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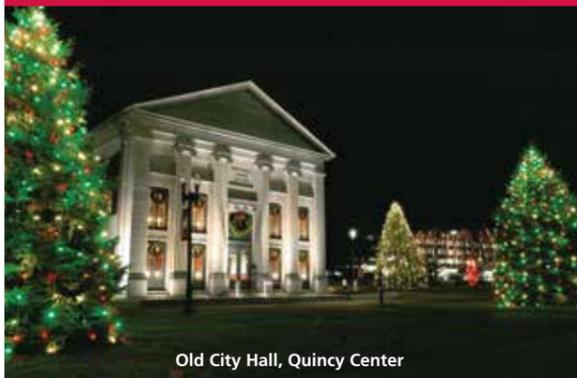
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A Community of Hope*



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Rev. Dr. Jack Connell*
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Old City Hall, Quincy Center



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Celebrating 100 years in Quincy: 1919-2019

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Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you (Matt 6:33). This is my family's life verse, instilled in me by my parents, the **Reverend Tyler Wooster ('56)** and C. Ruth Wooster. As a young child, I resonated with this verse in my youthful imagination, seeking conveyed images of a journey, a quest, filled with knights and dragons. As I grew older, I began to discover the significance of seeking after the Lord in the real

world. In the fall of 1982, my pursuit of God's will led me through the front gate of Eastern Nazarene College. I was unaware of how profoundly I would be transformed and impacted by the ENC community. ENC prepared me for a life of service and opened many rich and rewarding doors of opportunity.

If you visited campus today, many things would seem familiar, yet much has changed. At present, you can open doors to renovated spaces, re-designed curriculum, and innovative partnerships. Our students have relevant opportunities to gain knowledge and wisdom, pursue the Lord, and impact the world for Christ.

On November 20, I opened the door to the new Welcome Center in Gardner Hall. It was filled with faculty and staff surrounding our new president, the Reverend Dr. Jack Connell, with excitement and anticipation. It was a fitting and symbolic moment. In a newly renovated space, people exemplifying commitment and devotion were gathered together to celebrate wonderful answers to prayer. Faith, hard work, and innovation will continue under the guidance of this exceptional leader who is stepping through a door of acceptance and affirmation into a new chapter of ENC's history.

When I walk through the doors of Shrader Hall, I find students actively engaged in research and discovery within renovated science laboratories, continuing the long tradition of strong academic preparation for careers in the sciences. Recent partnerships with Regis College expand nursing and healthcare opportunities for our students. Throw open the doors of the Cove Fine Arts center and you will find a growing number of students engaged in the new Theatre for Social Justice major. They are learning the practice of applied theater as a medium to tell the stories of the marginalized in our communities and to re-route Christian responses to community issues. As I enter the doors of Angell Hall, I find the Office of Spiritual Development strategically located near faculty in the Religion and Culture program. They are engaged in developing curriculum and programming to prepare ministers and church leaders to meet the challenges and complexities of ministry today. The new In-



Gardner Hall



Cove Fine Arts Center



Shrader Hall



Mann Student Center

tercultural Studies Major aims to develop culturally competent leaders that engage an intersection of diversities by preparing students to be Christian agents of redemption in diverse cultural contexts. The recently developed Worship Arts Program will provide training for pastors with backgrounds and interests in music and worship arts who desire an integrated approach to ministry. Offering majors in Worship Arts, Theatre for Social Justice, and Intercultural Studies are examples of strategic steps in a new future for ENC. There are doors of opportunity beyond the gates of our East Elm campus. ENC is developing partnerships with locations across the Nazarene Eastern Field to expand our educational reach. Just outside our gates, ENC has partnered with Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI) to develop a student recruitment outreach plan and service model in an effort to expand our presence in the growing local Asian community.

When opening doors across campus and stepping into learning across all disciplines, worship in a variety of formats, athletic pursuits in a variety of venues, and relationship building within a diverse group of individuals, I am reminded that opening the door to God's kingdom yields more than what we can ask for or imagine. His creativity, intentionality, patience, abundance, and loving kindness have blessed ENC for generations. His invitation to seek comes with the promise of finding. I find inspiring people, beautiful lessons, and life-changing experiences at my beloved alma mater. I thank God that I stepped through the door of Eastern Nazarene many years ago. I look forward to walking on campus again as an alumnus. Please accept my sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve the past sixteen years. I am assured that ENC has a strong and bright future. Come and see – the door is always open!

Blessings,
Timothy Wooster

New Doors Opened:

- ENC is developing a partnership with the Southside Church of the Nazarene and its affiliate Guardian Christian Academy, located in Richmond, Virginia.
- Campus Kinder Haus has expanded and developed six new classrooms, with enrollment projected to grow over the next three years.
- ENC is welcoming an even larger cohort of graduate assistant students.

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A conversation with the president-elect

In November, Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) announced that the Rev. Dr. Jack Connell, the current Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Houghton College, will become ENC's 14th president. Dr. Connell recently discussed his vision for the College in a conversation with the Christian Scholar.

What can you tell us about your family?

My wife Wendy and I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. She is a 5th grade special education teacher and will be a wonderful blessing to the ENC community. We have four children (ages 27 to 18) who are currently scattered around the country: David is in Tucson, Ariz., Rebekah is in the Boston area, Jonathan is in New Orleans, and Michael lives in Rochester, New York. We also have a dog (Alaska) and are currently taking care of our son Jonathan's cat; their relationship is complicated.

What is the timeline for your transition to ENC?

I am committed to Houghton College until April 2019, but will be as involved as I can be with ENC until that time as president-elect. I am already in regular contact with the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the president's cabinet, and other groups and individuals as time permits. I will be coming to campus periodically during these transitional months, staying in close communication with campus leaders and being consulted on any major decisions. Our Vice President for Student Development, Jeff Kirksey, has graciously agreed to provide interim on-campus leadership during these months. I will be on campus full-time no later than May 1, and my wife Wendy will join me in Quincy later in the summer.

How would you describe your vision for the beginning of your presidency?

My top priority for these first few weeks is to do a lot of listening and learning – asking questions, coming to a greater understanding of the issues, opportunities and challenges. We have a lot of decisions to make, but those decisions are only as good as the information they're based on, so I need to climb the proverbial learning curve as quickly as I can. My approach to leadership is very relational, so I am also eager to spend time getting to know the many ENC constituents – Board, faculty, staff, students, alumni, pastors, donors, community leaders, and other friends. I am continuing in my role at Houghton until later

in the spring, so my time for this will be limited until then. But once my transition is complete, I look forward to connecting with as many people as possible to hear their stories and get their counsel. I expect to be buying a lot of meals and cups of coffee! And of course, we all need to work together in the first few months to develop clarity and consensus around our vision and top strategic priorities. I look forward to facilitating and guiding that process.

Given that ENC is one of the most diverse college campuses in American evangelicalism, what are your views on the importance of this diversity?

The diversity of the campus community is, candidly, one of the features of ENC that really sparked my interest in this opportunity. I believe Scripture (and in particular, the ministry of Jesus) makes it clear that the kingdom of God is to be a community where people of all races and traditions and backgrounds are welcomed and embraced. I believe that an educational experience is enriched when it happens in a context of divergent experiences and perspectives – that's how students learn to ask better questions, evaluate their assumptions, appreciate different vantage points, and think more creatively. I also believe that in this time when our culture is so polarized around issues of race, ethnicity, politics, gender, and religion, ENC is uniquely positioned to be the kind of place that stands united around its Christian mission, yet models civility, warmth and graciousness in its interactions with all people – and equips its students to do the same. This is complicated and difficult work, yet doing it well may be one of the most important gifts a Christian college can give to the Church and the broader society.

How would you summarize your perspective on the relationship between Christian faith and higher education?

There is quite a chasm that often exists in contemporary society between the life of the mind and matters of faith. Too much great scholarship is conducted without any thought of God,

and too much Christian piety is uninformed by the best scholarship. The Christian liberal arts college is perhaps the best place to bring these two together. It is where we believe that the dogged pursuit of truth and the passionate pursuit of the One who is the Truth do not have to be in isolation from one another. At a place like ENC, intellectual rigor and spiritual formation are joined together in an educational enterprise that uniquely equips students to think and live in a way that honors God and advances His work in their lives and around the world.

What makes you most optimistic about the future of ENC?

