

Alumni Association Today: Deepening Connections, Working with the ETHS Educational Foundation

by David Futransky,
Alumni Assn. Director

The ETHS Alumni Association is one of the oldest public high-school groups in the country. In 1995, when it was formed, the vast majority of high school alumni groups were linked to private (independent) and parochial schools. Since the get-go, the ETHS Alumni Association has connected annually with almost 50,000 members of the Evanston Township High School community.

Our association board recently made some changes to its structure. We have formalized the committees and found more ways for alums to volunteer and help build connections. **The board also decided to move from a “dues-paying”**

model to an inclusive, no-cost association.

And, as always, anyone who went to ETHS is a member.

However, ETHS still needs your support, actively and financially. The Alumni Association wants to lower the cost of developing your support by reducing mailings and confusion. We will work with the ETHS Educational Foundation on fundraising, while the expanded association board focuses more on connecting Wildkits to ETHS and to each other.

The association board and committees are creating more events to reconnect Wildkits. We are a conduit to help reunion classes and are starting to use social media as a means of connecting. More in-

formation on reunions, events, and social media are in other articles in this issue of *The KIT*.

What we do today

The KIT is among the best newsletters around. We constantly hear from our readers, and your news contributions help the association stay connected with alums around the world. We publish twice a year and are moving to distribute electronically, where possible. You can access back issues of *The KIT* on the ETHS website (www.eths.k12.il.us) at the alumni tab.

Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented annually to ETHS grads that have made an impact—locally, nationally, or internationally. We are proud of

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the 56 alums whose pictures hang outside of the Superintendent’s office and are on the lookout for more ETHS alums that deserve to be recognized. (See related story on page 5.)

Since the beginning, scholarships are one of the ways we support current ETHS graduates. Each year we award five grants to members of the senior class to assist them while they are in college.

Mentoring and job coaching is a growing area for us. We are helping to connect current students and recent

alumni to people who are further along in their careers.

Mini-grants support programs at ETHS ranging from helping to send speech-team members to the state championships (where they won!) to supporting a “short-film festival” to Poetry Week, student technology programs, and band trips. (See story on p. 3.)

Deeper connections

In the past few months, the Alumni Association has been at work developing “Affiliation

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This is the house that...ETHS Built!



The House That ETHS Built is growing outside despite the severe winter weather. Students in the Geometry in Construction course have worked non-stop this school year to build the one-

story, three-bedroom house that will be moved to a site in Evanston, hopefully in May.

The double-period course is designed to give students a better

understanding of both geometry and construction through a combination of academics and hands-on experience in construction areas such as plumbing, roofing and framing.

It is also the newest addition to ETHS’s growing list of STEM courses that will help students compete globally in science, technology, engineering, and math. The course, taught by Maryjoy Heineman (Math) and Matthew Kaiser (Career/Technical Education), is modeled after a program started at Loveland (CO) High School several years ago.

Over the school year, the students have been building the frame house—16-feet by 75-feet—in the ETHS back parking lot (by the south tennis courts). Community volunteers have lent a hand at Community Build Days. When completed, it will be moved to a

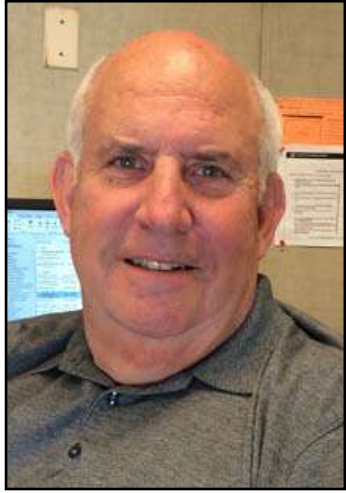
City-donated property at 1941 Jackson Ave.

Geometry in Construction is a collaborative project with ETHS, the City of Evanston, and Community Partners for Affordable Housing. An advisory committee of local building-related practitioners is helping to sponsor and oversee the progress.

Once completed, Community Partners will sell the house to low-income residents. Profits from the sale will be used to fund the materials and supplies for building next year’s house. Last June, the ETHS Educational Foundation provided \$10,000 to help launch the course.

Meet the ETHS Alumni Team

David Futransky Alumni Association Director



David taught History/Social Science classes at ETHS for over a decade. He also served on the Teachers' Council Executive Board and was president for four years. The past several years he's worked outside the classroom, collaborating with other staff on Equity/Excellence programs and leadership and strengthening community connections.

David Futransky, '69, has worked with the Association since July when he added Alumni & Community Relations to the other work he does for ETHS. A Williams College grad, he spent over 23 years in sales and marketing management before returning to DePaul to earn a Masters in Education.

A lifelong resident of Evanston/Skokie, three of his children are also ETHS alums: **Emily Futransky, '95**, **Josh Liebman, '94**, and **Rebecca Liebman, '97**. David also served on the ETHS Boosters Club board and was president in the late 1990s.



Sarah Schmidt Asst. Director of Alumni and Donor Relations



Sarah Schmidt is excited to be part of the ETHS community, working with the Alumni Association and Educational Foundation.

For the association, Sarah connects with alums on a daily basis, updating the database and serving as a resource during the planning of upcoming reunions.

She will also work to manage social media with the association and is happy to assist in reaching out to the community about upcoming events or important alumni news.

Sarah looks forward to connecting with you and making every day a great day to be a Wild-kit! You can reach her at schmidts@eths.k12.il.us.

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Reunions." The first of these is the Wild-kit Sports Reunion on September 5-6, 2014. All alums that played in a sport, regardless of your class, are invited to come back and celebrate ETHS's athletic heritage at a variety of events. (See more on page 5.)

In October, a special event for Latino/a ETHS alumni will feature a panel of graduates that will speak to our Latino students. Our Hispanic population is the fastest growing group at ETHS, accounting for over 16% of our current students. (See p. 9 story.)

Events to celebrate YAMO alums, Marching Band members, and many other groups are in the planning stages. If you are interested in helping, contact David Futransky at 847-424-7704 or futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us.

The association works with class-reunion chairs to assist in making your gatherings bigger successes than ever. We can provide class contact information, tours of the ETHS campus, food-service information for events held at ETHS, and speakers or videos about current successes at ETHS.

The foundation and the association have jointly held ETHS regional gatherings in New York, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, in the past six months. Previously, we have met with groups in Boston, Phoenix, and other cities. These have been great ways to re-excite generations of Wildkits.

