

Two-year ETHS branding, signage project almost completed

In 2014, ETHS kicked off a multi-phase branding and signage project. It initially focused on updating the ETHS brand.

Following a survey of the school community, two notable identifiers—the ETHS crest and Willie Wildkit mascot logo—were redesigned. With a nod to ETHS tradition, the crest now features the familiar school front with its iconic towers, and Willie has been refreshed.

The second phase, started last spring, improved the overall signage to help students, staff, and visitors better navigate the 1.2 million square-foot school building and 65-acre campus. Over time, due to building expansion and classroom re-use, internal signage fell victim to inconsistent terminology, different presentations, and confusing room numbering, often causing staff to resort to paper signs taped to the walls.

So again, after seeking feedback, major changes were implemented this past summer. Most notably, the four central wings and cafeterias previously named after the first four superintendents will retain just their directional names: North (Beardsley), South (Bacon), East (Michael), and West (Boltwood). The wings' existing color-codings were brightened (North/red, South/green, East/blue, and West/orange).

The main lobby received a subtle, elegant makeover with new paint and enhanced molding around the iconic chandeliers and Main Office entrance. The central library's entrance was opened up with glass windows, and its interior was sensibly rearranged.

This fall, the first floor's central "H-Hall" corridor has become "Heritage Hall," where ETHS can showcase its history, diversity, and student involve-



Central Library is now more open and welcoming.



The main lobby redesign reduces wall clutter and complements the original fireplaces and chandeliers.

ment. Rooms buildingwide were renumbered, looking to correct numbers that were out-of-sequence or missing. To increase clarity, the three primary entrances were renamed "Entrance 1" (front Dodge Ave.), "Entrance 2" (rear South door), and "Entrance 3" (rear athletic entrance). In addition, the back driveway will be dubbed "Wildkit Drive."

The ETHS school board hired Evanston-based Glantz Design and Allegra print and sign company (**Kyle Kurz, '80**, is co-owner) to partner with ETHS on these projects. While the internal signage schedule was sped up for freshman orientation in August, external signage is next including entrances, athletic fields, and parking lots. Funds for the entire

signage project come from ETHS's Capital Improvements Fund, which must be used for improvements to school facilities and infrastructure. Much of the Heritage Hall installation was funded by donations to the ETHS Educational Foundation.

According to Evangeline Semark, ETHS Communications Director, who

coordinated the branding/signage project, other initiatives to improve ETHS's overall user-friendliness include a new mobile app for Smart phones and tablets that post ETHS news, calendar info, links to the alumni association and foundation web pages, staff directory, instant alerts, and links to ETHS's other social media outlets. Last spring, ETHS also revamped its web site (www.eths.k12.il.us) to make it more accessible and useful to the school, community, prospective families, and visitors.



Heritage Hall is bright and full of "ETHS Then and Now" photos as well as colorful panels showcasing ETHS's student diversity, academic progress, and student interests.

Alumni/Foundation office redo

As part of the new branding/signage project at ETHS, the Alumni/Educational Foundation Office has been redecorated. Countertops and lighting were updated, and display space has been added. A large display case next to the office entrance holds many important artifacts.

Most importantly, the office now houses ETHS's historical archive. Everything from *KEY* yearbooks to back issues of *The Evan-*

stonian to many archival materials are now centralized and open for inspection and display. History classes are making plans to bring classes to the office to take advantage of the collection as students do primary source research about the area in which they reside.

When you are visiting ETHS, make sure you come by and visit the Alumni/Foundation Office in room W-127.

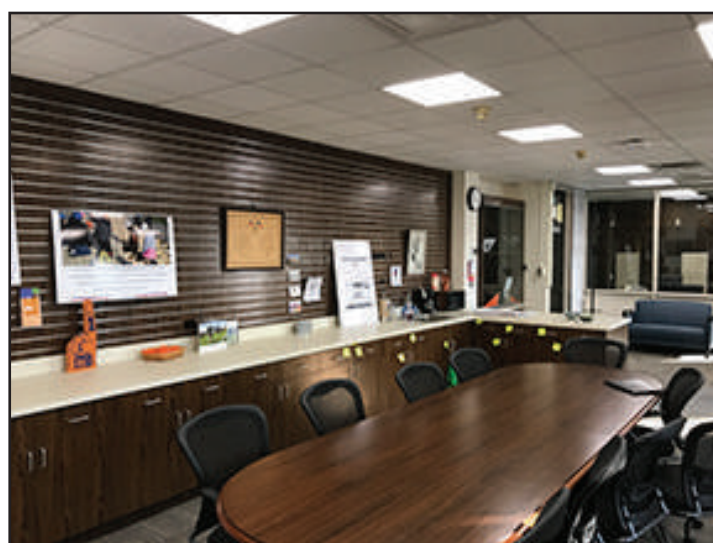


Photo by David Futransky

The ETHS Alumni/Foundation Office was redecorated this summer as part of the overall school refurbishing. Both offices are located in Room W-127 in the school's West wing, as well as the school's historical archive.

Superintendent's Letter

Celebrating our Heritage, Celebrating our Trajectory

In this edition of *The KIT*, you will read about Heritage Hall. As you will learn, Heritage Hall is located on the main floor and truly a sight to behold with vivid, vibrant photos showcasing our history while also highlighting our diversity and student life at ETHS today. It celebrates who we are:

- *We are leaders.*
- *We are innovators.*
- *We are scholars.*
- *We are friends.*
- *We are family.*
- *We are Wildkits.*

It's pretty dazzling. But, in my mind, Heritage Hall is more than one impressive, dynamic space in our school. It is a dynamic rep-

resentation of where we have come from and who we are. It's a reminder that this has always been one of the majestic, premier high schools in America, and we just keep getting better and better with age.

We've always had students who are top achievers in academics, the arts, and athletics, and we still do. We have always had students who are service oriented and good citizens, and we still do.

We've always been top-ranked, and in today's national rankings we are ranked the highest we've ever been ranked in those modern rankings—the top 1-2% in the nation.

Wildkits have always done well on college entrance exams, and in the most recent two school years our students have achieved our highest ACT

scores in ETHS history. We were a beta site when Advanced Placement (AP) classes were piloted by the College Board in the 1950s, and today we have a record-setting number of ETHS students taking these highly challenging AP classes, the most in our history with the most scores of 3, 4 and 5 (top scores) ever.

So, as I walk down Heritage Hall several times daily and bask in the joy of being an ETHS Wildkit, proud to wear the orange and blue, I am reminded that we are continuing to build a great legacy here, continuing our rich traditions, and nurturing new traditions. We are building on our distinguished past and achieving bold and exciting results in the 21st century.



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

As alumni, you should be proud of what you accomplished at ETHS and the legacy you left today's generation of students. Over the decades, each graduating class has handed off the baton to each succeeding class, to each succeeding generation.

Today's students and staff have earnestly taken

that baton, and you can be very proud of what they are accomplishing here at your alma mater.

No matter where life has taken you, no matter where you now live, as alumni of ETHS you will always be part of the Wildkit family. It's a great day to be a Wildkit.