I'm optimistic for many reasons. ENC has a compelling educational mission that the world needs. We have a distinguished history and strong reputation for academic excellence and deep Christian commitment. We are blessed with talented faculty and staff, an invested Board of Trustees, and thousands of supportive alumni. The proximity of our campus to Boston is highly attractive to prospective students and provides countless opportunities for partnership. We have the generous support of the Church of the Nazarene – denominational officials, district superintendents, pastors, and congregations. We have a campus community that is wonderfully diverse. It seems to me that that the challenges of recent years have created a culture at ENC that is open to innovation and entrepreneurial thinking. And of course, we have the promises of God that He will provide wisdom, strength, and grace for these days. I'm aware of the very real challenges that are facing us (and so many other Christian colleges), but I am supremely optimistic that ENC will flourish and prevail in the days to come. I am full of hope!

Revisiting Bertha Munro

by Jeffrey Kirksey and Chris Estep ('18)

At Eastern Nazarene College, we often treat those more quotable words of Dean Bertha Munro with near-canonical reverence. Her famous formulation of the relationship between classroom learning and personal belief – “There is no conflict between the best in education and the best in our Christian faith” – represents one such example of the clarity with which Dean Munro expressed her views and, in doing so, continues to shape our community. Munro's words, ideas, and life of service to ENC have enriched our College intellectually for decades, and we are deeply fortunate to feature her prominently in our shared history.

As we consider Dean Munro's legacy and ENC's continued relationship to it, however, we must not lose sight of the profound hope that electrified her vision of Christian higher education and of our College. At the heart of her belief in the union of Christian faith and education is a deep optimism in the possibilities for intellectual pursuits enlivened by personal values and beliefs sharpened by empirical study and learning.

The dual sensations of hope and humility characterized Dean Munro's approach to Christian higher education, and this approach shaped many of her peers at ENC. Dr. James Cameron ('51) writes in *Eastern Nazarene College: The First Fifty Years* that as Munro was sharing her views about the relationship between faith and learning, G.B. Williamson ('41), the College's president at the time, declared that part of ENC's purpose was to “conserve in the world today a truly Christian idealism.” Even as we believe that formal education can empower Christian professionals to bring positive change to the worlds in which they find themselves, we also know that these same experiences can be personally challenging.

Dean Munro was no stranger to personally challenging experiences. Born in 1887 in Saugus, Massachusetts to a Scottish immigrant tailor and a Boston seamstress, she learned early the value of hard work and meticulous attention to one's craft.



Bertha Munro, first dean of ENC, authored the first philosophy of education for all of the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene.

She was the second of three children from her father and mother's union, but the only one to live past childhood.

As a child, Munro aspired to attend Mt. Holyoke College. However, this dream came to an abrupt end when her mother suddenly fell ill and in short order passed away during her senior year in high school. The unexpected loss of her mother, as well as her father's old age, placed financial stress on the family. Despite her deep grief, she completed high school as

valedictorian. Then, she and her father made intense sacrifices together to ensure that Munro could enroll at Boston University in 1903.

Later, when she assumed the role of ENC's Chief Academic Officer in 1923, Bertha Munro was stepping into a role that was not typically held by women in the 1920's. Though the holiness colleges had been progressive in hiring women as faculty members and engaging them in administrative functions, few rose to the position of Chief Academic Officer. Women in high-level leadership were typically confined to the all-female colleges of the day. The more common administrative role for women in higher education at the time was the role of Dean of Women, which confined most influence to the oversight of female students. Regardless of the national status quo, Munro saw the need and had the skills, and so she led. She never considered herself solely a Dean. In fact, she didn't function as many other Deans in that she continued to teach a full cadre of courses in addition to her administrative work.

In her autobiography, Munro described the process by which she selected the title for her 1950 book, *Not Somehow, But Triumphantly: Talks to Young People*. She wrote that after seeing the phrase on a secretary's desk, she “could never escape it.” “I did not even choose the phrase,” she reflected. “It chose me.”

Bertha Munro's difficult personal experiences – in her upbringing and in the obstacles she encountered as a trailblazing female leader in higher education – brought deep underpinnings to her optimism. “Not somehow, but triumphantly.” The more we reflect on not only the words themselves, but the life of the woman who introduced us to them, the more we recognize that the essential hope of Bertha Munro might shape our College's future as profoundly as it has shaped our past. Her legacy stands as an important reminder that hope in the midst of intimidating challenges has sustained ENC throughout its history. Perhaps Bertha Munro belongs in ENC's future, as well.

Photo Courtesy of Linda Nease Scott ('72)

New Faculty

Wendy Knight

ENC's Social Work Program welcomes **Wendy (Kingsley, '05) Knight** as a new faculty member. She will be teaching a variety of social work courses and serving as the Director of Field Education, which places social work students in internship training sites during their senior year.

Professor Knight is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. She has more than a decade of psychotherapy, clinical supervision, and program management experience. In addition, Knight has previously taught numerous courses over the last several years at Quincy College. She also operates a private practice, which provides therapy and consulting services.

Knight is 2005 graduate of ENC's Social Work Program. She earned her Master of Social Work from Simmons College in 2008 and received her graduate training at Judge Baker Children's Center. She has worked in alternative and special education schools, as well as community-based settings with a focus on youth and families. Knight worked for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and the Camp Harbor View Foundation for eight years, where she served as the Director of Clinical and Support Services. She also provided leadership to the social work team, including supervising all of Camp Harbor View's counseling and support services, social work staff, and managed the Master of Social Work student training program with trainees from Boston College.

Professor Knight states, "I am very excited to return to ENC. I first developed my passion for social work here, and I hope to instill this passion in students in courses and during their field education experiences." She is looking forward to building relationships with students and faculty, as well as growing field training opportunities for senior social work majors.

John W. Nielson

ENC's Religion and Culture Program recently welcomed **John W. Nielson ('89)** as the newest member of their faculty. Prior to coming to ENC, Dr. Nielson served for 24 years as the Lead Pastor of Melwood Church of the Nazarene (Upper Marlboro, Maryland) on the Mid-Atlantic District. Prior to that ministry assignment, he served for five years as Worship Pastor at St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Nielson graduated from ENC in 1989 with a BA in Religion. He was married that year to **Amy (Kruentat) Nielson** (also ENC class of '89). He attended Nazarene



Wendy Knight



John W. Nielson



Carolyn M. Riley



Ayshia Stephenson

Theological Seminary and graduated with a Masters of Divinity in 1993. That same year he was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene. In 2013 he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. John and Amy have three daughters: Bethany (Nielson) Wong, Kathryn, and Jenna.

In addition to being Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Dr. Nielson is currently serving as Program Chair for the Religion and Culture Program and is also overseeing the development of a new Worship Arts major. He anticipates beginning courses as early as the fall of 2019, with official launch of the major in the fall of 2020. Dr. Nielson is also serving as the Music Director for ENC Music, giving coordination and assistance with remaining music expressions on campus following the closing of the Music Department. The initial focus of this assignment is to continue musical ensembles such as the A Cappella Choir, Gospel Choir, and Symphonic Winds.

Dr. Nielson states, "I am so excited to be back as a part of the ENC community, a place where I have such a rich heritage and depth of personal connection. I owe so much to ENC, and I am so grateful to have returned to make an investment in the lives of present and future students. It is my prayer and aim to join this great legacy of 'the best of education and the best of Christian faith.'"

Carolyn M. Riley

Professor Carolyn M. Riley attended college and graduate school at Suffolk University in Boston and is currently a PhD candidate at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. Her career focus has been within the field of corrections, specifically as a member of a Sheriff's Command Staff, responsible for inmate program administration and clinical treatment as well as staff, unit, and facility management. She has concentrated on stewardship,

officer autonomy, crime and substance abuse prevention, restorative justice, and prisoner reintegration/reentry into the community. Her realm of specialty has been counseling and preparing diverse incarcerated individuals for release from correctional institutions. Professor Riley is a Certified Inside Out Program Facilitator and has been bringing outside college students into correctional facilities to take classes alongside incarcerated students since 2012. She looks forward to streamlining the Crime, Law and Justice program at ENC into one that will be both relevant and fine-tuned to today's variety of criminal justice career paths as well as more oriented towards service learning projects in each course. Professor Riley's interests include collecting perfume and spices from around the world, attending live music events, and spending time outdoors with her family.

"I am honored to be a part of the ENC community," Professor Riley states. "I bring with me understanding, faith, support, and criminal justice system experience to my role as the Director of the Crime, Law & Justice Program. My network of CLJ-related community partnerships will bring enriching internship and service learning opportunities for each CLJ student to experience, with hopes of opening doors for future career placements. I believe that through God's grace, my deeply rooted obligation and call to be a steward of the earth and its people has led me to ENC to help infuse the criminal justice system with well-prepared, spiritual, and faithful lifelong learners that emanate a sense of justice, stewardship, peace and inclusion."