Working with the ETHS Foundation

One important association connection is with the ETHS Educational Foundation. Both groups exist to support ETHS. The foundation has done

a wonderful job raising funds to support capital needs of the district, and over 90% of the foundation's support comes from alumni. This money has helped with projects that include Lazier Field, the Transition House for special-needs students, STEM Labs, the house currently being built in the ETHS parking lot by students in the Geometry and Construction class, and Advanced Manufacturing Labs.

We are aware that alums are confused at year's end when they get two letters from ETHS—one from the association asking for dues and one from the foundation asking for donations. Beginning next fall, we are going to send only one letter. It will ask you to give your financial support to the ETHS Educational Foundation. Thanks to your previous generosity, the Alumni Association is on solid financial footing. We are all looking to support ETHS. Please consider how you can help in the future.

Moving ahead

The Alumni Association has rededicated itself to making connections with our fellow ETHS graduates and to help reconnect you to those who shared an experience at Church and Dodge. Help us stay in touch by updating your contact information or that of your friends and classmates. Help us to connect you in ways that are meaningful. You can provide financial support through the ETHS Educational Foundation. You can serve on a committee or on the Alumni Association board. You can help plan a regional event. You can contribute to *The KIT*.

We want to stay connected with you. Please connect with us.

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

Spouse's first name (Maiden Name)

Is spouse an ETHS alum? No Yes If yes, class year

Street address City, State ZIP + 4 Home phone

Is this a new address? No Yes

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Job Title Business name

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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:

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The Alumni Association is updating our files. Send us your name, class, and, most importantly, your EMAIL address. You could win a prize!

What's New at ETHS?

Technology on the front burner

Next fall, ETHS will launch the 1:1 Digital-Learning Initiative that will provide students with Chromebooks to facilitate the use of technology both in and out of the classroom.

Beginning with the freshman class, students will be able to use the district-leased laptops as learning tools in their classes to interact with teachers and with classmates for group projects. They can also use their Chromebooks after school at multiple sites (for example, at home, local library, etc.).

Issuing students Chromebooks is just the latest effort of the ETHS Informational and Instructional Technology (IIT) department to enhance the technology needs of students and teachers. The IIT team



ETHS will begin providing students with laptop computers to use throughout high school.

continually works to equip ETHS educators across the curriculum with an array of up-to-date media tools and devices.

The 1:1 Chromebook initiative will provide students and teachers more opportunities to strengthen their digital-literacy skills as they access the Internet or use the many online

research and learning tools already in place at ETHS.

Phasing in the program across four years will help ensure there is adequate funding to provide laptops and enough human bandwidth to offer the training and technical support needed to sustain the program.

Alumni donations support students, faculty

This school year, the Alumni Association board awarded several “mini-grants” to projects at ETHS. Funds for the grants come from alumni donations to the association.

New projects funded this year include:

- Fine Arts – iPads for class use in 1 Art and Painting
- teamASAP (Access & Success in Advanced Placement) – AP exam-review books for students
- Speech Team – support for travel to the state competition
- Broadcast Communications – ETHS Short Film Festival
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) – support for the “Work Hard, Play Hard” event and

Staff Appreciation Week

Three programs—Books ‘R’ Us Club, Poetry Week, and Youth Technology Corps—received renewed support.

In March, Books ‘R’ Us (25 students this year) joined the Evanston Public Library on a program centered around the book *Zero Fade* by author Chris Terry. The alumni grant provided books for the students, a writing workshop, and book discussion with the author where students shared their personal stories about reading and how their favorite books inspired them. Club sponsor is ETHS librarian **Traci Brown-Powell, ’90.**

This April, ETHS celebrated Poetry Week

supported by an alumni grant. The week-long event featured poet and spoken-word artist Adam Gottlieb, who taught writing workshops and emceed three popular Open Mic sessions, where students read their own poetry to others; and a poetry slam that pitted the ETHS team and Kuumba Lynx, an award-winning Chicago-area poetry slam team.

Alumni funds also supported the after-school club Youth Technology Corps (YTC), where students learn to refurbish computers that are then donated to non-profit groups both locally and in Mexico. Alumni funds have provided a trainer to teach the students the needed skills and to coordinate the program.

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PRIZE ALERT!
The Alumni Association is updating our files. Send us your name, class, and EMAIL ADDRESS to alumni@eths.k12.il.us. One prize for every 50 updates.

ETHS drops class rank

Last June 24, the ETHS school board voted to stop ranking students, long an important factor in college admissions, effective with the Class of 2014. Instead, the ETHS Grading Committee recommended, and the board agreed, that ETHS will provide the highest weighted and unweighted grade-point average (GPA) of the year’s graduating class on the school profile that accompanies each student’s college application.

In studying the impact of class rank on college admissions, as well as on student well-being, the committee felt that dropping class rank will benefit students in the long-run. Not only will it lessen their stress about their class rank, over which they have no control, but it will free them to explore courses that interest them rather than only those that will affect their GPA.

Further, dropping class rank from consideration

will force colleges to look at the “whole” student when reviewing an application by focusing on the student’s GPA, course choices, accomplishments, and extra-curriculars, among other factors.

Class rank has declined in importance nationwide in college-admission decisions. According to ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon, none of the surrounding “North Shore” districts report class rank any longer. In fact, the National Association for College Admission Counseling reported in 2012 that more than half of all high schools do not report class rank.

The ETHS Grading Committee said all of the schools they researched saw an increase in their students’ college admissions when they dropped class rank, undoubtedly due to the closer scrutiny the colleges gave to their students’ applications.



A few Books ‘R’ Us members gathered with author Chris Terry at the Evanston Public Library. (From l. to rt.: Club sponsor Traci Brown-Powell, Alexis Rodgers, Gabrielle Gordon, Terry, Rachel Williams, and Curtis Powell.)

ETHS Kudos

ETHS ranked in top 2-percent in national rankings for high academic success

In mid-April, *The Washington Post* released its annual national public school ranking called "America's Most Challenging High Schools," placing ETHS as 17th in Illinois and in the top 2-percent in the nation. Six of the top Illinois schools are magnet schools.

ETHS continues to lead in the "Most Challenging" distinction among North Shore high schools in Illinois with consistent

rankings in the top 20. The ranking uses the school's Equity and Excellence which includes students who took Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as those who did not, and the percentage of students who come from low-income families, which this year is 41% at ETHS.