ETHS is for Everyone

On November 9, following the recent election, Supt. Eric Witherspoon posted the following statement on ETHS's social media sites and read it over the school's intercom for students and staff to hear...to spontaneous applause in classrooms and offices throughout the school. The statement went viral across the country, in the *Chicago Tribune*, on CNN, and in other media.

Good morning, E-Town — This is Dr. Witherspoon.

Once in a while it's important that we pause and reflect on who we are and reaffirm our appreciation for one another.

This morning I want to remind all of you that ETHS is a safe and welcoming place for you. You attend a school where we not only respect differences, we embrace our diversity.

We embrace one another's race and ethnicity. We embrace one another's family background, heritage, language and culture. We embrace one another's religion and your right to your own personal customs and beliefs. We embrace your sexual orientation and your gender identity. We embrace your special needs. We embrace you and value you as individual human beings.

Never forget: you belong here at ETHS—each and every one of you.

Today, I urge you to be kind and caring to one another. Redouble your support for one another. And even though we cannot always control what is going on in the larger world around us, we can define our own school, our own community.

Let's make this school year a year of strengthening our sense of community here at ETHS, and let's reaffirm a community legacy for all the students today and for those who will follow you at ETHS.

The sun is shining today. Your school is a nurturing place for you to learn and grow. Your futures are bright. Let's protect and take care of each other. Everything is going to be okay.

I love all of you. Fill your hearts with love for each other. And no matter what, remember, even today, that it is a great day to be a Wildkit.

ETHS Class Notes

Let your friends and former classmates know where you are and what you are doing.

Please provide your contact information (print clearly):

First name (Maiden name) Last name Class year

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When returning this form, please include a separate sheet providing additional information (marriage, children, awards, memberships, etc.) and a recent photo of yourself (we will return it unharmed if you ask us to).

Please return this form, additional information, and photo to:
ETHS Alumni Association, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

OR email the info and photos to alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

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What's New at ETHS?

Freshmen read about, meet Congressman John Lewis, civil rights icon

In early September, the entire ETHS freshman class met an American Super Hero.

Congressman John Lewis, U.S. Representative for Georgia's 5th District, an iconic leader in the civil rights movement, came to speak to nearly 850 students about his life, his career as an activist, and his commitment to justice and nonviolence.

The students were prepared to listen. This summer, they all received *March: Book One*, the first of an award-winning trilogy of graphic novels telling the life story of Lewis, who served with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Riders. On March 7, 1965, he led over 600 peaceful protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL—"Bloody Sunday"—a landmark event that propelled passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Over time, Lewis was physically beaten and arrested more than 40 times.

Book One takes readers from Lewis's youth in

rural Alabama through his harrowing life under Jim Crow laws and segregation and the birth of the civil rights movement. Lewis was accompanied at ETHS by *March* trilogy co-author Andrew Aydin, his Congressional Digital Director and Policy Advisor, who helped bring Lewis's story—and his own as a civil rights activist—to life.

The freshman reading experience was part of the Evanston Cradle to Career initiative to increase childhood literacy citywide. ETHS and District 65 jointly chose the "one book" approach, and *March: Book One* in particular, to help freshmen understand the importance of reading at ETHS and the issues of racial and social justice. "We wanted a book that spoke to young people," said ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon, adding that a shared-reading experience will become an annual expectation for incoming freshmen.

Freshmen are spending the fall discussing the book in advisory sessions led by teachers and adminis-



Photo by Takumi Iseda

Cong. John Lewis (left on stage) and Andrew Aydin, his *March* co-author, took questions from the freshman, all of whom had read the first of the *March* trilogy.

trators, and in academic classes where teachers could apply it to "teachable moments."

The student assembly with Lewis was preceded by a public event the evening before. Organized by Family Action Network, over 1,500 Evanston-area parents and residents came to hear him speak.

Lewis mesmerized the freshmen with his personal stories, and it also gave him the opportunity to pass along some hard-

earned advice. Despite being arrested at many non-violent lunch-counter sit-ins, "I felt it was my moral obligation, mission, and mandate to find a good way to object," he said, adding, "hate is too heavy to bear."

Student questions cut to the heart of racial injustice and the importance of protesting peacefully. One student asked if the Black Lives Matter movement is valid. "It shows a growing discontent and frustration of where we

are," said Lewis, "but organizers must learn about the civil rights movement and non-violence." Asked how peaceful protestation changed him, Lewis replied: "We live in a World house, not just an American house. We must co-exist. Non-violence changes people. We changed America."

"Dream dreams," Lewis beseeched the freshmen, "and never, ever give up."

ETHS students help boost reading skills of young children

Literacy was at the core of a six-week summer experience for 29 ETHS students this year that helped targeted youngsters get ready for kindergarten. The teens were part of ABC Boosters, an early literacy program that emerged under Evanston's Cradle to Career (EC2C) initiative to increase literacy citywide.

Run jointly by Evanston Public Library and Youth Job Center, the program partners with School Districts 65 and 202 and the Evanston Community Foundation, all committed members of EC2C.

Started in 2012 as a pilot program, ABC Boosters expanded this summer by hiring 29 teens to help 75 incoming kindergartners (up from six teens and 35 children last year).

The shared literacy goal is supported in many ways. District 65 and other community partners identify children who could benefit from the program. Youth Job Center hires, trains, and supports 14- and 15-year-olds as tutors and teacher assistants, and provides them with meaningful employment. The library supplies materials, books, additional training, and site coordination. The program is held at District 65's Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood Center and the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

The program has significantly boosted the children's chance for school achievement. Every student last summer showed gains in their writing abilities. District 65 estimates that 185 at-risk youngsters

need this help to succeed in kindergarten, so the program coordinators plan to reach more children, and hire up to 63 teenagers, over the next three years until all identified preschoolers are helped.

ETHS Authors' Bookshelf

Paul Nebenzahl, '72, a writer, musician, and painter who lives in Evanston, IL, and Sleepy Hollow, NY. He has written for film and TV, and has performed in theater, stage, and club settings. He is also a poet, and his new book, *Black Shroud with Rainbow Fringes: New Poems 2010-2013*, available through Amazon.

According to one reviewer: "In this impressive gathering of 50 poems, Nebenzahl discovers long-lost relatives that were displaced from World War II and the Holocaust...[and] finds himself questioning his past and present to imagine a new future in elegiac dimensions."

New class of Evanston Scholars

In August, the seventh—and largest—class of ETHS students joined the ranks of ETHS peers that are participating in the Evanston Scholars college-support program. Thirty-seven ETHS juniors were chosen this year for this unique program that fosters college access and success for ETHS students

who are primarily first-generation college attendees, low-income, and students of color.

For six years, 11th grade though college graduation, the comprehensive program supports students with adult mentoring, informational workshops, and cohort-building activi-

ties, as well as college visits and ACT prep classes while in high school.

Started in 2011, with 10 students, Evanston Scholars now serves 164 students (94 in college, 33 high school seniors, 37 high school juniors). To provide services for

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ETHS truly goes green and organic

Evanston Township High School has gone green—literally. Each fall since 2009, ETHS has daily served students and staff about 3,000 pounds of organically grown food harvested from a school-owned lot at Dodge Ave. and Davis St.

