



David B. Wooster
Eastern Nazarene College
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Thank you for this award and for your prayers. I apologize that I can not be with you tonight but I am resting comfortably at Mass General Hospital. It is an honor to be recognized as an alumnus of Eastern Nazarene College and honored for the achievements that she has prepared me for. As a chemistry major I never could have envisioned the benefits that a Liberal Arts education would give me. Benefits which would carry me through the twists and turns that have brought the achievements you recognize tonight. The mentoring of Christian faculty and the models of servant hood that I experienced as a student shaped me. I am deeply grateful and humbled to be recognized for how the college has enriched my life.

The successful move from Chemistry to Seminary to Pastoring to Social Services was only possible because ENC taught me to be a critical thinker and prepared me to succeed in a variety of areas. Probably the most valuable thing that ENC gave me are lifelong friendships and a sense of community and support as God has led me into new challenges. The greatest of those friendships is the gift of my wife. I am glad that she is here tonight to receive this award because it belongs to her probably more than it does to me. Without her constant sacrifice, support and encouragement I could not have achieved any of what we have done. While I may have been the public face, she was the person making the greatest sacrifices so that we might succeed in honoring God through service to others. As many of you know, this year has been quite an adventure of medical challenges. I have learned more in this last year about servant hood and God's grace than I ever thought possible. I look forward to sharing those truths with the ENC community as God enables me in the future.

Thank you.