Ayshia Stephenson

Ayshia E. Stephenson is a playwright, director and award-winning poet from Brooklyn, New York. Ayshia's spiritual journey with God, nature, and human rights began at an early age. With an MFA in Writing from the California Institute of Arts and a PhD in Communication from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Ayshia uses media and performance to investigate culture. She believes in the global classroom and has taught in South Korea and Poland. She has held full-time visiting professorships at Salem State University in Massachusetts and Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea. She won the "Imaginary Friend Press Full-Length Book Award" for her book of ethnographic poems about life in South Korea, *Black Hands of a Morning Calm*. "Venus Hottentot," her last play, premiered at Jewel Box Theatre's Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York City. She is the Executive Producer of Performing Fusion Theatre, a Boston-based theatre company that integrates media and cultural inquiry. Her critical and creative works have appeared in *Black Camera*, *Qualitative Inquiry*, *Boston University Press*, *Open to Interpretation*, *Imaginary Friends Press*, and *A Gathering of the Tribes*.

As Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, Stephenson's job is to teach and connect with students who are interested in communication. She hopes to reorganize this program to match student needs, program resources, and competence in the field. Her vision is to make Communication Arts a main major and offer concentrations within it, such as Media Studies, Creative Writing, and Journalism. In her courses, she helps students analyze human rights issues and to engage practical media projects that will improve their employment prospects in the field. She wants ENC students to go on to be ethical and competitive leaders in the job market and for the Communication Arts program to fulfill student literary cravings.

Adult and Graduate Studies forms partnership with Urban College of Boston

by Noelle Rudeen ('17)

A new educational partnership was born this fall in the heart of Boston when Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) collaborated with Urban College of Boston (UCB) to launch a new Adult and Graduate Studies (AGS) program on the UCB campus.

Discussing the partnership, **Mendy (Roberts, '97) Smith**, Assistant Dean for Adult and Graduate Studies, explained what encouraged AGS to pursue the partnership: "AGS wants to be part of these students' lives. Their experiences in our classrooms will create transformation in their lives, in their families' lives. That, in turn, will create a ripple effect in the communities where they serve. This is ENC's mission. This is what we do." Together, plans were formulated to offer classes to UCB students pursuing their bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education on the UCB campus. "We want to be where the students are already comfortable and be where they will see firsthand what's happening in our classes," explained Smith.

The Urban College of Boston, a two-year institution with a mission similar to that of ENC, serves a population made up primarily of women from minority backgrounds, with over half of the student body speaking English as a second language. UCB intentionally recruits students who are at or below the poverty level, striving to reach those who may face extraordinary challenges in completing a college degree program. ENC's AGS program is a natural fit for these students because its programs are designed to provide continuing education for individuals who are pursuing their education while also raising a family, working full-time, or both. Smith reiterated, "AGS programs are structured for students who have to balance multiple priorities and responsibilities in their lives, things like full-time jobs and caring for family members – things that just can't be set aside while they pursue an education."

In October, the inaugural class for the Early Childhood Education degree took place on the UCB campus. An additional two classes are expected to be offered before the end of this calendar year, with more on the horizon for the upcoming academic school year. As the AGS program continues in its partnership with UCB, both institutions remain hopeful for the future and the impact that this collaboration will have on these students.

The Adult and Graduate Studies (AGS) program at ENC offers multiple undergraduate and master's degree programs both on ENC's main campus and at two other satellite campuses. For more information, visit <https://adultstudies.enc.edu/>.

\$99K in a Day: We did it!



Rebeca Portela ('20), Stephanie MacFarland ('21), Diamond Best ('21), Julius Opaschowski ('21), Kyle Pierson ('20), and Freddy Caldwell ('19).

For 99 years, Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) has stood in Quincy as a beacon of faith and learning. In celebration of our “almost centennial” in this location, the Homecoming Challenge this past October was to raise \$99K in a Day for a \$99,000 match. Building a successful campaign this year required telling our students’ stories, a participatory alumni willing to give, and creating a first-ever ENC Fund Dinner to meet, and ultimately surpass, our goal. Gift by gift, the College raised over \$290,000 and began a year-long challenge from the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, **Larry Bollinger** “to raise one million dollars in scholarship funds by the end of Homecoming Weekend next year – the 100th year in Quincy.”

The \$99K in a Day campaign, said **Jillian Sullivan**, Campaign Manager for the College, “was, at its core, a simple 24-hour campaign, kicking off at Homecoming’s Dinner on the Lawn and running through the ENC Fund Dinner.” Yet, the weekend’s fundraising efforts were months in the making. When asked about planning, Institutional Advancement’s **Kim Polsgrove**, who coordinated many of the events, confirmed that all summer and early fall, the office was “hard at work, piecing together Homecoming events that made sense for the college financially, but that would still welcome alumni home for fellowship. Also important was the ability to provide an opportunity for our alumni to see first-hand how God is at work in the ENC community, with the hope that they may contribute resources to make that same life-changing experience possible for future students.”

Volunteer development ambassadors **Stephen Yerdon ('75)** and **Matthew Carpenter ('75)** helped send over 300 letters to procure vendor sponsorships and lead gifts from alumni. “It has been exciting to see so many local businesses and alumni invest in the success of ENC by making a gift for student scholarships during the Homecoming Weekend,” said Yerdon.

“While alumni are the heart of Homecoming,” said Bollinger, “our students and our mission are always our priorities for making the big ask this time of year.” He continued, “Students were the primary focus of the \$99K campaign, and will be, as our year of inspired giving for the ENC Fund continues.” “If you visited the \$99K campaign website or followed along with the college’s social media accounts, you noticed student question-and-answer interviews discussing the ENC experience today,” said Sullivan. Student **Melody Sagastume ('19)** was one of the friendly faces featured. “I was so honored to be included in the \$99K campaign,” she said. “My experience as a first-generation college student is an important narrative to tell, and my story is definitely a dynamic piece of the ENC fabric. It was a pleasure to share my story online as well as at the ENC Fund Dinner.” Student testimonies such as Sagastume’s at the ENC Society luncheon, the Alumni Celebration, class reunions, and the ENC Fund dinner on Saturday evening, provided compelling reasons to support the ENC Fund and underscored the impact scholarships have on deserving students.

“This is only our second Homecoming with online giving as a possibility for donors, and we felt the momentum growing. We made the online donation process as easy as possible, and we worked hard to communicate our goal – in this case, \$99K,” said Sullivan. After kickoff at the alumni dinner on campus, gifts poured in online Friday night. A constant stream continued through the morning hours as class reunions met early Saturday. “The class challenge portion of the campaign got a competitive spirit going in those who were on campus for the weekend’s festivities,” said Sullivan. The classes who raised the most money for ENC during the 24-hour period were later posted on Facebook and awarded additional funds as a bonus for their generosity. The Class of 1968, celebrating their 50th reunion, came in first place, having raised \$14,700, and received \$5,000 toward their endowed class scholarship. The Class of 1969, having raised \$11,250, came in second place and received \$3,500, and third place was a tie between the Class of 1990 and 1991, who split the \$1,500 incentive equally between their endowed class scholarships.

“All fall, the Advancement Office marketed the first annual ENC Fund Dinner as a one-of-a-kind scholarship fundraiser for the purpose of supporting ENC in a generous and long-lasting way,” said Polsgrove, who oversaw the planning and logistics for the event. Held at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy, 140 guests dined at the ENC Fund dinner and raised over \$73,000 of the weekend’s grand total, Polsgrove reported. Sullivan, who also had a hand in building the campaign details for this anticipated event, worked with Bollinger to initiate three new scholarships for the College. Sullivan said, “It was our intent to create scholarships by highlighting the voices of current students, sharing their own experiences and what receiving scholarship funds has meant in their own lives.” She continued by naming the student representatives, **Bruna Mora-Iglesias ('20)**, who spoke on behalf of achievement scholarship; **Melody Sagastume ('19)**, who illuminated the needs of first-generation college students; and **Cody Cook ('20)**, who brought to light the importance of supporting the natural sciences. The crowd also heard inspirational giving testimonies from **Robert ('76)** and **Phyllis (Cox, '78) Cornell** on what motivates their generosity as well as a heartfelt speech from **Professor James Cameron ('51)** on his own legacy of giving.