From late August to November, and during summer school, the cafeterias offer up home-grown fresh lettuce, spinach, squash, cucumbers, green peppers, carrots, tomatoes, beets, raspberries, and green beans, among other seasonal goodies.

Dubbed the Edible Acre, the empty lot's transformation began as a joint venture with The Talking Farm, a local urban agricultural-educational organization. It was a learning lab for students in the Horticulture and Senior Studies courses, and the Green Team and Community Service Club, who



Photo by The Talking Farm

ETHS students (from l.) Shanti Polara, Savion Gary, Eleanor Becker-Chiu, and Ricardo Correa, all hired by the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, spent part of last summer helping to maintain the Edible Acre and fill the weekly Community Supported Agriculture boxes of produce.

built and maintained the 5,000-square-foot plot.

But in 2012, Kim Minestra, ETHS Nutrition Services Director, felt there was more the school could do to expand the harvest. "I realized there was just more potential, so I worked with Matt Ryan [Talking Farm's Operations Manager] to create a crop plan so we could get as much harvest out of it as possible."

The crop plan resulted in more raised beds being added to the Edible Acre, more crops being planted, and the school's empty greenhouse becoming a winter seedbed for lettuce, herbs, and other vegetables. "It's now year-round production," said Ryan.

During the fall, students in several programs continue to gather the produce. During the summer, five Evanston students hired through the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program work 15 hours a week to maintain the garden. "They do everything from A to Z," said Ryan.

Previously, that included selling some of the summer yield at the weekly Evanston Farmers' Market. But, Minestra and Ryan decided launching a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, which allows people to

buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer, would be a better use of everyone's time. In this case, the farmer is ETHS.

And last summer, 10 ETHS staff members each invested \$250 and every Thursday for 10 weeks received a CSA box of produce from the Edible Acre.

"This allows ETHS staff to support the garden," said Ryan, "and leaves no waste." Minestra hopes to expand the program next summer.

Minestra and Ryan also have other plans for growth. Last spring, 50 fruit trees—half Asian pear, half a variety of apple trees—were planted next to the ETHS football field parking lot on Church St. The graduating Class of 2016 donated \$5,000 to help buy trees for the orchard. Minestra hopes to add 25 more apple trees next spring, as well as building raised beds for lettuce and flowers by the greenhouse and in the childcare play area.

Going green has been a cost-saver for ETHS. By growing its own food, ETHS has annually saved \$12,000 in organic produce. The rest of the year, Minestra buys produce and certain other foods in part through Farmlogix, an online marketplace where customers can shop by local farm or by product.

And saving money has become increasingly important to school nutritionists. In 2010, the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act required schools to revamp what students eat by serving healthier food and restricting calories and salt, among other changes.



The greenhouse is used as a winter seedbed for herbs and transplants for the Edible Acre.

In 2014, those restrictions applied to vending machine snacks and drinks, as well. Minestra said vending sales dropped by \$60,000 that year alone. "The kids have now adapted and buy other stuff," she said.

In addition, students can no longer hold bake sales for clubs or sell candy for Prom in the building during school hours in the building. In addition, ETHS saved an estimated \$40,000 when it stopped using Styrofoam trays and assorted packaging.



The new orchard includes Asian pear and apple trees.

Time capsules hold 50 years of ETHS history

DO YOU REMEMBER...? SPRING OF 1967: In the midst of major construction on the additions to North, South, East and West Schools, time capsules were placed behind cornerstones in dedication ceremonies almost 50 years ago.

ETHS is planning to commemorate the 50 years of history with our current students, alumni, and the Evanston/Skokie Community. What records are in the time capsules? How has our community changed? What has happened at ETHS over the past 50 years?



A committee is starting to work on plans to open and display time capsule contents over the next 18 months. One opening will coincide with the 50th reunion of the Class of 1967. Others will involve students.

To date, Planning Committee members include alums, administrators, retired faculty and staff, students, and community representatives from Shorefront Legacy Center,

Evanston History Center, Evanston Public Library, and Northwestern University. If you are interested in helping to connect the Wildkit legacy to current students, please contact David Futransky, Alumni Association Executive Director, at either alumni@eths.k12.il.us or futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us or 847-424-7704.

ETHS wins landscape award



In April, ETHS received a 2016 Merit Award in General Design from the IL Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects for its front-of-school renovation that "creat[es] an identity for the high school campus by standardizing site features...with a design style that responds to the history of the facility...and..addresses some of the design challenges (bike parking, desire paths) typical of many campus environments."

2016 Distinguished Alumni Award Honorees

The 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented in an assembly for the senior class on Monday, December 5, in the ETHS Auditorium. More information on each of the awardees will be in the spring issue of *The KIT*, but here is a preview of this year's Distinguished Alumni.



Steve Gilford, 1970, a Chicago attorney, is the founding head of office and senior partner in the Litigation Dispute Resolution Dept. in the Chicago office of Proskauer Rose, a leading global law firm. Currently Vice Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education, he was a 12-year member and two-term president of the ETHS school board. Steve has been a leader of many Chicago-area non-profits including Metropolitan Family Service, where he is a director, and its Legal Aid Society, where he served as president. Steve has been involved in legal representation that has changed the political structure of Chicago and the lives of under-represented groups like prisoners, the mentally ill, and transgender individuals.



Megan Twohey, 1994, is an award-winning journalist who works as a staff writer for *The New York Times*. Her 2013 investigative series, "The Child Exchange," uncovered an underground network where parents gave away their adopted children through an illicit practice known as private re-homing. As a reporter on the *Times's* 2016 presidential election team, she co-wrote two of the most widely read political stories of the year, one about Donald Trump's treatment of women, the other showing how the Republican presidential nominee could have avoided paying taxes for up to 18 years.



Greg Klaiber, 1978, has spent his career and volunteer time serving the Evanston community. Recently retired from the Evanston Fire Dept. as its Chief, he is currently the Director of Emergency Management for Northwestern University. Klaiber rose through the ranks over a 30+-year career with the Evanston Fire Dept. He was an executive board member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Association and Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy. He also has served on the Evanston/Skokie District 65 school board, as trustee of the Evanston 4th of July Association, and as a coach and leader with the Evanston Speed Skating and Youth Baseball programs.



Tanika Island Childress, 1991, is the Chief Academic Officer of the University of Chicago Charter School and the Program and Managing Director of the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute. Spending her life as an educator in Evanston and Chicago, she has been recognized as a leader in schools and in her community.



Lynne Williams Twist, 1963, is a highly recognized global visionary committed to alleviating poverty and hunger worldwide while supporting justice and environmental sustainability. A winner of the United Nations Woman of Distinction Award and the GOI Peace Award. Lynne is the author of *Soul of Money* and has co-founded the Pachamama Alliance that is helping to save the rainforest in the Ecuadorian Amazon.



YAMO turning 60...time to party!



The YAMO cast took the stage in the 2015 student revue, "YAMO Comedy Network."

Calling **all** YAMO alums from 1958 on...YAMO is marking its **60th year in 2017**, and the ETHS Alumni Relations Office and the Fine Arts Department cordially invite you to join in the celebration. Cast, orchestra, crew, writers, board members...everyone!

Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 13-15, 2017, when YAMO alums return to Evanston to celebrate YAMO's 60th anniversary show. For more information, stay tuned to *The KIT*, and if you're on Facebook, please join the group 'ETHS YAMO Through The Years' for the latest updates on the anniversary weekend. We particularly need to hear from YAMO-ites from the '50s and '60s; we know you're out there!

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact the ETHS Alumni Office at alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

Highlighting Wildkit Entrepreneurs

Are you an alumna with a story to tell? Have you had work experiences that might inspire or assist other alumni and current Wildkits? The ETHS Alumni Association is looking to share your stories.

Beginning in January 2017, the FACEBOOK pages Will E Wildkit and ETHS Alumni Association will feature stories about ETHS graduates, especially those who have had an entrepreneurial experience.

We want to promote connections with other alums and opportunities to promote conversations

among our alumni.

In order to do this, we need your help. Please forward short descriptions of what you do to alumni@eths.k12.il.us. Include links that can be included in stories about you and your business. The Alumni Office staff will be in contact, get some more information, and format a short story that will be posted on through our social media outlets.

We know there are great stories to share with fellow Wildkits...we just need your help to get us started in spreading the word.

2016 Class of ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame inducted this fall

On Friday, August 26, during half-time of the football season home opener, ETHS inducted two coaches, four student athletes, and two athletic teams into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The new class of inductees was selected by the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee, headed by Athletic Director **Chris Livatino, '91**. The committee includes school administrators, coaches and community members.

John Riddell, Head Football Coach/Athletic Director, 1913-1927

John T. Riddell was an unmatched hero at ETHS. During his 14-year tenure, he coached football, winning two mythical state championships (1916, 1927) and four Suburban League championships (1916, 1922, 1926, 1927). In addition, from 1913-27, he served as the school's first athletic director and taught mathematics. He also coached basketball. A creative problem-solver, Riddell invented the removable cleat because the local cobbler was too busy making Northwestern U.'s spikes every weekend. After he retired in 1929, Riddell built his own sports-equipment company, where he developed the first seamless basketball, first suspension helmet, and first plastic helmet.

Bob Trevarthen, Head Boys' Track/Field Coach, 1961-67

Despite a background coaching football, basketball, and wrestling, Athletic Director Leo Samuelson knew Trevarthen's coaching ability and hired him away from Hinsdale to head ETHS's boys' track and field program. In five years, Trevarthen turned the Wildkit program into a powerhouse with two state championships (1965, 1966), state runner-up in 1963 and 1967, and a 3rd-place finish in 1964. His team won the district and Suburban League indoor and outdoor championships for five straight years (1963-67). He also served as Sophomore Head Football Coach, compiling a 7-year record of 49-6-1. After coaching, he joined ETHS's administration

as assistant principal and eventually principal. He left ETHS in 1972 to serve as York High School's principal.

DeMeca "Dae" Hill, 2006, Girls' Track/Field

DeMeca Hill is the most successful relay runner in ETHS history and in IHSA track & field history. Coached by ETHS alum **Fenton Gunter, '74**, she was a member of the four-peat IHSA State Championship team from 2003-2006. Honors included State Champ in 800 medley relay in 2003; State Champ and member in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays in 2003, '04 and '06; IHSA State Medalist 10 times in relay events and five times in individual events (that's 15 medals out of a possible 16 in 4 years). She holds the school record in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, and the state record in the 4x200 relay.

Traciann Henry, 2004, Girls' Track/Field

During her four years at ETHS, Traciann Henry brought home 14 (out of 16 possible) state medals (six in relays and eight in individual events), including gold medals in four relays. In 2001 and 2002, she was a member of the ETHS state runner-up Girls' Track & Field teams and then the state championship teams in 2003 and 2004 in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. Individual honors include state runner-up in 100-meter dash in 2002, '03 and '04 and in the 200-meter dash in 2002 and '03. Henry earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Florida.

Bob Sheppard, 1959, Wrestling

Bob Sheppard holds a singular honor in ETHS wrestling. One of only two 3-time state qualifiers in Wildkit history, he earned top four state finishes in three different weight classes, culminating as state champ his senior year. He is one of 11 students to capture state championships for ETHS in wrestling. He placed 2nd at the state meet as a sophomore in 1957, and

moved up one weight class the next year as a junior, and earned 4th place at State. Then as a senior, he moved up another weight class and won the State Championship in 1959 at 138 pounds scoring the most team points at state in ETHS history. Sheppard competed for Oklahoma A & M where he placed 3rd at the Big 8 Championships and advanced to Round 16 at the NCAA National Championships in 1962.

Dave Pemberton, 1954, Swimming

Like a duck to water, Dave Pemberton learned to swim at age 11. From then on, it helped define him. Specializing in the backstroke, he was a member of ETHS's state championship teams under legendary Coach Dobbie Burton in 1953 and 1954. He was the state runner-up as a junior and State Champion as a senior in the 100-yard backstroke and 150-yard medley relay. At Northwestern U., he was NCAA All-American in 1956, '57, and '58; NCAA runner-up in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke in 1957 and NCAA Champion in the 200-yard backstroke in 1958. Pemberton was also inducted into the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

1934 Football Team

Following in the steps of his predecessor, John Riddell, Coach Cecil "Pop" Vance led the ETHS football team to three mythical state championships in seven years, with the 1934 squad being the best. In their eight games that season, they only gave up two touchdowns, marking the second best defensive effort in school history en route to their mythical state championship.

1963 Football Team

ETHS's 1963 gridiron team were true standouts in



The 1963 Football team gathered with coach Murney Lazier to celebrate its induction into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

the school's dominance in Chicago-area football. Led by legendary head coach Murney Lazier, the 1963 team outscored its opponents by a whopping 200-53 margin for a perfect 8-0 season record. Three players were named All State: **Ray Phillips, Bob Reeder, and Rommie Taylor, all '64 grads;**

eight players earned All-Suburban League honors; and 11 were awarded college football scholarships. Phillips and **Mike Wynn, '65**, were drafted into the NFL. This is the fifth team coached by Murney Lazier to be inducted into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

—by Dennis Mahoney

Nominate Hall of Famers ONLINE

The ETHS Athletic Department is seeking nominations for the Class of 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame. The ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1994 to honor outstanding former high school athletes from Evanston Township High School.

Nominations can be made in three categories: Individual athletes, coaches, and teams. AND NOW YOU CAN NOMINATE ONLINE.

Go to the following URL: <https://announcements.wufoo.com/forms/athletics-hall-of-fame-nomination/>

The form spells out the criteria for each category. You have to do your homework on the person(s) you are nominating, but the form is quite user-friendly. **Nominations are due by May 1, 2017.** Call 847-424-7299 if you have any questions.

Wildkits party in downtown Chicago



On September 14, Chicago-area Wildkit alumni gathered at Joy District, a restaurant in Chicago's River North, to celebrate the onset of Fall.

