imparting the lessons that she herself has learned through her participation in CRJ programs.

"My goal for the students is to realize that they are not limited by their abilities or their inequities," she said. "I want them to know that they have every tool in their mind to be able to reach a goal – they just have to believe it and see it."

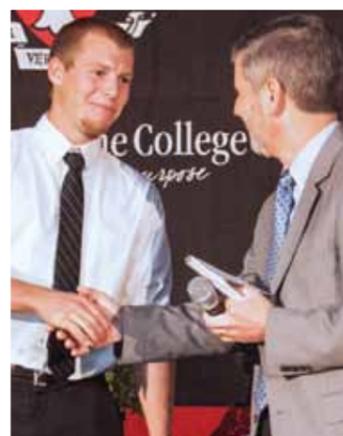
"I want them to realize they have the power to turn their inequities into opportunities."



President McGee (center) presents Angie Carr (03) and Nick Mucci (03) with the Emerging Leader Award.



Bradley Hall of Fame inductee Robert Hutchison (95) thanks Dr. Nancy Detwiler for her impact on his life.



Austin Steelman (13), shares his journey from ENC to Harvard Law School and how the faculty of a small college provided big opportunities.



President McGee surprises Pioneer Catering Director Rick Harmon with the announcement that he had been made an honorary alumnus for his 30-plus years of selfless service and commitment to the college.

Alumni 'celebrate our stories'

From the time **Angie Carr (03)** was a little girl, she had always wanted to go to Eastern Nazarene College. But by the time she was a junior in high school, she recalls, her enthusiasm had waned.

"My parents and others really encouraged me to go to ENC," said Carr, who ultimately majored in Music Education and Vocal Performance. "But I wanted to go to a conservatory."

Then one day her father told her she should call ENC and find out what classes she should be taking during her senior year in high school.

"I kind of just told him, 'Yeah, yeah,' like a typical teenager," Carr said. "But then a few minutes later, an admissions counselor from ENC called and said, 'We just wanted to see how you were doing and talk about what classes you should be taking your senior year...'"

"At that point, I knew it was God's will. And I'm so grateful."

Carr's recollections on how she came to attend ENC were just one of many memories shared at this year's Homecoming Celebration, the theme of which was "Celebrating Our Stories." She shared her story while accepting an Emerging Leader Award along with **Nick Mucci (03)**, who confessed that while his parents, aunts and uncles all attended ENC, "I had zero intention of coming here."

A visit from former Admissions Director **James Heyward (93)**, however, convinced him to attend ENC, which he said prepared him for his current role leading ministry groups for young men in inner-city Portland.

"One of the things I learned at ENC, especially working with **Mike Schutz (78)**, was the importance and priority of relationships -- the relationships in ministry that I would develop in the future," he said. "I try to prioritize relationships now -- first with Christ, second at home with my family, and with the church and community."

Robert "Hutch" Hutchison (95), who was inducted into the Carroll F. Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, said soccer was the only thing on his mind when he started visiting colleges. But his visit to the ENC campus made him look beyond merely athletics.

"When I came to visit ENC, I just knew that something had clicked," he said. "People seemed to care about me and my education -- probably more than I did at the time. It just felt like a loving, caring environment."

Also inducted into the Bradley Hall of Fame was **Donna (Fandel, 78) Wilfong**, who was unable to attend.



Judy Paul (67), inspirational speaker, retired educator, mother and grandmother of several ENC alums, and wife of late president Cecil Paul, shares a laugh with Ruth Ann (Stetson, 65) Ayres at the reception preceding the Celebration dinner.



Sarah Troxler (09) provides a lively and lovely musical background to Java and Jazz following the Celebration dinner.



Mark DeMichael (88) receives an Alumni Achievement Award.



Priscilla Cubie Vining (88) accepts an Alumni Achievement Award.

Shaping scholar/athletes

Several award recipients noted the profound impact Athletics Director **Dr. Nancy Detwiler** had on their lives.

"When I came to ENC I was an immature freshman and needed someone to scare me, and she was really, really good at that," quipped Achievement Award recipient **Mark DeMichael (88)**. "I also needed someone to hit me upside the head with a two by four in classes, and she was really good at that, too. She made a huge impact on my life."