The following week, *U.S. News & World Report* released its "Best High Schools" rankings for 2014. Again, ETHS placed in

the top 2-percent of high schools nationwide, ranked 21st in Illinois, and was awarded a silver medal based on factors such as state proficiency standards in math and reading, and how well students are prepared for college, including enrollment in AP courses. More than 21,000 public high schools, including selective enrollment schools, in 49 states and the District of Columbia were evaluated.

FACULTY

Aaron Becker, an ETHS history/social science teacher, will participate in "The Immigrant Experience in California through Literature and Theatre" as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for School Teachers. San José State's departments of Theatre Arts and Communication Studies host the two-week institute this July. The institute will examine how the experience of transnational immigration has been represented through literary and theatrical texts.

Girls'/Boys' Swimming & Diving Head Coach **Kevin Auger** received three awards this winter: NFHS State & Sectional Coach Awards for his career accomplishments of two state championships, one national championship, and the many All-State and All-American swimmers he's developed; and IL Swim Assn. Sectional Coach of the Year for this year's boys' swimming sectional championship.

Elliot Whitefield, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, received his 2nd consecutive Divisional Co-Coach of the Year Award from the IL Basketball Coaches Assn. for leading the

'Kits to their 2nd sectional championship and earning a school record of 49 wins in just two years.

George Woolridge, ETHS '80, was named Assistant Coach of the Year for boys' track/field by the IL Track/Field/Cross Country Coaches Assn. honoring his hard work as the ETHS Throwing Coach since 1985.

STUDENTS

In general... Two ETHS seniors were among over 4,000 candidates for the Presidential Scholars Program. **Emanuel Dalilas** and **Anna Winter** were named by a White House commission and the U. S. Department of Education. In April, Emanuel was named one of 565 semifinalists. U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, established in 1964, seeks to honor the nation's most distinguished seniors.



ETHS senior **Makaia Barnes** was awarded the Princeton Prize in Race Relations. She received \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to a symposium at Princ-

eton. The program was created to commend young people who are working to increase understanding and mutual respect among all races.

Senior **Jasmin Montalvo** joined 175 Illinois students



as Golden Apple Scholars who will participate in the Golden Apple program, the leading pre-service teacher preparation and internship program in the nation.

Three seniors were named Evans Scholars: **David Fahnbulleh**, **MacKenzie O'Neil** and **Caroline Vakil**. Named after golfer "Chick" Evans and administered by the Western Golf Assn., the award is a full-tuition and housing college scholarship for qualified golf caddies across the U.S. who have outstanding character and strong academic records.

In debate/speech...

Three students were champs at the state debate contest. Freshman **Allison Grimsted** was the state winner in novice Congressional Debate. Juniors **Joey Schnide** and **Kevin Klyman** won top honors in junior-varsity Public

Alumni Mini-Grants, cont. from page 3

Recently, YTC partnered with Evanston Public Library to donate and install student-refurbished computers at the Ebenezer-Primm Towers Senior Citizens Home in Evanston and to train

residents how to use them. YTC is also making and posting computer repair how-to videos and providing tips to those who would like to learn to repair their own technology.



ETHS senior Alex Ballmer (left) and ETHS junior Jessica Brewer (top rt.) give computer-use tips to a resident at the Ebenezer-Primm Towers Senior Citizens Home.

Forum Debate. Schnide also captured ETHS's 7th state championship in Lincoln-Douglas Debate (the first since 2004) and was named JV Student of the Year, earning a \$1,000 scholarship to a debate summer institute of his choice.



Joey Schnide (rt.) and Debate Coach Jeff Hannan

At the state speech finals, held in February in Peoria, IL, senior **Noah Eisfelder** took top honors in Oratorical Declamation and junior **Gayle Stamos** came in 7th in Prose Reading. Eisfelder also took 13th in Humorous Interpretation.



Noah Eisfelder (l.) and Gayle Stamos

In fine arts...

Five ETHS students won a hip-hop design challenge and went to Washington, DC, in April for a day of design workshops and a performance by hip-hop artist Nas. The contest was offered online by ARTSEDGE, the Kennedy Center's arts education program, in cooperation with Northwestern University's FUSE program and the Chicago-based Digital Youth Network. ETHS winners were **Jenny Gray**, **Daniel Levy**, **Ben Good**, **Andrew O'Brien**, and **Anitra Luree Isler**. The challenge invited all Chicago and Evanston teens to design T-shirts or 3-D printed jewelry inspired by the elements of hip-hop culture. The winning hip-hop inspired art may be viewed at: <http://hiphopedlements.tumblr.com/tagged/elemental-finalist>.

In business education...

In February, 40 ETHS students competed against 1,300 students from area schools at the North Suburban Area DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Career Confer-

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Call for 2014 nominations: Distinguished Alumni Awards

Evanston Township High School and the ETHS Alumni Association are seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. This program honors alumni who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others. These Distinguished Alumni are people who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at ETHS. The awardees will be recognized at a public ceremony in December.

To be nominated, alumni must have distinguished themselves through achievement, service, and/or contributions to society.

Nominees must have graduated from or been enrolled at ETHS at least 10 years ago.

Anyone may submit a nomination, whether or not you attended ETHS. Alumni may not nominate themselves. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. You may use the online form on the ETHS Alumni web site: http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni/alumni_award.aspx. Or you may submit your own written letter. Please list the nominee's name, class year, address, contact information (phone, email), and explain—in 200 words or less—why this person should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Include your own contact infor-

mation. Once the nomination is received, the candidate will be asked to provide additional personal information. For multiple nominations, you must fill out a separate form for each candidate.

A Selection Committee will evaluate the nominations and select the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. All nominations will be kept on file and reconsidered for three years. After three years, a candidate must be renominated for consideration.

Deadline for submitting nominations is Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014.

Wildkit Alumni Sports Reunion

One of the largest areas of participation at ETHS has always been sports. Many great teams and student-athletes have come from ETHS. This fall, the Alumni Association, working with the Athletic Department, is hosting a weekend of activities to celebrate our athletic heritage.

Friday and Saturday, September 5-6, 2014, are the dates for the first **Wildkit Alumni Sports Reunion**. Several events will welcome back former athletes in all sports from all classes, and you can participate in all of them! Information and registration will be available after June 1 on the ETHS Alumni Website—<http://www.eths.k12.il/alumni>.

