

## A whole lotta building goin' on at ETHS

ETHS opened two new spaces this school year—The Welcome Center and the Student Success Center (aka “The Hub”). Both are inviting spaces that streamline and centralize services and resources within the school.

### The Welcome Center (Room E112)

Parents, families, and visitors now have a dedicated place to go when they come to ETHS where they can access general information, parent-guardian programs, and important direct services such as language-translation services and transition programs for freshmen and new students. Formerly the College/Career Center, this large room can be reserved to host parent-focused meetings and events in the afternoon and evening.

### Student Success Center (Room W201)

Last September, ETHS debuted a comprehensive facility that serves as a one-stop shop for student-centered services and supports. Nicknamed “The Hub,” this 16,000-sq. ft. space brings all the academic study centers for math, science, English/history, and world languages into a central location.

**It's also** the place for the community service program, college and career services, student activities, the Homework Center, and Wildkit Academy (Saturday academic support program).

Important community youth services provided by Y.O.U. (Youth Organization Umbrella) and the Youth Job Center are located in The Hub. There

is also ample space for tutoring, studying, collaborating on group projects, and holding student meetings.

**Facilities** include two presentation areas, four meeting rooms, a multi-purpose room, a work room, large open study area, drop-in lounges for group study, and two Genius (computer) bars, as well as office space around the periphery for the various programs mentioned above.

Key ETHS personnel and student leaders helped design The Hub. They soft-launched the center last fall to allow students to familiarize themselves with what The Hub offered. Once it took off, students flocked there throughout the day. Mondays are busiest, but 1,200 students on average utilize The Hub each day.



Last fall, ETHS opened the Welcome Center (above) for parents and visitors, and The Hub (Student Success Center) (below) for students. Both facilities consolidate adult- and student-centered needs into one space.



## ETHS students take positive action for peace, racial justice



A majority of ETHS's students and many staff members lined the three miles of hallways to protest against racial injustice.

This winter, ETHS students showed their deep concern about the riots in Ferguson, MO, and Staten Island, NY, over the non-indictment of police officers that fatally shot two African American males. But, rather than taking to the streets, as in so many other communities, they came together to hold a sit-in, throughout the school, to silently express their convictions.

The demonstration, organized by student leaders and approved by the administration, took place during a morning passing period.

Posted signs said it all: “It’s not just in Ferguson. It’s everywHERE. It’s easy to show solidarity for those that have been lost. What is hard is changing the system brick by brick, starting in your own community. ...

Discrimination exists. In Ferguson, in New York, in Evanston. It is not just a “black” issue. It is a human one.”

Afterwards, Asst. Supt./Principal Marcus Campbell expressed his pride: “Students were reflective, respectful, and responsible as they showed solidarity with the protests that are happening all over this country.”

On a similar note, in February, ETHS’s SOAR (Students organized Against Racism) organization facilitated a two-day conference at Northwestern University for students from four other local high schools. Nearly 100 students from Niles West and North, Highland Park, and New Trier joined ETHS students to develop their racial consciousness and become

leaders for racial justice. SOAR was formed at ETHS in 2013.

In addition, last fall a group of senior boys worked on a Stop the Violence project that supports peace and speaks against the view that all minority teenagers engage in senseless acts of violence. Frustrated with rap music that hypes violence, they wrote and recorded a music video that promotes peace. (See “Standing Soldiers – Through the Fire” on YouTube.) This project has led them to organize an Evanston Peace March, followed by a Peace Rally, on June 5. Already 25 Chicago-area high schools have joined the effort.

# Superintendent's Letter

## ETHS: The Gold Standard

As we wrap up the 2014-15 school year, I'd like to thank our alumni for helping to make ETHS one of the top high schools in the country. Over the decades, you have set the bar high and helped create a legacy of high expectations and success. Today we continue that legacy like never before.

**This spring**, both *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked ETHS among the top 2-percent of best high schools in the nation and in Illinois. We rank higher nationally than our outstanding neighboring districts.

In fact, we've earned gold-medal recognition because our students perform better than statistically expected, because ETHS provides more access to college-level courses for the highest percentage of students, and because our commitment to equity and excellence allows all students to achieve.

**We have** a talented staff and committed community. We also have students who are accomplishing so much academically, in extracurricular activities, in community service, and as leaders. They are achieving the highest ACT scores in the history of ETHS, and they are taking more

Advance Placement and rigorous classes than ever before.

We know our students are more than their GPA and test scores...more than their average game points, auditions, and clubs they participate in...more than the colleges they choose to attend or the careers they hope to enter. We see our students' possibilities and the hope they bring with them each day to create their own personal definitions of their future and of success.

**As I** watched hundreds of seniors graduate this year, I was reminded of the infinite potential in every Wildkit. We see our alumni doing great things in Evanston, across the United States, and around the world.

And no matter what they're doing or where they might be, they



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

never forget their ETHS experience. You are more than leaders, inventors, caregivers, actors, researchers, physicians, carpenters, political leaders, restaurateurs, educators, entrepreneurs, and service providers...you are forever Wildkits.

**So, thank you** for staying loyal to your alma mater, for celebrating student and alumni successes, for sharing feedback on

topics that matter to you, for donating to our Educational Foundation, and for returning home to raise your children here, to work here, or just coming back to say "hello." Your stories inspire us and your support helps ETHS remain the gold standard in public education and the heart of the Evanston community.

**It's 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.

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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 submit online at <http://ethsalumni.wufoo.com/forms/eths-alumni-class-notes>.

## National media focuses on ETHS's work to expand academic access and success

ETHS efforts to expand access for all students, beginning freshman year, to rigorous honors and Advanced Placement courses have received national attention this school year.

**In February**, the *National Journal*, an influential public policy and business publication, noted ETHS's work to close the achievement gap between white and non-white students in "No Child Written Off: You Can Get Smarter." (See the article at [nationaljournal.com](http://nationaljournal.com).)

**Last month**, a WTTW *Chicago Tonight* program reinforced that theme in "Recruiting for Advanced Placement," pointing out that ETHS's efforts can serve as a model to other districts to improve student success, especially for students of color. (See it on <http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2015/04/27/recruiting-advanced-placement>.)

Also in April, the American Educational Research Assn. (AERA) held a site visit for researchers from around the country to study ETHS's restructur-

ing of freshman-year Humanities and Biology classes, where students of mixed abilities all study honors-level material together but must earn honors credit through demonstrated work. An article in *Education Week* by Debra Viadero summarized the lessons learned during the AERA visit. (See the article "AERA: Illinois High School Expands Access to High-Level Academics." Go online to [http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2015/04/illinois\\_high\\_school\\_expands\\_a.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2015/04/illinois_high_school_expands_a.html))

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# What's News at ETHS?