Achievement Award recipient **Kristy Kottis (83)** agreed. "Nancy Detwiler had a big impact on my life," she said, adding a word of thanks to all the ENC faculty who touched her life. "That's one thing about ENC: (Faculty) see the character of the person before you do, and help support it so you can go where you're supposed to be."

Lifetime Service Award recipient **Carolyn Waterman (61)** recalled the joy she felt at coming to a campus that encouraged curiosity and imagination.

"I was not ridiculed for being curious and having an imagination -- those were good qualities that I could have," she said. "The joy of learning, healthy skepticism, testing, questioning...I took those lessons into teaching and tried to foster those qualities in my students."



Carolyn Lanpher Waterman (61) is the recipient of the Lifetime Service Award.

Alumna of the Year **Gaytha (Gutshall, 63) Langlois** shared her appreciation for **Verner Babcock (37)**, who instilled in her the importance of ecology and laid the foundation for her career as a professor of Environmental Policy.

"I think this place taught me a lesson of authenticity -- that it is important to be yourself," she said. "It's important to find your own journey. And it's important to take the love that comes to you from all directions."

Achievement Award recipient **Priscilla (Cubie, 88) Vining**, said she found something at ENC that often eludes people. "Looking back, I can definitely say that I learned at ENC the key to happiness," said Vining, who during her career as a detective with the Connecticut State Police Department has worked on such high-profile cases as the Newtown tragedy. "I see a lot of people who have been searching for that their entire lives, and at ENC, that is what I found in Jesus Christ."



Kristy Kottis (83) is honored with an Alumni Achievement Award.



Gaytha Langlois (63) is the 2013 Alumna of the Year.



Left to right: Dr. Lowell Hall, Dr. James Cameron, Dr. Richard Fish and Dr. Brady Millican are interviewed by Dr. Scott Turcott at the Homecoming Celebration dinner.

Faculty, students celebrate ENC legacy

Homecoming attendees had an opportunity to hear from ENC faculty members and recent graduates, who described the importance to them of having professors who took an active interest in their academic and spiritual development.

“My experience at ENC was really special, because I had such a small department,” music major **Sarah Troxler (09)** said in a video played during the Homecoming Celebration dinner. “I had these wonderful professors like **Brady Millican** who were really invested in my life and spent a lot of their time teaching me and getting to know me as person.”

Psychology major **Mixi Lopez (13)** agreed. “I felt really comfortable going to (my professors’) offices and knowing that they were not just going to worry about the academics, but about me,” she said. “I’m not just a number to them. They want their students to succeed.”

Homecoming attendees also heard from alumni who returned to ENC as professors. Psychology Professor **Dr. Janet Lanham (72)**, for example, described her desire to share her positive experience at ENC with future generations of students.

“When I look back at everything ENC gave me, particularly from major professors like **Jim Cameron** and people like **Cecil Paul**, who invested in me as a person, I saw what it meant when a person gave themselves in a relationship to the students,” Lanham said. “That became such a driving force in my life, when the opportunities came from ENC to expand those same types of activities, that was really appealing to me.”

A Celebration of Service

Alumni and Friends Honor Dr. Lowell Hall

by Sherrie (Hall, 86) Burt

A retirement celebration was held on October 20 at The Tirrell Room in Quincy to commemorate **Dr. Lowell H. Hall’s** 46 years of service to Eastern Nazarene College. Tables were adorned with flowers inside of graduated cylinders and Erlenmeyer flasks, and labeled with periodic elements, milestones and important markers in Dr. Hall’s life – such as the General Chemistry Lab, Johns Hopkins University, and the infamous office Coffee Bench.

After the invocation by **Dr. Joseph Williams**, **Dr. Richard Simons (77)** acted as the emcee for the afternoon, introducing alumni who worked alongside or studied under Dr. Hall during his years at ENC.

Speakers included former Chemistry professor **Dr. James Stark (63)** and his wife **Marilyn (Rieder, 63) Stark** who worked for many years as office manager for the Biology Department. Alums **Dr. Michael Cnossen (77)**, **Dr. Timothy Wooster (86)**, **Dr. Jeff Cook (91)** and **Dr. Tennyson Doane (08)** each shared a brief reminiscence of their time in the Chemistry Dept at ENC. Finally, seniors **Nathan Hamm**

Psychology Professor **Brian Massey (93)** is now a colleague of Lanham’s.

“One of the things that’s the most meaningful about working at ENC and teaching at ENC is the ability to pass it down to the next generation,” Massey said. “Because I know that was good for me.”