Friday afternoon, the Alumni Assn. is supporting the ETHS Educational Foundation's Golf Outing at the Highland Park Country Club. Classes and teams are encouraged to create their foursomes and join this event that raises money to support programs at ETHS.

Friday night, the Athletic Hall of Fame will be front and center. Now in its 20th year, all individuals and teams ever inducted into the HOF will be honored during half-time of the football home opener. Kick-off is at 7:30 pm at Lazier Field, and there will be

an area for alums to gather.

Saturday afternoon, the alumni association and athletic dept. will co-host "Wildkit Games." After a brief welcome, there will be participatory games of softball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, basketball, football, lacrosse, and other sports. Team up with players from your class, your team, and your decade to take on other Wildkits for a fun afternoon.

Saturday night's events include special "headquartered" gatherings, by sport, at restaurants and bars in Evanston. Many former coaches have said they will attend. Later that evening, everyone will be able to attend BOOSTERPALOOZA, held atop the downtown parking garage. There will be specially priced tickets for those coming from a team "headquarters."

An honorary committee of retired coaches and athletes including Nat Bilsky, Bruce Romaine, Shirley Nannini, Cynthia Bumbry, **Mike Wynn, '65, Bob Reece, '64**, and others is working with the Events Committee of the Alumni Assn. and Athletics to make this weekend a success. If you want to help or participate, please contact wsr@eths.k12.il.us.



ETHS Kudos, continued from page 4

ence in Rosemont, IL. They competed through business role-plays and business-oriented exams, and 21 ETHS students took home medals in their respective competitions, the largest number of winners ever from ETHS in area competition. At state finals, junior **Andrew Bempah** took 2nd place for his event: Human Resources Management, and the team of seniors **Evan Doubovikov** and **Addy Sharma** took 2nd place in their event: Finance Services Team Decision Making, which qualifies them for the DECA International Conference later in May. Six other ETHS students placed in the top 10 of their respective events.

In science/math/engineering...

Two ETHS teams were Finalists and one was Meritorious in the 2013 COMAP High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling, placing them among the top 10% and top two-thirds, respectively, of the hundreds of papers

submitted. The contest asked students to work on complex, open-ended problems to develop a reasonable solution using a mathematical model. ETHS entered 12 teams in the international contest in which 581 teams, with up to four students each, from 131 schools, competed.

In journalism...

Ten students received awards in the annual newspaper and yearbook contest sponsored by the Northern IL Scholastic Press Assn., earning *The Evanstonian* (newspaper) a Gold certificate and a Golden Eagles award for overall excellence.

In sports...

Junior **Chanelle Polycarpe** won the Girls' Folkstyle Championship at 141 lbs. at the IL girls' wrestling finals in March, qualifying her to represent Illinois in the National Championships.

Boys' golf capped its season with the best state finish in program history. ETHS won its first regional title since

1996, and tied for 7th at the state meet, beating out the 1959 squad that placed 8th at state.

Three members of the **girls' tennis team** qualified for the IHSA state tournament.

In girls' cross country

Kyla Steman became the first ETHS runner to qualify for state since 2007 and earned a 91st place overall finish at the 3A state meet in Peoria.

Boys' soccer earned the No. 1 sectional seed and lost to Wheeling 2-1 in the sectional championship game, finishing an outstanding 17-2-5 on the season.

In **football**, ETHS qualified for the postseason for the 4th straight season, and finished 5-5 overall after bowing to Barrington 23-8 in the Class 8A state playoffs.

Boys' swimming were sectional team champs, and then at the state finals, the 400-yd. free-style relay team took down a school record

by capturing 2nd place with a time of 3:06.65 (the old ETHS record was 3:06.93). It marked ETHS's best relay finish since 2005 at state. ETHS placed 8th.

Girls' basketball finished 22-8 (with two starting freshmen), but lost to New Trier 53-43 in the sectional championship game. The **boys'**

cagers sank a school record of 15 3-point baskets in a 74-66 overtime sectional tournament loss at Maine South.

Seven **wrestlers** qualified for the sectionals.

Three **girls' gymnasts** advanced to the sectional level, marking the first ETHS sectional qualifiers since 2007.

Stay connected with ETHS—it's EASY and fun to do!

ETHS is fortunate to have so many committed alumni who donate their time and expertise to students and the school. There are many great ways you can stay connected to ETHS, no matter where you live.

Career Exploration Partnering

Each year, the ETHS College Career Center and Career/Technical Education Department host a variety of career exploration programs to educate students about the many opportunities available in the world of work. ETHS is collecting a database of potential business partners and community members that are interested in being contacted for possible work-place learning

opportunities for students, such as classroom career speakers, job-shadow hosts, internship sites, workplace tours, etc. Follow this link for more information and how to sign up. <http://tinyurl.com/ETHSBusinessPartnerForm>

Social media

Become a social media fan of the school's Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, or view photos or videos of your alma mater through Instagram or YouTube.

ETHS Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/ETHSD202>

ETHS Twitter page
<https://twitter.com/ETHSWildkits>

ETHS Instagram
<http://instagram.com/ethswildkits>

ETHS YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/user/ethswildkit>

For detailed sports updates and stories, follow ETHS Athletics on Twitter at [@ETHSports](https://twitter.com/ETHSports) or visit <http://il8to18.com/evanston>.

e-Alerts

Stay on top of upcoming ETHS events and the latest news by signing up for free e-Alerts (automated email service). To enroll, visit the ETHS website homepage (<http://www.eths.k12.il.us>), and locate the "e-Alert Signup" option

on the lower right-hand side. Enter your email address, hit "SEND," and follow the prompts on the next page.

Video-On-Demand
ETHS Video-on-Demand allows viewers with Internet access to quickly locate and watch ETHS event videos, including select athletic events, school performances (e.g., concerts, E-Town Idol, graduation, etc.), and previously recorded school board meetings. <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/evanston-township-high-school>

ETHS Cable TV
Evanston Comcast Ch. 18

Viewers with Comcast cable service in Evan-

ston, IL, can watch ETHS event videos, including select athletic events, school performances, and graduation on Channel 18. District 202 Board of Education meetings are also streamed live on this channel. For more information and a schedule of board meeting dates, visit <http://www.eths.k12.il.us/D202meetings>.

Alumni Association

And stay connected with the ETHS Alumni Association!