The ENC Fund dinner included entertainment from Boston’s own Billboard-charting quartet, Sons of Serendip, who won the hearts of fans and judges as finalists on *America’s Got Talent*. They shared their story and their gift of song through beautiful and stirring interpretations arranged with a unique blend of vocals, harp, piano and cello. “The Sons of Serendip and the testimony from students and esteemed faculty spoke to the hearts in that room,” said Volunteer Development Ambassador **Merritt Mann ('59)**. Mann continued, “The ENC Fund dinner was truly one of the finest and meaningful events ENC has ever put together.”

As ENC anticipates its centennial year in Quincy, Bollinger trusts that the College will meet its one million dollar scholarship goal by next Homecoming. “We will continue to find ways to broaden our donor base, connecting with businesses, foundations and friends who value our mission. I also assure our alumni and friends that they will have many opportunities to give this year – Giving Tuesday, Christmas and during the ‘True to ENC’ campaign this April.” When asked what the college is planning for its 100th year in Quincy, Bollinger said, “Our staff is dreaming up special events to honor the legacy of the College, and we encourage even more alumni to come home October 18–20, 2019.”



Alumni Award winners honored at Homecoming are from left to right: Stacey Reed Barker ('93), Achievement; James Cubie ('68), Alumnus of the Year; James Capodanno ('78), Achievement; Lambert Brandes ('63), Service to ENC. Not pictured: Sharon English ('68), Alumna of the Year; Laura (Bleh, '80) Coffin, Achievement; Christopher Russell ('03), Emerging Leader.

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A professor's hope in ENC's students

by Dr. Catherine Mueller-Bell



Last summer, Dr. Mueller-Bell led a FUSION trip of ENC students to Zambia. The trip involved ministry through soccer and facilitating a psychology conference.

The first time that I walked on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College, I felt at home. The beauty of the surroundings create a warm and hospitable atmosphere within a neighborhood that is thriving. I first came to know this precious College, that I now refer to as ENC, as a mom of a student in 2008. I am so blessed that ten years later, I have now found my professional home at this season of my career as a professor. Yet, I think I will always see ENC through the lens of a mother who is so grateful that her son could experience higher education in such a nurturing and loving environment.

When I reflect on why I find this College so particularly loving and hopeful, I realize it is because of the students that choose to attend here. When I see their faces and get to know them in the classroom and beyond, I realize that they emanate the love of Christ, reflecting the heart of the mission of this Christian college. What a refreshing thing to learn of

the values of ENC and then get to see how congruent these virtues are through how each student bears the image of God and the character of Christ!

I have also witnessed the influence that the students have on the campus and abroad, and I have been inspired to play even a small part in that. Their energy is contagious, and even at this mature season of my life, I can walk alongside them and enjoy their youthful devotion to Kingdom citizenship. Every student here is at a different stage of their faith journey and the diversity of this community can provide a rich experience for all. The kindness and authenticity that you see on a regular basis in the demeanor of students and their commitment to resolve any conflicts that arise in a grace-filled way is admirable to see.

The examples of this virtuous living are evident in activities on and off campus. Worshipping with the student body in chapel each week is invigorating as we strive to grow spiritually together in corporate worship. To see the students in the worship band sharing their gifts as an act of service is incredible. To learn about all of the different ways that students contribute to the work that takes place in running a college is rewarding to see. The sporting, theater,

and campus events that students attend and participate in create a strong morale for our community as they share their gifts and talents as an act of worship. The FUSION trips that are offered from the Office of Spiritual Development are short-term missions trips that students eagerly engage in all over the world. It is also encouraging to see how ENC students serve locally as well through various drug rehab ministries, homeless shelters and programs that provide food, clothing, fellowship, friendship, and prayer for those in need.

College can be a time for tremendous growth; to witness the flourishing that is happening on a regular basis on this campus is exhilarating. It is an honor to experience the hope that the students provide through their love for others to so many people around the world. I am looking forward to many years of service at beautiful ENC, since it is a sacred place that encourages social justice and growth that is life giving to all, due to the mission and vision that are rooted in the will and design of our Heavenly Father. I pray for continued blessing over and within this special College and am thankful to all of the leaders that have invested in this place for so many years.

On searching for hope

by Dr. William McCoy

I'm sure that all of us can forget it sometimes, but the truth is that one never has to look too hard to find signs of hope around the ENC campus community. There are always things happening here that offer glimpses of God's work breaking into our midst. Sometimes that looks like an inspiring message or moving personal testimony shared in chapel. Sometimes it's the unexpected but profound conversation with a student who's struggling through some intellectual challenge or overcoming a personal hurdle in life. Sometimes hope comes in the natural beauties of the Babcock Arboretum. Every fall, there is the stirring of hope inspired by the arrival of new students, stepping into the next stage of their lives. Every spring, I find myself renewed and invigorated by the student research displayed at the annual Academic Symposium, which always provides ample evidence of the growth that students have experienced through their studies.

But in this current season, I think there are two things that are giving me a particularly compelling hope for ENC and for our shared future. The first of those things has been my interactions with fellow faculty members. It's hard to pinpoint what has felt different to me exactly, but as I look back over the past few months, I can think of numerous interactions with my colleagues that have heartened me and even challenged me in my own work. I've seen creative proposals for revising particular courses and entire majors. I've seen faculty embrace the challenge of learning to deliver content well in online venues; these reflect efforts to both better serve our cur-

rent students and to expand our reach into new communities for whom coming to the ENC campus is not possible. I've seen faculty investing in the lives of students and each other, and I am constantly reminded of what a gift these colleagues are to this institution, but also to me individually.

The second thing that has given me hope has been the opportunity to serve on ENC's Presidential Search Committee. My nomination to that body came as a bit of a surprise to me last spring. Though I certainly was honored by the opportunity, I must be honest and admit that I am not sure I was terribly excited for the undertaking. I had expected a difficult and quite likely contentious process as we wrestled with such an enormously consequential decision. At some level, I was also afraid of what the outcome would be, knowing that it was pretty unlikely for us to find a candidate who satisfied the concerns of everyone involved.

Yet, as I look back over the six months since the Search Committee first convened, it is clear to me that God has truly been with us right from the start. My fellow members were a joy to work with; I appreciated their obvious commitment to ENC and her future. We didn't always agree on every decision, but it was always clear that we were aiming for the same goal. Even better, the pool of candidates we attracted was far deeper than I had expected. As I read the materials of one highly qualified candidate after another, I found that I was increasingly excited about the future possibilities that I could envision with each individual as our new president. Most hopeful of all,

however, was the way that God brought us step by step into a clear consensus that the Rev. Dr. Jack Connell was the right person for the job. It would be difficult to exaggerate the joy and excitement I felt on the day that we voted unanimously to recommend Dr. Connell to the Board of Trustees as our new President.

I am filled with hope for the future of our College, not in spite of the challenges that lie ahead for our community, but in the midst of them. After seeing this year the many ways in which members of the ENC family have poured and are still pouring themselves into service for God and God's Kingdom, how could I fail to hope?

Dr. McCoy, assistant professor of History, served on ENC's Presidential Search Committee.



David Anderson '68

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FUSION trips at a glance

by Emily Ludwig ('17)

The Office of Spiritual Development seeks to care for students in ways specific to their spiritual journey. We acknowledge the diversity of background and understanding that each individual contributes to the spiritual life of our campus community. We seek to reflect that diversity in the number of ways in which we foster spiritual development. While chapel, discipleship, and pastoral care are paramount to our work, our FUSION program is another significant avenue for spiritual development. Each year, students are given the opportunity to participate in trips that take place all over the country and the world. The goal of the program is simply that the people of God would encounter the activity of God in a way that crosses a boundary of difference – whether that be a different culture, ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status, or geographical location. Sometimes that means spending time with individuals and in a country far from the United States. Sometimes it means getting on the T and hearing the stories of our neighbors right here in the Boston area. We often find that in dislocating ourselves from our everyday environment or routine, we become more attuned to the ways that God is moving in the world and in our own hearts and lives. We hope that FUSION trips are a time for students to become acutely attuned to the ways God is moving in communities near and far.

