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HONORING *Service to ENC*

President-elect Dan Boone in the company of members of the class of 1972 honored for their service to the college. (left to right:)

Donald Yerxa, Janet Simonson Lanham, Linda Nease Scott, Susan Watkins, Janie Graves, Daniel Garner McCabe, Mary Lou Shea for Daniel K. Shea ('73) and Jim Cook ('79)

Tim Scott



Tara Brooke Watkins

Commissioning of President-elect Dan Boone

Dan Boone received his commission in a ceremony during Homecoming chapel on Friday, October 13.

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Presenting the queens and kings of Homecoming

President-elect Dan Boone poses with his wife Denise and Homecoming Queen McKenna Kern ('18) and King Andrew "Bubba" Snodderly ('18)

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Joseph (junior Eli Malo) and the cast of students, faculty, alums, and friends in 1960s garb rock out in the Act One finale, "Go, Go, Go Joseph" singing "Hang on Joseph, you'll make it some day!"

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#GivingTuesday made us thankful

After the spending frenzy of Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes a global day of giving known as #GivingTuesday, a time when individuals and corporations are encouraged to donate to the causes they care about most. For Eastern Nazarene College, this year's #GivingTuesday campaign, #Room4Growth, focused exclusively on residence hall renovations, giving donors an opportunity to improve campus life for students.

With 150 dorm rooms to renovate this summer, ENC hopes investing in residence halls will have a positive impact on future enrollment. "Our lovely old buildings definitely need some sprucing up if they are to be inviting to the students who call them home," said Director of Residential Life, Elisabeth Moreau.

Resident Assistant Richie Gardenhire added these thoughts, "With all of the other improvements happening around campus, it's easy to feel as though the dorms have been overlooked. A renovation would communicate that student living conditions have not been forgotten and that the administration cares about creating a home here at ENC."

Eastern Nazarene aimed to fundraise \$25,000 in order to unlock a matching gift of another \$25,000. However, ENC did not simply ask for monetary donations. They also asked alumni and friends of the college to volunteer their time and energy to help make the renovations possible.

"I am unable to open my checkbook and write a large check as some have done for ENC," said ENC alum, **Rev. Mark Hardy ('88)**. "But I can give some love and sweat for the school that has had a great impact on my life and my call and my ministry and my family." Mark has been leading the charge with the volunteer groups that came to campus last summer and he is prepared to bring more Work and Witness groups in Summer 2018.

While ENC's #GivingTuesday campaign came on the heels of a widely successful Homecoming Challenge, alumni and friends remained generous. On November 28, ENC raised over \$10,000 online. One dedicated alum was concerned that the college might miss out on the \$25,000 matching gift and rallied the support of additional donors. He found several generous individuals willing to collectively provide the \$15,000 needed. By Friday, November 30, the campaign reached the original



Susan Ramey

\$25,000 goal — enough to secure the matching gift of \$25,000. In total, #GivingTuesday brought in a substantial \$50,000 for campus improvements, and ENC now has a growing list of individuals compelled to give back with their time and energy this June, July, and August.

If you want to give to this cause or get involved, Rebecca Shaw, Associate Director for Institutional Advancement, commented, "There is still time to give! The campaign website, enc.edu/givingtuesday, will remain available through the spring if you wish to volunteer or form a Work and Witness team."

And for those interested in volunteering their handiwork, consider making a trip back to Quincy this summer with friends from your class year or members of your congregation. Your alma mater would warmly welcome you back home.

THANK YOU!

Alumni Notes

Grant Swank, Jr., ('61), pastor of New Hope Church in Windham, Maine, for the past 20 years, recently was the guest speaker at the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Walton, Nova Scotia, Canada.

David C. ('63) and **Jerri (Jones) Johnson ('64)**, parents of a prominent Olivet Nazarene professor, are keeping their son's legacy strong with a compelling book. *An Unexpected Finish Line Leaves a Unique Legacy* is a remembrance of Dr. Kenneth Johnson, who passed away in 2013 during his second attempt at the Iceman Cometh Challenge, an arduous 30-mile mountain bike race. He was 43 years old. Ken, a family man and Chair of Olivet's Department of Engineering, committed himself to serving Christ and bringing hope to those in need.

In remembering their son, David and Jerri challenge others to consider not whether they will leave a legacy, but what kind of legacy they will leave. By sharing Ken's example as an inspirational leader to his students and colleagues, Jerri hopes "that people see that anyone can leave a great legacy and be influential to others."



Darryl Sarno

Darryl Sarno ('91) has been coaching his niece and goddaughter's Medford Youth Girls Softball (MYGS) for five years. This past spring, their team won the Medford U14 Division Championship. Finding encouragement and inspiration in the scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13, Darryl published a book on aviation in New England this past June.

Nathan ('01) and **Andrea (Long '01) Sawtelle** joyfully announce the miraculous adoption of their two-year-old daughter Madhavi from India. She joined older brother Biruk at home just in time for his fifth birthday!

Rebecca Hammer ('11) married Matthew Hynes on December 2, 2017. The ceremony was certainly an ENC family affair as participants included parents **Jim Hammer ('85)** and **Sue Vatral Hammer ('83)**, Maid of Honor **Lauren Hammer ('17)**, bridesmaid **Jenn Charpentier ('11)**, her uncle, Pastor **Dave Vatral ('87)**, an aunt, **Karen Hammer Vatral ('88)**, who was the pianist while two other aunts, **Sharon Vatral Kollandjian ('91)** and **Beth Vatral Steele ('88)**, sang, grandparents **Shirley Caswell Hammer ('61)** and **Donald Hammer ('59)**, and her cousins **Chris Vatral ('17)** and **Caleb Vatral ('19)** ushered. Rebecca was recently named ENC's New Student Financial Aid Counselor.



Rebecca Hammer Hynes

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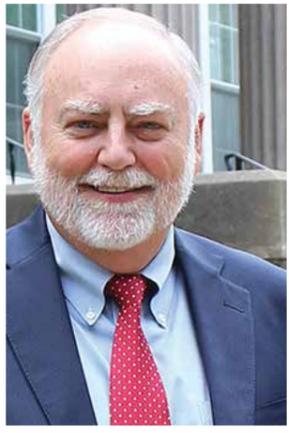
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President-elect's Message

If I Were an ENC Alumnus



Susan Ramsey

*For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord,
plans for welfare and
not for evil, to give you
a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

A few years ago, we were intrigued by a fascinating little book that asked a simple question: *Who moved my cheese?* It was a book about the difficulty of change. And now the ENC community is dealing with a new president from the south who seems to be moving cheese around. With appreciation for *The Christian Scholar*, I welcome this opportunity to address a recent question.

The question: The new website and marketing for ENC are using the phrase, "Eastern: A Christian College on Boston's South Shore." Why is the word "Nazarene" not in this and why is the word Eastern being used instead of ENC?

This phrase is part of a marketing campaign designed to increase enrollment. It is not a new logo or branding statement or long-term college re-naming attempt. Given the immediate need to improve the enrollment results, and the lack of any funding for creating and launching a new marketing campaign, we decided to

learn from the successful campaign that Trevecca has used for the past few years.

Trevecca's campaign saw enrollment growth of almost 400 students across three years. This campaign was already designed and available. It simply needed some customizing for use at ENC. The Trevecca campaign was "Trevecca: A Christian University in the Heart of Nashville." What we learned is that people don't know what a Nazarene is, but they do know they are not one. So instead of clicking through the electronic marketing information, they left the page. We never got a second chance to introduce ourselves to them.

The campaign also took advantage of location. Nashville and Boston are both magnetic cities and students are drawn to them. This is helpful to us in our international recruitment. ENC and Trevecca now share an international recruiter who is finding a strong draw to Nashville and Boston, for very different reasons.

The clear branding as a Christian college is intentional. We aim for the market that best fits our mission and brand. The lead yield from doing this allows us to work with prospects that are truly interested in what we do rather than spreading our efforts across a prospect pool that is generically interested in going to college.

We have also heard some response to the use of the single word "Eastern" rather than ENC. It is obvious that every state has schools that have the word "Eastern" in their name. It is our hope to reach the immediate and distant communities by connecting Eastern and Boston's South Shore. This creates a distinction we hope to build on.

And, this is a marketing campaign. These come and go. If this one doesn't work, we'll move the cheese.

Dan L. Boone

Dan L. Boone

Women's Tennis team ends historic season

The ENC women's tennis team reached several historic milestones during the 2017 fall season.