## ETHS student success earns national rankings

This spring, *US News & World Report* and *The Washington Post* released their annual national high-school rankings, and both placed ETHS in the top 2 percent in the nation and among the Top 20 in Illinois. And in both cases, ETHS improved or maintained its national and state placements from the previous year.

**US News** advanced ETHS's state ranking from 21<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> this

year. It moved up the school's national placement from 585 to 456, earning ETHS a Gold Medal, based on state proficiency standards and how well students are prepared for college, among other indicators. ETHS is one of only 17 Illinois high schools, including magnet schools, to earn a Gold Medal for 2015.

**The Washington Post** moved ETHS to 584 nationally (601 last

year) out of over 21,150 public high schools and placed it again at 17<sup>th</sup> in the state, above neighboring North Shore schools. The newspaper uses an Equity & Excellence index that includes students who took Advanced Placement 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.

## New course seeks alumni business help

ETHS is launching a new Algebra in Entrepreneurship course next year. This interdisciplinary course integrates Algebra with topics in business focused on entrepreneurship and will provide project-based learning and a real-world context – think “Shark Tank.”

The two department chairs who developed the course are currently

recruiting local business partners to:

- Serve as mentors to assist students as they develop their entrepreneurial ideas and plans
- Serve as guest lecturers on specific business topics (marketing, sales, etc.), and
- Provide site visits for groups of students

If you are an entrepreneur/small-business owner in the Evanston

area who is patient, outgoing, and open to sharing your own pathway to success with students, ETHS would love to hear from you!

Please contact either Shelley Gates, Career and Technical Education Dept. Chair (gatess@eths.k12.il.us) or **Dale Leibforth, '93**, Math Dept. Chair (leibforthd@eths.k12.il.us) if you would like more information.

## Alumni funds support students in many ways

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

Projects funded this year include:

**Kellogg Connections Mentorship Program** MBA students at Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School paired up with ETHS students for twice monthly workshops. The grant was for start-up and first-year program costs.



**Happy Day** This is a Student Activities program to enhance school spirit as students enter the building on Friday mornings.

**Oakton Scholars Program** This grant helps support ETHS students serving as mentors for struggling kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who attend Oakton Elementary School in Evanston.

**McGaw YMCA Achievers Program** This grant, in partnership with the Y, supports a spring break College Tour for ETHS students.

**Fine Arts** Support was given to help stage the spring musical “Pippin,” which featured ETHS students skilled in circus arts.

**Poetry Week** This was a renewed support grant from the alumni board.

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## Students to attend leadership program in Guatemala

This summer, 14 ETHS students will participate in a youth-leadership program that includes a two-week cultural immersion experience in Guatemala.



Organized by ETHS teachers in partnership with Global Visionaries, a non-profit organization, the program seeks to challenge and transform young people into socially and environmentally conscious global leaders. The program was co-founded by **Chris Fontana, '84**, who taught Spanish for 13 years.

Participants will spend three days in July learning about Guatemalan culture and addressing topics of environmental conservation and social justice.

The program culminates in a 14-day work-study program where they work side-by-side with Guatemalan youth and

communities reforesting, building schools, farming with coffee farmers, and volunteering in a hospital for the homeless.

According to Fontana: “What makes this program unique is that by design, half of all youth participants are white and half are of color; 50% come from middle/upper income families and 50% from low-income families who receive need-based scholarships from GV's Scholarship Fund. Throughout the program, participants engage in the challenging conversations on topics that often divide communities including racism, classism, gender prejudice, and imperialism.”

## Geometry in Construction builds #2



Over 60 students taking Geometry in Construction at ETHS have worked all year on the course's second house, a narrow two-story, three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. Moving date is set for early June to a lot near ETHS. For more information, go to [www.wildkitconstruction.com](http://www.wildkitconstruction.com).

# ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2015

On April 2, ETHS inducted two athletic teams, two student-athletes, and two athletic directors-coaches into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

## 1953 Cross Country Team

In their last ETHS race together, **Louis Kujawinski** and **John Hitt** helped nail down one of just two state team championships earned by Evanston in cross-country. (Evanston's only other IHSA team title came in 1966.) Other team members that led the team to its first state win were **Chuck Eby** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Howie Brinton** (9<sup>th</sup>), **Ron McPherson** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Van Tebbutt**, **Jack Beukema**, and **John Sand**.

## 1954-55 Swimming/Diving Team

The collective assault of the 1954-55 Evanston boys' swimming/diving team featured a breath-taking performance almost every

time a Wildkit stepped into the pool. By the end of the season, Evanston swimmers held five national records led by two individuals already in the Hall of Fame, senior **Dick Hanley** and sophomore **Tony Follett**. They went on to capture six first-place finishes out of nine events at the state finals, obliterating the field and ruling the team standings with 71 points to 47 for runner-up New Trier.

## John Dunkas, Class of 1979

**John Dunkas** left an impact on the Evanston soccer program as the only Wildkit ever chosen to the Parade All-American team. As a junior, he was selected all-conference and all-sectional. As a senior, he led the Wildkits to a runner-up finish at the state finals. As team



captain, he earned all-conference, all-sectional, and all-state honors and was also selected to the all-tournament state team.

## Tameeka McFarlane, Class of 1997

On her final day at ETHS, track phenom **Tameeka McFarlane** climaxed her four-year run with three gold-medals and smashed the 300-hurdle state record while leading the Wildkits to their second state team championship. For her career, McFarlane earned 14 medals at the IHSA finals. But winning

the 300 hurdles for the second straight year proved to be something special. She earned a full scholarship to Northeast Louisiana State, where she was the 1999 Southland Conference champion in the 400 hurdles and still holds the school record of 59.67 in that race.

## Shirley Nannini, Girls' Badminton Coach/Co-Athletic Director

Shirley Nannini, one-time coach for both girls' tennis and girls' badminton, chose badminton alone when she became co-athletic director. The only female coach in school history to win a state championship, in 1992, she guided the Wildkit girls' to six other top 3 finishes at the state finals before retiring in 2010. She also fought for gender equity on the coaching pay scale, served as president of the Badminton Coaches

Association, was a multiple winner of the Coach of the Year state award in badminton, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Athletic Director's Association.

## Leo Samuelson, Athletic Director

Leo Samuelson, who guided ETHS from 1942 to 1975, presided over what some called the Golden Era of ETHS athletics. He was largely responsible for that success because he had a knack for hiring talented coaches, three in particular—Bob Reihsen, Karl Plath and Murney Lazier—who helped the Wildkits dominate high school football for 25 years. He also hired Dobbie Burton, Ken McGonagle, Jack Burmaster and Ron Helberg, just to name a few. At ETHS, he held every possible administrative position except superintendent, and many faculty and coaching positions as well.