Almost 100 people (mostly from classes of the 1990s and 2000s) came to have a drink and some food and great conversation. 'Kits

representing classes from the late 1960s and as recently as 2012 were also present, and **Susan Kihm Miller, '69**, won the award for travelling the farthest, coming from Louisville, while on her way to Wisconsin.

At the "downtown Fall event," ETHS alumni

board members also mixed it up with two cast members from the popular *Chicago P.D.* television police drama on NBC: Patrick John Flueger (Off. Adam Ruzek) and LaRoyce Hawkins (Det. Kevin Atwater).

Relaxing at the bar, the two actors were befriended by **David Futransky, '69**, Alumni Assn. Executive Director, who promptly named them Honorary ETHS Alumni. Here they are with (from l. to rt.) **Kevin Aristide, '03**, Flueger, **Kevin Mack, '95**, Hawkins, and **Joel Servillo, '01**. Artistide and Servillo are Past-Presidents of the Alumni Assn., and Mack is the current President. So, the new honorary alums were in good company.

Evanston Scholars, cont. from p. 3



Photo by Genie Lemieux

Evanston Scholars Class of 2017

the Scholars during their college years, the program formed a non-profit to expand its connections with students.

College-educated community mentors make a six-year commitment and are trained to work 1-to-1 with each Scholar to help him/her enroll in and graduate from college. Program staff members also closely monitor each Scholar's progress and promote skills needed for college success.

Program funding comes from individual donors, family foundations, grants,

and corporations. Impressively, according to ETHS English teacher **Steve Newman, '86**, Evanston Scholars Founder and Executive Director, the hard work supporting these students has paid off.

Evanston Scholars receive an average of \$109,000 in debt-free scholarships and financial aid over four years of college; 99% are currently enrolled in 51 colleges and universities; and 95% are still enrolled (the national college graduation rate for first-generation, low-income students is 11%).

ETHS Alumni Scholarships awarded in May

Last May, during Senior Awards night, the ETHS Alumni Association gave scholarships to five graduating seniors.

Since its inception in 1995, the association has annually given monetary awards. Initially, two \$500 awards were given, but the association board has raised that amount over time to this year's \$1,000 per student. The alumni scholarship winners are chosen by a school-based committee of guidance counselors.

The five 2016 ETHS Alumni Association Scholarship recipients are: **Annie Bouchet, Maya Crowe-Barnes, Matteo Di Bernardo, Andrea Gouvea,** and **Carlton Jones**.

ETHS Kudos

Last April, both *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked ETHS among the most challenging high schools in both Illinois and the nation, significantly boosting its rankings from the previous year.

The Washington Post jumped ETHS's state rank from 17th to 10th, above neighboring North Shore schools, and upping its national rank from #585 to #287, out of nearly 22,000 U.S. public and private high schools, placing it in the top one-percent in the country. The newspaper uses an Equity

& Excellence index that includes access to and performance in Advanced Placement courses and other college-prep programs, and how well schools educate Black, Hispanic, and low-income students.

U.S. News advanced ETHS's state rank from 15th to 13th, and its national placement at 452, up from 456 last year, earning ETHS another Gold Medal based on state proficiency standards and how well students are prepared for college, among other indicators.

STUDENTS

Last June, ETHS seniors **Victoria Kosiba** and **Elizabeth Jolie** and ETHS alumna **Anamaria Rosales** were among 200 Illinois students named Golden Apple Scholars, a training program that identifies talented high school seniors and 1st- and 2nd-year college students who desire to go into teaching.

Last school year, four ETHS seniors—**Matteo Di Bernardo, Murielle Dunand, Nora Linzer,** and **Seth Paternostro**—were semifinalists in the Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

Senior **Zane Kashner** was among 300 students in the U.S. and abroad (five from Illinois) named semifi-

nalists in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search. Semifinalists were chosen from 1,750 entrants from 512 high schools.

This fall, current ETHS senior **Holly Cunningham** was named a national semifinalist in the Siemens Science and Technology Competition, the nation's premier science research competition for high school students. Her research, which she did over the past two years in the lab of Prof. Richard Morimoto at Northwestern University, involves studying how certain chaperone proteins, under different stresses and overexpression, can cause other proteins to fold improperly and cells to have changes in growth. Such effects can play a role in various diseases, including certain types of cancer.

In April, ETHS was among four local school districts (ETHS, Leyden, Niles, and Maine) to facilitate the first-ever Student Technology Leadership Summit, coordinated and planned by high school students. The summit was spon-

sored by sponsored by Google, CDW, Hapara, and Follett Corp.

In April, senior **Camille Allen** received the Techny Bridge Builder Award that honors people in Chicago's northern suburbs who have brought diverse groups together to build bridges of hope and unity in their communities.

Last spring, over half of the 66 ETHS students who took the 2016 National Latin Exam earned awards. Five won Gold Medals, five won silver medals, and 24 won Magna Cum Laude or Cum Laude awards. Annually, about 154,000 students worldwide take the National Latin Exam.

ETHS's student-produced newspaper *The Evanstonian's* web site won 1st place and a Silver Certificate, respectively, in annual contests held by the IL Journalism Education Assn. and the Northern IL Scholastic Press Assn. (NISPA). NISPA also gave the newspaper a Golden Eagle Award, its highest recognition for a publication.

Kudos cont. on p. 8

ETHS Kudos cont. from p. 7

Eleven ETHS students competed at the 2016 DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) International Career Development Conference held in April after finishing as finalists in state competition.

STAFF

The IL Chapter of the National School Public Relations Assn. honored ETHS Communications Director **Evangeline Semark** with its prestigious Distinguished Communicator Award that acknowledges her career in school public relations.

This summer, **Kim Minestra**, ETHS's Nutrition Services Director, received a President's Award of Excellence from the national School Nutrition Association for her extraordinary leadership in implementing strategies that advance school meal programs.

ETHS social worker **Peter Butler** received the U of Chicago School of Social Service Administration Excellence in Field Education Award for his exceptional field instruction with interns.

The Evanston/North Shore Branch of the NAACP honored ETHS counselor **Alana Amaker**, '84, with a Community Service Award, given annually to recognize outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations.

IN GENERAL

Last spring ETHS was a first-place winner in the Magna Awards program sponsored by the American School Board Journal. The ETHS "teamASAP" (team Access & Success in Advanced Placement) program was cited. The Magna Award program honors school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning.

Class Notes

ETHS alums at the Rio Olympics

Two ETHS grads had Olympic experiences this summer.



Margaret Bamgbose, '12, competed for Nigeria at the Rio Olympics. Born in the U.S. and raised in Evanston, her parents were born in Nigeria, so Bamgbose holds dual citizenship. Primarily a hurdler at ETHS, she earned All-Conference her sophomore and senior years, team MVP her last year, and All-State in several events while at ETHS. She attended Notre Dame, and as a runner won 11 All-American titles, the most in Notre Dame's history. For the 2016 Olympics Bamgbose qualified in the 400m dash but placed 7th in her heat, ending her first Olympic experience.

1930s

Jane Ferguson Cameron, '34, let us know that she celebrated her 100th birthday with her children this past March!