On October 11, fifth-seeded ENC women's tennis team defeated fourth-seeded Gordon 5-2 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinals. This helped them to improve to 10-4 on the season and advance to the CCC semifinals for the first time in program history. On October 17, the women's tennis team lost to top-seeded Nichols in the CCC Tournament semifinals. They finished with a 10-6 overall record.

Despite the loss, fall 2017 was still a spectacular season for ENC's women's tennis. The Lions win over Gordon marked their first-ever playoff victory as well as the first win over Gordon since 1996. During the regular season, Eastern Nazarene defeated Salve Regina and Western New England for the first time in program history. The Lions' 10 wins this fall mark the most in a single season since 1991. The program record for most wins in a single season was set in 1990, with a 12-0 record. And Eastern Nazarene set a new single-season record for conference wins in a season with four league victories en route to the team's highest-ever finish in the conference standings.

Senior **Jordan Cressman ('18)**, who has played on the team for four years, says, "We have been growing slowly. This past year we added Sharon [Biondi] officially to our team. She was our number 1. We added **Emily Ruttkowski ('21)** as our number 2. By adding weapons like Sharon and Emily, who are great players, we were able to compete against higher level teams."



Emily Ruttkowski (back) and Adele Duval ('19) and high-fiving.

Current players moved down to lower positions, but according to Cressman, players didn't mind moving down if it was in the best interest of the team. "We're open to learning," Cressman said, "and Sharon is great at tennis, so she's teaching us how to be better."

Senior **Lindsey Steelman ('18)** echoes Cressman's sentiment. Steelman, who has also played on the team for four years, played in the number 1 position in previous seasons. She admits that she knew she wasn't at the level to be playing number 1. In her junior year, new players joined the team and they began to see a

turnaround. The new players allowed the existing ones "to move down into positions that were better suited for the level of play," according to Steelman. "I went from number 1 to 4, and I was so happy about that. I was able to do my part and contribute to a team that was doing well."

Starting at the age of 7, sophomore **Sharon Biondi ('20)** may have been playing tennis longer than anyone else currently on the team. Originally from Venezuela, Biondi says, "Where I come from, the tennis competition is more individual. I've played for the Women's Tennis Federation. The only teams we played on were doubles. I'm not accustomed to playing a team."

But she points out that there are benefits to playing on a team. "I like that it can teach you how to work with a team together. You have to be with these people all the time like a family. They can support you."

Players identified Coach Jack Sahlman as a major factor contributing to the team's success. Coach Jack was able to focus solely on the Women's Tennis team. According to Cressman, "Coach Jack brought a different dynamic. He sees what each individual player struggles with" and customizes practice drills to work on those specific problems, such as a player's backhand stroke. According to Steelman, Coach Jack always looked to the future to find ways for the players to improve.

"It's exciting to see the tennis team grow," Steelman says. She hopes to see more people turn out to attend the women's tennis matches in the future and be a part of their rising success.

Women's Basketball brings love and support to Puerto Rico

The ENC Women's basketball team took a trip to Puerto Rico to offer support in the wake of Hurricane Maria, the category 4 storm that struck the island on September 20.

According to Head Coach **Sacha Santimano**, the team has three specific goals for this trip. They hope to raise \$500 to give to the Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico; they have solicited donations for gently used clothing for ages newborn to 16 years old; and when they arrive, they are running an informal basketball clinic.

The most important aspect of the trip is to "spend time with the kids in the club" who were affected by the hurricane, "to show them love and appreciation and to be there for them," says Santimano.

When they arrive, the members of the team will play basketball and soccer with the kids at the Boys and Girls Club. "Our biggest goal is to have a genuine interaction and to pour love to them. A lot of those kids lost homes, and we're trying to do everything we can to give them as much as we can."

Last May, the team started making plans to go to Puerto Rico. The original plan involved performing outreach services

through the Nazarene church in Puerto Rico. After the hurricane hit, Santimano cancelled the trip. It didn't take long for her to realize there was still a need for the team to visit the island. She talked to organizers in Puerto Rico, specifically through an organization called Sports Tours that facilitates college team visits to the island as well as tournaments. They helped to convince Santimano that it was still a good idea to visit the island. There were opportunities for the team to help those affected by the hurricane and the experience would show the team members how blessed they are.

Santimano and Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach Madison Flowers decided to help out with the Boys and Girls Club for several reasons. The Boys and Girls Club is located outside of San Juan, in a remote area that was among the most devastated by the hurricane. Although it was taking longer to rebuild the area than it was in cities like San Juan, the region was still accessible by road. This combination of need and accessibility made it a suitable location for the team to visit. "Madison and I prayed about it – who we should help. We felt the Lord leading us to help at the Boys and Girls Club."



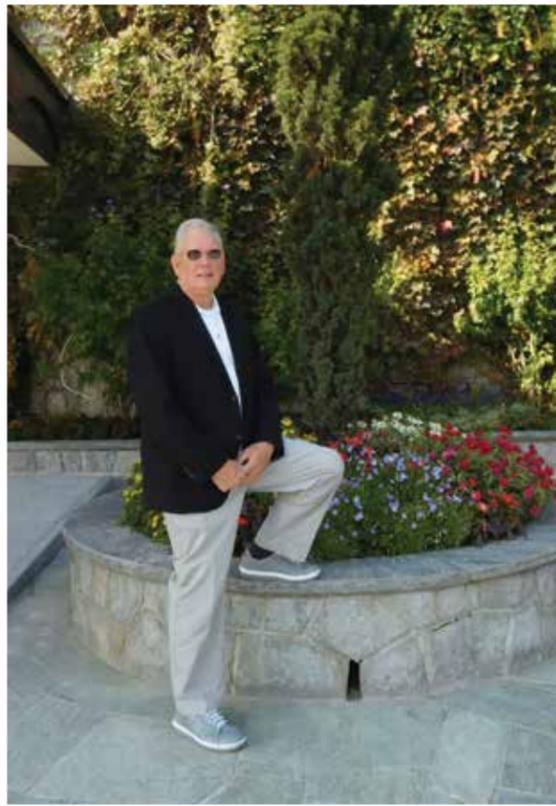
Courtesy Sacha Santimano

ENC's women's basketball team exploring San Juan after playing a game against Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico.

The entire basketball team – all 17 students – and 3 adults took the trip from December 14 through December 19.

"We talk about community service and helping our neighbors and being leaders. What a better way than to come to a place that has been stricken with disaster and to try to help and support as much as possible?" says Santimano.

Gerry Wood: working in harmony with nature



Courtesy Gerry Wood

In the 1990s, Gerry Wood ('72) volunteered his time, expertise and labor to bring about the serene, inviting nature enjoyed on ENC's campus to this day.

It's said that a community grows great when people plant trees, the shade of which they know they shall never sit beneath. The saying calls to mind the importance of long-term planning and hope for the future. Fortunately for us, the Eastern Nazarene College community has been graced by the contributions of two members who helped plant the trees whose shade we enjoy today.

J. Vernon Babcock ('46), after whom the Babcock Arboretum is named, made major contributions to ENC's environment by cultivating the campus's natural beauty. Babcock, a former biology professor who is quoted as saying "let nature be your teacher," was instrumental in designing and implementing the landscaping elements of the campus in the second half of the last century.

In 1990, **Gerald "Gerry" Wood ('72, Psychology)** returned to Eastern Nazarene College. After graduating, Wood attended Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and worked at the Shawnee Church of the Nazarene. He returned to assume the position of associate director of enrollment services, the department now known as Admissions. He brought with him his lifelong love of horticulture. In his spare time, Wood has always enjoyed touring gardens, such as the famous Longwood Gardens, a world-class botanical garden, rich in a dazzling array of plant diversity located in Pennsylvania.

Through his recruitment efforts, Wood knew that Eastern Nazarene appealed to prospective students' sense of community and a desire for an environment that fostered spiritual formation and a network with other Christians.

However, despite Eastern Nazarene's ability to offer these advantages over other colleges, New England remains a highly competitive region for attracting college students. Prospective students and their parents could not ignore what they saw when they visited the campus. Without Babcock's guiding vision, plants had grown out of control and overran the grounds. Small accent plants that Babcock had planted grew unchecked. Plants such as the cryptomeria, a conifer tree often used as a hedge and kept small, had grown over the roofs of buildings. What's more, many trees were infected with fungi or rot, and they had not been identified as needing to be removed.

Wood surveyed the campus and wrote a detailed report of what he saw on campus. Dying trees had overgrown the quad. Roots of trees had grown into the foundations of buildings damaging them. He submitted his observations to the director of enrollment services with a recommendation that these issues be addressed. Wood argued that making such improvements would have benefits beyond

simply increasing Eastern Nazarene's appeal to prospective students – they would convey a sense of peace, beauty, and harmony with nature to anyone walking across the campus. The living and nonliving parts of the campus grounds should complement each other. Wood points out that when viewed from above, two rectangular areas between Gardner and the Mann Student Center evoke the Golden Mean, forming an aesthetically pleasing pattern found in nature and works of art.