By Dennis Mahoney

## ETHS alums honored at annual Distinguished Alumni Awards



Six ETHS alumni received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award on January 26: (L. to rt.) Neal Wolin, '79, Cleopatra Bugelas Alexander, '66, Willie J. Miller Jr., '71, Jack Rakove, '64, David Epstein, '98, and Henry Engelhardt, '75 (who was not able to attend the ceremony). The awardees were honored during a recognition program sponsored by the ETHS school board and the ETHS Alumni Association. The ceremony was held at a senior-class assembly. Award winners visited classes during the afternoon, followed in the evening with a dinner for winners' families and school representatives.

## Class of '64 endows new history award to honor classmate Jack Rakove

The ETHS Class of 1964 held its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last September. In January, one of its members, Dr. Jack Rakove, Stanford history professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, received an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award. Chatter on the class web site started, and a consensus grew to endow an annual history award honoring Rakove and his ETHS class. On May 11, the first "Class of 1964/Jack Rakove Award in History/Social Sciences" was given to ETHS senior **Remy Amarteifio**. The \$1,000 prize goes to a student, chosen by the history



department faculty, who has shown a passion for learning at ETHS, particularly one who has made significant academic improvement over the years, has taken increasingly challenging classes, and has served the community.

Pictured above are (l. to rt.) **Judy Anderson**, '64, **Remy Amarteifio**, '15, and **Kathy Dalgety Miehlis**, '64.

## Distinguished Alumni Award nomination deadline changed



**Henry Engelhardt, '75, received the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in January. He heads the Admiral Group in Wales, the largest auto insurer in Great Britain. He also founded a major charity supporting children's programming in Wales.**

Do you know an ETHS alum who should receive this premier award? The nomination deadline had been moved to **JULY 1** to allow the committee more time to deliberate. Anyone can nominate an ETHS alum, and you can do it online at [http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni/alumni\\_award.aspx](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni/alumni_award.aspx).

## ETHS Alumni Association Board seeks to expand

Interested in serving on the ETHS Alumni Association Board? The Alumni Association is looking for a few good Board candidates to fill some open seats.

**The mission** of the ETHS Alumni Association is to promote and support ETHS and to foster a spirit of loyalty and friendship among the School's alumni.

If you are interested, please send a letter or email and tell us something about yourself (see criteria below). All members share an equal general responsibility to fulfill the mission and ensure the organization operates as effectively as possible.

The following list reflects the scope of responsibilities shared by Board members to accomplish the goals of the Association.

**ETHS Alumni Association Board members...**

- Promote ETHS, the Alumni Association, and its mission
- Commit to a three-year Board term

- Attend and participate in all Board functions, including six Board meetings per year
- Participate as a contributing member of at least one standing or ad hoc committee of the Board
- Promote active member involvement in Association work.

**In preparing** its list of nominees, the Nominating Committee will consider criteria for Board membership, which may include, but not be limited to:

- Commitment to the mission of the Association
- Diversity, including graduation year and demographic characteristics
- Continuity
- Background and experience

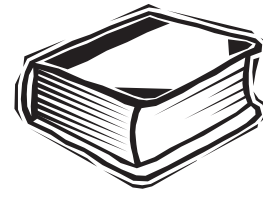
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## Authors' Bookshelf

Five new publications by ETHS alumni have come to *The KIT's* attention: A memoir, a book on quilting, a children's book, a biography, and a resource book.



*Damaged Goods* by **Joyce Ann Ashford, '69**, is her story about a traumatic personal attack while she was in college, how it led to making bad choices, and how she was forced to come to terms with her life to move on. Books-a-Million has published this riveting memoir, which can be ordered online. Ashford has also published a children's book, *Mom is a Foreigner*, and plans to write a book about her grandfather, Obie Ashford, who is also the grandfather of Olympic gold medalist Evelyn Ashford and great-grandfather of former NFL twins Josh and Daniel Bullock.

**Kathryn Rippeteau Greenwold, '66**, just published *Amish Shadows Light Reflected: A Modern Look at a Traditional Design*. She partnered with Lynn Reynolds Makrin to form KayLynn Designs, a quilt-design company in Niskayuna, NY, providing instruction, custom quilts, hand and machine quilting, patterns, and quilting retreats. Check them—and the new book—out on [www.facebook.com/kaylynnndesigns](http://www.facebook.com/kaylynnndesigns).

**Sarah Church (Sally Schulte, '53)** has written *Max, The Dog Who Couldn't Bark*, a charming children's book dedicated to "all those

children who have ever felt left out or different and then been teased for it. May they find the courage that Max did to help them solve such problems creatively." The book is available in stores and on Amazon.com.

**Dr. Gary Zola, '70**, has two new books: *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, a Documentary History*, published by Southern IL Press, and *American Jewish History: A Primary Source Reader*, which he co-edited with Dr. Marc Dollinger, published by Brandeis University Press. Zola is Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives and Professor of American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH. Both books are on Amazon.com.

## Letter to the Editor



When I was at ETHS, I was heavily involved in Best Buddies. The people, faculty, and students I met through the club enriched my ETHS experience and personal development so much that I will forever be grateful those people.

Ms. Wenzel is one teacher I will never forget as someone who instilled confidence in me as a young person. She wrote me some of the

best letters I have yet to receive, one was a letter of recommendation to my college. Under Ms. Wenzel's supervision as the faculty supervisor of Best Buddies, I met one of my best friends to date who has autism, and I can't imagine a high school experience without our lunch dates where I learned a bit of what it's like to have an intellectual disability and what it's like to make a lasting friendship.

ETHS Best Buddies, the people and values behind the group, and the diversity of ETHS left a mark on me that drives my actions today as a college grad and new member of the

scary adult world. When I pulled up my Evanston roots to move to San Francisco for a job in consulting, I had no idea I would find myself back in Best Buddies, volunteering with an amazing organization that does so much good for communities all over the country.

If it weren't for ETHS and the remarkable people working within its walls, I wouldn't have the confidence I have today to stand up for what I know to be right: inclusion, respect, difference, and community.

Go Kits,  
**Megan McCareins '10**

# ETHS Kudos

## Big year for ETHS journalism



In April, the American Scholastic Press Assn. awarded *The Evanstonian* a “First Place with Special Merit” rating, only one of three schools in the country to receive this honor, and named it one of the Most Outstanding High School Newspapers for 2014-15. On May 1, ETHS won the state championship in the IHSA journalism finals. (Award winners pictured here with state trophy.) Staff members on both *The Evanstonian* and *The Key* (yearbook) were honored for their work in several categories. Rodney Lowe is the journalism teacher and advisor, and English teacher Sara Williamson is *The Key* advisor.

### STUDENTS

Two students won top honors at the DECA International Career Development Conference in April. Senior **Ezra Garfield** was in the Top 10 in Personal Financial Literacy, and sophomore **Holly Cunningham** placed in the Top 20 on the Principles of Hospitality/Tourism exam. ETHS sent nine students to DECA internationals this year.