Chemistry Professor **Dr. Lowell Hall (59)** said he valued the opportunity to pass on the ENC legacy to generations of students. “What a wonderful thing to come back to the place that actually got me started and really transformed my life because of the kind of education here,” Hall said. “When I see the students come each year, I look at them and think, ‘I hope I can help you have the same experience I had so many years ago.’”

Now, Hall works alongside former student and current Biology Professor **Jonathan Twining (84, 05)**.

“When I was a student at ENC, I had some wonderful professors that were able to guide me and help me develop in both my Christian life and as a professional,” Twining said. “That legacy lives on in me and others who come back and teach at ENC, and we have these wonderful (faculty) examples that have helped us become better professors, better people.”

Longtime History Professor **Dr. James Cameron (51)** said it had been a privilege to teach so many academically gifted students over the years, including recent graduate **Austin Steelman (13)** – now a student at Harvard Law School – and Professor Emeritus **Donald Yerxa (72)**.

and **Sean Dinneen** gave perspective as current students and members of Dr. Hall’s final class. Each spoke of the influence Dr. Hall had on their lives both spiritually and academically. Although the consensus was that P-Chem was no one’s favorite memory, they all agreed that Dr. Hall was a wonderful professor who cared about them as individuals.

Dr. Corlis McGee, **Dr. Matthew Waterman (93)** and **Dr. Scott Turcott (82)** brought greetings from the college, the Alumni Association and from former ENC President, **Dr. Kent Hill**.

Dr. Hall then stood up holding a stack of paper, saying he only had a few things to say. The old continuous form perforated computer paper in his hands flowed to the floor in scroll-like fashion, making all in attendance laugh. He thanked all of the guests for being a part of his life and said that as much as each one had indicated that he was a blessing to them, he claimed they were in fact a blessing in his life.

Dr. Hall continues to do research at the college.

See photos of the event at www.enc.edu/lowellhallphotos.

Yerxa, in turn, praised Cameron’s impact on him and countless other students over the years.

“I can’t calculate the impact of people like Jim Cameron,” he said. “Jim modeled what a Christian scholar should be. He was a consummate classroom instructor: He scared me a lot. He asked me questions I couldn’t answer.”

During the Celebration dinner, Cameron participated in a panel discussion with recently retired professors **Dr. Richard Fish (66)**, **Millican** and **Hall**, who described the great joys they experienced through their decades-long association with ENC. Fish admitted that when he returned to ENC as a professor, he didn’t expect to remain as a faculty member for 42 years.

“I thought I would come back for a couple of years – I had visions of being a wealthy, famous psychologist,” he said. “But the spirit of this place and giving back has given me ministries far beyond what I ever contemplated as a young person first coming to school.”

Dr. Hall, meanwhile, observed, “All my colleagues here have this wonderful privilege of helping students understand their abilities and find their potential as young men and women who bear the image of God.”

Watch the videos shown at the dinner at www.enc.edu/Homecoming-2013-videos.



Top: (left to right) Chemistry alums Timothy Wooster and James Stark join Joseph Williams in honoring Dorla and Lowell Hall at a retirement luncheon celebrating Dr. Hall’s 46 years of teaching at ENC.

Above: Scott Turcott (left) and Corlis McGee (right) celebrate the legacy of Dorla and Lowell Hall.

Broadway favorite 'Hello, Dolly!' captures our hearts on ENC stage

The cast, costumes and sets of "Hello, Dolly!" combine to joyfully whisk audience members away to another era. Originally based upon an English play called "A Day Well Spent," "Hello, Dolly!" is not trying to change the world, but rather present an offering of simple joys and the opportunity to escape for a moment to a simpler, jollier place.



Tara Brooke Watkins (02)

New York City at the turn of the 20th century was the backdrop for the Theatre Department's fall musical production, as Broadway favorite *Hello, Dolly!* brightened the ENC stage.

Presented in the Cove Fine Arts Center, the performance brought to life the story of Dolly Levi, a meddlesome matchmaker who finds love for several young couples – and herself. The winner of 10 Tony Awards, including for Best Musical, *Hello, Dolly!* is known for such popular show tunes as "Before the Parade Passes By," "It Takes

a Woman," and the title tune, "Hello, Dolly!"

Tara Brooke Watkins (02), the musical's director, said ENC's production was highlighted by a unique set design featuring scenery projected onto floor-to-ceiling screens.