Wood received permission from the administration – and a grant of \$1000 – to begin implementing improvements. He volunteered his time and talents to work on the grounds, all while holding his position as the assistant director of enrollment services, often working late into the night to get all his work done.

His first priority was to remove the dying and overgrown trees. Fifty trees were taken down that first year. During homecoming, returning alums were surprised by what they saw. Wood recalls that more than one alumnus remarked, "Wow! You added so many new trees." But the reverse was true. This was a case of not seeing the trees through the thicket. By culling the overgrowth, people could see and appreciate the healthy trees that remained.

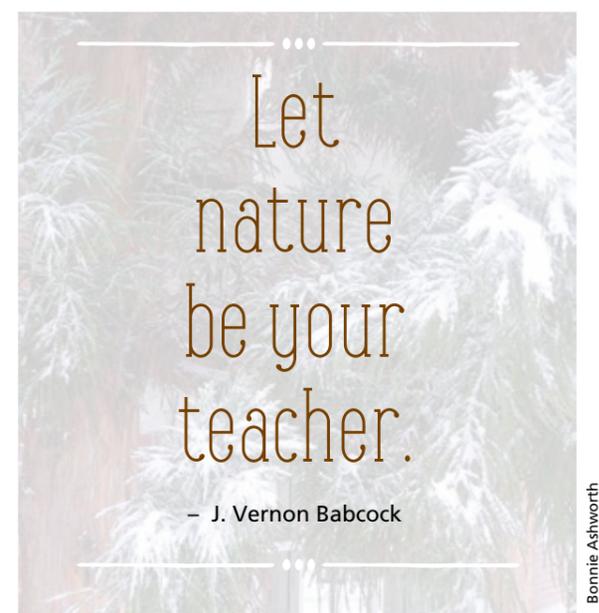
By 1993, Wood received a yearly grant of \$2,000 to continue his work. That year he officially created and named the Babcock Arboretum in honor of Vernon Babcock. Wood and his team of helpers identified and labeled all the trees on campus, some of which dated back hundreds of years to when the Quincy family lived on the land that Eastern Nazarene College now occupies.

In 1994, Wood convinced Sudexo, the third party vendor that Eastern Nazarene had contracted for landscaping services, to hire a full-time groundskeeper. He contacted **David Cox**, a horticulturist from Longwood Gardens with over 30 years of experience, to recommend potential candidates for what Wood saw as an entry-level grounds keeping position. To his surprise, Cox applied for the job himself because it appealed to his sense of performing mission work.

Wood stresses that it is important for people to realize that maintaining the serene, inviting nature of Eastern Nazarene

College requires more than just the planting of some trees. His improvements also included coordinating and designing details one may take for granted, such as installing benches that matched in style and complemented other elements of the campus, erecting retaining walls that blend seamlessly with the landscape and surrounding buildings, and changing the lighting found on campus. When Wood arrived, two large gas-powered lights in the middle of campus made everything look yellow at night. Mismatched lamps of various styles illuminated the campus. Wood worked to create a cohesive style of lighting that included rods for hanging banners throughout the campus. After the new lighting scheme had been implemented, Wood recounts flying into Logan Airport one night and as he looked out the window he noticed that the campus looked like "a jewel" from the air.

Today, people like **Sam Mohnkern ('09)** have inherited the mantle and continue the great tradition of keeping Eastern Nazarene's campus thriving and healthy to ensure that the campus continues to provide a space that conveys a sense of peace in harmony with nature for current and future generations to enjoy.



Bonnie Ashworth

What is PALCON?



June 20-22, 2018 at
Eastern Nazarene College

Pastors and Leaders Conference (PALCON) is a gathering designed for Nazarene clergy – pastors, chaplains, evangelists, staff ministers, and missionaries. The conference features worship gatherings and learning conversations aimed at inspiring and equipping women and men in ministry. Built around a common theme, each of the four venues for PALCON 2018 is shaped by its own schedule and resourced by a unique set of plenary speakers and seminar presenters.

Full-conference registration is \$199.00 per person and includes all sessions and meals for the three days. On-campus housing is offered to all full-conference registrants at no additional cost. A one-day registration may be purchased for \$109 and includes three meals.

What is special about PALCON at ENC?

The Evening Plenary Speakers:

Dr. Dan Boone is currently serving a dual presidency with Eastern Nazarene College (2017) and Trevecca Nazarene University (2005). He is leading the two historic institutions toward a potential merger in 2019. Prior to his role in higher education, he served in pastoral ministry for more than thirty years, beginning in high school.

Pastors Javier and Annette Mondragon are the founders of Many Nations Church (formerly Grace Point South). Both

Annette and Javier received bachelor degrees in theology from Seminario Nazareno Mexicano in Baja California, Mexico, and both are ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Javier holds a Master of Ministry degree from Olivet Nazarene University.

Dr. David A. Basic is the General Superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene and former president of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

It's a Family Affair: We understand that being in ministry involves and impacts the whole family. NYI is joining us to set up special programming for teenagers throughout the conference, and Trey & Candice Brooks will be heading up the children's programming. Special workshops for spouses of pastors will be offered, though they can join any of the workshops offered over the course of the three days.

Cost for children will be \$149.00 per person for the three days and includes housing, meals, and special programming and childcare (if age appropriate).

Service Opportunity: For those interested in doing something a little outside the box at a PALCON conference, you can take advantage of one of the service projects being offered with no planning required on your part!

ENC hosts She Leads Summit as a satellite location

For the second year in a row, ENC hosted the She Leads Summit as a satellite location. The conference is organized and presented by the Missio Alliance with the purpose of bringing together women and men who support women in ministry to talk about some of the issues that they deal with as they lead together. Event planners hope the summit will equip and empower women who are taking on leadership roles in ministry.

Cross-denominational across the Wesleyan Holiness Tradition, the event was simulcast from the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, California, on October 28, with Tara Beth Leach, the senior pastor, serving as the venue host. **Keri Lewis ('04)** organized the event on ENC's campus while **Lynne Bollinger ('92)** helped facilitate.

According to Bollinger, "ENC was an appropriate venue to be a satellite location because ENC feels so strongly about women co-leading with men in ministry." ENC's commitment to social justice issues "makes ENC the perfect place to host it. Our female students feel proud that ENC would step forward and say that this is a place that supports our female students who are feeling called in this way."

The official stance of the theology of the Church of the Nazarene on women in ministry is that "women belong at every level of leadership in the Church, including at the highest levels," Bollinger explains. "Practically, we're still moving to the place where that's accepted across the

board in the United States." The resistance to female pastors may be more of a cultural issue in the United States than in other countries. As a missionary, Bollinger reported witnessing that more than 50 percent of the pastors she met in the Asia Pacific region were female.

Bollinger noted that she was unaware of any other church or Christian organization in the Boston area stepping up as a satellite location. ENC was one of about a dozen satellite locations where people could gather to watch the simulcast, and it was open to members of all Boston area churches. About 40 people attended, including 8 students, all of whom were interested in vocational ministry.

The ENC location had panel discussions for participants to dialogue about the issues raised during the simulcast and focused on the long work of bringing up female leaders in the Church. The three plenary speakers who spoke to these issues were **Jason Condon ('92)**, Director of Church Planting in the Evangelical Covenant Church in Connecticut; **Jossie (White) Owens ('74)**, former District Superintendent of the New England District, Church of the Nazarene – the first African American woman District Superintendent in the United States; and **Kaza Freeley**, a pastor of the Nazarene Church in Cambridge, Mass., and friend of ENC who has been doing pastoral ministry throughout her career.

Bollinger suggests that women interested in ministry should consider taking on leadership roles at any level – choir director, Sunday school teacher, youth ministry coordinator – just to get their foot in the door. From there, they might be able to work their way onto a church board where they are able to have a voice and influence decisions made by the church.

"ENC may not be a perfect place," Bollinger says, "but we wrestle with these issues. We don't ignore them, we don't stay silent. Even in our wrestling we're at least speaking to each other about the issues, we're struggling with it."

ENC students respond to the She Leads Summit

The *Christian Scholar* asked students **Jared Johnson ('19)**, **McKenna Kern ('18)**, **Rose Percy ('18)**, and **Ashley Prax ('20)** about their experiences attending the She Leads Summit conference.