ETHS senior **Andrew Bempah** is one of 28 students (out of over 5,000 applicants) to receive a \$40,000 award in the Ron Brown Scholar Program, the nation’s leading scholarship program for African-Americans chosen on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential, and other attributes.

Senior **Harry Thornton** was among 10 finalists at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, held at Lincoln Center in New York City. In February, Thornton starred in ETHS’s production of *Hamlet*.

Senior **Jackie Colquitt** is among 1,000 students named Gates Millennium Scholars, earning them a scholarship to a college of their choice, leadership training, mentoring, and academic supports through the United Negro College Fund.

At the state debate tournament, seniors **Graham Straus** and **Kevin Klyman** won ETHS’s first-ever championship in Public Forum debate, and senior **Joey Schnide** was state champ in Lincoln-Douglas and was named captain of the all-state Lincoln-Douglas team. In June, he will compete in International Extemporaneous Speaking at the National Speech/Debate Assn.’s finals, the first ETHS student to compete at nationals in this event.

Senior **Olivia Post** received a President’s Volunteer Service Award from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program. Among other projects, she founded Cents4Soccer, a charitable organization that

helps provide soccer equipment, training, and other resources to youth in Guatemala.

Senior **Andre Wallace** is among 27 high school students to receive the 2015 Princeton Prize in Race Relations, given to those who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the cause of positive race relations.

### FACULTY

Physics teacher **Mark (“Doc V”) Vondracek** was among 50 finalists (16 from the US; out of 5,000 nominations) for the Global Teacher Prize, a \$1 million award given to one exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding commitment to the profession, sponsored by the Varkey GEMS Foundation.

Two ETHS history teachers—**Sabrina Ehmke** and **Corey Winchester**—will travel to Bolivia and Peru this summer on a Fulbright-Hays project entitled “Indigenous Voices at the Frontier of a Globalized World.”

**Scott Bramley**, Assoc. Principal for Instruction/Literacy, received the Chicago Area Reading Assn’s 2015 Hattie Spire’s Principal/Administrator Award for outstanding leadership in literacy education.

Three ETHS coaches were honored this winter. **Kevin Auger**, Girls’-Boys’ Swimming/Diving Head Coach was named Sectional Coach of the Year, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, for his boys’ sectional win; **Elliot Whitefield**, Head Girls’ Basketball Coach, was named Divisional Co-Coach of the Year for his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive sectional win; and **Mike Ellis**, Head Boys’ Basketball Coach received his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Divisional Co-Coach of the Year award for his CSL South Conference championship.

## “It’s a grand night for singing”

On April 27, the Chicago-based Sarah Siddons Society honored award-winning actress **Jessie Mueller, ’01**, for her distinguished achievement in theater.

It was quite a night for ETHS theater grads! Performing with her at the ceremony held at the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre were her parents, Roger and Jill, both actors, and her siblings **Abigail** and **Matthew, ’05**, all working actors themselves, and all under the musical direction of **Doug Peck, ’99**.

Jessie’s theater roots are in Chicago, having performed to acclaim at the Marriott, Goodman, Writers Theatre, Court, Drury Lane, and Chicago Shakespeare.

Last year, she won a Drama Desk Award and Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, the latest show she’s starred in on Broadway. In August, she will open in the world-premiere (and potential pre-Broadway run) of the musical *Waitress* at American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, MA.



Photo by Mark Campbell

The Muellers: (L. to rt.) Andrew, Jessie, Matthew, and Abigail.

## Theater and food create a mini-reunion



Six ETHS 1963 alums spent a fun afternoon in April attending classmate Charles “Corky” Troy’s multimedia presentation of “The Creation of Carousel” at the Skokie (IL) Theatre, followed by lunch at Kabul House Restaurant. Pictured here (l. to rt.) are Michael Grady, Sue Wadsworth Olmos, Karalee Kowatz, Troy, Valeree Haas, and Kevin O’Brien. They all look forward to more presentations by Corky and eating out!

# Reunion Roundup

## ETHS holds first Latino Alumni Reunion

A group that has been growing over the past 50 years has been Latino 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, the first reunion of ETHS Latino alumni was held last October 18.

The alumni held a reception at ETHS and toured the school. They also met with student members of Latino QUEST, an ETHS club that provides a voice for the Latino student body and attempts to build awareness of issues facing Latino students' academic success. Two alumni, **Cesar Mendoza, '02**, and



**ETHS alumni who attended the Latino reunion included (l. to rt.) Daniel Canchola, '05, Patricia Canchola, '95, Aracely Canchola, '95, Felipe Martinez, '97, Luis Leon, '98, Jacqueline Montano, '12, Lina Suarez, '00, Monica Jimenez Sariñana, '04, Maria Hernandez Jimenez, '91, and Cesar Mendoza, '02.**

**Lina Suarez, '00**, were honored for co-founding the organization in the early 2000s.

**Aracely Canchola, '95**, an ETHS social worker,

and **Felipe Martinez, '97**, ETHS Alumni Assn. board member, organized the reunion. They hope to plan another informal reunion at a local restaurant or venue.

## It's the 57<sup>th</sup> for Class of 1958

The Class of '58's 57th reunion is scheduled for September 17-20. They celebrate annually instead of at five- or ten-year benchmarks because "WE HAVE FUN," they shout out, rekindling old friendships and forming new bonds. They also do fun things, reliving old experiences and finding new ones, whether in Evanston, Chicago, Portland, Boulder or Washington, D.C.

This year they're in Evanston, headquartered at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel at Old Orchard. Here's a very tentative schedule: Thursday night, a Welcome cocktail reception; Friday night, Hackney's-on-Lake; Saturday night, a dinner to sit with friends and share all the wonderful things we have accomplished.

A variety of events are being considered for Wednesday evening to Sunday morning. Don't miss this weekend of FUN. Contact **Barb Page Lamm**, [barblamm@comcast.net](mailto:barblamm@comcast.net) or **Geoff Wilson**, [geoff.wilson@att.net](mailto:geoff.wilson@att.net). Classmates with changes in email or other contact information please notify **Sue Alt**, [suealtnet@earthlink.net](mailto:suealtnet@earthlink.net).

## Plans set for 1961's 55<sup>th</sup> reunion NEXT YEAR

Class of 1961: Save the dates of August 6-7, 2016 (that's next year!) for the 55<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Events include a get-together on Friday night at Hilton Garden Inn in Evanston, tour of Evanston and the Evanston History Center on Saturday AM, and dinner

Saturday night at the Evanston Golf Club.

