

Fine Arts Department

Visual Arts / Music / Speech & Debate / Theatre

2015-2016

Evanston Township High School

Yearly Summary

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The 2015-2016 school year was filled with countless opportunities and experiences for students, many of which are outlined below. In addition, the school year marked the beginning for several special programs:

- The AP Studio Art course expanded into more specific classes: AP Studio Art: Drawing and Painting and AP Studio Art: Photography and Graphic Design
- The Stagecraft class was offered for the first time in several years
- The 2 Sculpture class was offered for the first time
- The Auditorium lobby art gallery was open throughout the year and featured specific exhibits such as “Identity” and “Individual and Society”
- The Music Technology Lab was reconfigured and redesigned from partner stations to 18 individual stations for students
- The Speech and Debate team celebrated its inaugural season as a joint program with over 100 members



Self-Portrait
New AP Studio: Drawing and Painting
course

Community + Service

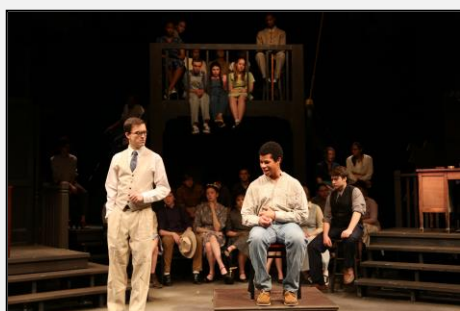
- Speech and Debate students volunteered as assistant coaches for D65 middle schools
- Theatre partnered with our Community Service Office to raise funds and awareness for local and relevant charities and organizations: The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, The DaeJae Coleman Foundation, and RefugeeOne
- Ceramic students made bowls for the annual Empty Bowl event
- Ceramic students hosted Park School for a collaborative art experience
- Jazz groups performed on Friday mornings in the main lobby for students and staff
- ETHS hosted 45 middle school and high school jazz groups from around the state at the 13th Annual Evanston Township High School Jazz Festival. Students performed for adjudicators and participated in clinics, master classes, and lectures

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Community + Service [cont.]



Concert Band in Washington DC



"To Kill a Mockingbird" - Fall Play



Speech & Debate Team



ETHS & District 65 Orchestra's

- Drawing and Painting students exhibited artwork at the "Justice for Peace Exhibition" at the Noyes Cultural Center and the Evanston Now exhibition
- Marching Band students partnered with Northwestern University for the "Paint The Town Purple Pep Rally"
- Drumline and band students tutored Chute Middle School students after school
- Choral students performed in various concerts including Black History Month Gospel Music performances with Chicago Jazz and Gospel musician Fred Lee Reed Jr, Nichols Middle School, Trinity Lutheran Church for the OASIS Seniors, and the 3rd annual All A Cappella Concert
- Visual Arts staff partnered with the first student SAME (South Asian Middle Eastern) Summit art project & hosted visiting artist Sabba Syal Elahi
- Visual arts hosted visiting artist and civil rights activists Bernie Kleina and Susan Oppenheimer
- Art students participated in several art exhibits including the CSL show, YEA, and ILHSAE
- Students from the The Evanston Arts Collective (TEA-C) and staff painted a mural at the Infant Welfare Society building in Evanston.
- Visual Arts collaborated with District 65 for their annual exhibit and open house

Awards + Accomplishments

- 9 students qualified for the National Championships for Speech and Debate
- ETHS won 2nd place in Graphic Design at the Illinois High School Art Exhibition
- 100% of ETHS Orchestra students performed in the ETHS Solo & Ensemble Festival
- An ETHS violinist won the Chicago Youth Symphony Youth Orchestra Solo Competition
- An ETHS cellist was selected to the IMEA District 7 Senior Honors Orchestra
- The ETHS Jazz Ensemble performed at the Chicago Jazz Showcase and the Illinois Music Education Conference
- The ETHS So What Combo performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic
- The ETHS Jazz Ensemble performed with Mark Colby, Bob Lark, Jeff Helgesen, Bob Rummage, and Donny McCaslin
- Drawing and painting students were published in the *Journal of the American Society of Botanical Artists*
- The ETHS Wind Symphony garnered acceptance to the 45th annual Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, the second time in ETHS History

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Awards + Accomplishments [cont.]