FUSION trip summaries

Spring Break 2019

San Diego/Tijuana: This team will be partnering with The Global Immersion Project on The Immigrant's Journey Immersion Trip. Participants will be immersed in the story of immigration. This trip will guide students to see the topic of immigration as a human, social issue rather than a polarizing, political issue. Students will learn the art of everyday peacemaking and caring for the stranger in our midst the way that Jesus did. This team will be led by **Professor Nick Pruitt** and **Noelle Rudeen ('17)**. Dates: March 2 - 9

Puerto Rico: Last August the devastating news of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico prompted several students in our community to express interest in serving in the disaster relief efforts there. This year, a team from ENC will partner with a local Nazarene church in their continued disaster response efforts and their work to renovate and rebuild areas of their community that were devastated by the flooding. This team will be led by **Lynne (Sheridan, '92) Bolinger** and **Bubba Snodderly ('18)**. Dates: March 2 - 9

May Term 2019

Northern California: At the heart of the FUSION program is a desire for students to be dislocated from their normal routines in order to become more aware of the ways God is moving in and around them. This team will be heading to Northern California to spend a little over a week connecting with God in nature through hiking, camping, rock climbing, etc. This trip will be framed as a pilgrimage in which we intentionally seek to encounter God. This Wilderness Pilgrimage will be an opportunity for students to get outside of their comfort zones and retreat from the busyness of our regular routines. This team will be led by **Matt Galiano-Williams**. Dates: May 20 - 31

Ndola, Zambia: This May, **Dr. Catherine Mueller-Bell** and **Coach Mark Bell** will lead a return trip to the Jubilee Center in Ndola, Zambia. The team will minister through the game of soccer and participate in feeding ministries and Bible studies. They will also lead a psychology conference and partner once again with the Jubilee Center in their efforts to equip Christian leaders in their community. Dates: May 8 - 22

Asia: The Church of the Nazarene sends missionaries all over the world. In some locations, however, open access is not granted for missionary work. This team, led by **Vicki Schow**, will be traveling to what the denomination calls a "Creative Access Nation" to learn what God is doing in the midst of a local community. Due to the nature of the trip, the exact location of this trip has not been released to date. Dates: May 8 - 22



The 2018-2019 Student Government Association executives: Noah Cheney ('20), Justin Reed ('20), Jael Bourque ('20), Rachel Sullivan ('20), Rebekah Martel ('20), Aaron Hebert ('19), and Monica Ly ('19).

Photo courtesy of Rebekah Martel ('20)

Student government theme is "Ignite"

by Garrett Edinger ('20) and Chris Estep ('18)

This fall, the Student Government Association (SGA) announced its theme for the academic year: "Ignite." The theme is based on Matthew 5:14-16, in which Jesus is described as exhorting his audience, "You are the light of the world," and is also accompanied by a mission statement: "As we strive to honor God, we aim to encourage, empower, and serve the community of ENC by inspiring students to seek out opportunities and find their 'why.'"

As the newly-elected student government officers prepare to take office at the beginning of every academic year, the seven SGA executives-elect work together to develop a theme and mission statement for the upcoming term, in addition to planning events and other programs for the entire student body. The annual SGA theme and mission statement have helped each successive student government establish organizational priorities, create goals for the academic year, and communicate what the SGA believes to be an important message to the broader College.

"I have always loved being involved in student government," said **Rachel Sullivan ('20)**, SGA's Director of Operations and Organizations. "Coming into our positions, we all agreed that we should start to bring in more people and make them feel at home on our campus," she said. "We want students to shine their light and realize that everyone has an important place on our campus, no matter what they do."

At Kingdom Experience, the monthly worship service organized by Executive SGA's Director of Spiritual Life, **Justin Reed ('20)**, students were encouraged to consider why God had brought them to ENC. Students were asked to write their responses on slips of paper and then attach them to a board. That board now sits in the SGA office to serve as reminder of the theme SGA has chosen for this year.

Aaron Hebert ('19), now in his second term as Director of Student Events, talked about how much he has enjoyed working with his fellow SGA executives: "I am very excited to see what positive strides come out of the teamwork we have all shown so far in the year." Describing how SGA's theme this year reflects the atmosphere among the entire team, Hebert said, "I think it really goes to show what our team is about and how we strive to show our campus ways to invest in the positive outcome of your time here."

"I've been working with SGA for eight years as advisor," said **Keri (Miller '04) Lewis**, Assistant Dean for Community Life, "and this group really hit the ground running and has been intentional about coordinating their efforts." Lewis continued, "Part of what SGA is trying to accomplish is to figure out where they can take pride in ENC and how they can create solutions...the theme helps them narrow their focus and find what they're really passionate about."

Hall-McLaren lecture series begins

The 2018 fall semester brought the introduction of a new lecture series in the Life Sciences division: the Hall-McLaren Lecture Series, in honor of **Dr. Lowell Hall ('59)** and the late Dr. Philip McLaren. Both were long time servants of ENC with over 70 years of combined service.

The seminar series provides students with exposure to cutting edge science and conservation, as well as direct access to alumni to speak about the careers available in science and health related fields. In its inaugural year, the series has hosted talks on monitoring great white sharks on the Eastern seaboard, conservation of whales in the Atlantic Ocean, and studying enzymes *in situ* for exploring reactions. In addition, talks by graduates **Jami Swedick ('09)** and **Robert Daly ('93)** have shown what careers as physical therapists and patent attorneys entail and what preparation those careers require.

Students have been excited to have the series on campus. "It was great," says **Andrew Kita ('21)** of a recent talk. The speaker "provided great perspective on the day-to-day activities [in her field]."

"This seminar series has a wonderful opportunity to connect ENC students with current professionals in their field of interest," says **Jennie (Pietra, '07) Doane**, who serves as the Health Professions Coordinator and helped develop the series. "It is especially inspiring to see alums come back and share their experiences with students."

"We couldn't think of a better way to honor Dr. Hall and Dr. McLaren than a series like this, which combines rigorous science lectures with practical talks about science careers," says **Tennyson Doane ('08)**, assistant professor of chemistry. "We want to continue to inspire students about the possibilities a life science degree opens up for faithful living in the world."

For more information on the series, please contact Jennie Doane at jennie.doane@enc.edu or Tennyson Doane at tennyson.doane@enc.edu.

ENC Athletics fall recap by Robert Rossi ('09)



Connor Hudson-Bryant ('19), one of three All-Conference selections, played a role in this year's turn-around season.



Kyndall Fry ('21) captured All-NECC third team honors.



Ruth Aguilar ('22) powered her way to Rookie of the Year and All-NECC first team honors.



Rodelina Kingsley ('22) was named the both the NECC Rookie of the Year and the NECC Runner of the Year.

The Eastern Nazarene College athletic teams tore through the fall in one of the school's best seasons in recent memory.

The Lions roared to a 44-28-4 record, turning a disappointing 2017 campaign into a stellar 2018 where they piled up 13 all-conference selections, 11 Player of the Week honors, and 11 Rookie of the Week nods. All seven of the Lions' teams reached the postseason, and four teams finished in the top half of their respective league standings.

Men's Soccer posted a 7-10-3 overall record, along with a 4-2-2 mark in the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC). The Lions grabbed the No. 3 seed in the NECC Tournament and reached the NECC semifinals after edging Lesley in overtime in the first round of the playoffs. Junior **Edmilson Centeio** was selected to the All-NECC first team, while the senior mid-fielder **Connor Hudson-Bryant** was named to the All-NECC second team, and freshman **Florian Resch** collected third team honors.

Women's Soccer compiled a 7-9-1 overall record with a 4-4-1 NECC mark. The Lions snagged the No. 5 seed in the NECC Tournament and fell in the NECC quarterfinals to fourth-seeded Southern Vermont. Sophomores **Sam Bernardi** and **Kyndall Fry** were both named to the All-NECC third team.

Women's Volleyball racked up a remarkable 20-7 record on the year and posted an 8-1 conference record. The Lions earned a share of the NECC regular-season title and captured the No. 1 seed in the NECC Tournament. Eastern Nazarene reached the NECC Tournament championship match in its first year in the conference after rolling past Mitchell in the quarterfinals and New England College in the semifinals. Freshman **Ruth Aguilar** was tabbed the NECC Rookie of the Year and garnered All-NECC first team honors along with her junior teammate **Courtney McCarthy**.

Cross Country women's team claimed a fourth-place finish at the NECC Championships. Freshman **Rodelina Kingsley** captured the top individual medalist honors at the meet to sweep the NECC Runner of the Year and the NECC Rookie of the Year awards.

Cross Country men's team was led by freshman **Robert Gorman** with a 14th-place finish at the NECC Championships to earn a spot on the All-NECC second team.

Women's Tennis tallied a 10-2 overall record in the fall to go with a 6-1 record in GNAC matches. The Lions claimed the No. 2 seed in the GNAC Tournament and dropped a narrow 5-4 decision to third-seeded Johnson & Wales in the semifinals. Junior **Sharon Biondi** and sophomore **Emily Ruttkowski** were both tabbed to the All-GNAC first team in singles play, while senior tennis player **Adele Duval** collected All-GNAC second team singles honors. Duval and Ruttkowski combined to claim All-GNAC second team doubles accolades.