Anyone who has new information regarding the location of classmates and/or wants to help with plans, should contact **Tina Cole Tesler** at [TTESSLER@comcast.net](mailto:TTESSLER@comcast.net) or **Diane**

**Trenbeth**, 1818 Madison St. Evanston, IL. 60202 (847-475-0631). **Bill Chalberg** has set up an e-mail address for news, notes, and inquiries from classmates ([HWACJR1615@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HWACJR1615@GMAIL.COM)).

## Class of '55s 60th Reunion in August

1955 classmates **Ken MacGillivray, Skip McCallum, Ted Schulte, Kathy Klein**, and **Barbara Buchanan Seed** report the 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion is set for August 28-30 (weekend before Labor Day).

Early planning includes Friday registration and welcome reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Evanston's Hilton Garden Inn, where a block of rooms are reserved for Friday and Saturday night.

Tours of both ETHS and Evanston will be set for Saturday. On Saturday evening a reception/dinner will be held at the Evanston Golf Club with **Steve Frazier, '55**, providing music and dancing into the night. There will be a farewell brunch at the Hilton on Sunday. More details and regis-

tration information will be mailed in June, but SAVE THE DATES!

We need your help! Please send your current mailing, e-mail addresses, and phone number to: Kathy Klein, 10562 High Hollows Dr., Dallas, TX 75230 ([KKLEIN2120@aol.com](mailto:KKLEIN2120@aol.com)). Indicate your probability of attending. Also, contact your classmates to make sure they know of the reunion and have them send in their current info to Kathy. Finally, we need volunteers to serve on the Reunion Committee. Contact Skip McCallum at 262-889-4060 or [WWMSKIP@me.com](mailto:WWMSKIP@me.com).

Let's make this as successful at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion was!

## Class of '70 holds 45th reunion this fall



The Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19. It's homecoming weekend at ETHS, and the football game start is at 7:30 Friday night. Classmates will receive a postcard, and a website will be set up soon to handle registration. A list of area hotels will be available soon. They're making it a special weekend by dedicating a bench at ETHS that all can contribute to in honor of '70 classmates who have passed. For further information (until the web site is up and running) check the reunion FB page at ETHS 45th Reunion. Please join the reunion committee of (back row) William and Gail Cooper Baumgartner-Brown, Steve Hoffenberg, Mike Kowalczyk, Art Eisenberg; (front row) 'captain' Roger Badesch, Joel Stevens, (not pictured - Chip Weber, Deborah Lyons, and Jim Chang). Contact any of them through the FB page, for now.

### ETHS Class of 1965's 50th-Year Reunion

'65ers, your 50th is planned for September 11-12. Events include a Friday luncheon, a cocktail hour Meet & Greet, a Saturday ETHS

tour and lunch, as well as the main event on Saturday night. Please visit their website and sign in at [www.ETHS1965.org](http://www.ETHS1965.org) for more information.

Inquiries can be sent to [ETHS1965@gmail.com](mailto:ETHS1965@gmail.com) or mailed to ETHS 1965 Class Reunion, 1000 Indian Rd., Glenview, IL 60025.

# More Reunions

## 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for ETHS Class of '75

The Class of '75's 40th Reunion Gala will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel-Skokie. Tickets are \$85 per person for this event. We are also planning events for Friday, October 23, as well.

We're still trying to locate class members and need a few volunteers to assist. Please email **Neal Miller** at [NJQHOOPS@gmail.com](mailto:NJQHOOPS@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

For folks who can't volunteer but would like to get the latest updates, there are several options. Send your email address to [BRIAN@bitlaw.org](mailto:BRIAN@bitlaw.org), and we will

put you on our contact/ mailing list. Or visit our class reunion website [www.ethsclassof1975.org](http://www.ethsclassof1975.org), where you can register, get updates, and chat with other class members.

We are confident this will be the best reunion ever, but we need you there to make it the event that it should be.

**By Class of '75 Steering Committee**  
**Neal Miller, Chair;**  
**Diana Johnson, Brian Tannenbaum, Steven Jambois, Michael Marks, Carol Lee Barry, Colleen Powell, Jan Kaplan, Sharlee Gordon, Sharon Bowie**

## Class of '69 to celebrate its 46<sup>th</sup> reunion

The Class of 1969 is planning a two-event celebration for their 46<sup>th</sup> reunion.

### July 4 – Evanston's Fourth of July

If there is enough interest, there will be a chance to march in the parade with other ETHS groups. They will try to reserve a picnic site in Evanston or in Harms Woods, and there's the great, lakefront fireworks to top off the night.

### October 17 – Dinner at the Frisbee Center, 52 E. Northwest Hwy., Des Plaines

Classmate **Sally Ruley Thompsen** is making arrangements for a casu-

al dinner and "preunion" event. This facility has a great food setup and room to have a DJ and dance throughout the evening. There is even a computer room that will allow classmates to SKYPE to join from a distance.

New class email box - [eths1969@gmail.com](mailto:eths1969@gmail.com) or Facebook page "Evanston Township High School Class of 1969." Encourage people to join the Facebook page and to send their updated email and snail mail addresses to [eths1969@gmail.com](mailto:eths1969@gmail.com).

## 1964 Mini Meet-and-Greet in Florida



ETHS Class of 1964 held a Warm Weather mini-reunion on February 13, hosted by Sherwin (Jay) Siegall and his wife Alyn, in Miromar Lakes, FL. Thirteen '64 alums plus spouses or relatives drove in from as far afield as Sarasota, Marco Island, Ft. Lauderdale, Longboat Key, and Key West. "This is a testament to our great school and class and the affection we all apparently feel for our classmates," said Siegall. Pictured here are (seated l. to rt.) Carl Bengston, '66, Marty Schwartz, Bob Reeder, Phil Wanzenberg, Fred Brostoff; back row (l. to rt.) Fred Ferro, Greg Tharnstrom, Nancy Schroeder, Fran Leahy, John O'Boyle, Janet Bengston Leahy, Sherwin Jay Siegall, Alyn Siegall (behind Jay), Pat Richey Wanzenberg, Pat Bivens (behind Pat Wanzenberg), Terry Bivens, and Art Hallstrom.

# ETHS Class Notes

## 1930s



Last year, the VFW Tech Sgt. William B. Snell Post #7186 honored **Sergeant Carl Wilson, '34**, on his 101st birthday. Members of the Post created a plaque to honor Wilson, their oldest known living member. The plaque will be displayed at ETHS alongside another VFW plaque honoring ETHS alumni who are veterans. Wilson served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from 1944-46, and was awarded four Overseas Service Bars, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.

## 1940s

**Jane Brunet, '44**, wrote with fond reminiscences about her years at ETHS. "I wasn't a 'celebrity' and worked part-time at Marshall Fields from the summer 1943-45, first for 40¢ an hour, then for the

munificent 55¢ an hour (management very unhappy when the government raised the minimum wage)." She has shown her senior yearbook to her six children, scattered across the US, where the name beneath her picture was incorrectly listed as "James." ("How I was teased!") She's kept up with **Jim DeWitt, '45**, a photographer, who lives in Glencoe, IL. Brunet lives Santa Barbara, CA.