- 7 students garnered acceptance in District 7 Honors Band, Orchestra and Jazz ensembles
- 3 music students qualified for the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State conference in Peoria as ensemble and composition contest participants
- 9 ETHS students were admitted to a juried show at Perspectives Fine Art Photography Gallery
- 2 students were selected to participate in the Chicago A Cappella Internship program
- Speech and Debate was one of two schools to advance to elimination rounds in 3 of 4 events at the IHSA State Championships
- 1 student reached elimination rounds in Original Oratory at the Tournament of Champions becoming the first black female from ETHS to qualify



*Figure Sculpture
New 2 Sculpture course*

Learning + Experience

- 44 theatre students attended the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Canada
- 20 students attended the opening of Writer's Theatre in Glencoe and participated in a talk-back with the cast
- Theatre students worked directly with vocal coaches during a musical theatre unit and the Q brothers for a poetry unit
- Advanced Graphic Design classes collaborated with the Communications office about the ETHS re-branding and wayfinding project
- AP Studio Art students collaborated with Northwestern students on the Science in Society Art Exhibit
- Orchestra students participated in a masterclass and clinic with violinist, multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Rob Flax (ETHS Class of 2006)
- Drawing and photography students worked from nature at the Ryerson Conservation Area
- ETHS Wind Symphony participated in exchange concerts with the Matthew Flinders Anglican College Wind Ensemble from Australia, Lake Zurich and Elk Grove Village High School Wind Ensembles, and Warren Township High School Wind Symphony at Northwestern's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall
- Art students visited the Catherine Edelman Gallery and the Brushwood Center at the Ryerson Woods to celebrate Earth Day.
- 3 bands performed at the Hersey High School Bands of America Regional Concert Band Festival
- The ETHS Band toured Washington D.C. and performed at the Reagan Trade Center, North Point High School, and the Hard Rock Cafe
- Video classes observed demonstrations of sound and video studios at Optimus Production House

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"The Wiz" - Spring Musical



New Music Technology Lab

Learning + Experience [cont.]

- Speech and Debate students competed in ten different states this year and engaged with important topics: gun control's impact on communities of color; the way democracy promotion in the Middle East affects women's rights; the rights of transgender youth to make their own medical decisions; the benefits and harms of standardized testing; and many others.
- Video classes viewed a documentary about the Black Panthers and the Beauty and the Beast at the Siskel Theater



Spring Vocal Music Concert

Programs + Productions

Extracurricular:

AP Art History Club	Speech & Debate
Upstart Crows	Ceramics Club
Graphics Club	Photography Club
Drawing Club	Marching Band
Pep Band	Jazz
Bazao	Dazzling Dames
Circle of 5ths	Vocal Jazz
A Capella	Handbells

Theatre Productions:

<i>YAMO: Comedy Network</i>	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> (Fall Play)
<i>Arabian Nights</i> (Winter Play)	<i>The Wiz</i> (Musical)
Short Play Festival (Spring Play)	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> (Frosh-Soph production)
<i>Puss in Boots</i> (Frosh-Soph production)	

Staff

Visual Arts:

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

Music:

Charles Abplanalp
Matt Bufis
Elaine Clemens
Mike Lehman
Mary Theresa Reed
Akira Robles

Speech & Debate:

Jeff Hannan

Theatre:

Aaron Carney
Tim Herbert
Anne Lefkovitz
Lisa Oberman
Menca
Steph Taylor
Tom Sollers

Staff:

Nicholas Gehl
Ann Hunwick
Anders Jacobson

2015-2016 Fine Arts:

1969 student enrollments in Fine Arts courses

631 student enrollments in Fine Arts extracurricular groups

3.85 Average GPA for students during a Fine Arts activity