Men's Golf capped off the fall season with its first-ever, first-place finish at the Emmanuel Saints' Invitational. The Lions placed fourth at the NECC Championships as junior **Jacob Waldroop** finished third in the individual standings to earn All-NECC honors.



Robert Gorman ('22), the men's front runner, earned a spot on the All-NECC second team.



Adele Duval ('19) and Emily Ruttkowski ('21) celebrate a victory on their way to earning second team doubles All-GNAC honors.



Connor Simpson ('19), Jacob Waldroop ('20), Sam Danis ('19), and Michael Dietz ('21) captured the first-ever, first place finish in program history.

Hope in difference

by Darvence Chery ('19)

I find hope in the diversity of Eastern Nazarene College. No college can match the community that ENC has created.

The word "community" gets thrown around often here. "Community" comes from the Latin word "communitas" meaning "the same." When I look across this campus, I don't see people that look the same, but ultimately they are the same in God's eyes.

Coming from an urban high school, adjusting to the atmosphere of ENC was difficult for me at first; when it came to getting to know people, I was defensive. I became adept at finding the empty pew at the chapel to sit in if I decided to go. Week after week, I heard speakers like Montague Williams and J.D. Brenke talk about how we are all a part of a community, and thought to myself, "What are they talking about?"

ENC is an intentional community. We are not a community by affiliation. We are a community by determination. We are all searching for something on this campus, whether it be an education, a church, or a

fresh start. Despite what we are looking for, God finds us all. How we find Him is unique to each student on campus. The way we find God within this community is different, yet our shared searching makes us very similar.

I struggled with this idea of a community until I decided to study the second chapter of Acts. After Peter's call for everyone to repent and be baptized, the believers in the early Church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). It says later in the passage that the believers had everything in common.

It would be foolish for me to doubt God's word and say that it's impossible to have everything in common. Students on ENC's campus can barely agree on whether to eat out or go to the Dugout on a Friday night. We don't have everything in common, but the early believers experienced profound differences, too. The author of 1 Peter acknowledges that we are different when he writes

that "each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Part of having everything in common is not letting differences divide. As diverse as ENC is, everyone has the chance to be a part of the community, in the midst of how different we all are. This is my source of hope from ENC.

Growing up in an urban city as a person of color, it was easy for me to assume that I was not as valued as my white peers. But when I had to take a semester away from school during my junior year, it was those white peers who became my biggest supporters after I returned, as well as professors who were empowering me to do more with my talents on campus.

The Bible says, "Let there be no divisions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10) for a reason. Different experiences along cultural, geographical, or even economic boundaries: these things can and will divide this campus. But I honestly believe that ENC is working towards making God the center of everything, whether it be the hiring of



Darvence Chery discovers in the second chapter of Acts that even early believers had profound differences.

Rev. Dr. Jack Connell to be the 14th President of ENC, growing racial diversity in the freshman class, or the efforts of **Robert Benjamin** and the Intercultural Center to promote inclusion on our campus.

The future of this College will look different than it has in the past. But one thing that will never change is how we improve at embracing those who may not look the same.

ENC honors newest Carroll F. Bradley Hall of Fame inductees

by TJ Vazquez ('18)



Inductees to the Carroll F. Bradley Hall of Fame were honored during Homecoming in October. Pictured left to right: Michael Barefoot ('78), Melissa Christmas ('00), Jeremy Anderson ('97), Gary Calhoun ('75), Director of Athletics Brad Zarges, and AJ Turner ('06). Not pictured is Mark Millane ('88).

Family and friends, coaches and players, and even a local sports celebrity packed into the lobby of the Lahue Gymnasium as Eastern Nazarene College inducted six new members into the Carroll F. Bradley Hall of Fame. In a special ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, the College honored **Mike Barefoot ('78)** Men's Basketball, **Melissa Christmas ('00)** Women's Basketball, **Mark Millane ('88)** Men's Basketball, **Gary Calhoun ('75)** Men's Soccer, **AJ Turner ('06)** Baseball, and **Jeremy Anderson ('97)** Baseball, for their accomplishments as members of ENC athletic teams and for the impact they left on the campus community.

These six athletes not only contributed to the growth of the athletics department during their time as players, but also helped represent the ENC family to the local community. Evidence of the impact they had on the College, as well as the surrounding community, manifested itself in the crowd that arrived to support them in their induction. Among those in attendance was *Boston Globe* sports writer Bob Ryan. Ryan, who made reference to the ENC basketball program on multiple occasions in his columns about the Boston Celtics during the 1970's, came to see Mike Barefoot inducted forty years after hearing college coaches complain about trying to stop the sharp-shooter.

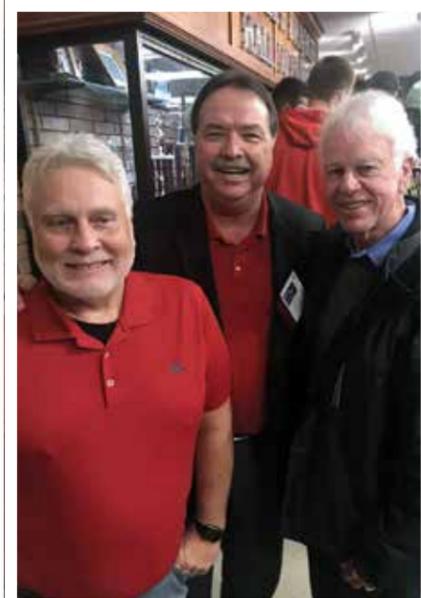
What made this day meaningful was not just the impact these athletes had on the College, but the impact the College had on them, as well.

Barefoot, the standout basketball star who drew the presence of Ryan, commented on the significance of the crowd, saying, "Obviously it was special knowing someone like Bob Ryan would show up to see me inducted, but that was not even the best part of the ceremony." He continued, "The coolest thing to me was looking out from the podium and seeing the current players and coaches showing up and supporting the history of the program they now represent."

As for his time at ENC, Barefoot commented, "Looking back, ENC is where I grew up. The camaraderie I experienced there with teammates, coaches, professors, and friends not only gave me the opportunity to succeed in life after college, but it is where I made my faith my own. It is as real to me now as it was then."

This sentiment became a theme throughout the induction. In their acceptance speeches, many of the inductees thanked ENC, the coaches, and the teammates who helped turn them into the people they are today.

Melissa Christmas echoed those thoughts when she noted, "Be-



Matt Carpenter ('75) (left) invited Boston Globe sports writer Bob Ryan (right) to celebrate the induction of legendary basketball sharp-shooter Mike Barefoot ('78) into the Bradley Hall of Fame.

ing a part of the women's basketball program at ENC has given me a foundation to continue in my own endeavors as a coach. I had amazing coaches in my time at ENC who instilled a love for the game and a respect for coaching. Although I'm not coaching basketball right now, I have taken those same tools and utilized them in my day-to-day life in being a good teammate and team player."

The impact ENC had on these players extended far beyond their time on the fields and courts, as Calhoun reminisced. "ENC offered me the opportunity for a rich educational, athletic, and social experience that led to a happy personal and family life and a meaningful career serving others as a professional social worker."

ENC graduate **Matt Carpenter ('75)**, who introduced Calhoun during the ceremony and who had invited Ryan, summed up the sentiment of the entire event when he stated, "Ryan came to see Barefoot, but he stayed around and got to know everyone because when he saw the support of the school, of friends, of players and coaches, both past and present, he realized how special a place ENC really is."

ENC invests in recent graduates; Graduate Assistants invest in ENC

by TJ Vazquez ('18)

After employing graduate assistants in the Athletics department over the past few years, Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) saw its graduate assistant program drastically expand this fall. Growing to a total of 28 members, the new cohort of graduate assistants was hired across a variety of departments throughout the campus. One of the reasons that the College remains confident in the success of the newly expanded program is that most of the graduate assistants completed their undergraduate studies at ENC, as well.

These returning students believe in the mission of ENC; they want to help recreate the positive experiences that they themselves had during their years as students, and they wish to continue as parts of the community that helped shape their own lives. The program does not simply provide a great opportunity to gain a valuable graduate-level education and professional experience; being a graduate assistant allows for the chance to use skills learned on campus to give back to the College in some important ways.

Madisen Machorro-Robinson ('18), a recent graduate who decided to return as a graduate assistant in the Office of Admissions,

says she came back to ENC because "ENC gave me so much, and I wanted to give back in whatever way I could. During my time here, I grew academically, personally, and, most importantly, spiritually. Working in the admissions office as a traveling counselor allows me the opportunity to encourage high school students across the country to make ENC their future home, and watch them as they transition, grow, and develop in the same way I did as a student here."