On Facebook: [Facebook.com/ethsalumni](https://www.facebook.com/ethsalumni)
On Twitter: [Twitter.com/ethsalumni](https://twitter.com/ethsalumni)

ETHS Authors' Bookshelf

ETHS alumni authors have submitted an interesting, eclectic batch of publications to add to the Authors' Bookshelf collection, housed in the school's Michael Library in the East wing.

Painting the Egret's Echo by **Patty Dickson Pieczka, '70**

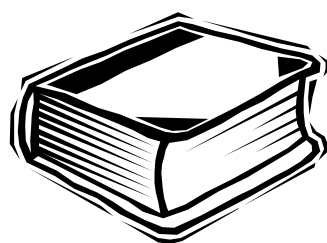
Patty's poetry is noted for creating "sanctuaries for all those moments in life that elude us," a quiet sense of the natural world where we can go "and settle ourselves down." This, her second award-winning book of poetry, won the Bitter Oleander Press's Library of Poetry Book Award for 2012. It's available at bitteroleander.com or from Amazon. Patty lives in Carbondale, IL, with her husband John.

Permanent Makeup by **Terra Ziporyn, '76**
Terra is an award-winning novelist, playwright, and health and science

writer. Her novels include *Do Not Go Gentle*, *The Bliss of Solitude*, and *Time's Fool*, which won first prize for historical fiction by the Maryland Writers Association in 2008. Her latest novel, *Permanent Makeup*, released in January, tells of Maxine, a South African immigrant and her daughter Dodie, who evolve in their understanding of each other and their relationship.

Hidden History: African-American Cemeteries in Central Virginia by **Lynn Rainville, '89**

In *Hidden History*, Lynn travels through the forgotten African-American cemeteries of central Virginia to recover information crucial to the stories of the Black families who lived and worked there for over 200 years. She received her PhD in Near Eastern Archaeology in 2001. After a decade of work in



Turkey, she returned to an earlier research interest, historic cemeteries. She has taught anthropology and archaeology courses at the U of Michigan, Dartmouth-College, U of Virginia, and Sweet Briar College.

A Redlight Woman Who Knows How to Sing the Blues: My Life in White Institutions by **Mary Sisney, '67**

Follow Mary's journey overcoming racism and sexism in pursuit of her PhD and through her successful career as a professor. Her memoir takes us on a journey from Henderson, KY, to Evanston, where she graduated from ETHS in 1967, and from Northwestern U; to Los An-

geles, where she earned her PhD, and Cambridge, MA, where she taught at Tufts U.

Devil Tree: Story of International Pharmaceutical Espionage by **John Frederick Derr, '54**

After a secret document outlining the cure for Alzheimer's is released, an expert in herbal pharmaceuticals and an intelligence officer work through violence and deceit as companies fight for the highly coveted cure, its material, and the rights to make it in this thorough look into the pharmaceutical industry. A healthcare executive and retired naval officer, John has started four healthcare companies, and, as a naval reservist, was the reserve commanding officer of two destroyers.

What Hath Eve Wrought or W.H.E.W. By **Marilyn M. Adams, '44**

This is an historical view of how the Creation story of Eve as the "sinner" became an all-important element in the 19th century to suppress ideas of women's equality. What is presented, what is read and taught in educational institutions regarding the battle for equality needs to become a necessary ingredient in American history. This book helps to fill that void. Available online through Amazon or AuthorHouse (publisher).

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ETHS Class Notes

1930s



Lars-Birger Sponberg, '38, is still painting and showing his work. He celebrated his 95th birthday in January. He and his wife, Dallas, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary in May. His dallars studio is located in Deerfield, IL (www.dallarsart.com).

1940s



In a ceremony last June, John Scocos, Wisconsin Cabinet Secretary of Veteran Affairs, presented the Bronze Star Medal to **Todd Olson, '42**, for his service as a combat infantryman with the Army's 106th Division in World War II. Olson served in the Battle of the Bulge. Olson currently lives a nursing home in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

Jane Rathbun Brunet, '44, is a busy woman! She earned her BA from U. Cal-Santa Barbara in 1979 after 32+ years and 3 colleges. In the interim, she had 6 children (4 boys, 2 girls), and, with her second husband,

Richard, an oil explorer, moved to Kansas, Mississippi (twice), Texas, Louisiana, and California (four times). She is politically active and keeps current with the news and cultural events. She lives in Santa Barbara and has 7 grandkids.

1950s



In March, the National Institutes of Health dedicated the **John Edward Porter ('53)** Neuroscience Research Center on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. Before the dedication was the Porter Scientific Symposium, where 400 scientists met in the new building's to discuss developments in neuroscience research. Named after Porter, a 21-year Congressman, who represented Chicago's North Shore, the center honors his long-time advocacy for medical research. He served for 20 years, the last six as chairman, on the House Appropriations subcommittee that founded NIH and all federal civilian health programs. He also founded, and co-chaired for 18 years, the bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus. After retiring in 2001, Porter joined Hogan Lovells, an international law firm, and has served on the boards of The Brookings Institution, RAND Corp., American Heart Assn., and PBS, among others. Porter received an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.



The Atlanta (GA) Commercial Board of Realtors (ACBR) established the Bruce Wilson Diamond Phoenix Award in honor of **Bruce Wilson, '51**, the first Atlanta real-estate leader to reach 45 years in the ACBR Million Dollar Club. In 1972, he became a co-founding partner in the firm of Wilson, Hull, & Neal. Dubbed the "Godfather" of Atlanta commercial real estate, Wilson is noted for his expertise, his love of Atlanta, and for mentoring legions of successful realtors over the years. His wife Carolyn is on the Board of Directors of the California Independent Petroleum Producers Assn. They have two children and five grandkids.

1960s

In February, a commissioned play by **Toni Schlesinger, '64**, premiered at Dixon Place in New York City. "The Mystery of Pearl Street" pursues the unsolved, real-life story of two artists, who disappeared in 1997 from their Manhattan loft. Toni is the originator of the award-winning *Village Voice* "Shelter" column which she wrote for eight years, the author of *Five Flights Up*, and the creator of some 25 original off-off Broadway plays and monologues.

1980s

Anna D. Shapiro, '83, directed the new revival of "Of Mice and Men," which opened recently on Broadway.

The Mueller siblings take the stage

Say HEY! for the four Muellers, who are full-time actors and are strutting their stuff around the country,



Jessie Mueller, '01, is starring on Broadway in "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" and was just nominated for a 2014 Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance. Her Broadway debut came a few years back in a revival of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" in which she co-starred with Harry Connick, Jr. and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical.

