

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
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HONORS KEY:

Bold italic Summa cum Laude

Bold Magna cum Laude

Italic Cum Laude

PDL Elected to Phi Delta Lambda

§ Elected to Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology

‡ Elected to Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history

∞ Elected to Phi Alpha, the national honor society in social work education

□ Elected to Chi Alpha Sigma, the national college athlete honor society

+ Elected to Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honor society in criminal justice

« Elected to Pi Lambda Theta, the national honor society in education

~ Adult Studies Undergraduate Student

NOTE: Honors are tentative pending submission of final grades.

Eastern Nazarene College

~ Established 1900 ~

About our speaker

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Rev. Dr. Richard Griffiths is the Lead Pastor of Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene. He is a cultural hybrid and an intergenerational bridge-builder who is passionate about relevantly communicating the love of God and the beauty of holy living.

Dr. Griffiths holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in New Testament Biblical Literature from Alliance Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Binghamton University. More than anything, he loves the Lord with all his heart and desires to help people recognize God's unique call on their lives.

Dr. Griffiths is an active husband and father who understands the challenges and opportunities in navigating family life. He is married to his wonderful wife and partner in ministry Yanique, and they have two children; Seth, and Hannah, who make every day an adventure.



*"There is no conflict between
the best in education and
the best in the Christian faith."*

— Dean Berntha Munro

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The modern academic procession reflects traditions inherited from the medieval universities, where a member of the teaching guild was a Master of Arts, and his apprentice was a Bachelor. Long robes and warm hoods served to protect scholars from the cold in drafty rooms and corridors. Most robes were black to symbolize the democracy of scholarship, since they cover any dress or rank of social standing worn beneath. As a token of privilege and responsibility, the Master wore a warmer and more distinguished costume than the Bachelor, and the Doctor wore a hood lined with fur.

The dignity and meaning of academic costume is protected by careful regulation. In the United States, nearly all institutions adhere to a national code adopted in 1895 and revised in 1932.

THE CAP: The familiar “mortarboard” is made of black cloth with a tassel which is worn on the right until the Bachelor’s Degree is conferred, when it is moved to the left; this change signifies the moment in which degrees are conferred. The velvet cap (or “soft tam”) may alternately be worn by persons holding doctoral degrees. Doctors in all fields may wear a tassel of metallic gold.

THE GOWN: The cut of the gown indicates the wearer’s degree. A Bachelor wears a simple gown with pointed sleeves; a Master wears a gown with long, closed sleeves and a slit at the elbow; and a Doctor wears a very full gown with billowing bell-shaped sleeves. In addition, the Doctor’s gown has velvet panels on the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve, which may be black or the color distinctive of the discipline. It may be worn open or closed. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in a single color representative of the institution, such as Harvard’s crimson, Boston University’s red, Dartmouth’s forest green, and New York University’s purple.

THE HOOD: Originally a simple cowl attached to the gown, the hood bears the heaviest symbolism of the academic costume. The color of the velvet border signifies the discipline of the degree, while the color of the interior lining identifies the institution, normally by its school colors. The hood of a Bachelor is three feet long; the hood of a Master is three and one-half feet long; and that of a Doctor is four feet long.

THE COLORS representing the disciplines found in the ENC faculty include:

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| Arts, Letters, Humanities - white | Law - purple | Public Administration - peacock blue |
| Commerce, Accountancy, Business - drab | Library Science - lemon | Science - golden yellow |
| Education - light blue | Music - pink | Social Science - cream |
| Engineering - orange | Philosophy - dark blue | Social Work - citron |
| Fine Arts, Architecture - brown | Physical Education - sage green | Theology - scarlet. |

Each year, representatives of the various college constituencies participate in Commencement ceremonies:

MACE: Leading the academic procession is the College Marshal. The Marshal carries the mace to symbolize the authority of the faculty in academic matters and the practice of shared governance within the institution. During the Middle Ages, the wooden mace clad in metal was an effective weapon in battle. As newer and more powerful arms were developed, its military significance diminished, and it was transformed into a symbol of authority.

COLOR GUARD: Each year, students from the Junior Class with outstanding academic records and representatives from the Student Government Association elected to serve during the following academic year are invited to serve as Flag Bearers at Baccalaureate and Commencement.

HONORS

Graduation honors are read after each graduate’s name is announced. Cum Laude means “with honors” and is awarded to students who attain a grade point average of 3.5 (out of 4.0 which represents an “A”) for their entire baccalaureate program. Magna cum Laude means “with high honors” and is awarded to students who attain an average of 3.7, and Summa cum Laude means “with highest honors” and is awarded to students who attain an average of 3.9. The graduates from the traditional program with the two highest grade point averages are the valedictorian and the salutatorian, respectively. They both wear red and gold cords as part of their academic regalia.

Graduates elected to Phi Delta Lambda are also announced, and they wear red cords. Fifteen percent of baccalaureate graduates are elected each year to this national honor society of the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene.

Outstanding graduates in the field of psychology are elected to Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, and wear gold graduation cords.

Outstanding graduates in the field of social work are elected to Phi Alpha, the national honor society in social work, and wear medallions.

Outstanding graduates in the field of history are elected to Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history, and wear maroon and gray cords.

Outstanding graduates in the field of criminal justice are elected to Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honor society in criminal justice, and wear gold and royal blue graduation cords.

Outstanding graduates in the field of education are elected to Pi Lambda Theta, the national honor society in education, and wear gold graduation cords.

Outstanding student-athlete graduates are elected to Chi Alpha Sigma, the national honor society for student-athletes, and wear medallions.