**Margaret (Peggy) Sherman, '46**, writes to say her two brothers, Jack and Bill Sherman, will be going to Wisconsin July 4<sup>th</sup>. Jack will be 90.

## 1950s

**Dr. Joseph Croft, '54**, was recently awarded the Presidential Gold Medal by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) in recognition of outstanding achievements in rheumatology over an entire career. He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine (Rheumatology) at Georgetown U Medical School. A former ACR president, Croft has also served on many boards of other organizations. He was a Member of the Arthritis Advisory Committee of the US Food and Drug Administration and Co-Medical Director of the Sibley Center for Arthritis

Care Services, Physical-Occupational Therapy. Croft has received numerous awards for his service and teaching, including two additional ACR awards and the American College of Physicians Preceptorship of the Year for Community Based Teaching.

**Dick Stickrod and Jean Murphy**, both Class of '50, celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary last July. ETHS sweethearts, they started dating their senior year during rehearsals for *The Mikado*.

**(Mary) Katharine Cook, '55**, who lives in Pt. Reyes Station, CA, is engaged in citizen journalism, writing for the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Pt. Reyes Light*, and in ecological restoration, propagating native perennial grasses of the coastal prairie that draw down CO<sub>2</sub> and store it as useable carbon in the soil, and three species of native milkweeds, host pollinator plants for the endangered Monarch butterfly. Her poetry and writing can be seen at [www.cuke.com](http://www.cuke.com) (put "cook" in the search engine). Daughter Amber and grandson Simon live nearby.

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For over 60 years, **Rosemary Heuser Bentley, '50**, has enjoyed living in sunny San Diego with its great beaches and ocean and beautiful mountains.

**Evelyn Ransdell Richer, '50**, keeps busy with garden club, woman's club, theater, and serving as program chair for the Barrington Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

**Kenneth MacGillivray, '55**, was nominated for the Golden Eagles, the Early Pioneer and naval Aviator Organization, limited to 200 members that have demonstrated extraordinary achievement/heroism in combat, space, test flying, and senior navy leadership. Membership is by invitation only.

**Gail Trippe Reeves, '59**, and husband Boyd have retired and moved to Big Fork, Montana, after 40 years in Los Angeles.

## 1960s

**Joan Novinson Nicholson** and **Joanie Hirshman**, both Class of '64, held two mini-reunions together this spring. They met up on the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington state, and they met again in April at Ft. Worden State Park in Port Townsend, where Nicholson lives. Hirshman lives in Kirkland, WA.

Basketball phenom **Ron Cooper, '68**, who played on ETHS's 1968 state championship basketball team, is being inducted into the Ripon College Hall of Fame in June. At Ripon, he was named First Team All-Midwest Conference Guard in '70-'71 and '71-'72, was team co-captain both of those seasons, MVP in '70-'71. In addition, he is a member of Ripon's 400-point club with 409 points in '70-'71 and the 1,000-point club with 1,042 points accomplished in three years without 3-point shots, and he holds three varsity letters for basketball.

**John O'Boyle, '64**, is a Tony Award-winning Broadway producer for such hits as "Matilda: The Musical," "Le Cage Aux Folles," and "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike." His most recently backed show, "It Shoulda

Been You" starring Tyne Daly and directed by David Hyde Pierce, was just nominated for Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards. Also a musician and playwright, O'Boyle is currently "working on a filmed in front of an audience" musical/oratorio he wrote called "Easter Mysteries," which he hopes to mount this fall.

**Miles Zaremski, '66**, has been named *MedPage Today's* first medical legal columnist. A health-care lawyer, his monthly column "Legal Rx" debuted in January. Zaremski says he will "write about all things law-, medicine- and healthcare related." He graduated in 1973 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. For the past eight years, he has run his own practice in the Chicago area. He has written more than 100 articles for *The Huffington Post*.

**Caroline "Lynn" Stafford Hare Halusek, '61**, lives in Glenview, IL, with husband Jim. She has two married children, and four grandkids.

**F. Sheppard Shanley, '60**, says the Class of 1960 reunion in August 2014 was "happy, spirited, and genuine, just like always. Wonderful!"

**Diane Kaplan Vinokur, '66**, reports that she is an Asst. Prof. of Human Services Management at the U of Michigan School of Social Work.

**Deborah McCorkle Collings, '67**, says her years at ETHS were some of the best in her life. "what better place to grow up than Evanston? So many great people, so many great memories, what a great school."

After a 30-year career in medical research administration with the US Public Health Services, **Steven Fox, '69**, became a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar at National Taiwan U. He's in Taipei through 2015 learning about their experience with national health insurance and trying to resume the study of Chinese begun almost 50 years ago at ETHS. Steven.fox@standordalumni.org.

**Richard M. Locke, '69**, is a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Fort Dearborn Chapter, a union member, and a US Marine.

## 1970s

**John Lodal, '76**, who lives in Boise, ID, retired from Hewlett Packard in 2012 after 32 years as a development engineer. The holder of three U.S. patents, John is a cancer survivor and a Rotarian involved in Rotary Youth Exchange in southern Idaho. Last fall, John and his wife Pam traveled to Xian, China, to see the archeological dig site of the Terra Cotta Warriors. He has two children, Geoff and Jessica, and two granddaughters, Rylie and Addie. He loves the outdoor life in Idaho but has to do a lot of mental filtering to accommodate the politics of the state. Greetings from the 43<sup>rd</sup> state to all ETHS graduates!

Evanston Fire Chief **Greg Klaiber, '78**, was honored in March for 30 years of service to the Evanston community. He joined the fire department in 1985, has served in various capacities, and was appointed Fire Chief in 2010. He has been a Trustee for the Evanston 4<sup>th</sup> of July Assn., served on the Evanston elementary school board and chaired its Finance Committee, and been Commissioner of Travel Baseball for the Evanston Baseball-Softball Assn., among other volunteer positions. He earned a Master's in Cardiac Rehabilitation/Exercise Physiology from Northeastern IL U and a BS in Exercise Physiology from the U of IL-Urbana.

The late **William Kolen, '75**, who passed away on June 5, 2013, was awarded, posthumously, the Exemplary Public Service Alumni Award by the Cornell Law School for his 30 years as a legal aid attorney.

**Kenneth Traisman, '76**, ran three marathons in 2014. He has run 21 since his first in 1986.

**Doug Geisser, '78**, Vice President of Romano Wealth Management, Evanston, recently

achieved a significant milestone marking his 25<sup>th</sup> year with the firm. Geisser oversees the fixed income department of Romano and manages over \$265 million in client assets. For several years he has been recognized in *Chicago Magazine* as a Five Star Wealth Manager, a select group that represents less than 3-percent of the wealth managers in the Chicago area. Geisser lives in Glenview.