"Illustrations reflecting turn-of-the-century landscapes and New York street scenes floated behind the actors as they sang and danced," said Watkins, who noted that the production's illustrations were created by **Michael Ballard**. "All of the costumes were designed by **Julie Dauber**, who took a

post-modern approach to the show, exaggerating the Victorian/Edwardian silhouette to help the actors 'pop' from the illustrated images behind them."

For the show's direction, Watkins drew inspiration from a sequence in Walt Disney's *Fantasia* featuring George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

"(*Fantasia*'s) silent story telling, in which New York characters only use exaggerated poses to communicate feeling and relationships, is exactly what I wanted this show to look like," she said. "We worked hard with the actors on embodying this larger-than-life picture we were trying to portray to tell this age-old story."

Hear Mike Ballard discuss the digital set he created for "Hello, Dolly!" at www.enc.edu/hellodolly.

Mike Ballard's set designs transports audiences to other times, other places



By Katie Smith (14)

The unique set design featured in ENC's recent production of *Hello, Dolly!* was the handiwork of Theater Department Technical Director **Michael Ballard**. A professor in ENC's Language, Theater and Communication Arts Department, Ballard first joined the college in 1985. Since that time, he has lent his talents to numerous theatrical productions.

In particular, Ballard has become known for building sets and working with lighting, using projections as a way to create a set. Some of the ENC productions that incorporated this type of set design include *The Glass Menagerie*, *Selfish Giant*, *The Trojan Women*, *Twilight in LA* and *A Light Shining in the Wilderness*, which Ballard wrote.

"You have to be careful when combining projections with traditional sets, because the light from the projections distorts what is seen by audience members," Ballard said. "We were able to combine traditional set design with the projections by using fewer props that were generally colorless. We also worked closely on blocking, and focused on isolating the projections on stage."

ENC's production of *Twelve Angry Jurors* also featured an unusual set design, Ballard noted. "*Twelve Angry Jurors* was directed in such a way that allowed it to preserve the time period in which it took place," he said. "All the costumes were in shades of black and white – even the water cooler had to be spray-painted grey! The production also involved creating a 'raked set' that sloped upwards away from the audience to visualize a sense of depth."

Ballard's favorite ENC production, he noted, was *Children of Eden*, for which he used soft sculpture to create the set. His favorite playwrights include such literary legends as Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and William Shakespeare.

An actor whose interest in theater began with parts in elementary school shows and community theater, Ballard performed in a number of productions before pursuing the technical side of theater during his college years. It was there that he began building sets and working with lighting – experience that he has brought to ENC productions.

"Although projections are not a new concept to the theater industry, creating ways to incorporate these techniques is always left up to the designers' imagination," he said. "Set design helps to tell and enrich the story."

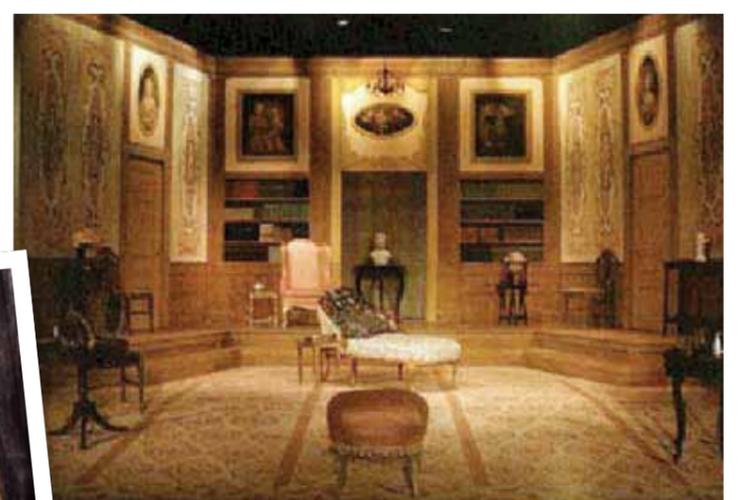
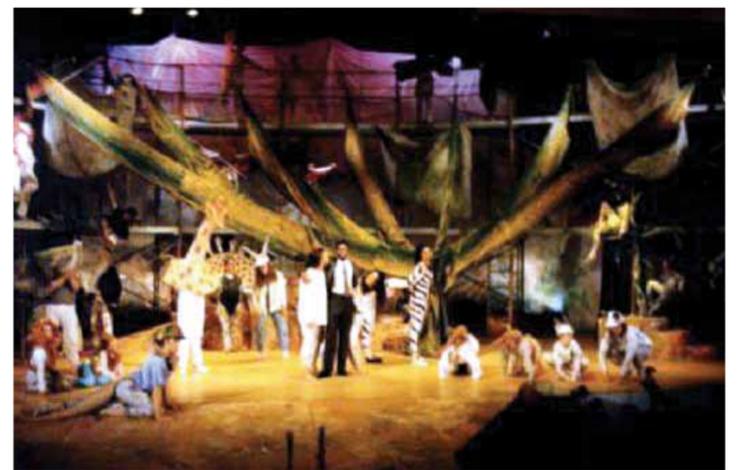
Top right: The 1992-93 fall musical, "*Children of Eden*," was a work in revision attended by playwright Stephen Schwartz.