Why did you decide to attend the She Leads Summit?

McKenna Kern: I attended the She Leads Summit because I am exploring a call to ministry and thought that I could learn a lot from a conference that looks to empower women in ministry.

Ashley Prax: I attended the She Leads conference last year after Lynne [Bollinger] invited me. I was super excited to get to go again this year. I have enjoyed learning from Tara Beth Leach, and just watching how women are being emboldened in ministry.

Jared Johnson: I attended because I had an uncomfortable suspicion that none of our male students would be in attendance. I am glad I went as the only [current] male student because holding a women's empowerment conference without the ear of men ... does little to engage the Church culture as a whole. If women are to be fully engaged in the Church, we men must be willing to use our power to get them into our leadership circle.

What was the most important piece of information that you learned from the conference?

Rose Percy: There were so many great speakers and every one of them said something that stuck out to me and empowered me. My biggest takeaways were from our local panelists. It was great to hear their stories, up close and personal.

McKenna Kern: I was emboldened to be myself, to lead in the way that I know how to lead and how God has gifted me to lead. I should not have to conform to a man's way of leading – there are already enough of them leading — but lead with the gifts and talents that God has given to me and me only.

Ashley Prax: Women have a place in the world of ministry. We should not let anything stop us from pursuing a goal of being in ministry. Women can be Senior Pastors.

How do you think attending the conference will affect your personal calling to ministry?

Jared Johnson: My calling into education is certainly impacted. God called me to equip people – both men and women. If I am not willing or able to recognize the urgent need in the Church for female leadership, I will inevitably neglect educating young women properly. But if I continue to embrace women in leadership, and further develop how my ministry can embolden them, I can do my small part in righting the ship.

Rose Percy: I have had many opportunities to hear and be in relationships with many women who are in ministry. The conference gave me a sense of the magnitude of the problem, which is that there's a shortage of women in ministry. Many women are not active because their call has been unsupported and not affirmed. But it was good to also be part of something bigger than me, beyond just my call and my life – to be part of something for the Kingdom and the young girls who will be called. [Those girls will] be able to use my example as their affirmation.

McKenna Kern: It gave me the confidence to have a "call to ministry." Oftentimes, woman can be discouraged from pursuing a career in ministry because some think that "the pulpit is for a man." But I have definitely been given the confidence that my call is ordained by God, and if He is calling me to ministry, then I have the authority to confidently lean into that calling.

What message from the conference would you want to share with others?

Jared Johnson: Men: If you identify as a man who supports women pastors and leaders, ask yourself what you have done to put that into practice where you work, serve, pastor,



Students pictured (l to r) are **McKenna Kern**, **Rose Percy**, **Jared Johnson** and **Ashley Prax**.

or lead. There were three men there that day: an alumni in a pastorate, an admin at Eastern, and me, a student. Three, out of over twenty people. If we truly believe in women in the Church (which we should) then we need to help other men see the need to be in the conversation. We need to put aside our pride. It is not comfortable, but I do not remember Jesus calling us to be comfortable. Women: I am no better than other men in the Church. I know I have more privilege and more opportunity than you. I am sorry the role was not reversed. But I believe in you and support you. And as often as I am able, I will try to pass that privilege to you before I become just another man in power. Do not stop leading and serving.

Rose Percy: I loved the information that I learned and having conversations with people at my table, discussing points of concern. I suppose my main concern would be for the on-going support that might be needed for some, especially those who are still discerning. We did discuss the problem of mentorship and mentorship dynamics for female pastors. That was a conversation that could definitely continue, particularly in our local context.

Ashley Prax: I love this conference, but most importantly I love that we have women in leadership on this campus who are walking with us and encouraging us to follow our call.

Another opportunity to support women in ministry:
The Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference

Rev. Lynne Bollinger ('92), **Keri Lewis ('04)**, and **Emily Ludwig ('17)** are planning to attend the upcoming Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference from April 12-15, 2018, and they would like to bring at least four students with them. The "Revive" Conference is held every three years.

Bollinger attended the last conference, and as a female pastor felt a deep connection.

"As the first female chaplain of ENC, I have the privilege of listening to the stories of many female students on campus who also sense God's call to ministry in some form," Bollinger has said. "ENC's current Vision Statement articulates that we seek to send out students who find ways 'to lead and serve in a diverse world, integrating the best in faith and the best in education,' and attending enriching conferences is a part of that well-rounded spiritual development piece we promise at ENC."

ENC has reserved one room for four students. Bollinger would love to bring more, but at \$750, the cost may be prohibitive. A crowdfunding campaign has begun to help defray the cost for students who wish to attend the conference.

If you would like to sponsor female students who sense a call to ministry, and enable them to attend the Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference, please visit the crowdfunding site (see below).

This year ENC aims to send an outstanding group of dynamic, female students who are already demonstrating leadership and service on our campus.

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Alumni connections to *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*



Tara Brooke Watkins ('02)



Left: The brothers sing "One More Angel in Heaven" to deliver the bad news to their father that Joseph has been killed by a wild animal.

Right: English professor, Marianna Krejci-Papa makes a cameo appearance as Pharaoh, portrayed as Elvis in the musical.

Traditionally, the ENC Theatre Department performs its fall musical to coincide with Homecoming weekend. But Theatre Professor and Director **Tara Brooke Watkins ('02)** sees the production as an opportunity to do more than entertain returning graduates. The fall musical presents alumni with opportunities to participate in a variety of roles.

This is not the first time that alumni have been involved in productions. **Michael Amaral ('11)**, Musical Director for Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and **Allison Tucker ('12)**, Set Designer, have both been involved in ENC productions as alumni before.

Watkins describes benefits to having current ENC students work alongside alumni. "It's important for current students to know that they can graduate and work in the field, and come back and contribute at their alma mater. Having Michael shows that his degree in Musical Education – something he's still doing around Boston – is a nice example for students, and he is now giving back to the institute that trained him."

Watkins tries to cast only current ENC students in major or lead roles, but alumni can still be included in shows. **Sam Kish ('17)**, had been in many shows in the past as both an enrolled student and an alumnus. Theatre became more important to him as a student when he was an upperclassman. Then he graduated and didn't get to do shows anymore. Watkins believes that "if students discover that passion late in their time here, we shouldn't stop giving those opportunities to them."

Another alumnus, and current Professor and Program Director in ENC's Social Work Department, **Dr. Stacey (Reed) Barker ('93)** had expressed interest to Watkins about getting involved in theatre. Watkins believes "the musical is a great way for people to get their feet wet in theatre but also to get back into it, if it's something they did years ago."

Barker admits that she faced challenges on stage, but being a faculty member in a show with students presented additional challenges and rewards. The environment of working on a show creates a sense of camaraderie – and familiarity. "I had to be more comfortable with students referring to me by first name," Barker says. "But it also gave me more of a personal opportunity to get to know students."

Barker sees "theatre as a unique way to see... different perspectives. [For] Christian artists who are compelled to integrate theatre with faith, I see theatre being an opportunity to expand people's viewpoints, to offer different perspectives, and an opportunity then for discussion about what you saw and what you heard."

Embarking upon Theatre for Social Justice

by Tara Brooke Watkins ('02)

I have been asked by several people about the new Theatre for Social Justice program. The questions have ranged from "What exactly is this?" to "Why are you doing this?" I am grateful for the opportunity to shed some light on both of these topics.

Theatre for Social Justice is the practice of using theatre to respond to people's needs, reflect truthful stories on stage, and re-route societal – and in a Christian context, Christian – treatment of others as a result of the theatre work. "Using theatre to respond to people's needs," refers to a practice called "applied theatre." This is a technique that encompasses using theatre games, exercises, tools, scene work, writing, art creation, movement and drama therapy in non-theatrical settings. So, imagine going into a homeless shelter and using the art of story circles to hear people's stories, then responding to them with a theatre activity that lets the story-sharers feel heard and valued. One such activity could be: Write a scene about what it's like when you're trying to find a place to sleep in a shelter. Or it could be: Choose a prop from this box and show us how you have to be creative in your circumstances with found objects. Or perhaps: Shout out a phrase you wish the world knew about your experience.

It is healing and validating for people to express themselves without limitations. Unfortunately, often the people who need to be heard, who most need healing and validation, are those who never get asked the questions

that prompt them to tell the story of their lives. This is the first part of what the TFSJ program will train students to do: listen and apply theatre. The second and third parts are connected. Students will take the stories they've heard, watch the work coming out of the theatre exercises, and will create a play about them. The play will reflect the truthful stories, but in so doing, will ask audiences to think differently about those we tend to stereotype. This means that an ENC TFSJ major will help create at least two original plays during their time as a student, and audiences will come together to get to know more about their own communities through theatrical presentations.