**Marilyn Rose, '73**, is a professional artist and owns her own graphic-design firm. Her watercolors are in private and corporate collections across the country, and she teaches watercolor and demonstrates painting at many cultural institutions. www.marilynrose.com.

## 1980s

Last fall, **Kelly Kurz Minichiello, '81**, met Tony Award winner **Jessie Mueller, '01**, backstage after Mueller's performance in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* on Broadway. Minichiello, who lives in Leonia, NJ, was attending with her family during the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Daniel Loeb, '83**, is the publisher of the *Philadelphia Jewish Voice*, an online newspaper now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year at pjvoice.org. He and his wife Helen will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. They have four children: Gabrielle, age 23; Jonathan, 21; Benjamin, 15; and Rachel, 8.

**Theresa Squires Collins, '88**, is Chair of the Upper School Dept. of English at the Francis W. Parker School. Her daughter **Maeve, '17**, is following in her aunt **Leah Squires, '95**, dance steps as a member of Esande.

## 1990s

**James Wooldridge, '94**, taught Spanish at Nichols Middle School for eight years. To help his students learn the language, he created "Señor Wooly," an entertaining series of educational Spanish songs and videos for middle- and high-school students. Now Sr. Wooly has "exploded" in popularity and has become a full-time job. (To

understand why, watch him at <http://www.senorwooly.com>.) You might even see students wearing ETHS t-shirts because, whenever possible, he tries to hire Evanston kids for projects. He currently lives in Skokie, IL.

In February, sportscaster **Jason Goff, '98**, landed a dream job on Chicago's sports station WSCR-AM 670, "The Score," co-hosting the station's midday show (9am-1pm) with Matt Spiegel. This posting brings Goff back to where he started as an intern in 2000 and worked his way up, first producing an afternoon show while honing his reporting and on-air hosting skills. From 2012-14, he worked a sports talk show in Atlanta, GA, but returned to Chicago to host sports shows for Sirius XM Satellite Radio and now for "The Score."

**Steve Hoskins, '93**, is a Digital Sales Manager for ESPN in Chicago. He and his wife Katie are expecting their first child, a boy, in June!

## 2000s

**Ashley Brown, '03**, received an Emmy Award in May 2014 for her investigative reporting on NEWS4 (WRC) in Washington, DC, for her I-Team reporting about a registered sex offender who performed body piercing on minors in the basement of a DC home. Ashley is a news writer and producer for the station.

Ashley's twin brother, **Austin Brown, '03**, a player-agent in the basketball division at CAA Sports in Chicago, IL, was recently named among "30 Under 30" by *Forbes Magazine*. A 2007 DePauw U grad (Communications/Economics), he was an all-conference basketball player named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll. Relocating to New York City, Brown was an analyst in tax-exempt capital markets at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. He earned a law degree at Washington & Lee and was President of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society. He interned in investment management at Priority Sports & Entertainment

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in Los Angeles and Davis Polk & Wardwell in NYC. Brown also spent time at Octagon and Creative Artists Agency Sports in Chicago, IL, focusing on NBA contractual analysis and player evaluation.

**Jack Mallers, '12**, who attends Starter School, a nine-month grad school in Chicago for people who want to learn how to build software and start companies, served on a five-member team that developed "Roll With Me," a life-changing app for disabled people. Mallers, a programmer, suggested the idea when talking to a wheelchair-bound teammate about his difficulties accessing public transportation in Chicago. The app plans trips for users, cutting out stations that aren't accessible or that have broken elevators. The free app has gone public, has received positive feedback, and may turn into a full-fledged company.

Two ETHS '13 grads—**Becky Honnold** and **Emma Lehman**—both sophomores at Macalester College, have earned Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference academic all-conference honors. Honnold is on the school's women's cross-country team, and Lehman serves on Macalester's volleyball team.

**Jordan Harris, '09**, just made his professional Chicago debut with Surging Films & Theatric's production of "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in Oak Park, IL. He holds a degree in Voice Performance from the U of Michigan, and has sung with the Toledo Opera and at regional theaters. He also performs around the country with U of

MI's Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, which uses interactive theater to raise awareness around important social issues. In 2012, Harris performed an original composition for acclaimed theater legend Stephen Sondheim at a special dinner.

ETHS girls' basketball standout **Alecia Cooley, '13**, has landed a Division I full-ride scholarship to the U of Arkansas after two seasons at State Fair Community College in Sedalia, MO. She was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Assn. All-American honorable-mention team in the Junior College/Community College division, the first player in SFCC history. She led SFCC to a 23-6 overall record her sophomore year. Cooley earned first-team All-Region 16 honors this season and was named to the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference first team. At ETHS, she was a two-time all-Central Suburban League South division selection.

**Brigitte Frett, '05**, is doing post-doctoral research in drug design at the U of Arizona-Tucson.

**Dinah Berkeley, '06**, has been performing with the KKBX theater company, which was just presented a New York Innovative Theatre Award for Most Innovative Ensemble Off-Croadway.

**Adam Newman, '09**, appeared on a panel on Hannity as a Notre Dame senior. He was on the panel representing the Democratic Party. Adam was a student school board member at ETHS.

## In Memory

### 1930s

Ruth Scott Schnering, 1935, 12/2/2013  
Philip Schnering, 1935, 6/29/2012  
Elaine Chalberg Curtis, 1937  
James Hallenburg, 1939  
Shirley Beth Koenig, 1939, 1/20/2015

### 1940s

Charles C. McCarthy, 1940, 2/7/2015  
Alvin S. Keith, 1941, 3/19/2015  
Viola Dalke Gloria, 1941  
Dorothy Schelsky Clark, 1943, 11/10/2014  
George R. Nelson, 1943  
Winchell Hayward, 1943, 7/31/2012  
James A. Phipps, 1944  
Walter A. Meares, 1945  
Joan Seefus DuPont, 1946  
Betty Butterworth Lake, 1947, 1/5/2014  
Donald P. Maxwell, 1947, 12/15/2014  
Norman W. Raedle, 1947, 1/29/2015  
Caryl Kennedy Lucas, 1948, 6/15/2014  
Nancy Biebel Miller, 1948, 2/3/2015  
Jean Buhr Schippman, 1948, 11/13/2013

### 1950s

Thomas Melind, 1950, 11/14/2014  
Robert P. Nye, 1950, 11/2/2014  
Albert Potts, 1950, 7/29/2014  
Walter (Phil) Wigley, 1950, 3/10/2015