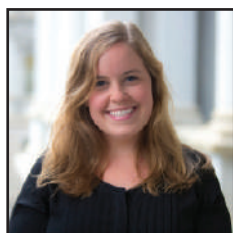
1940s

Clifford Browder, '46, wrote to say: "Last year I self-published with Mill City Press a selection of posts from my blog about New York City (see link below) entitled *No Place for Normal: New York/ Stories from the Most Exciting City in the World*. It has won two awards: first place in the Travel category of the 2015-2016 Reader Views Literary Awards, and the 10th Annual National Indie Excellence Award for Regional Non-Fiction."

William Moss, '43, says he's "retired and still enjoying physical and mental health in Southern California."

1950s

Capt. Gerald Gallagher, '58, was congratulated by Pres. Barak Obama on his



President Obama appointed **Bess Evans**, '03, to serve in the presidential delegation that attended the closing Rio Olympics ceremony. Evans is Associate Director and Senior Policy Adviser for the White House Office of Public Engagement & Domestic Policy Council. She attended DePauw, majoring in sociology and communication, where she was a Media Fellow and Holton Scholar. She received the Walker Cup, given to a senior who contributed the most to DePauw during his/her college career. Bess previously worked for the U.S. Justice Department and has worked at the White House for more than four years.

33 years of service with the Chicago Fire Dept.

In June, **Delores Petway Holmes**, '57, was honored by Northwestern U. as an Evanston Community Speaker event to honor "her service and dedication to the Evanston community." She served as Executive Director of Family Focus for over 25 years and currently is the alderman of Evanston's 5th Ward.

1960s

Christopher Barnes, '68, is returning to his roots in education and moving to Arizona to accept the position of Head of School at Veritas Academy of Tucson, a University Model School providing a Christian Classical education.

Charles "Corky" Troy, '63, produces original Broadway-themed videos and shows them to groups around the country. On September 24, he was the featured narrator with his videos on "Cole Porter 125: A Birthday Celebra-

tion" at the Auditorium Theatre in downtown Chicago. As he said: "I've traveled a long way with Cole Porter since I sang 'Brush Up Your Shakespeare' with **Donald Kurasch**, '63, at ETHS in 1963." Several of Corky's classmates who also were in the ETHS production of "Kiss Me Kate" came in for dinner and the show.

Miles Zaremski, '66, wrote a blog for the *Huffington Post* about his class's 50th reunion, held this past summer, and how to organize a smashing 50th based on the success of his own class. Read his blog http://www.huffingtonpost.com/miles-j-zaremski/eths-class-of-1966-50th-r_b_11977976.html.

1970s

Michael L. Stewart, '72, is a Personal Assistant for the State of Illinois in Waukegan, IL. The Stewarts are a three-generation ETHS family: Father **William Stewart**, '52; brothers **Joseph**, '74, **William**, '77, and **Kurt**, '81; and Michael's daughters **Schenita** and **Schonella**, both '92.

In September, award-winning theater and TV director/producer **Michael Engler**, '77, spoke at a local benefit and was interviewed by the *Chicago Tribune*. He attended NYU, majoring in acting, and the Yale Drama School, where he studied directing. Directing credits, among many, include "The West Wing," "Sex and the City," "Six Feet Under," "30 Rock," and four episodes of "Downton Abbey," including the two-hour finale. Born and raised in Evanston, Engler said: "I think I was very lucky to go to ETHS, because it allows for such incredible theater experience and training and opportunities to experiment. I don't think I would have had the awareness of how many ways there are to go without that."

1980s

D.V. DeVincentis, '85, won a 2016 Emmy Award for Writing for a Mini-Series or Movie for his episode "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia" in the 10-part series "The People v O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," which aired on FX

Networks. After ETHS, he studied literature and filmmaking at Columbia College and New York U. He moved to Los Angeles and has written and produced film scripts, including *High Fidelity* (Writers Guild of America and BAFTA nominations), *Grosse Pointe Blank*, *Lay the Favorite*, and *S.O.S.*, among others. Among a number of current film projects in various stages, DeVincentis is writing the supernatural suspense comedy *Haunted Mansion* for director Guillermo Del Toro and actor Ryan Gosling, and an adaptation of the '70s cult television classic, *The Night Stalker*, for Johnny Depp (actor, producer) and Edgar Wright (director).

In October, **Jacqueline Williams**, '83, won a Joseph Jefferson Award (Chicago's Tony Awards) for Actress in a Supporting Role in a Play for her role in *The House That Will Not Stand* produced by Victory Gardens Theater.

James Vincent Meredith, '89, Steppenwolf Theater ensemble member got a backstage hug this summer from two retired ETHS faculty members, **Kathy Miehl**, '64, and English teacher Mary Emerson, when they saw him perform in the critically acclaimed *Between Riverside and Crazy*. The two retirees acted with James his senior year in an ETHS faculty production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, when he played their nephew, Mortimer Brewster, to their portrayal of Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha. James proudly introduced his "aunts" to admiring friends and family after his Steppenwolf performance.

1990s

Ellen Schleicher Pliska, '99, says "I'm a 4th author on another peer reviewed journal article! YAY! *Application of Implementation Science Methodology to Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraception Policy Roll-Out Across States Maternal and Child Health Journal*." Ellen is Director of Family and Child Health for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials in Arlington, VA.

When **Rachel Weiss, '94**, was a young girl, she went to Hebrew school, was Bat Mitzvah'd, and served as a religious school teaching assistant at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation (JRC) in Evanston. In August, her life came full circle when she was appointed to the top rabbinical post at JRC: the synagogue's first female and openly gay senior rabbi. After college, Weiss ran the Nuestro Center in Highwood, IL, working with new immigrants from Latin America. Before her JRC appointment, she was an associate rabbi at New York City's largest congregation for the Jewish LGBTQS community.

2000s
Jordan Harris, '09, just finished a four-week run as "Horse" Simmons in the musical *The Full Monty* produced by the Encore Musical Theatre Co. in Dexter, MI, where he has performed in the past. Jordan earned a degree in Voice Performance at the U of Michigan. After graduation, he was selected for a Young Artist Program with the Toledo Opera, where he performed in *The Mikado* (Nanki-Pooh) and in *Faust*. Since then, he has toured the country doing educational outreach and performing in *Rent* (Tom Collins), *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Mitch Mahoney), and *The Wiz* (Tin Man).

Last January, **Nate Baumgart, '00**, and his newly married wife, Jessica, set off on an extended honeymoon: Around the world in 365 days. They both left interesting jobs: Jessica, 29, was director of education and development for the Lurie Cancer Center at Northwestern U in Chicago, and Nate, 34, was a voice-over actor and corporate events planner. The first three months they went to South America, then to southern Africa, then to a cooking school in Tuscany, then on a cruise to Spain, Italy, France, Croatia, Turkey, Montenegro, Monaco and Greece... and then on many more worldwide adventures. Come January, they plan

to settle in Denver, CO... for now.