Sister **Abby, '99**, is currently debuting on Broadway in the musi-

cal "Kinky Boots." She covers the roles of Trish, Pat, and Milan Stage Manager. Last fall, Abby reprised her role as Abigail Adams in Frank Galati's new staging of "1776" at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

Abby's twin brother **Matthew, '99**, who was seen this winter in Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," is now singing and dancing in "Hero: The Musical" at Asolo Rep in Sarasota, FL, through June 1.

Andrew, '08, the youngest sib, went from critical acclaim on Broadway in "Peter and the Starcatcher" to star, most recently, in "Rent" at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, IL.

Anna directed Steppenwolf Theatre's Chicago award-winning production of "August: Osage County," which was moved to Broadway and earned her a 2007 Tony Award for Best Direction of a Play, among several other awards.

1990s

Saya Hillman, '96, married Pete Aiello on September 1st at Honky Tonk BBQ's Secret Garden in Chicago; their almost-100% bartered wedding was featured in the *Huffington Post* and the *Chicago Tribune*. She celebrated nine-years of self-employment via her company Mac & Cheese Productions, which injects summer-camp into adulthood. Saya was honored to be a TEDx speaker as well as to be featured in the *NY Times* and *Forbes* this past year.

Kori Ade, '91, who coaches figure skater Jason Brown, went with

Jason to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi when he was named to the US men's figure-skating team, and she became an Olympic coach. Jason earned a bronze team medal and became a worldwide video sensation for his short program. Kori graduated from Loyola U-Chicago and taught for several years in Highland Park and Northbrook, IL. In 2011, the Professional Skaters Assn named her Developmental Coach of the Year. She is the founder of CitySkate Outreach, which helps professional skaters transition into coaching careers in the Chicago area.

Last December, playwright **Kate Benson, '91**, won the 6th Biennial Commission from the Obie Award-winning theater company Clubbed Thumb. The commission comes with a \$12,000 award and various

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development opportunities with Clubbed Thumb over the next two years. Kate, who lives in Brooklyn, NY, is a writer and actor and is finishing an MFA in Playwriting at Brooklyn College, where her play *Radium Now* won the 2011-12 Himan Brown Prize. Her plays have been read and performed by several NY-area theater companies. She is co-founder of the performance collective Wook Taut Majesty.

Two 1997 alums who teach at ETHS—**Michelle Corrigan** and **Adriane Slaton**—received tenure in April. Michelle teaches all levels of American Sign Language in the World Languages department, as well as Independent Study, AVID, Test Prep, and Trigonometry (bilingual). Adriane (“Adie”) teaches science (bio and chemistry) and has led many summer workshops that transformed the science curriculum to an earned-honors model. She also served on the state curriculum-and-assessment writing team to address the new Next Generation Science Standards adopted January.

2000s



In November, **Michai Stephens, '10**, out-raced 32 drivers from around the world to win the 2nd annual Skip Barber INDYCAR Academy Shootout at Sebring International Raceway. Stephens, who competed in the inaugural Shootout, showcased his development as a driver by earning the fastest lap time and lowest average time in six of the eight sessions over two days. He also wins a sponsored ride in the Skip Barber Winter Race Series or Summer Race Series in 2014 that leads to the first step on the Mazda Road to Indy. Skip Barber Racing School is the official racing school of INDYCAR and has trained and developed racing talent for almost four decades.



On April 11, **Zeke Spector, '09**, attended a performance of *Beautiful, The Carole King Musical*, now playing at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in New York City, starring **Jessie Mueller, '01**. Zeke and Jessie met backstage after the show and shared memories and laughter of their days in the ETHS Theatre Department. Zeke remembered it was Jessie who had worked with him on his New York accent when he appeared as Artie in the ETHS production of *House of Blue Leaves*.



Adam Newman, '09, seen here with Vice-President Joe Biden, is serving as an intern in the White House this

year. His senior year, he was the elected student representative on the ETHS School Board. Looks like he's keeping pretty good company. Think he's in training?



Lydia Collins, '11, is a freshman attending Tufts University in international relations. She took a gap year off after high school and worked in Ecuador through Global Citizen because she wanted to see the world outside of the classroom.

Last fall, **Ian Weinberger, '05** spent several months working as a music assistant on NBC's production of “The Sound of Music Live,” which aired in December. Music director David Chase, with whom he'd worked on a couple projects, recruited Weinberger, a 2009 Northwestern U music graduate. He says on an online NU media site, “My duties have been pretty varied, but in general I've been working with the orchestra, the cast and the creative team to help put this thing up.”

Letter to the Editor

Pt. Reyes, CA—Had the pleasure of a recent email from **Jeremy Mattson, '54**, whom I followed to Oberlin College, and whose parents—his father was on the ETHS faculty—were very helpful to me in writing my required term paper on Jane Austen for Miss Taft.

My mother, concerned about my socialization, disapproved of my spending my whole vacation writing this paper, but reading all of Austen's novels and writing about them proved to be the gift of a lifetime. Likewise, being required to stand before the class and conjugate all tenses of English verbs by heart, and write poetry on demand, which won me 4th prize in an Atlantic Monthly high-school poetry contest.

I continue to write both poetry and citizen journalism for two local newspapers, but my heart is now devoted to ecology design, in particular the restoration of native perennial grasses and wildflowers of the native California coastal prairie. My work can be seen at www.cuke.com by entering “cook” in the search engine.



Katharine (Kathy) Cook, '55

ETHS Alums Then...



ETHS Mandolin Club, 1897

Reunion Roundup

Latino/a Reunion planned for the fall

A group that has been growing over the past 50 years has been Latino/a students at ETHS. From a handful of class members, this demographic group is now approaching 20% of all students.

As part of the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, on Saturday, October 18, we have planned the first ALL-CLASS reunion of our Latino/a alumni.

Registration and welcoming remarks will take place in the Terrace Faculty Dining

Room at 2 p.m., followed by a tour of ETHS facilities. An evening event is being planned at an off-site location. On Friday, October 17, a panel of Latino/a professionals will talk with students.

Aracely Canchola, '95, an ETHS social worker, and **Felipe Martinez, '97**, are heading a committee that is planning this reunion. If you would like to help or want more information, contact David Futransky at fu-transkyd@eths.k12.il.us.