Middle: The set for "*A Raisin in the Sun*" from 2012-13 featured a full retro kitchen with running water.

Production sketch (below) and finished set (right) for "*The Imaginary Invalid*" from the 1989-90 season.



Left: "*Twelve Angry Jurors*" was presented in spring of the 2008-09 season.



Archive photos

The Warren Business Forum

Award winning entrepreneur offers '3 keys for success'

When Lois Rosenberry was 22, her husband accepted a job in Ohio, and the young mother soon found herself seeking child care for her year-old daughter while she worked as a vocational rehab counselor.

She thought she had found a suitable sitter right in her own neighborhood – until she arrived to pick up her daughter one day and found the toddler playing near the street unsupervised while the sitter remained in her second-floor apartment.

"I knew I definitely needed child care that would give me peace of mind," Rosenberry recalled, "but where could I find it?"

Rosenberry's personal struggle to find high-quality child care would ultimately lead her to found Children's Discovery Center (CDC), a chain of eight child care centers recognized for their quality and innovation. Rosenberry -- who has since been featured in *Entrepreneur* magazine, *Inc.* magazine, *Executive Female* and more – discussed how she founded her business with attendees at Eastern Nazarene College's annual Warren Business Forum. In addition to sharing "3 Keys to Success" she learned over her more than 30 years in business, Rosenberry recounted her strict religious upbringing as the only child of Mennonite parents.

"I went to a one-room school with eight grades and 48 children," she recalled. "There was only one teacher – she was my mother. . . . I couldn't attend dances, wear slacks or attend sporting events. . . . When I was a teenager, I desperately wanted to escape my restrictive home."

After graduating from Messiah College with a degree in Behavioral Science, Rosenberry earned a master's degree in Home Economics Education from Drexel University. Yet it wasn't until after she had started a child care center at her Nazarene church in Ohio that Rosenberry began to consider starting a child-care business.

"As I look back on 1982, I think I must have been a little crazy to have even considered the possibility," she said. "The country was in a recession, my husband was out of work, my parents were making our house payments, interest rates were 21 percent and I was eight months pregnant with my third child!"

Nevertheless, she persevered, building the business from one center to a total of eight – seven in Ohio and one in South Carolina – that together now serve nearly 1,400 children each week and employ more than 200 people. Rosenberry has also authored a book on aesthetics in the child care environment and has a consulting contract with U.S. Air Force child care centers in South Korea, Japan, Alaska and Germany.



Lois Rosenberry is the first female speaker in the history of the Warren Business Forum, which brings local business people to campus for dinner and the opportunity to meet business students and faculty.

Keys to success

So to what does Rosenberry attribute her success? The secret, she said, is a commitment to three principles:

Excellence: "Our company's motto is, 'autograph your work with excellence,'" she said. "Everyone from the corporate staff to administrators, teachers, assistants and maintenance workers understands that each one is expected to strive for excellence."

To that end, CDC staff members have traveled to Italy to observe highly regarded child care centers there. Rosenberry also personally committed to participating in programs aimed at helping executives identify and address challenges, and made the difficult decision to raise her fees in order to hire more qualified staff and invest in better facilities.

Innovation: Rosenberry embraced her accountant's advice to view competition as a positive, not a negative. "He said, 'Differentiate your product from your competitors. Create a child care center that is so unique and different that parents will choose your center instead of your competitors.'"