Recently, **Zeke Spector, '09**, won \$50,000 on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. It was Day 2 for Zeke, and he came in having already banked \$10,000. Needing help on the \$30,000 question, he called his ETHS friend **Will Layden, '09**, up to the stage, who helped him logically think through the options. This eventually led Zeke to win \$50,000 by correctly answering: "Since in 1992 it was ruled that anyone in the state could go sans shirt, women participating in which city's Go Topless Day aren't breaking the law? Answer: New York City. But, his win-

ning streak stopped there because he guessed wrong on the following \$100,000 query: In the photos, Harriet Tubman is often seen wearing a silk shawl given to her by what historical figure? He chose Susan B. Anthony; Queen Victoria was the correct answer. The win "gives me flexibility to pursue my own passion project," said Zeke, who works for Vice Media in Brooklyn, NY, where he lives. [Will Layden currently works for Denis McDonough, the White House Chief of Staff.]

Reunion Roundup

Class of '54 throws a birthday party

The ETHS Class of 1954 decided not to wait until their 65th Reunion to get together again. Instead, it held an 80th Birthday Celebration over the weekend of September 9-11. "Most of us turned 80 some time in 2016," said **John Donohue**, Reunion Chair.



Saturday night had everyone enjoying an elegant dinner and conviviality at Sunset Ridge Country Club. The weekend festivities wound up with brunch and birthday cake at Prairie Moon Restaurant in Evanston.

Over \$5,500 in new contributions will be sent to the ETHS Class of 1954 50th Reunion Scholarship Fund. The Class has presented two scholarships to graduating seniors each spring since 2004.

Over 40 classmates and spouses came from California to Connecticut; Arizona to Wisconsin, and all places in between. One classmate flew his plane up from Florida because "Those highways down there are too dangerous."

Friday night was a less formal get-together at Hackneys restaurant for catch-up conversation, onion rings, and conviviality.

Cubs vs. Cardinals draws ETHS '64



In May, several Class of '64 classmates gathered at Bob Deaver's home near St. Louis (along with a few friends from New Trier) before going to a Cubs vs. Cardinals baseball game (the Cubs lost). From l. to rt.: classmates with their significant others are Ken Aaggard (New Trier), Chuck Thompson, Bob Deaver, Jack and Jerri McCabe, Greg Udell, Tom Payne, and Tom Aaggard (New Trier).

'56 holds a four-day 60th reunion

The Class of '56's 60th began over a year ago with a 15+ member Steering Committee, co-chaired by **Sid Condit** and **Sandra Mock Napolitan**. Contributions were made by many throughout the planning.

The reunion ran from Thursday, Sept. 15, with a welcome reception at the Hilton Inn, followed by Friday's tennis and golf outings and a kickoff dinner at Hackney's on Lake in Wilmette. Saturday, the classmates gathered in the ETHS Planetarium for a program featuring Supt. Eric Witherspoon and ETHS Foundation Interim Executive Director Joanne Bertsche, and a school tour complete with ETHS cheerleaders.



'56 reunion co-chair **Sidney Condit (l.)** and **Wilson Roane** relive their days on the ETHS baseball field.

Westmoreland Country Club was the perfect setting for Saturday night's gala dinner. Post-dinner entertainment, led by **David Sampsell** on piano, included **Marion Ryan Bunch** singing Fabulous '50s tunes, a round of trivia, choruses of cheers, rounds of "ETHS, We Will Fight For You," and '56's class song. The Sunday brunch back at the Hilton was the end to a reunion

Dancing, dining, and tours for '61

On Friday evening, August 5, the ETHS Class of 1961 kicked off its 55th reunion. Festivities began with a gathering at the Evanston Garden Inn attended by 80 classmates and family who enjoyed snacks, cash bar, and a room full of memorabilia provided and set up by Ken Pederson.

Saturday morning, some of us enjoyed a 90-minute walking tour of some of Evanston's most notable lakefront sites starting at the National Landmark Dawes House. The weekend culminated in a dinner at the Evanston Golf Club featuring a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and dancing to a great D.J. The dinner had 85 attendees. Everyone enjoyed spending time with classmates, some of whom came from as far as Switzerland and Mexico.



Class of '56 lacked nothing in spirit. This cheerleading squad gave their all for a rousing rendition of the ETHS Fight Song. Here, waving the orange and blue, are (l. to rt.) Kay Carlson Roberts, Barbara Barr Drake, Karen Higley Langs, Marilyn Low Schmidt, and Portia Heaps Leet.

The weekend was organized by a committee consisting of **Martha Orr Schippman**, **Diane Benson Trenbeth**, **Laurel Goldberg Letwat**, **Ellen O'Connell Logan**, **Patsy Harrison Ryan**, **Priscilla MacDougall**, **Joan Gallagher Krga**, **Tena Tessler**, **Bill Chalberg**, and **Ken Pederson**.

By Tena Tessler

Friendship, fun, and food the keys to 1951's 65th reunion



The 65th reunion of the 1951 ETHS class was held on Oct. 4 and 5 at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Evanston. It was a memorable two-day party, organized by the reunion committee: **Lois Cullison Armstrong, Michele Higgins Cohig, Gail Whitelaw Joy, and Shirley Wennerstrand Klinka.**

On the evening of Oct. 4, classmates gathered for a welcoming cocktail party with a buffet spread. On Oct. 5, committee car tours took out-of-town classmates to see the changes in Evanston with stops to see their former neighborhoods. In the afternoon, there was a tour of ETHS with an opportunity to hear about the outstanding programs at the high school.

'66 draws large crowd for 50th reunion

The Class of '66 celebrated its 50th reunion September 9-10 with a Meet & Greet at Hackney's on Lake on Friday, a fabulous school tour on Saturday morning, and our Celebration on Saturday evening at the DoubleTree Hotel in Skokie. Over 150 people got together on Friday to rekindle their friendships.

Also on the 5th, attendees gathered for a dinner, with a program led by co-masters of ceremonies, **Milli Hasty Adams and Wes Harris.**

The featured speaker was classmate **Bill Logan**, former Evanston Chief of Police, who told of escorting Martin Luther King Jr. when Rev. King visited Evanston. Rev. King advised the then-detective Logan to be prepared with education for his future ambitions. In retirement, Chief Logan went on to become head of security at ETHS.

It was a joyful and sentimental two days!

By Shirley Wennerstrand Klinka

At our school tour, we had 92 people, the largest group to have returned. All were in awe of the facility and programs now available to the students. The Celebration had just over 300 attendees and a 20-member reunion committee. Everyone enjoyed the evening and found it hard to say goodbye.



Reunion Committee: Top left: Marc Bermann, Cleo Bugelas Alexander, Mary Pettigree (can't see her very well), Joyce Weber, Gayle Wolfes Cox, Miles Zaremski, Larry Mandel, Oliver Ruff, Carolyn Ruff, Ruth Harmon. Front row: Kathy Greene, Michele Moline Reznick, Sandy Goldberg Granroth, Sue Ann Keller Mandel, Karen Miller Hudachko and Charlotte Coleman Murphy.

Atlanta Reception gathers alums

ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon recently experienced the warm southern hospitality of Atlanta-area Wildkits. **Amy Strasser Kistulenic, '83**, and her husband Mark hosted an alumni reception in their lovely Atlanta home for 75 ETHS alums and spouses.

There were guests from the classes of 1951-2015. Some current Morehouse College and Georgia Tech University students enjoyed sharing their more recent ETHS experiences.

