

2016-2017

Fine Arts Department

Visual Arts / Music / Theatre / Speech & Debate



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Yearly Summary

By Nick Gehl, Department Chair

The Fine Arts Department celebrated another exciting year with several awards, accomplishments, and memorable experiences for our students that spanned across the country. Fine Arts programming continues to grow with the expansion of courses and extra-curricular activities such as AP Studio Art: Ceramics and Sculpture and Winter Guard. All of our work is made possible by the incredible support of the Evanston community, ETHS Board of Education, Administration, and the following partners:

- ETHS Boosters gifted a new CNC router to the Theatre department and Crew students to help build and design more elaborate sets for the stage
- ETHS Foundation raised funds to provide acoustic treatments in the music rooms and a newly renovated Ceramic Studio
- Kiwanis Club of Evanston sponsored a scholarship program for 8 students to receive private music lessons throughout the year

Community + Service

- Ceramics students made bowls for the annual Empty Bowl event
- Marching Band and Jazz Band performed at Boosterpalooza
- Drumline performed at the opening of staff institute day
- A band student completed a Senior Studies project organizing and setting up a recording studio
- Graphics Club created t-shirts, logos, and other design work for Emerge, Boosters, and other community organizations
- Visual art students created an art collective and painted a mural on the outside of the Infant Welfare Society in Evanston
- Speech/Debate students performed in a showcase event for D65 families and performed at Lighthouse Rotary Evanston
- Speech/Debate students put on a public debate during Holocaust Awareness Week
- The Film Club put on its first annual ETHS Film Festival for students, parents, and the community
- Choir performed at the Trinity Lutheran Oasis Senior's Annual Concert



Painting selected for the Student Art Gallery



Jazz Band performing at Jazz Showcase

Awards + Accomplishments



Speech & Debate Team



National Scholastic Art & Writing
Silver Award winner



Orchestra trip to New York

- Wind Symphony performed as a demonstration group at the Midwest Clinic
- Wind Symphony was selected and performed at the Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival
- Nearly 100 students received awards at the Midwest Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- 3 art students received one gold and two silver awards at the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- Nearly 50 students had their work chosen to be exhibited in the CSL exhibit
- 5 selected students exhibited work in the IHSAE show
- 8 pieces of artwork were chosen for the inaugural permanent student art gallery
- 2 pieces of ceramic work were exhibited at the K-12 National Ceramics Exhibit in Portland
- 3 AP Art Studio students won art scholarships and memorial awards by participating in the Senior Showcase competition
- 16 Speech and Debate students qualified to Nationals
- Speech and Debate qualified the first ever National Finalist in a speech event and the first team of two girls to qualify for the Tournament of Champions
- 2 Debate students won second place in public forum at the IHSA tournament

Learning + Experience

- Wind Symphony shared a concert with Australian high school band
- AP Studio: Drawing and Painting students participated in Northwestern University's Science and Society Art Exhibit
- Students in 3 Graphic Design collaborated on a project with the ETHS Educational Foundation focusing on identity and re-branding
- Art students participated and created work for the D65/202 art show based on a poem by Shel Silverstein
- Film/video students shot Chicago-inspired films in downtown Chicago
- Students in 1 Photo went on field trips to the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Facets, and shot photos of Chicago architecture and Grant Park scenery
- Advanced Drawing and 3 Photo students collaborated on an Earth Day field trip to the Brushwood Center to work with a visiting artist/environmental activist, doing a range of projects at a gallery center and in the forest preserve
- Choir students learned from Ian Weinberger, ETHS alum and current Associate Music Director of "Hamilton"
- Theatre students were visited by ETHS alum and Tony award winning actress Jesse Muehler
- Choir students performed gospel music under the direction of professional musician Fred Reed Jr.
- Over 100 Orchestra students went on tour and performed in New York City



Photo selected for the Student Art Gallery



YAMO



Marching Band

Learning + Experience (Cont.)

- Students discussed and debated the Cuban embargo; engagement with China; free speech on college campuses; housing policy; the two-state solution in Israel/Palestine; multiracial identity; and much more
- Speech and Debate competed in eight different states this year



"One Man, Two Guvnors" -
Winter Play



"Jesus Christ Superstar" -
Spring Musical



"The Miracle Worker" -
Fall Play

Programs + Productions

Extracurricular:

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| • Upstart Crows | • Bazao | • Ceramics Club | • Jazz |
| • Graphics Club | • Circle of 5ths | • Photography Club | • Dazzling Dames |
| • Drawing Club | • A Capella | • Marching Band/
Color Guard | • Vocal Jazz |
| • Pep Band | • Speech & Debate | | • Winter Guard |

Theatre Productions:

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| • YAMO: Goodnight Yamo | • Jesus Christ Superstar (Spring Musical) |
| • The Miracle Worker (Fall Play) | • The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit (Frosh-Soph Production) |
| • One Man, Two Guvnors (Winter Play) | • Peter Pan (Frosh-Soph Production) |
| • Short Play Festival (Spring Play) | |

Department Staff

Visual Arts:

Gina Coleman
Elizabeth DuSold
Petra Maton
Amy Moore
Marla Seibold
Bill Simos
Pam Sloan

Speech & Debate:

Jeff Hannan

Staff:

Karla Clark
Nick Gehl
Anders Jacobson
Emily Sosa

Music:

Charles Abplanalp
Matt Bufis
Dave Eisenreich
Mary Theresa Reed
Dave Seifert

Theatre:

Emily Arnold
Aaron Carney
Tim Herbert
Anne Lefkovitz
Lisa Oberman
Jenna Schoppe
Tom Sollers



2016-2017 Fine Arts:

Nearly 2000 students enrolled in Fine Arts courses

Over 600 students enrolled in Fine Arts extracurricular groups

3.91 average GPA for students during a Fine Arts activity