Reminiscing in the sun



A few of the guys from the class of 1953 got together for lunch on Feb. 7 in Punta Gorda, FL. Said Jim Harper: "We had a great time on the 61st occasion of our graduation from ETHS reminiscing about the great times we had there, and the terrific start in life it gave all of us." From left to right are: Jim Harper, Syd Pond, Gary Shearer, Doug Cunningham and Bob Zipser.

Kuttner Girls celebrate Sisterhood



Love, laughter and tears prevail when the "Kuttner Girls," all ETHS graduates now hailing from North Carolina, Florida, Massachusetts and Maryland, meet annually to reminisce and celebrate their sisterhood at "Sisters' Weekend." Pictured here at 2013 Sisters' Weekend in Orlando are (from l. to rt.) Kathy Gayle ('70), Marcy Ray ('76), Robin Davis ('65), Jill Bohlin ('67) and Kim Goldberg ('79)

ETHS 1956 classmates turn 75 all over the U.S.

Planning your 75th birthday? Here's an idea from the class of '56. Following a successful 55th class reunion, they were eager to gather together again. In 2013, **Kitty Gustafson** took action by spearheading coast-to-coast "Turning 75" reunion weekends in Springfield (IL), the San Francisco Bay Area, Williamsburg (VA), and Estes Park (CO). Classmates renewed friendships and partied.

Midwesterners explored Springfield. Following visits to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and to Lincoln's home, friends browsed around Springfield's annual Old Capitol Art Fair. After dinner **Linda Harper Meyer**, who hosted the weekend, cut a 75th birthday cake as classmates sang a rousing Happy Birthday followed by the ETHS Fight Song.

The West Coast Reunion Committee hosted the celebration in the San Francisco Bay Area. **Fred Heuser, Allan Goddard, and Bert Glader** led tours of the City of Carmel and the Del Monte Peninsula, and Stanford University. Nine of the attendees have ties to Stanford either as a graduate or faculty member. After the final dinner, cheerleaders **Barbara Barr Drake, Marilyn Low Schmitt, and Portia Heaps Leet**, accompanied by **Dave Sampsell** on the piano, led everybody in multiple choruses of the ETHS Fight Song.

On the East Coast, **Jim Corliss** organized the gathering in Colonial Williamsburg and neighboring Jamestown. They



In Springfield, IL, Linda Harper Meyer (2nd from rt.) cut the 75th birthday cake.

were guided through full-size replicas of the village and the three ships that carried the settlers to Jamestown. The highlight was the final dinner when classmates celebrated their 75th birthdays with joyful singing and by sharing their birthday cake.

A fourth event to be hosted by **Mary (Emery) and Dick Oldberg** in Estes Park was postponed because of the massive storms and flooding in September.

By Sarah "Sally" Campbell, '56

ETHS '64 to celebrate 50 years!

ETHS Class of 1964: save Friday and Saturday, September 12-13, 2014! These are the dates for the 50th Class Reunion! This two-day event will include a Meet-and-Greet on Friday night in Evanston, a Saturday lunch/tour at ETHS, and a buffet dinner at a nearby golf club. Other events may be added for daytime Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Brostoff, '64, has been set up an interactive web site (www.ETHS1964.com) where classmates can post personal information, check to see who is coming, find "lost sheep," hotel information, and more.

Anyone from 1964 who hasn't received reunion information so far, contact the committee at eths1964@msn.com.

1961 gears up for its 55th reunion

Plans are underway for the 55th class reunion for the ETHS Class of 1961. The reunion will be held in August 2016. Anyone who has new information regarding the location of classmates should contact **Tina Cole Tessler** at ttessler@comcast.net or **Diane Trenbeth**, 1818 Madison St., Evanston, IL 60202.

ETHS '65 to celebrate 50 years next year

ETHS Class of 1965: a reunion is in the works for a weekend in Summer or early Fall 2015. A website will be forthcoming, but meanwhile please update your contact information, especially your email address and email addresses of classmates you know, at ETHS1965@gmail.com, and join our Facebook group ETHS 1965 Class Reunion.

No matter where you live, we would love to have you join the planners. Please let us know if you can help.



Jim Weinstein, Sherry Drew, Michael Sultan, Helen Winer, and Enid Shapiro - all 1965- get together in alumni association office to plan next reunion.

ETHS Regional Receptions

DC Alums go Wild for ETHS: Great turnout of alumni across the decades

The Walter E. Washington Convention Center was decked out in orange and blue for the first-ever Washington D.C. area alumni reception. Over 100 ETHS graduates from 1950 to 2009 attended this lively all-class gathering on April 2. Host **Art McZier '54**, arranged for a very upscale event with chef stations and the perfect ambiance for mixing and mingling. Superintendent Dr. Eric Witherspoon provided an update of the excellence of ETHS today and invited everyone to get reengaged with their alma mater.

Five ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winners, who live in the DC area, hosted and attended the reception: **Art McZier, '54, Joseph Croft, '54, John Ferren, '55, Rita Sallis, '72, and David Cole, '76.**

In addition, Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-9th) of Evanston, whose children are ETHS alums, attended the reception along with several current and former members of her staff, including **Jonathan Samuels, '92, Brian Laughlin, '03, Sarah Baldauf, '94, and Julie Karant, '92.**



Joseph Gibert '78, talks with Joanne Bertsche of the ETHS Educational Foundation.

Joanne Bertsche, Major Gifts Officer for the ETHS Educational Foundation, told the guests



Two ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winners and 1954 classmates—Art McZier (left) and Joseph Croft—welcomed the alumni from across five decades.

about the Foundation's efforts to raise funds for facility and technology improvements that impact all students across all areas of the ETHS campus. The host committee hopes to offer future events to keep the

group connected to each other and to strengthen the ties to today's student body.

Visit the Foundation Facebook page or the ETHS website to see more photos from this



Several alums got reacquainted with David Futransky, '69, ETHS Alumni Director and their former history teacher. (Back row, l. to rt.) Sam Zivin '03, Max Spector '05, Futransky, Chasity Cooper '07, Hana Coxhead '09, Camielle Taylor '09 (Front row) Bess Evans '03, and Christine Trippi '04.

Coronado welcomes ETHS alumni from the '30s to the '90s

The warm, inviting Coronado (CA) home of **Wes, '51**, and Charlotte **Harris**, was the site of an all-class reception for ETHS Alums in the San Diego area back in November.