When they leave ENC and enter the workplace, graduates will have more than just performing arts on their resumes. Non-theatre students can double major in TFSJ to acquire skills using the creative arts in a designated field, setting all TFSJ graduates apart from the average candidate in a job interview.

The second question – *Why?* – has an easy answer: Because we should be doing this. Theatre is more than performance, and Christianity is more than following a set of rules to get into Heaven. Both are risky because both ask participants to see others' lives and love them, even when it's hard. Theatre is about stepping into others' shoes and playing characters honestly and beautifully because we've found empathy for them. Christianity is about loving someone else more than oneself. In my experience, Christian

Watkins also sees the involvement of faculty in theatrical productions as another way for them to connect with students, as a way to build a network and foster camaraderie on campus.

Watkins wanted to do *Joseph* for a long time since ENC is a Christian institution and this is a story from the Bible. Last year, with the losing of the theatre and music majors, Watkins realized the time was right to tell this story. "*Joseph* is about the art of storytelling and we can't lose that. Joseph's entire story is about interpreting dreams, interpreting stories as artwork, then growing from that interpretation," Watkins explains. Joseph's story is told in the musical by a narrator, framing the presentation while emphasizing the importance of storytelling.

Watkins wants audience members to understand the importance of the arts, and to make sure people realize that theatre is crucial for a community. "When Jesus uses parables, he's actually asking people to step into the role of someone else in their minds in order to understand how to handle different situations. At the heart, it's about storytelling and empathy and helping people see through other people's eyes. I approached *Joseph* through that lens."

Watkins had the actors who portrayed Joseph's brothers enter the auditorium as if they were members of the audience. During the opening number, the Narrator invited the actors one by one to come up on stage where members of the ensemble dressed them in brightly colored costumes over their drab-looking clothes. Watkins explains, "The idea of pulling people up from the audience came from my belief that anyone can find a home in the theatre. Anyone can play any role in theatre. You can be made into someone else with a costume or a wig or a moustache or a beard.... The theatre lets you be someone else if only for a short time."

Actual audience members were invited to participate in the show at other moments. At one point, a conga line wound through the auditorium inviting audience members to join and follow cast members up onto the stage.

Watkins envisions additional ways for alumni to be involved in theatre productions at ENC. She has suggested implementing an annual alumni show, in which graduates come back to ENC to direct, design, and act in their own show.

Barker recommends that people who have never done theatre before "should consider giving it a try. There's a sense of community of people involved in the theatre. You will get to realize that you're part of something bigger than yourself."

theatre artists tend to play "safe" roles for fear of looking bad in front of other Christians or playing "challenging" roles with a surface-level approach because we are afraid of getting too connected to a sinner, even as a character. I have always felt that those who need Christ most are the ones who need to be known, understood, and empathized with in order to know Christ's love at all. This means that we have to hear their stories in their environments and publicly show we love them by honoring those stories in a truthful portrayal. I am proud to pioneer this movement from a Christian context at ENC and honored to have had so much support as we embark upon this new direction.



Tara Brooke Watkins ('02)

Plays like the 2017 spring production of "The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963" reflect aspects of theatre for social justice by presenting on the stage the truthful stories of members of our society most in need of being heard and recognized.

The Woodleys around the world

Mathew ('09) and Tammy (Andrews) Woodley ('09) have begun their missionary career serving at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea (PNG) through two amazing organizations: the Church of the Nazarene and Samaritan's Purse's Post-Residency Program (a program specifically designed to help new doctors get started on the mission field). This is not the first time that Matt and Tammy have felt God leading their family to serve Him around the world. Matt has participated in a number of short-term mission trips including a medical trip to Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. Together, their family served at Hospital Loma de Luz in Honduras in March 2013 and Tenwek Hospital in Kenya in June 2016. However, unlike their other short-term assignments, this time their initial commitment is for two years, and they are open to staying longer. They made the move to PNG in November of 2017, following Matt's graduation from residency.



His experience in Haiti opened Matt's eyes to the need for quality, consistent medical care. "Immediately following the earthquake, there was a surge of interest in Haiti with many doctors and particularly orthopedists making the short trip," Matt said. "This interest quickly waned, and by the time I arrived, it was very apparent that there needed to be a longer-term solution. Although additional short-term assistance is needed in a time of crisis, I am excited to be a part of a hospital and staff committed to this region for the long run."



Matt believes medical missions have a unique role in God's kingdom. "Many people who would never dare to enter a church will pass through the doors of a hospital to seek medical care," says Matt. Once there, hospital staff have an opportunity to meet people at a time when they are not only seeking physical healing, but a hope beyond medicine and surgery, the hope of Jesus Christ.

"God has been using Kudjip Hospital in PNG to bring about amazing works of physical and spiritual healing for 50 years in one of the most medically under-resourced areas of the world," according to Matt. PNG has one doctor for every 20,000 people, with many of those practicing in urban areas. As an emergency medicine physician trained in the U.S., Matt will be doing things within his comfort zone, as well as learning many new things outside of his specialty. "I will be working in all areas of the hospital, including the inpatient, outpatient, ER, tuberculosis, and obstetrical wards. I look forward to learning from an incredible group of U.S. and PNG doctors already working at Kudjip. Most importantly, I am excited to be a part of a hospital that is committed to praying for and sharing the gospel with each and every patient."

Tammy's immediate role in PNG is to support her family by re-establishing a daily routine and helping their kids adjust to life here. "Buying food, cooking, and cleaning are all much more time consuming in PNG and I'm still learning how to do most of those things," she says. "In addition, I am homeschooling our kids: Elana, 5, is in Kindergarten and MJ, 3, is in preschool."

After their family has adjusted to life in PNG, she is hopeful to use her certification in elementary education to help out at the school for the missionary kids at Kudjip. Tammy loves educating, and in each of the many places that God has led her family, He has always opened a door for her to work with kids in one way or another.

Top: Matt and Tammy Woodley with their children Elana and Mathew Jesiah (MJ). Bottom: Matt cradles newborn twins after having delivered them by C-section.

While they knew about Kudjip Nazarene Hospital, they never really considered it as an option for their first long-term assignment due to its incredibly remote location. That quickly changed when ENC Professor Bill McCoy visited his parents, who were and continue to serve at Kudjip, during the summer of 2015. Tammy worked for the McCoys during her time at ENC. "Bill was familiar with our long-term goals throughout Matt's medical training. After the McCoys returned from PNG, they informed us of an upcoming need for physicians at the Nazarene hospital and initiated our communication with the missionary leadership at Kudjip."

Over the course of the next year, it seemed like they couldn't go more than a few days without God reminding them of PNG. Every National Geographic film they watched had some strange animal from PNG, every medical article Matt read had a rare disease found in PNG.

Matt and Tammy found that ENC provided them with excellent ways to be involved globally. "There were many opportunities I was able to take advantage of, including studying abroad at Africa Nazarene University for a semester, going on short-term mission trips to Haiti and Trinidad through the 'Fusion' program, and lastly, being involved daily in a very diverse student body," said Matt.

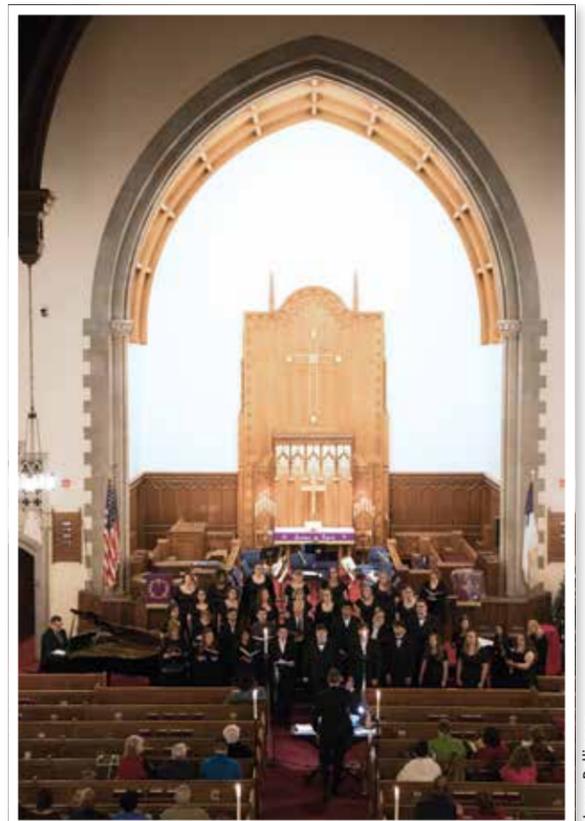
During Tammy's time at ENC she really began to consider

if she could live a life in missions. "I'll admit," she says, "a big part of that was because I met Matt and knew God had big things planned for him. However, God did begin to stir my heart for 'the least of these' as well." Serving with Open Hand, Open Heart and participating in a Fusion spring-break mission trip to Honduras worked to expand her worldview.