As recent students, many of the newly hired graduate assistants recognize the important role that the faculty and staff played during their years as students. After graduating last May, **Jacquelin Arretche ('18)** realized that she belonged to this community as well, and wanted to give back

in the way that the people she had interacted with on campus had given to her. She says, "I came back to ENC because it makes you feel like you're home. The people I met here are amazing, and they have made my ENC experience so special. I knew that, working as a GA in the Student Development Office, I would have the opportunity to play a formative role in helping the students as they navigate their college years."

Having students return as employees who care about ENC, believe in the mission of the College, and want to play a positive role on campus not only reflects on the success that ENC has had impacting its recent graduates, but also creates a sense of hope for current and future students. **Noelle Rudeen ('17)**, after a year away from ENC, returned as a graduate assistant in the Office of Institutional Advancement. She says, "Being a part of this community is so special, and once you're gone, you realize how important it really is. The love for students and the community drives this place, and surrounding yourself with people who have the same passion creates a staff that becomes a vital part of a positive student experience."

Alums lead ministry responding to substance abuse addiction

by Kelee Prince ('19)

The Anchor, a ministry originally branching out from the North Street Church of the Nazarene in 2017, is actively working in Hull, Massachusetts, and other surrounding communities to come alongside people struggling with substance use addiction (SUD), providing friendship and support while they are in the midst of their struggles with this debilitating illness. The executive director of this ministry, **Kurt Gerold ('17)**, brings to life the structure of the ministry. As a person whose personal background and experiences have been instrumental in helping shape the program, and through his training as a Recovery Coach, Gerold is more than qualified to carry out this work.

The focus of this ministry, according to **Rev. Jeremy Scott ('03)**, head pastor of North Street Church of the Nazarene, is to "come alongside people who need and want help and offer our friendship and support as Recovery Coaches...we want to be a corner of compassion in what can be a very scary and disappoint-

ing process." He explained that the main assumption by those involved with the Anchor is that "recovery is more likely if someone has relationships that they can depend on." Their goal is not to duplicate the various opportunities and clinical resources available in the fields of medicine and counseling, but rather to come alongside those struggling with SUD and provide friendship and support as trained Recovery Coaches to help these people navigate their illness.

Several of the Anchor program's staff members are trained as Recovery Coaches by the Recovery Coach Academy located in Connecticut. This Center for Addiction Recovery Training lists their services as useful for "anyone interested in promoting recovery by removing barriers and obstacles to recovery and serving as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or already in recovery." The staff at the Anchor are equipped to help individuals, as well as their family members, access the appropriate programs and resources for their various paths to

recovery. Along with this, they form relationships which allow them to share hope and visions for the future.

According to Scott, those involved in the Anchor have found that there is "a lack of long-term recovery housing after detox and initial rehabilitation programs that provides housing and programmatic scheduling to help people get back on their long-term feet and into society." Currently, the Anchor is working on acquiring space that would allow them to create a program which would fulfill this need by providing intentional Christian discipleship in order to help people find the path to freedom and wholeness. Scott explained that "we've begun to use less 'us and them' language, seeing that we're all in need of deliverance from attachments. In this way, we've found Christ and community to be very present in the recovery world." His church, he claimed, has "learned as much as we have taught, if not more."

Community is a central part of this ministry. There are few communities of faith in Hull, limited to a Roman Catholic parish, a Jewish community, and a Methodist church. This was one of the central factors in the initial choice of location for the Anchor. The program has reached out to each faith community in hopes of partnership and have received varying responses. The building which they are about to rent belongs to the local Jewish synagogue; Scott anticipates a beneficial relationship with that congregation.

Aside from connecting with communities of faith, the Anchor program also seeks out advice and help from non-religious social services. They have active working relationships with WellSpring (a well known multi-service center in Hull), the Hull police and fire departments, schools, and a grassroots community substance awareness organization. Outside of Hull, they have even more extensive networking throughout Hingham and the South Shore of Boston, thanks to the efforts of Gerold.

"Compassionate ministry should not be an auxiliary arm of the Church, but at the very heart of who the Church is," said Scott. The Anchor program is an embodiment of this sentiment. As such, the services they offer to those suffering from SUD in their community serve as a picture of Christlikeness to all who see and experience the friendship and support which stems from this growing ministry.

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.'

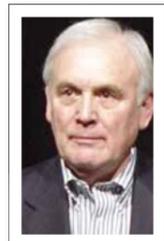
— Matthew 25:34

1950s

Anthony (Andy) Vincent Oddo ('52) died on October 17, 2018. Anthony served for a short time as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene before entering the construction business, concentrating in commercial buildings, churches, and schools. Anthony is survived by his wife **Marilyn R. (Emery, '49)**, son Richard (Lorri), daughter Barbara (Anthony) Taylor, four grandchildren, and his sisters **Fran (Oddo, '56) Blaney** and **Grace (Oddo, '51) Hatch**.

Elwin C. Morgan ('54) passed away on October 15, 2018. He was a lifelong member of the Danielson Church of the Nazarene, where he was a pianist and oversaw the church landscaping. For thirty-three years he worked at Boston State and Norwich State Hospitals. He is survived by four children, twelve grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

D. Jean (Merriman, '55) Johnson died on October 11, 2018. Johnson was a beloved educator in her community, teaching kindergarten and third grade and was a talented pianist and vocalist. She loved to travel, taking trips to Indian reservation missions, Thailand, Australia, Hawaii, Japan, Alaska, and the Caribbean. She is survived by two daughters, a son, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Rev. Dr. Dallas D. Mucci ('56) passed away on October 25, 2018. Dallas served as Pastor of Tinley Park Church in Chicago for eight years and South Hills Church of the Nazarene in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania for 17 years. He then became District Super-

intendent of the Church of the Nazarene in Metro New York for 25 years until his retirement. In addition to his other positions, Dr. Mucci was dedicated to ENC, faithfully serving on the Board of Trustees for 33 years, 12 of which he led through his position as Chairman of the Board. Mucci was a beloved husband for 62 years to **Sandy (Hamlin, '57) Mucci**; loving father of **John ('85), Dallas J., Bart,** and the late **Judith Mucci ('01)**; brother of **Nancy (Coleman, '59) Rogers**, Pam Stemmerich and Kay Ingmire; proud grandfather of Tatum, Kimberlee, Dominic, Michael, Dallas, Amy, Daniel, Jessica, **Nicholas ('03)**, and Thomas. He is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Ryan ('57) was born on April 28, 1933 and passed away on October 6, 2018. Charlotte was a resident of Turner, Maine at the time of her passing.

1960s

Ilga Freidenfelds ('63) died on October 2, 2018. For over 25 years, Ilga worked with TJX Corporation in Natick, Massachusetts. She actively participated in her church community, loved animals and gardening, and was an avid skier and tennis player.

Lloyd Thomas Gregory ('63) passed away on October 11, 2018 from complications following surgery. He was a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics for many years and of Cross Pointe Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by Shirley Gregory, his wife of 57 years, two children, and two grandsons.

1970s

Nancy (Nichols, '75) Minner passed away on May 16, 2018. She kept the faith and ministered to everyone she met with God's love. She is survived by her mother Ruth Nichols, her husband Jack Minner, three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Martina Jean Ferrante ('79), died peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family after a courageous eighteen-year battle with cancer on October 15, 2018. A professional vocalist, Tina appeared with the New Bedford, Brockton, and Quincy Symphonies, The Boston Opera Company, and toured with Opera New England for many seasons. She taught music and was a professor of voice. A woman of great faith, Tina lived to share her devoted love of God with everyone.

1980s

Richard "Rich" Robbins ('83) died October 25, 2018. He was a longtime active member of Wollaston Church of the Nazarene and a respected banker with State Street Bank in Boston, where he worked in the commercial division. He was also an avid golfer, a competitive ballroom dancer, and sports enthusiast.

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Marie (Sewell, '83) Seifert died on August 1, 2018. Carolyn was a retired teacher, chaplain and ordained clergy member in the Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband of more than 57 years, Charles E. Seifert; three sons, **Lewis Seifert ('83), Philip Seifert ('87)** and wife Meredith, and **Jonathan Seifert ('93)**; a brother, David Sewell; four grandsons, three step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.



Jeremy Scott ('03), Dennis Scott ('72), Emily Ludwig ('17), and Kurt Gerold ('17), all graduates of ENC, provide leadership and guidance for The Anchor Ministry.

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Q: How did your ENC education prepare you for what you are doing right now?

