# Fine Arts Department

Visual Arts / Music / Theatre / Speech & Debate



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# Yearly Summary By Nick Gehl, Department Chair

The ETHS Fine Arts department celebrates another great year of artistry, performances, and opportunities for our students.

- In conjunction with Freshman Advisory Study Hall, the Music department piloted a new program entitled Discovering Success Through Music. This proactive support intertwines lessons in social-emotional learning and music education.
- The ETHS Foundation hosted Showcase ETHS: YAMO 60TH Anniversary. This
  event honored the tradition and legacy of YAMO and helped fundraise for the new
  rehearsal spaces outside of the Upstairs Theatre. The event reunited several
  notable theatre alums including Jesse Muehler.
- In collaboration with artist Duffy O'Connor, the Evanston Art Center, and a grant funded by the Southern Poverty Law Center, AP art students created a series of social-political prints and posters to support civil rights and anti-hate.

# **Community + Service**

- Marching Band performed at Boosterpalooza
- ETHS Jazz performed at ETHS Foundation's 2nd annual Evening of Appreciation
- The Ceramic Studio celebrated its Grand Opening at the ETHS Foundation's 2nd Annual Evening of Appreciation
- Ceramics students made bowls for the annual Empty Bowl event
- AP Studio Art students participated in a joint art exhibit with Northwestern University's Science & Society organization. ETHS students created visual responses and used imagery from NU scientists as inspiration for their own original work
- Graphic Design 3 collaborated with ETHS Boosters to create a new branding and identity design



Marching Band at the Marengo Competition



Photo selected for the Student Art Gallery

### **Awards + Accomplishments**



Showcase ETHS!
A Tribute to YAMO's 60th



Scholastic Art & Writing
Award winner



String Orchestra

- Wind Symphony was selected and performed at the Illinois Music Educators Conference as well as the Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival
- Marching Band won the Grand Champion award at the annual Marengo Settler's Day Competition
- 6 selected students exhibited artwork at IHSAE
- Over 50 students had their work chosen to be exhibited in the CSL Exhibit
- 3 pieces of ceramic work were exhibited at the National K-12 Ceramics Exhibit in Pittsburgh
- 10 Speech & Debate Students qualified for Nationals
- 3 Speech & Debate students competed at the National 2018 Tournament of Champions, where one student was named top speaker in Public Forum
- 2 Speech & Debate students were selected as members of the All-State Debate team
- 5 Speech & Debate students were recognized as National Academic Speech & Debate All-Americans
- 8 Students had their artwork selected to be added to the ETHS Permanent Student Art Gallery
- 39 pieces of student artwork were awarded a Scholastic Art & Writing Award
- 42 student films were featured in the 2nd annual ETHS
   Film Festival across four categories: live action,
   animated short, experimental film, and documentary
   feature

# **Learning • Experience**



NCFL Nationals Team

National K-12 Ceramics Exhibition Piece

- ETHS Bands and Choirs traveled to Orlando to perform at Disney
- Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony had an exchange concert with an Australian Band
- Wind Symphony performed at Symphony Center with Deerfield High School, Lemont High School, and Carthage College for the Carthage in Chicago Holiday Concert
- Wind Symphony had an exchange concert with Batavia High School
- Wind Symphony had sectionals at the University of Illinois and toured the Sousa archives
- Music Tech students participated in the fall Tech Expo and showcased work on the announcements throughout the year
- Speech & Debate students spoke with a State
   Department official about Catalan Independence



Symphony Center Performance



She Kills Monsters - Fall Frosh/Soph Play



New Ceramic Studio

# **Programs + Productions**



A Chorus Line - Spring Musical

### Theatre Productions:

- YAMO, She Wrote
- Noises Off! (Fall Play)
- The Government Inspector (Winter Play)
- The Bluest Eye (Spring Play)

- A Chorus Line (Spring Musical)
- She Kills Monsters (Frosh-Soph Production)
- Alice in Wonderland (Frosh-Soph Production)



Noises Off -Fall Play



The Government Inspector -Winter Play



The Bluest Eye-Spring Play

# **Programs + Dept. Staff**

# Extracurricular:

- Upstart Crows
   Bazao
- Graphics Club
- Drawing Club
- Pep Band
- Dazzling Dames
- Vocal Jazz
- Speech & Debate
- Photography Club
- Marching Band/
  - **Color Guard**

#### Ceramics Club Jazz

Winter Guard

# Department Staff

### Visual Arts:

Gina Coleman

Elizabeth DuSold

Petra Maton

Daria McMeans

**Amy Moore** 

Marla Seibold

**Bill Simos** 

### Speech & Debate:

Jeff Hannan

Staff:

Karla Clark

**Drew Echales** 

Nick Gehl

**Emily Sosa** 

#### Music:

Charles Abplanalp

Matt Bufis

Dave Eisenenreich

Haley Nichol

Mary Theresa Reed

#### Theatre:

**Emily Arnold** 

Men Ca

**Aaron Carney** 

Tim Herbert

Anne Lefkovitz

Tom Sollers