They also credit the countless friendships and mentorships that were formed during their time at ENC for helping them throughout this journey. The faculty during their time at ENC were "well adept at discipling us, not only while we were attending ENC, but even now," says Matt. He related how when he lived on Long Island, NY, Pastor Corey MacPherson convinced him to tour ENC on the way to Gordon. "Soon after I started at ENC, Corey began serving as school chaplain and I worked for him as a student chaplain. Corey enjoys saying that without him, I wouldn't be where I am today. In reality, God has used him in my life in many ways."

"The thing I enjoy most is finding ways for our family to serve the Lord regardless of where we are — whether that's a homeless shelter in Kansas City, our local church in Erie, PA, or hospitals in Honduras, Kenya, and now Papua New Guinea. Surrendering our lives to Christ has taken a lot of sacrifice and patience; however, getting to share the hope of Christ to people in desperate need with my family by my side has been my greatest joy."

Matt and Tammy expressed gratitude at having so many great people supporting them in prayer, encouragement, and financial support. If people are interested in following along or supporting them, they can visit the Woodleys website at woodleysaroundtheworld.com.



ENC's A Cappella Choir singing at the Candlelight Christmas Concert at Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy Center on December 7.

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Benefit: Friends of the Homeless - South Shore
- April 5 – April
Spring Tour - Maine District
TBA
Quincy Salvation Army Missions Service, Quincy, MA
- April 26 • 7:30 PM
Spring Benefit Concert
Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, Quincy, MA
Benefit: Germantown Neighborhood Center
- May 4, 2018
6th Annual Sweet Potato Day
ENC Baccalaureate
- May 5, 2018
ENC Commencement

HOMECOMING 2017

Celebration Dinner imagines the future and honors the past



Tim Scott

Alumni from across the country were welcomed back to ENC for Homecoming 2017 in October and dined together at the traditional Celebration Dinner. Host **Dick Pritchard ('67)** set the theme of the evening as he asked guests to imagine the future of ENC. He then introduced ENC's A Cappella Choir, whose performance of the ENC Alma Mater marked a new way to commence the dinner.

A keynote moment of the dinner occurred when President-elect **Dr. Dan Boone** addressed the gathering to offer a message of hope for the future of the college. Self-effacing, Boone wanted to remove any speculation that he considered himself a savior brought in to save ENC. Rather, he deferred to God, saying that he sees his role as figuring out what God wants to do in this world through ENC and to follow God's lead.

Referring to the recipients of the ENC Alumni Awards, Boone stated that he believes that the purpose of colleges like ENC are to create "graduates who go out into this world to do the kinds of things that the people on the screens are doing. People who are caring for the most fragile of populations, people who have a global influence...who are finding ways to care for orphans, people who are trying to help those who are being destroyed in sex trade trafficking." If we are hand in hand with this God to produce these graduates, God will give us everything we need to get that done.

He went on to say that during a time in our history when people have become polarized and think in terms of us against them, he has "come to believe that Christian colleges may be the last place where civil charitable discourse might be taught to a generation as they face the challenges that are real in the world where we are today. My prayer is that ENC is aligned with the political party called the Kingdom of God, and that out of the ethic of Jesus Christ, students are caught in discussion about the critical issues of our world." Such graduates will be servants who know how to go into the world and reconcile and make friends with an enemy and welcome the stranger to "create a world in which our God can move in significant ways." If we are faithful to this vision, Boone is convinced that God will supply all that we need to accomplish it.

Larry Bollinger ('91) followed up Dr. Boone's speech by kicking off the "98K in a Day challenge" (see page 9). Before leaving the stage, he introduced a video showcasing the recipients of the Service to ENC Award.

Mendell Thompson, President and CEO of America's Christian Credit Union, one of the sponsors of the Celebration Dinner, had spoken earlier in the evening. Thompson explained that the mission of ACCU is to reach, serve and teach and that he was thrilled to assist with the dinner.

On the board of Point Loma Nazarene University for over a decade, he sees the need for a strong support system for higher Christian education. When Dick Pritchard asked him to help out at ENC, he said yes right away. He made the importance of ENC's future and success clear. "We want this to really make it," Thompson said. "I have high respect for the leadership of both schools, Dr. Boone and the leadership of both boards. We want to be part of something big, something amazing." He added that he looks forward to seeing "a miracle work here. I think the investment here is going to be very good."

Carrol F. Bradley Hall of Fame

Athletic Director **Brad Zarges** had the honor of presenting the first awards of the evening. He recognized the 1972 ENC Men's Soccer Team as inductees to the Carrol F. Bradley Hall of Fame. Team members **Steve Davis ('77)**, **Ron Mazza ('75)**, **Jon Stinson ('76)**, and **Gary W. Jones ('66)** were recognized as individual inductees. Zarges reviewed highlights of the 1972 Men's Soccer Team, including opening their season with the first ever win over Kings College under the direction of first year coach **Neil Nicoll ('68)** and finishing the regular season with only one loss. The **1974 ENC Women's Volleyball** team was also recognized as an inductee to the Hall of Fame. Under the direction of Carrol F. Bradley Hall of Fame Coach **Nancy Detwiler ('63)**, the team posted an undefeated record of 15-0 in only its third year of competition. Remarkably, the team did not lose a single game the entire season.

A highlight of the Homecoming Celebration Dinner was the presentation of the annual Alumni Awards to ENC graduates who are making a difference in the world. Recipients of this year's awards include:

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

David J. Blaney, Sr. ('82) "ENC provided me opportunities to serve and to develop in a very supportive Christian environment."

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Amanda "Mandy" Lane ('92) "My time at ENC challenged me to become an independent thinker and make good on my desire to lead a life of service."

Dr. James Gates, Class of ('92) "Looking back, ENC is where I fell in love. ENC is where I fell in love with learning, with reading deeply, with reading the world deeply...where I fell in love with theology, philosophy, the social sciences...where I fell in love with compassion, justice and reconciliation...where I fell in love with friends during long, late night discussions and mischief, and to my great fortune, where I fell in love with Michelle."

EMERGING LEADER AWARDS

Greg Jaloszynski ('97) and **Allison Heizer Jaloszynski ('96)** "Looking back, ENC is where I was challenged spiritually, mentally and physically. Life lessons were learned on the court/field and in the classroom."

Matthew L. Prahl ('02) "I credit ENC for being a formational part of my life. It was at ENC where I developed lifelong friendships, and grew both academically and spiritually. I am thankful for all of the people who continue to impact my life because of our shared connection with ENC."

Rashindu de Mel ('07) "My time at ENC challenged me to step out of my comfort zone and engage in learning opportunities in and outside of ENC, which laid a key foundation to my current achievements. Thank you ENC!"

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Kenneth Keim ('57) "Looking back, ENC is where I, as a young Christian, came under the influence of godly men and women (pastors, professors, administrators) who demonstrated how to grasp truth with one's mind, experience truth in one's heart, and obey truth in one's life. With deep gratitude, I can testify that God has used that ENC influence to guide me throughout my life's journey."

SERVICE TO ENC AWARDS

James O. Cook ('79) "I am thankful to ENC for leading me into group singing."

Janie Graves ('72) "It was almost 42 years ago when God led me to ENC... God has opened doors I never thought were possible and has supplied all of my needs. I have loved my time at ENC both as a student and as an employee... I pray for ENC's future and hope she continues to offer a Christian education to students in the Northeast for years to come. I am forever changed because of...ENC."

Janet Simonson Lanham ('72) "ENC gave me the opportunity to be challenged, supported and mentored by faculty such as Jim Cameron and Cecil Paul, to develop lifelong friendships with classmates and colleagues, to walk alongside and invest in the academic, spiritual and relational journeys of students."

Daniel Garner McCabe ('72) "I am thankful to ENC for providing me with a Christ-centered education, forming and sustaining my faith, and allowing me to meet Lynnette, my life-partner for these past 44 years."

Linda Nease Scott ('72) "I am thankful to ENC for a godly heritage of both family and educational community. Recognizing and embracing the sacrifices and dedication to those who came before is key, I think, to comprehending the value and cost of her gifts to us, and to support her mission into the future."