### ETHS Faculty/Staff

**Michael Wynn, '65**, an ETHS alumnus, coach, and faculty member, died December 10, 2014. Mike was an outstanding student athlete at ETHS, lettering in football, basketball, and track (state champion in discus throw). He continued to excel in football at the U of Nebraska, was drafted by the Oakland Raiders upon graduation, and

Dwight Davies, 1951, 5/28/2014  
Norman Gerstein, 1951, 10/28/2014  
Kenneth Johnston, 1951, 8/26/2014  
Lucille Lewis McCafferty, 1951, 11/25/2014  
Andrew Murray, 1951, 1/11/2015  
David F. O'Laughlin, 1951, 4/18/2015  
Coleman B. Brown, 1952, 12/14/2014  
Evans Cocallas, 1952, 4/18/15  
Alan J. Helverson, 1952  
James R. Hixon, 1952, 11/23/2014  
John N. Foster, 1953, 8/3/2014  
James F. Plants, 1953, 7/3/2011  
Edward W. Schippman Jr., 1953, 6/21/2014  
Elizabeth "Nana" Strohmeier Shineflug, 1953, 1/15/2015  
Robert H. Snell, 1953  
Joseph Lamy, 1954, 10/3/2014  
Mary Reilly McCauley, 1955  
William Collingwood, 1956, 10/18/2014  
Barbera D. Schmidt, 1956, 10/14/2014  
Donna Jantho Taff, 1958, 8/20/2014

### 1960s

William F. Rieckhoff, 1960, 8/1/2012  
Paul Godfrey, 1962, 9/14/2014  
Richard Tesnow, 1962, 8/28/2014  
David G. Lister, 1963, 11/6/2014

later played for the New England Patriots. His college football coaching career included positions at Northwestern, Purdue, Minnesota and Missouri. He returned to Evanston, and to ETHS, where he served as an educational leader as a teacher, football and wrestling coach, Student Services Coordinator, Earn & Learn Coordinator, and Dean of Students until his retirement in 2003.

Otis Smith, 1963, 1/28/2015  
Ann Albery Courtney, 1964, January 2015  
Linda Ann Pontious Relias, 1964, 2/16/2015  
Priscilla Maltbie, 1966, 12/16/2014  
Jennifer Riley Musson, 1966, 4/29/2014  
Kendra Massey, 1967, 12/8/2014  
Margaret McGahan Scarbrough, 1967, 3/7/2007  
Walter Heumann, 1968  
Barbara Hill Phillips Mayer, 1968, 1/26/2015  
Randy Gold, 1969, 7/1/2013

### 1970s

Thomas Kelly, 1972  
Nina Rapisarda, 1974, 1/1/2015

### 1980s

John D. Alms, 1986

In the Fall 2014 *KIT*, **William Breitzman, '65**, was erroneously listed as deceased. One of his '65 classmates spoke with him soon after that. The report: "He is very much alive!" In addition, that *KIT* also included another error: **James W. Rieckhoff, '58**, is also quite alive and living in Elkhart, IN. It was his brother, **William F. Rieckhoff, '60**, who passed away on 8/1/2012. We regret the errors.

**The alumni office** receives obituary notices almost every week from a variety of sources: relatives, printed obits, friends' "hearsay," etc. With limited staff resources, and a mailing database of over 43,000 alums, it is difficult to check the news in detail. Please confirm your information first before you contact the alumni office about the death of an ETHS alum. We do not want to post bad information.

# EVANSTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL Educational Foundation

## Many Thanks to All, two updated facilities ready for 2015-16!

Alumni and parents alike have been extremely busy raising funds over the past two years. Volunteer Educational Foundation board members have worked diligently with staff to raise and distribute more than \$1,100,000 to support renovations to two state-of-the-art facilities at ETHS. Board President **Matt Ter Molen, '83**, noted: "We are incredibly appreciative of the generous support from so many ETHS alumni, parents, and other friends in the community. Their gifts and volunteer efforts have made a very significant impact on the education that our students receive."

**Advanced Manufacturing Lab.** Employers who offer well-paying jobs with advancement potential look for candidates with experience in welding, machining, and engineering—and the capacity to keep learning and adapting at work. Starting in August 2015, students in the



new ETHS Advanced Manufacturing lab will master product creation, assembly, quality control, and material flow. They will also solve real workplace problems, preparing them for manufacturing jobs that number more than 406,000 in Illinois alone.

**The Planetarium.** In another corner of ETHS, the planetarium (pictured above) will be offering stellar learning opportunities for students of many disciplines. The facility's IMAX-like simulations will enhance a wide range of ETHS classes from the new

astrophysics class being introduced this fall to geoscience to medieval history. ETHS physics teacher **GionMatthias Schelbert, '90**, noted, "The planetarium will serve as an amazing teaching tool and community asset for future training sessions, field trips, and community presentations."

*[Editor's note: The ETHS planetarium was built in 1968 through the generosity of several Evanstonians who wished to honor the 20-year career of Dr. Lloyd Michael as Superintendent/Principal of ETHS. He retired in 1968.]*

## Tennis Lovers: SAVE THE DATE!



Save the Date – Tuesday, October 6 - 5:00 pm - Lake Street Tennis Courts  
The Grand Re-Opening of the Lake St. courts will feature Katrina Adams, Chairperson, CEO, and President of the U. S. Tennis Association (USTA). A tennis clinic will follow the re-opening ceremonies. More information will be posted as available on the ETHS website.

**Wildkit Golf Outing**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

In support of capital improvements at  
Evanston Township High School

**Friday, September 11th, 2015**

**CANAL SHORES**  
GOLF COURSE

Canal Shores Golf Course  
1030 Central Street  
Evanston, IL 60201

Lunch and Check In : Noon  
Shotgun Start : 1:00pm  
Happy Hour : 5:30pm

**2015 GOLF OUTING & HAPPY HOUR**  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

To register or sponsor, visit:  
<http://www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation>

## Alum hosts party in support of ETHS Improvements

On March 28, over 100 parents of ETHS students gathered at the home of alum **Matt Struve, '79**, and his wife Susan to mingle and support upcoming campus improvements. This year's party—Raise the Roof, Revamp the Courts—raised more than \$11,000 in support of the ETHS Educational Foundation's current funding priorities.

The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of plans for the Lake Street Tennis Center and an adjacent permanent site for the Geometry in Construction program. Coach Marcus Plonus shared the enthusiasm of the coaches and students for the forthcoming resurfaced courts, complete with lights, stadium seating, bathrooms and picnic areas. This new facility will be an asset for Wildkit tennis and community programs alike.

Co-teachers Maryjoy Heineman and Matt Kaiser expressed gratitude for the new permanent site and storage facility for Geometry in Construction, the innovative class now in its second year. These Evanston educators combine their expertise in geometry and technical education as they work with students to master geometry while building a fully functional, affordable single family home.

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