A spur-of-the-moment visit to the Denver Children's Museum provided Rosenberry with the inspiration she needed to incorporate interactive children's exhibits into each of her centers.

Faith: Rosenberry remembers seeing the film *Chariots of Fire* around the time she was opening her first center. "It inspired me to make two promises to God: one, I would integrate Christian

education into our program; and two, if I were fortunate enough to acquire success, I would remember that He was the one who gave me the abilities and He is the one that I would honor."

Since then, she noted, her business has quadrupled in size and she has been honored with numerous awards, including Entrepreneur of the Year, Manager of the Year and the Governor's Excellence in Enterprise Award. "As I receive these awards, I always remember to thank God for His faithfulness and His blessings upon our company."

She has also expressed her gratitude through mission work and community service. In particular, an ENC study abroad trip to Romania in 1997 has had a profound influence on her life. "I observed ENC students working with caregivers (in Romanian orphanages) to model best practices and lovingly care for the children," she said of the Veritas program. "At the time I never dreamed how much this ministry would capture my heart."

Sixteen trips to Romania later, Rosenberry has participated in projects to renovate a historic building into a domestic violence shelter and counseling center, and to create "Deborah centers" that serve abused girls. Her company also tithes 10 percent of its profits to the Veritas ministry.

"I realize that I can't help all the families that I encounter there," she observed, "but I can tell the story and allow God to draw others to partner with Veritas by sharing their talents and resources. . . . The joy of giving and making a difference as an expression of my faith makes me want to continue doing more."

Listen to Lois Rosenberry's keynote address at www.enc.edu/wbf-2013.

Stories on the Sojourn

By Scott Turcott, vice president for Institutional Advancement

How does one develop a deep appreciation for someone with whom one has only spent a short time? There may be many answers to that question. One answer is by spending time with people who have a deep appreciation, admiration and respect for that person. Even though we've only spent a short amount of time together, I've developed a deep appreciation for Coach and Doris Bradley.

On a recent trip to Venice, Florida I was privileged to have lunch with Coach Carroll Bradley (50), his wife Doris (Stafford, 57), and Gary (66) and Juanita (Parry, 67) Jones. I connected with Gary and Juanita first and we headed to pick up the Bradleys. When we arrived at the Bradley home, Doris greeted us warmly at the door and invited us in. Once inside, we were greeted by a warm smile from Coach. We sat and chatted for almost an hour before heading to lunch. The Bradleys are known for their warm hospitality.

The conversation took many turns. They wanted to know about what was happening at ENC. We talked about the many exciting happenings on campus such as increased enrollment, exciting plans for improvements to facilities on campus, and students committed to serving the Lord in their chosen vocation. We also talked about the exciting times when Coach and Doris were at ENC. Much of the conversation here focused on exciting games with Gordon College, The King's College Tournament, or on road trips to Ohio and other places.

Although I did not play for Coach and have only interacted with him on a couple of occasions, I've spent time with many who have and some others who were at ENC when he was a student or when he was serving in one of the many roles he fulfilled here at ENC. All of these folks have a deep appreciation, admiration and respect

for this man and his wife. Let me share just a few examples.

Merritt Mann (59) and I have lunch together often. He speaks highly of Coach and the impact he had on his life. Merritt made it his personal crusade to create a scholarship in the name of Coach and Doris, and encouraged folks to honor them and their efforts at ENC by raising \$100,000 to fund the scholarship.

David Hutchinson (59) has spoken to me many times of the powerful influence Coach had on his life as a young man at ENC. He's enjoying having Coach live only 45 minutes away so they can connect occasionally and reminisce about their time together at ENC.

Jim Paynter (63) shared with me in a recent phone conversation that he owes a great deal to Coach Bradley for a significant portion of the success he had in life. When Jim was here for Homecoming in October, he walked me over to the trophy case and showed me a ball with his name on it and talked again about his appreciation for Coach and the powerful influence he had on his life as well as the lives of the others on that team.

Paul Bergers (50) was in school the same time as Coach and remembers being struck out by him often in intramural baseball. He noted that he did get a few hits on Coach as well. Paul remembers Coach having a wonderful singing voice and being a man of strong Christian character.