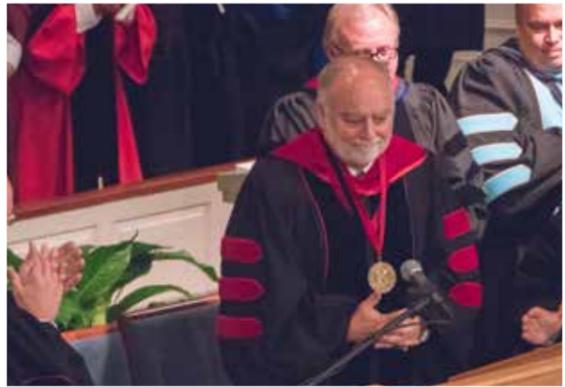
Daniel K. Shea ('73) [awarded posthumously] "ENC gave Dan an education and a place for meaningful, life-changing work in an environment that nurtured his faith and embraced the insights of science. In many ways, ENC was Dan's home — a source of deep, lasting friendship and Christian companionship that saw him through personal tragedies, rejoiced when life was good, welcomed Mary Lou and Samantha, and walked with him through the valley of the shadow of death. In Dan's own words, 'God is good,' and ENC was one of the many ways in which Dan was able to prove that Goodness." — Mary Lou Shea

Susan Watkins ('72) "I am thankful to ENC for providing a place to combine my faith with my professional life. It was a joy to create library spaces and select resources in support of ENC's teaching and learning mission."

Donald A. Yerxa ('72) "Looking back, ENC is where I received a superb educational foundation, where I met the love of my life and so many lifelong friends, where I was inspired and mentored by dedicated colleagues, where I was challenged by hundreds of talented students, where I came to appreciate that cultivating the life of the mind is a matter of Christian stewardship, and where I eventually became a Christian scholar myself."

Imagining the Future





Dr. Dan Boone addresses those in attendance after receiving his commissioning.



The A Cappella Choir performs during Homecoming chapel and the commissioning of Dan Boone as president-elect.



Student workers prepare for the commissioning luncheon honoring Dr. Dan Boone.



Members of the 1974 women's volleyball team are newly inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Hall of Fame inductees Steve Davis ('77) Dan Boone, Jon Stinson ('77) Ron Mazza ('77) and Gary Jones ('66).



Some fun was had during chapel.



Left: Red Carpet Preview Day attendees meet in the Ruth Cameron Auditorium for presentations about ENC and again (below) on the campus lawn before heading to meet with ENC faculty and staff.



Members of the 1972 men's soccer team inducted into the Hall of Fame.



The street fair returns to campus where spirits and appetites are not dampened by a little rain.



Homecoming Challenge – accepted and exceeded

Eastern Nazarene College thanks its alumni and friends for making the Homecoming Challenge – “\$98k in a Day!” – an unprecedented success! The “98K in a Day!” campaign kicked off at the annual Celebration Dinner on Friday night. With an overwhelming response at the dinner, the college exceeded its goal in pledges and donations, but the challenge did not stop there. On the big day, October 14, online donations rolled in, and ENC doubled its original ask, raising over \$200,000 in one day!

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, **Larry Bollinger ('91)**, spoke to the cause at the Celebration Dinner on Friday and to the individual class reunions throughout the day on Saturday. He said, “Through prayer, commitment to our Christian mission, and the support of alumni and friends, we had such a successful online day of giving, and this is just the beginning.”

By engaging alumni classes to participate in the Homecoming Challenge, the campaign created fun rivalry for those on campus, and set the stage for vast online participation throughout the weekend.

Immediately after the campaign, a thank you email and congratulations went out to the Class of 1972 who donated the most funds, bringing in a significant \$19,300. Second place went to the Class of 1965 with a total of

\$12,435, and the Class of 1976 came in third, contributing \$11,925 – all helping us realize our goal. Each of the winning classes received \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500, respectively, towards their class scholarships.

John Pfautz ('76), wrote to his class after the campaign and said, “Thanks to the third place award of \$2,500 and the donations earmarked specifically for the 1976 class scholarship, the new balance is just over \$25,000. With the current awarding policy, a student recipient will receive around \$1,250 a year from our class scholarship. That’s substantial. I encourage us all to find ways to boost that invested amount when the opportunity arises.... With our collective efforts, good days are ahead for our alma mater.”

If this campaign is an accurate indication of future Homecomings, Eastern Nazarene will continue to find new and innovative ways to fundraise and connect to the alumni and friend base that care deeply about the college. The money raised will not only work to improve the student experience, but to beautify the campus and provide scholarships to those who need our support the most.



The soccer games



The Class of 1957 celebrate their 50th reunion.

In Loving Memory

We remember those members of the Eastern Nazarene College community who have gone to be with the Lord.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

– Matthew 25:34

1940s

Ruth (Bass) Hathaway-Smith ('47), of Walnut Creek, OH, passed away on August 29, 2017, at the age of 93. She was actively involved for many years as the New England District Missionary President for the Church of the Nazarene. Ruth is survived by her second husband, George Smith; her children, **Cher Hathaway ('74)**, **Joy Hathaway Filion ('76)**, and **Dr. Dale Hathaway ('83)**; her six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her first husband, **M. Kenneth Hathaway Jr. ('49)**; brothers, Ernest and David Bass; and sister, **Evelyn Bass ('58)**.

Russell Bailey ('48), of Phoenix, AZ, age 91, went to heaven on August 4, 2017. Russ was saved in an opening convention at ENC in the fall of 1947 after being discharged from the Navy, in which he served during WWII. He was married to **Dorcas Albright ('46-48)**, and they had three children: Stephen, Lisa Ruth, and Andrew. His beautiful bass voice was last used at the age of 90 when he sang his last solo at Sun City Church of the Nazarene.

Grace Esther (Hawk) Whitney ('48), 91, of Inverness, FL, passed away September 6, 2017. In 1975 Grace married **Bruce Whitney ('51)** and moved to Maine, where she spent the next twenty years serving as the head librarian at Sanford High School until retiring in 1994. Grace and Bruce relocated to Florida, but spent their golden years traveling throughout Europe, Asia, and Russia. She is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, and extended family. Grace was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Whitney and her first son, Carlos Dimitri Gonzalez.

1950s



Austin F. Harris ('51), of Yarmouth, ME, age 89, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2017. Austin's early years were in South Portland

where he built rafts to get across to the Portland waterfront where the family business was located. He

began working at the age of 14, driving a Carr Brothers Produce delivery truck without a license. The family summered on Princes Point in Yarmouth where he met **Sally Jones ('52)**, taking her to a sixth-grade school dance. After graduating from Maine Central Institute, Austin made his way to ENC but left college during the Korean War, serving as an Army military police officer and continued his service as first lieutenant USAR.

After returning to the Portland area, he married his childhood sweetheart, Sally, in September 1953 and joined the family ship chandlery business. He became the general manager and president of The Harris Company and worked there until retiring in 1991.

Austin was predeceased by his wife, Sally, in 2015, ending a 61-year marriage, and by his son Randy in 1955. He is survived by his three children, **Scott, Jane ('78)**, and **Randall**. Austin also served as the primary contact for the Elery and Elura Harris Scholarship at ENC.

1960s

Marden (Davis) Ankney ('64), 77, of Hunker, PA, died Sunday, September 17, 2017. She taught in the Hempfield Area School District until she retired in 1995. Mrs. Ankney received the Positive Teaching Award. She is survived by her husband; four daughters; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosalie (Gross) Gabel ('64), 91, a longtime resident of Quincy, MA, passed away on September 7, 2017. She graduated from Hunter Col-

lege with a BA, and later earned an MA in Special Education from Eastern Nazarene College. Rosalie was a teacher of the deaf in the Boston Public Schools and ran the infant program at the Horace Mann School for the Deaf in Boston. After retirement, she worked at Worldwide Travel in Quincy in order to share her love of travel with clients. She enjoyed 59 years of marriage to her husband Arthur, in which they spent time adventuring and being dedicated to the wider Quincy Jewish community.

Albert Straw ('67), 83, of Tamworth, NH, died October 13, 2017. He graduated from ENC with high honors in psychology. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1955 and spent his military service time in Texas and Europe. Albert retired from Worcester County Social Services as a social worker in Snow Hill, MD, where he'd spent 28 years. He is preceded in death by his son, David Lloyd Shaw. Albert is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Ella Mae Wilson Straw ('67)**, three sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1970s

Robert D. Gohl ('77), 67, died on September 13, 2017, in Plymouth, MA. He received his bachelor's degree from Emerson College and a teacher's certificate from Eastern Nazarene College. Bob worked for most of his life as a videographer and radio news reporter for WATD Radio Station in Marshfield and the former WJDA Radio Station in Quincy. Bob is survived by his wife, Laurie; three step-children; and five grandchildren.