A: This is kind of a funny story, actually. I did the engineering thing for a few years out of school, but a couple of years ago I made a switch to more of the business/management world, working for ENC alumnus and trustee, **Tony Steelman ('87)**. I think having a liberal arts education, as opposed to what I would have received at a more traditional engineering school, really helped me make this switch. I felt very well prepared going into the engineering workforce originally (I had some truly great professors along the way), but I began to appreciate my ENC education even more when I took my recent leap, and I think it's helped me be more successful through this transition.

Q: How has the Christian aspect of your education been formative in your life after college?

A: My time at ENC led me to realize that my call to leadership doesn't stop when I walk out of my office every day. ENC has given me the tools I need to serve as a leader in my local church, where I serve on the board and lead a team of youth workers teaching Sunday School to the middle schoolers in our youth group. Additionally, all of the religion classes that were part of the core curriculum when I was there really helped to provide a solid foundation for navigating the "real world" as a Christian. I think if I had gone to a secular or state school, I probably would have never had the opportunity to grapple with tough questions in a grace-filled Christian community, and the transition to post-college life may have proved much more difficult.

Q: What helped you grow as person while at ENC?

A: I went to high school at a small private school in suburbia. Going to a more urban school so rich in diversity, with students from all over the world and from all walks of life, was nothing short of formative. I'm grateful to ENC for many things, but at the top of that list is probably how much it took me out of my bubble. I met and grew close to so many people who looked, spoke, and thought differently than I did. Through it all, I discovered our common search for what ENC is so intent on providing – community. Realizing that we could all come together, not just despite our differences, but in celebration of our differences as what makes us individuals, and still belong to the same strong, committed community thoroughly changed me. It showed me that there really is more that unites us than divides us. It showed me that loving my neighbor a lot of the time means leaving the neighborhoods that I grew up in and expanding my sphere of influence to include people who are different from the ones I met growing up. This aspect of ENC radically changed my worldview, and I strongly believe that it's made me a better Christian and more ethical and moral person.

Q: What was one of the most memorable classes you had, and why?

A: This is really a tough one. The really great thing about going to a liberal arts college is that I always felt so stretched intellectually. From Contemporary Questions with former professor **Karl ('79) Giberson** my freshman year, to World Religions and Living Issues with Prof. Severson my senior year, I'll always remember the ways some of the core curriculum classes challenged my preconceived ideas as I grew throughout college. Those classes really made me a better, more thoughtful, accepting, and ethical person. A lot of the reading I do to this day can be traced back to the fire that these classes lit inside me. That being said, whenever I reach back for an academic memory at ENC, it's hard to look past the late nights spent with my fellow engineering classmates in the bottom floor of Shradler Hall. Whether we were fine-tuning our programs for a competition in Robotics with former professor **Derek Plante ('97)**, covering the whiteboard in hieroglyphics for Linear Algebra with Prof. Fries, or trying to just figure out what exactly was going on in Modern Physics with professor emeritus **John Free ('64)**, times like those really taught me how to work hard and that I would have to go the extra mile at times in order to achieve success.

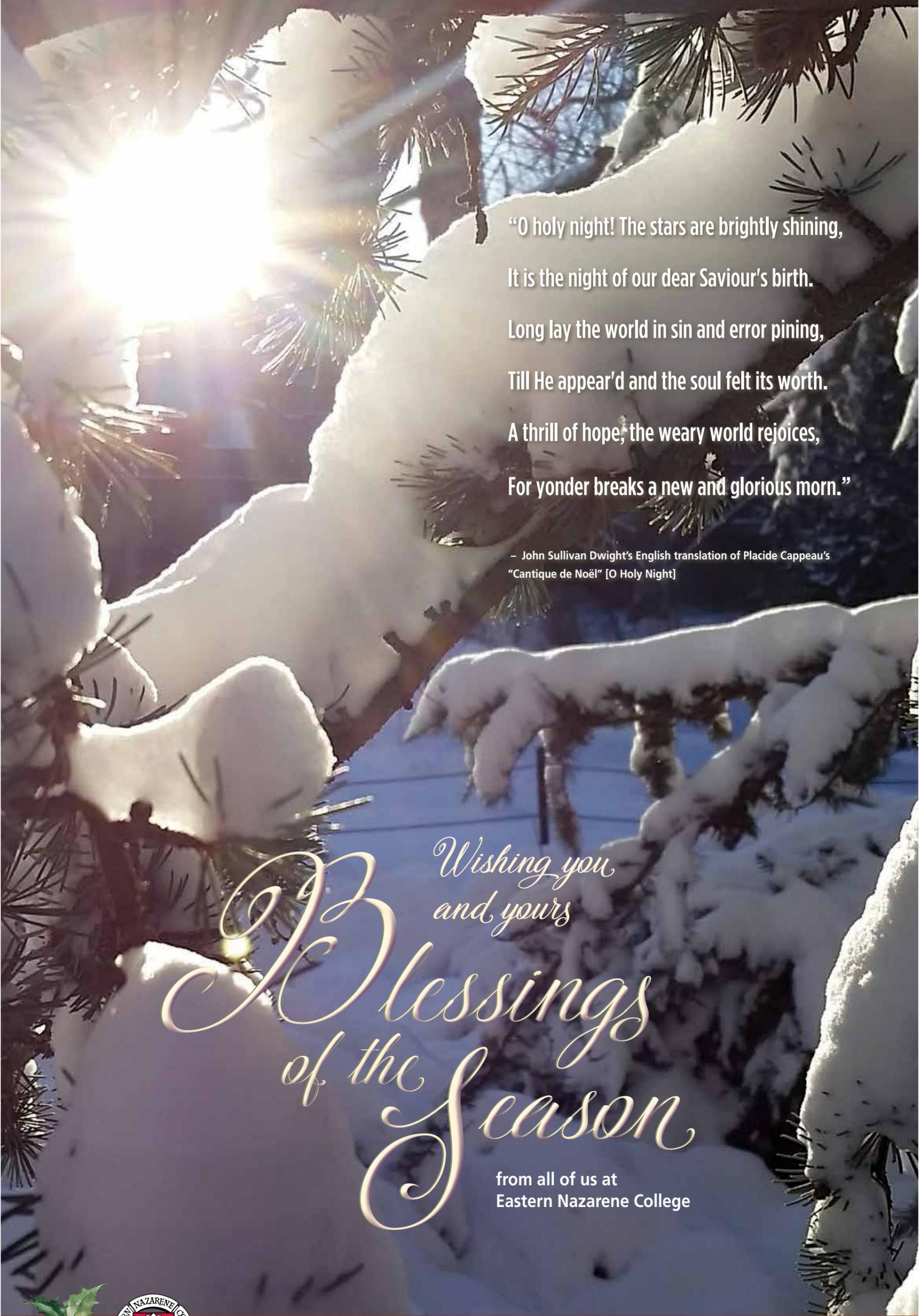
Q: What's one of the things about your time there that you're most proud of?

A: This is another tough one. There are so many things I proudly look back upon from my time at ENC. As I've said, the community at ENC is what makes the school truly special. I think during my time there, I helped to cultivate a more plugged-in campus. It was important to me that my fellow students felt part of something greater than themselves, and I tried very hard to help people have a similar experience to the one I had. This required a lot of listening to my fellow students and then working with ENC staff and the rest of the Student Government Association to make the right changes. I think through being diligent about listening to and acting on the needs of so many different students, we created a more welcoming, unified campus environment. We had more people getting involved in class councils and forming clubs, better attended social life and sporting events, and what I perceived as just a more open and inclusive culture. Yes, it was always fun throwing events like Lip Sync or pushing for policy changes like expanding open dorms, and it was a great sense of accomplishment when we pulled those things off, but looking back, nothing makes me more proud than knowing that I helped some of my peers have a better student experience at the school that is so important to me.

Q: How would you encourage someone who was thinking about attending ENC?

A: There's really nothing like spending your college years at ENC. The small classes give you a personalized education in an environment that still fosters authentic collaboration. The diversity in the student body and faculty will help you grow just as much outside of the classroom as you do inside of it. The location will expose you to an incredible cultural hub, the likes of which you won't see anywhere else. Whenever I talk to people who graduated from other colleges, I get the sense that college was just a completely different experience for them than it was for me. They didn't have professors and other staff willing to invest personally in their lives. They didn't have this awesome community to come around and grow with them. They didn't have the same opportunities to step into meaningful leadership roles to help develop them for the future. ENC was really a launching pad for me, and I think it can be for a lot of other young people, as well.

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For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.”

– John Sullivan Dwight’s English translation of Placide Cappeau’s
“Cantique de Noël” [O Holy Night]

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