I read a book not long ago titled *The Games Do Count*. Author Brian Kilmeade makes the case for the title by sharing the stories of numerous well-known people. Person after person shared what a powerful impact participating in athletics had made on their life. Often, the prime influence was a coach. In these cases, it generally wasn't the coach's knowledge of the particular sport that the person

attributed as the reason the coach had such a strong influence in their life. The key factors were usually related to character traits like integrity or dedication. Sometimes it was the fact that the coach took time to invest in them as an individual. Occasionally, it was the ability of the coach to strategize or motivate.

As I visit with people who played for Coach Bradley, they share stories similar to the stories in *The Games Do Count*. They talk about how Coach and Doris invested in their lives in countless ways. I've heard several stories about spaghetti dinners at the Bradley home. Former players talk about how Coach modeled a godly lifestyle and was a man of integrity.

Coach and Doris did a great job of doing what we all try to do at ENC. They found ways to recruit, educate and disciple young men by being model Christians, serving where the Lord had called them. They prepared young men who came to play basketball at a small Christian college to succeed when they faced the big opportunities that God would send their way. Thanks, Coach and Doris: We appreciate you.



The class of 1963 celebrates its 50th reunion year in a big way and obviously had a lot of fun with a Hawaiian Luau in Spange Parlor - complete with sandals, leis, muumuus, Hawaiian shirts, and grass skirts (on the tables). Back Row (left to right): Charles Goodman, Christopher Hall, Dan Brewer, Ted Boren, Paul Pierce, Jim Paynter, Howie Williams, Sue (Adams) Norman, Jim Stark, Shirley (Skidmore) Milne, Karen (Speakman) Nelson. Middle Row (left to right): Jack Borgal, Ann (Shaw) Ryan, Janet (Irish) Boren, Ruth (Oertel) Moore, Marilyn (Rieder) Stark, Carolyn (Wooster) Farrar, Janet Carlson, Carolyn (Reynolds) Wells. Front Row (left to right): Nancee (Wells) Donovan, Nancy (Baird) Detwiler, Mildred (Comrie) Holcomb-Allen, Gaytha (Gutshall) Langlois.

Sarah Good (09)



The class of 1953 celebrates its 60th reunion.

Susan Ramey



Susan Ramey

Class of 1948 members Donald Reed and Ruth (Harding) Black were in attendance at the Gold Club Luncheon held in the President's Dining Room.

Youngest contributor Micah Andrews attended the alumni gathering for the Class of 2003 with his mom, Karen. After hearing about the class scholarship, he told Scott Turcott he wanted to make a gift. We hope Micah will be a member of the class of 2030 and have used his dollar to start the scholarship fund for the class of 2030.

Sarah Good (09)



In Memory

Dr. Kenneth Heaton (NG-57) passed away Nov. 2, 2013. A native of Zephyr, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Heaton enjoyed a long career in ministry, ministering to churches in Ontario and the United States. He retired in 2004 from the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church. In addition to his wife, Sylvia, with whom he shared over 54 years, Dr. Heaton is survived by a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Nancy (Nolan, 63) Waterman passed away Oct. 6. A longtime resident of Norwell, MA, she studied Biology and worked in pulmonary medicine. She later assisted her father at his fishing tackle business and worked as a greeting card and book distributor. She is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and two nephews.

Charles S. Eldridge (70) died Sep. 20 after a three-year battle with cancer. A native of Waterford, CT, he served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman first class on the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La. He retired from the Navy after

four years active duty and 20 years in the Naval Reserve. He also worked for Gillette in Boston, MA, retiring after 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, two daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.

Christine Alessandro (95) passed away Sep. 14 after a courageous battle with cancer. She worked for National Grid for 25 years, and graduated summa cum laude from ENC's Adult and Graduate Studies division. She is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren and a sister.

Michael Ofria (03) of Kansas City, MO died Oct. 31 surrounded by his family. A native of Cambridge, MA, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Seawolf. He later worked as an operations manager for several businesses and received a BS in Business Management through ENC's Adult and Graduate Studies division. In addition to his wife, Karen, he is survived by a son, a daughter, three stepdaughters and two grandchildren.