1990s

John A. Farmer ('93), of Quincy, MA, age 79, passed away peacefully September 11, 2017. He attended North Adams State College before joining the U.S. Army in 1958. He spent over 40 years in banking and retired as a senior vice president from the Bank of Canton. In 1993, he graduated from the AGS (formerly LEAD) program at Eastern Nazarene College, completing his bachelor's degree and proving that it is never too late to achieve a personal and professional goal. He was a leader in the community, serving on many boards. His favorite role, however, was being Poppy to his three grandchildren.

Summer Ministries

Summer Ministries can prove to be a life-changing experience, and not just for those receiving the message from our summer ministry teams, but also for those students who are team members. This past summer, there were three summer ministry teams: Hallowed Be, Sojourner, and Vessels.

Sophomore **Justin Reed ('20)** was part of the Sojourner team that served the Mid-Atlantic region. His experience this summer inspired him to change his major from Education to Religion. Reed felt a calling to young adult ministry. Several incidents led him to believe that God was pointing him in this direction. When the members of his team introduced themselves to others, they would state where they were from and their majors. Reed said his major was "undecided," but other members of the team would pipe in and say, "No, he's a Religion major." One of the camps where they served had prayer stations that challenged you to pray for one person. During this time, Reed felt that God was reminding him of why he had applied to become an RA: to serve young adults.

His experiences interacting with the children and teens of the camps he visited solidified his conviction. "At the sports and music camp, we were charged with taking control of the devotional time. I remember feeling that a lot of the students at the camp thought that we were all perfect Christians, and we didn't struggle over anything. I believe God was working through my words. I told [the students at the camp] that if they were struggling with anything – drugs, porn, harming themselves – they should not be ashamed. They should speak to someone about it." And they did. One girl told the members of the ministry team about her struggles with drugs and how a friend of hers had overdosed a few weeks before. They directed her to where she could get help, starting by talking to her older brother who was working at the camp.

The thought of switching to a Religion major and ministering to young adults does scare Reed because it does not seem like a financially secure vocation. However, he recalls how his own parents adopted seven children over the years. Each time they did, they faced financial hardships and often wondered how they could support each new child they welcomed into their homes. But every time, Reed saw how God was able to provide a means that allowed his parents to care for their children. He has hope and puts the same trust that God will provide for him in his chosen vocation.

Sophomore Jasmine Vigo was part of the Hallowed Be team which attended General Assembly. She states that attending General Assembly "was a life-changing experience, from the start of the prayer retreat to the end of the convention. The prayer retreat was full of intentional time with God. It really got me thinking about how important it is to start every day with sacred space in God's presence."



Members of all three Summer Ministry Teams at Project Adventure in Beverly, Mass., for a day of team building and training before embarking upon their separate destinations.

The Eastern Nazarene College and Trevecca University booths at General Assembly were next to each other to convey a message of unity. They shared joint promotional activities regarding our two campuses. Vigo noted, "I was also blessed with the opportunity to work alongside my fellow ENC and Trevecca teams. The bond between our schools is honestly amazing and I can't wait to see all the things to come."

Chaplain **Lynne Bollinger ('92)** said that she wanted to take a different approach to finding members of the summer ministry teams this year in order to include student leaders who may not be musically inclined. She provided two different kinds of auditions: musical and non-musical. During a non-musical audition, instead of a musical performance, students led games, read from a list of announcements, and shared a testimony. For all students, Bollinger was looking for students with leadership ability, emotional and spiritual readiness, the ability to counsel young people, and the willingness to share their own personal faith journeys. A panel of people from across campus observed the students and worked with Bollinger to decide who would make each team.

Even though the days are getting colder and the nights longer, ENC students are already gearing up and starting to think about next summer's ministry teams. Next summer will present ENC students with more opportunities to spread the Word and touch the lives of young people beyond our humble college community.

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Meet: Dan and Deb (Norman) Eddings

Town: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Graduation Year: Dan 1990 • Deb 1988

Major: Dan: Religion • Deb: Education

Q: What are your plans for the Pittsburgh District in your new role as District Superintendent?

A: Dan – I'm really enjoying getting to know the pastors and leaders of the Pittsburgh District. In the past few months, I've had the opportunity to get to know some of the most outstanding pastors I've ever had the privilege to be around. I'm looking forward to learning how I can come along beside them and partner with them and make them stronger. My first goal is to get to know the people and culture of the Pittsburgh District. Then, I'll let God lead based on those experiences. Those who have preceded me have done a great job, and I want to build off of that history and create a stronger sense of unity and connection across the district, and not just district, but connections to the region and the field as well, so we get a sense that we're not alone in our local churches.

Q: How did your experiences at ENC help prepare you for your lives after college?

A: Dan – I will always be indebted to people like Dr. Henry Spaulding, my professor in the Religion Department, not just because of the theology and things that he taught me, but he is the one who really pushed me to become a youth pastor. I was not inclined to want to do that, but because he saw something in me that I did not necessarily see in myself, that really set the course that God would lead me on for the next 30 plus years.

A: Deb – I knew that I really wanted to work full-time in the Church. Not having a pastoral call, I went for the Christian education direction. Just being in an atmosphere where God was a choice, where my relationship with God and my ability to grow that relationship with Him was always a choice, and very present. Dr. Tom Barnard was one of my major professors, and I grew to love him with all the respect in the world. Thirty years later, this man is still influencing my life by his actions and his words. He is an incredible disciple of Christ, and he taught me to be a disciple of Christ. I also had the pleasure to play volleyball, and **Dr. Nancy Detwiler ('63)** was so influential in the way that she coached me, not just on the court but in life, through long talks in her office. I remember going in and sitting on that couch, sometimes for an hour or more and just talking about life.

Q: How did your sons arrive at their decisions to attend ENC?

A: Deb – My parents had attended and there was a long line of heritage in my family. Early on in **David's ('17)** searching for colleges, he decided that ENC is where he wanted to be, [but] we weren't sure that was going to be possible because of the financial constraints. ENC came through big time for him and for our other son, **Tim ('21)**, and we are forever grateful to them for making it possible for them to go. I think the heritage piece that is so important to us is when we are so far away. We have made an incredible change in our lives, and the only consistent thing, the only familiar thing is ENC. We have been very confident to know that Tim

is at ENC with people that we know who have wrapped their arms around both of our boys over the years. It is the extended family of the Church that goes beyond our local Church. Our son David's choice to attend ENC is a direct result of ENC's influence on our districts. Having summer ministry teams come invest, not just in our camps, but also personally in our homes, our boys were privileged to really get to know these students. We are all part of the same team. We raise our kids in a local youth group and they go to district camps, and then they go to an Eastern Field event. And then they decide on a college choice, and ENC is a natural step in the progression.

Q: Can you speak about your work with camp ministry?

A: Deb – ENC students [performed ministerial duties at] Metro District Camp Taconic. It shaped who I was in ministry, and not just camping ministry. I have been with camp since my sophomore year in college and have worked with camps in three different districts. I've been passionate about it because I see the strength that it is, and the camaraderie and the unity. [Camps help] grow kids up in their faith and connect them not just to a God Who loves them, but to a Church, a denomination who loves them. It's just such a resource and a tool.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of the work you have done?

A: Dan – It doesn't matter if it's a local pastorate or an NYI or district-wide presidency, for me, the thing I love seeing, and I continue seeing even as a district superintendent, is the work of God transforming lives. I never grow tired of seeing what God is doing, has done. I really view what I do as a pastor and now as a DS as a vessel through which God wants to work to continue that transformation. I often reflect and think that if God can transform my life in the way that He has, and I believe and I trust that He's using me, then He can use anybody, and I just love watching Him work.

A: Deb – The greatest privilege is to walk alongside as a mentor or a friend to people in all phases of life, whether they're kids at kid camp or teens at teen camp or family camp or in the churches we've been privileged to go into. There is no greater privilege than to know that God has used me to encourage someone in their faith and to keep them going in their walk with the Lord. It's exciting to see that those kids [from camp] who are now adults have spread over the entire world to spread the Gospel of Christ and there is no greater joy for me.

A: Dan – I'm privileged as a district superintendent to be a trustee now. God has used ENC down through the years long before I even knew what ENC was. I firmly believe to the core of who I am that ENC will continue to impact and transform lives. I'm excited to play even the smallest role in that. We're not worthy of it, yet God has seen fit to call us. I'm excited for the future of ENC.



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