Host Wes Harris, '51

Memories of ETHS were shared by graduates who spoke of pride, excellence and gratitude for the impact it had on their lives. Especially notable was the attendance of **Katie Kelley, '39, Jack Smothers, '39** and **Nancy Burgess, '35** who proved that love for ETHS is enduring.

In Memory

1920s

Louise Williams Willis, 1923, 10/28/13

1930s

Willard Thiel, 1933, 1/4/2013
Harriet Jacobs, 1935
Philip B. Schnering, 1935, 6/29/2012
Ruth Scott Schnering, 1935, 12/7/2013
Clark J. Gutman, 1938, 2/7/2014
Marshall Johnson, 1938, 1/15/2014
Jack King, 1938, 3/1/2014

1940s

Jean Carver Hoel, 1940, 2013
Marion Johnson Henss, 1943, 11/29/2013
Edward Labahn, 1943, 3/29/2013
George L. Martin, 1943, 11/2013
Elizabeth Alexander Olson, 1944, Spring 2013
Jean Schaub Sidebotham, 1944, 2/14/2013
Lenore R. Wayne, 1944, 9/9/2013
Eleanor L. Frey Bement, 1945, 5/21/2013
Robert (Bill) W. Carlson, 1946
Charles Roberts, 1946, 2/2013
Walter D. Burr III, 1947
Richard Giesen, 1947, 4/19/2013
David R. Mummery, 1947, 11/5/2013
Nancy (Brown) Rugh, 1947, 2/27/2014

Theodor Berg, 1948, 9/2013
Betty Carlborg Elliott, 1948, 5/24/2013
James Glennie, 1948, 1/8/2012
Jean Buhr Shippmann, 1948, 11/13/2013
Carl Scott Denman, 1949, 11/31/2013
David Philip Skaer II, 1949, 3/29/2013

1950s

Fernand M. Mercier, 1950, 10/4/2013
Robert G. Ward, 1951, 9/22/2013
Nancy Ann Rutz Wojcik, 1952, 3/8/2014
Harold (Hal) Karsten, 1953, 12/2/2013
Robert Hellestrae, 1954, 2/28/2014
Lynn Cameron Johanson, 1954, 11/20/2013
Reed Mitchell Hagee, 1955, 3/12/2014
William (Billy) Kolen, 1955, 6/5/2013
Charles Baumgartner, 1956, 12/15/2013
Chuck Lindeman, 1956, 12/10/2013
Robert Allen Geisler, 1957, 12/1/2013
Lucille Holman Morris, 1958

1960s

Stephen G. Mesick, 1965, 8/17/2013
James M. Wheeler, 1967, November 2010

1970s

John Thomas Curry, 1976, 2/28/2014



The '30s meet the '90... Wildkits all! Here are (l. to rt.) Katie Kelley, '39, Jack Smothers, '39, and Nancy Burgess, '35.

(l. to rt.) Laura Bella, '90, Britta and Jed, '97, Mularski



Alum donation supports Engineering classes

Back in the day, electronics classes began with lessons in basic circuitry and then moved on to practical applications. Various projects ranged from constructing generators to the familiar homemade radios.

According to **Leonard (Len) Foxman, '62**, who became a pioneer in the field of semiconductor testing, "It was during those days of tinkering with radios and playing with electronics that I gained valuable knowledge which served me well into my second year at the University of Illinois."

Last spring, Len, a jazz enthusiast, RSVP'd to the Foundation's annual Orange & Blues fundraiser and was thrilled to find it benefited the construction of STEM labs at school. The following week saw Len back at ETHS seated at Dr. Witherspoon's long oak table regaling a number of us with stories of his days as a Wildkit.

Len began his electrical engineering career two years out of high school at what was then Teletype Corp., where he designed custom semiconductors for use in communications

equipment. After that, he worked for Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc. before he founded Eagle Test Systems, Inc. in 1976.

Retired now, Len enjoys traveling with his wife, Rochelle, and has amassed an impressive collection of Ferraris. During a recent visit to ETHS's automotive tech



Engineering teacher Jon Lawrence (at l.) showed Len Foxman, '62, around the Manufacturing Lab on a recent visit to ETHS.

lab, he and teacher, Mike Wylie, had a grand time talking engines.

Len is concerned that today's youth will lack the skill-set colleges and employers seek among those interested in technological fields. He feels we must prepare students for the fundamental shift taking place in manufacturing and that the future lies not in "what was," but in what's new. He said fascinating opportunities are within reach and challenges

ETHS students to ask themselves "What can I work on that is unique to my own capability?"

On November 25, Len visited engineering teachers Jon Lawrence and Cindy Curtis and gave them a check for \$55,000 to purchase a ProJet 460 plus three-dimensional printer. He applauds ETHS teachers for designing their curriculum so students are equipped with skills manufacturers need today but that

also will be used 10 years from now.

An educator at heart, Len recalled what helped him through his studies was his acceptance of getting something approximately right and not specifically wrong. Could it be that learning from his errors and a good dose of support from his Evanston teachers were building blocks of his success?

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1951 Alum celebrates wife's birthday with gift to ETHS



ETHS alums Jim and Winifred Guthrie Anderson

With his wife's upcoming 80th birthday, **Jim Anderson, '51**, knew he wanted to do something to celebrate the richness of her life and work.

Initially intending to surprise **Winifred Guthrie Anderson, '52**, he contacted the ETHS Educational Foundation last summer. Jim, a retired Episcopal minister, said, "ETHS still holds a special place in our hearts, so what could be more meaningful than a gift to help the students at our alma mater where our foundations were set and our life together began."

After the surprise was revealed, Jim and Win travelled from Chertown, MD, to ETHS to walk down memory lane. Together they decided to help today's Wildkits with transitions to rewarding careers. They wanted to address the current needs of the school and also reflect Win's lifetime achievement in early childhood development and special education.

Their initial gift to establish the Winifred Guthrie Anderson Fund has grown to over \$100,000 with matching funds from ETHS classmates from 1951 and 1952, family, and friends. This gift will support two important endeavors that will help put students on the pathway to success:

- **The New Advanced Manufacturing Lab** to help students of varied abilities study computerized manufacturing technology and earn certifications to qualify for jobs and/or pursue degreed engineering programs.
- **The Winifred Guthrie Anderson Scholarship** for a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in education.

For information on the Winifred Guthrie Anderson Fund or on making a gift to your alma mater, please call development officer Joanne Bertsche, 847-424-7158.

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