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Scholarship

Legacy Scholarship	\$8,676.00
Class of 1942	\$4,650.00
Class of 1944	\$54,255.69
Class of 1949	\$11,600.00
Class of 1950	\$58,460.00
Class of 1951	\$12,662.00
Class of 1952	\$10,335.00
Class of 1953	\$56,891.00
Class of 1954	\$25,127.00
Class of 1955	\$28,387.00
Class of 1956	\$20,700.00
Class of 1957	\$101,430.00
Second Class of 1957	\$18,090.00
Class of 1958	\$30,778.00
Class of 1959	\$25,249.00
Class of 1960	\$14,457.00
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Class of 1962	\$18,856.39
Class of 1963	\$11,428.68
Class of 1964	\$35,212.48
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Class of 2006	\$4,499.23
Class of 2007	\$6,258.55
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Class of 2010	\$4,780.75
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Class of 2012	\$10,000.00
Class of 2013	\$4,612.20
Class of 2014	\$2,282.41
Class of 2015	\$525.00
Class of 2016	\$787.50

TOTAL VALUE: \$1,130,702.42

Values as of September 30, 2013

Meet James Heyward

Town: Annandale, VA

Graduation Year: 1993

Profession: Lead Go! Pastor

Major: Communication Arts

Q: What are your duties as lead GO! pastor at Calvary Church?

A: The Mission of Calvary Church is “GO!” as commanded by Jesus in his Great Commission found in Matthew 22:18-19. As the pastor of Calvary Church, I am responsible for taking the lead in the great commission of the church. My responsibilities include vision casting, preaching and teaching, staff development and community outreach.

Q: How did you come to your current position?

A: I was called to senior pastoral ministry at the age of 18, and became a lead pastor 20 years later. After college, I served as family ministries pastor at Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene in York, PA. I also served as director of admissions at ENC and as executive pastor at Salem Fields Community Church in Fredericksburg, VA. After serving in the aforementioned positions and learning what it means to lead in almost every area of life – youth, children, administrative, finances, etc. – God thought I was ready to lead a church. I began my present ministry assignment at the Annandale, VA Calvary Church in March 2005.

Q: Tell us about your time as director of admissions for ENC. What did you find most rewarding about that position?

A: My time at ENC as a recruiter, assistant director and then director of admissions was very rewarding. It gave me the opportunity to give back to the institution that greatly impacted my life and call to ministry.

Not only did I more fully discover my purpose – how’s that for a great tagline plug? – I also found the love of my life, **Rose (Nurse, 92)**. My time as director of admissions was rewarding because of the many relationships that I built with students and their parents as they were making one of the most important decisions of their lives. I believed that helping students make the right choice required building relationships of trust. I saw it as my responsibility to be a good steward of that trust by assisting them in the selection of ENC, and helping them to thrive during their stay and then graduate with success. I still encounter graduates who come up and thank me for helping them in the college selection process.

Q: You’re an accomplished speaker. At what types of events/organizations do you speak and on what topics?

A: My speaking opportunities have taken me all over the world addressing youth, churches, nonprofits, social service agencies and local government organizations. I usually address seminars, conventions, retreats, special church emphasis weeks and nonprofit fundraising events. My present topic areas are: rebranding relevant churches, justice issues, engaging the church in adoptive and foster care services, motivational living and understanding postmodern culture. One of my most recent and rewarding speaking engagements was serving as the keynote speaker at the DC127 Foster the City Convention in Washington, DC. The goal of this event was to unite faith communities in reversing the foster care wait list in Washington, DC. Through Foster the City, I was given an opportunity to share my story, thank my foster parents for their love and support, and encourage others to join the effort of reducing the foster care wait list through adoption, fostering, respite care, mentoring and resource support.

Q: How did your time at ENC prepare you for your current role as pastor?

A: Eastern Nazarene College was paramount in my preparation as a pastor, speaker, family man and Christian. ENC challenged me to excel and expect more of myself. Some of my most challenging and rewarding courses were Voice and Articulation, Systematic Theology I and II, Script Writing and Epic Making Events in Science. Some of the professors and administrators who were instrumental in my success were **Jan Lanham, Henry Spaulding, Rhonda Windrel, Mark Sanford and Mike Schutz**. Each of these “teachers” saw what I could be and challenged me to go there. Henry Spaulding, my Religion professor, taught me to preach with a prophetic voice. Rhonda Windrel, my Communication Arts professor, helped me achieve a professional speaking voice. VP Jan Lanham modeled for me what grace entailed. Chaplain Mark Sanford taught me compassion and caring. And Administrator Mike Schutz taught me to do everything in a way that was pleasing to God.



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for the wonderful gift of Jesus
and the joy He brings to our lives.
Wishing you and yours
a wonderful Christmas and
a Blessed New Year.*

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