While guests were disappointed to hear that there is no longer a bowling alley or a rifle range, they were pleased to learn about the new entrepreneurship center and the renovated Planetarium that immerses students in astronomy, astrophysics, and other subjects.

ETHS is coming to Florida in 2017

Are you a Wildkit snowbird? Do you live in the Naples, Florida, region? ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon will be traveling to your area in 2017 for a Wildkit Reception for graduates across the decades.

Naples is the latest of a growing list of cities (NYC, Denver, Atlanta, DC) where ETHS has held alumni gatherings, all with the intent of bringing people together and filling them in on what is happening at ETHS today.

If you are interested in finding out more about this Florida event and receiving an invitation, email us at bertschej@eths.k12.il.us.

If you are interested in hosting a regional gathering in your area, please contact Joanne Bertsche, bertschej@eths.k12.il.us or 847/424-7158.

In Memory

1930s

Doris Neely Woosy, 1935, 12/27/2015

1940s

Marilyn Hallstrom Ballowe, 1940, 6/14/2015
 Elaine Hoover Severin, 1940, 5/4/2016
 Patrich Emrich Gillfillan, 1940, Spring 2016
 Earl William "Bill" Newton, 1941, 6/19/2015
 Donald G. MacLean, 1942, 3/26/2016
 Clara Liz Liddell Jamison, 1945, May 2016
 Ann Vaughey Young, 1946, died in 2014
 Robert Whiton, 1946, 7/20/2010
 Joyce Hawk Charn, 1947, 10/9/2016
 Deane Houlahan Carlborg, 1947, 4/30/2016
 John S. "Jack" Foster, 1947, 3/8/2014
 Dorothy H. Glazier, 1947, 11/28/2015
 Jane Del Carlo Barredo, 1947, 5/5/2016
 Walter Eucker, 1948, 3/30/2014

1950s

Ken James, 1950, 9/26/2016
 Eva Susanne Schiller Udell, 1951, 3/23/2016
 Bob Cranshaw*, 1952, 11/2/2016
 Carol Becker Gorman, 1952, 12/27/2015
 Doug Cunningham, 1953, 9/13/2016
 Ellie Bieg Moderwell, 1953, 2/17/2016
 Carole Galvin Runge, 1954, 10/20/2016
 Joan Laschinski Hinman, 1954, 9/16/2016
 Charles (Chuck) Eby, 1955, May 2016

ETHS Faculty/Staff

Emory W. Williams, who worked at ETHS for 27 years as Vocational Counselor, Supervisor of Vocational Services, and Director of Cooperative Education Department, died April 25 at age 91. He retired from ETHS in 1994 and is long remembered by his students. An accomplished and active civic and community leader, he served on the boards of Y.O.U., the

Mamie Jones Fields, 1955, 8/28/2015
 Coyle Dillon, 1956, 5/9/2016
 Barbara Lee Boden, 1958, 9/2016
 Linné Franzen Cain, 1958, 12/22/2015
 Michael Grenier, 1958
 Richard Hurwitz, 1959, 1/31/2016

* *ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winner, 2011*

1960s

James "Pat" Hoy Sr., 1968, 7/30/2016
 Michael Levitas, 1960, 6/4/2016
 William Phalen, 1961, May 2016
 William Coker, 1962, 1/10/2016
 William Labbe, 1962, February 2016
 Chere Allen Morrison, 1964, 11/1/2016
 Larry Mandel, 1966, October 2016
 Linda Hoffman Eshbaugh, 1968, 2/27/2016
 Jacklyn Weatherly Ruff, 1968, 2/25/2016

1970s

Steve Sato, 1975, 9/29/2015

1980s

Glen Hill, Jr., 1981, 6/2/2016

1990s

Andrew Forbes, 1998, 10/30/2016

2000s

Nate Goodring, 2010, May 2016

New Trier Federal Credit Union, Earn and Learn, Meals at Home Citizens' Lighthouse Community Land Trust, Evanston North Shore Branch NAACP, and Second Baptist Church. Most recently, he served on the Oakton Community College Board from 2003-09, during which time he was board chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

Wildkit Golf Outing Raises \$40,000 for Campus Improvements



ETHS Alumni ensuring the best campus ever

ETHS alumni and parents are proud of our school's stellar reputation as one of the finest public high schools in the nation. They understand this excellence doesn't happen by accident. Each year the ETHS Educational Foundation, through the generosity of its dedicated alumni base, provides vital funding toward major capital improvements and classroom enhancements that expand the capabilities of students and support their success.

Your alumni gift delivers the difference between what public funds can provide and what today's students need to excel in the 21st-century.

From the Advanced Manufacturing Lab, to the state-of-the-art Planetarium, to the inspiring new Heritage Hall, ETHS alums have invested in a multitude of projects that enrich the educational experience of students.

All alumni are encouraged to support the Foundation's Annual Fund by making a gift prior to June 30, 2017. This year your gift will fund three important initiatives in the arts and sciences. To find out more about the Annual Fund, call Joanne Bertsche, at 847/424-7158 or use the form below to make a gift.

2016-17 Foundation Funding Priorities

Shaping the Future: 3-D Design & Ceramic Studio



Ceramics and sculpture courses are the most popular courses offered in the Visual Arts Dept. These courses serve over 350 students annually. Increased workspace in the new studio will allow for more individual wheel-throwing stations and more hand-building space. Students will be able to move throughout the re-designed studio with ease to brainstorm, collaborate, design, and build.

Estimated project cost: \$200,000

Exploring Possibilities: Chem-Phys Theory Center



ETHS's award-winning Chem-Phys program is building a modernized lab for students to conduct independent science research that is original and novel. Students will be able to develop research methods and participate in computational projects for theoretical research.

Estimated project cost: \$250,000

Sound Opportunity: Music Room Acoustic Enhancements



Over 500 students participate in music programs throughout the year. There are eight performing ensembles and 10 extra-curricular musical groups. Adding new custom acoustic panels to the four music rehearsal rooms (orchestra, band, choir, and jazz) will optimize sound quality and provide a safer "hearing" environment for students and staff.

Estimated project cost: \$105,000

Alumni, parents and local business partners came out big in support of the ETHS Educational Foundation's Golf Outing in September. Allegra and **Kyle Kurz, '80**, was the lead sponsor, underwriting the post-golf Happy Hour that drew additional party-goers.

Attendees enjoyed an evening under the tent mingling and hearing Asst. Supt. Peter Bavis discuss student achievement and

upcoming campus improvements. Alum **Alan Graham, '60**, was elated to win the Yeti cooler raffle, and there were prizes for the winning foursome, longest drive, and closest to the pin.

The money raised will support the Foundation's three funding priorities: a new ceramics studio, a new ChemPhys research lab, and music room acoustic enhancements.

Grad Year Challenge 2015-16

Each year the Foundation holds a challenge of the classes. During the upcoming year, a plaque will be installed in the ETHS Alumni Relations office designating the highest participation of individual classes. The results are in for 2015-16 and here they are:

Highest Participation:
 1964 49 gifts
 1965 30 gifts

In addition, the Foundation is grateful for Milestone Reunion Class Gifts:

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