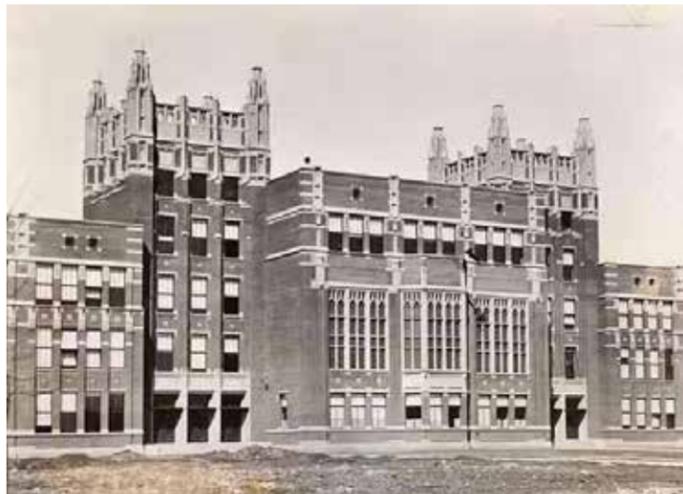




The KIT

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ETHS celebrates its 100th anniversary



Evanston Township High School is proud to announce the centennial anniversary of its current campus and building, located on 55 acres on Church St. and Dodge Ave. This historic milestone marks 100 years of academic excellence, growth, and recognized commitment to providing a world-class education.

Founded in 1883, ETHS moved to its present loca-

tion in 1924, heralding a new chapter in the school's history. Since then, ETHS has become a beacon of innovation and equity in education, dedicated to nurturing generations of students and preparing them for success in a rapidly changing world.

To commemorate this significant occasion, ETHS will host a series of events celebrating the school's rich history throughout

the 2024-'25 school year. ETHS alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to share in the year's festivities.

ETHS kicked off its 100th anniversary year with the Centennial Carnivale on September 14 at Lazier Field featuring the ETHS Marching Band, 10+ class reunions, food trucks, free ice cream, music by a DJ, centennial merchandise, and more.

"It is with immense pride and gratitude that we reflect on the hundred years of excellence, growth, and community spirit that have defined ETHS since this campus opened its doors in 1924," said ETHS Supt. Dr. Marcus Campbell. "The centennial celebration promises to be a time of reflection, reconnection, and recommitment to our



mission of providing a student-centered transformative education experience."

Another part of the centennial observance was the opening of Alumni Hall in September, a dynamic, future-driven multipurpose learning space. Funded by philanthropic gifts made to the ETHS Foundation, construction for the million-dollar project began in June 2024.

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From the Alumni Association Executive Director

RELATIONSHIPS

It is bittersweet to write this penultimate letter to our 65,000+ Wildkit alumni. If anyone had told me in September 1965, or June 1969, that I would have had a career that included both teaching at ETHS and working with you, our graduates and former students, I would not have believed them.

When my children attended ETHS between 1991 and 1997, I still had not found my path into secondary education. And, when I started as a history teacher 25 years ago, I had no idea I would still be here in 2024. In total, I've been lucky enough to spend half of my life connected to ETHS and bleeding orange and blue.

Having a place to connect with people who want to do their best for almost 4,000 students a year is not work. Having a team of colleagues with whom you

share ideas and values is not work. Building relationships with people who have a strong connection to ETHS is not work. Relationships with ETHS and all our Wildkit family are joy, not work.

A friend, who recently retired from a similar job at my collegiate alma mater wrote a piece for the college's semi-annual alumni publication. We have spent much of the last decade talking about our common work – connecting and building relationships with alumni. With Brooks Foehl's permission, I am sharing, paraphrasing, and modifying some of his words with you to express my feelings at this time in my life.

Thousands of alumni volunteers past and present have been exceptional stewards of ETHS, its Foundation, and its alumni family. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines stewardship as "the careful and responsible



David Futransky '69

management of something entrusted to one's care."

ETHS is blessed with a culture of volunteerism with defined roles for proactive stewardship that keep alumni connected with one another and our school. But what makes the ETHS alumni community so unique is the collective commitment all of us make to being stewards of the school and community entrusted to our care.

You all carry ETHS within you – the positive and good and the hard and the compli-

cated. You share your voices and make your opinions known because your care about your school, something that none of us in the Advancement and Alumni Office takes for granted. We rely on your roles as stewards, and we are all the better for it.

However valuable your stewardship of ETHS—the place at Church and Dodge for the past 100 years—may be, bearing witness to the love and care you have for each other is one of the greatest gifts I've been given over these past 25 years that I have worked at ETHS.

Your Wildkit friendships started on campus and consistently demonstrate what it means to be a thoughtful and compassionate community. It's in small acts of kindness and it's in those harder moments, like when you come together to support a person in their time of greatest need or moments of grief. None of this is a given in today's

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Superintendent's Letter

Bell to Bell, No Cell

The 2024-25 academic year has gotten off to a great start. Students and faculty have gotten used to the block schedule that was adapted after COVID. We embrace the Four Pillars – Literacy, Equity, Post-Secondary Planning, and Social/Emotional Learning every day as relationships grow between students and between students and adults.

Connections take place in real time, face to face in the classrooms and the hallways. Our emphasis on teaching and learning continues to be at the heart of Evanston Township High School.

ETHS has long been known as a pioneer in many areas. One of the areas that has gotten attention this year is a new policy – “Bell to Bell; No Cell”. A committee of faculty, staff, administrators and students spent a lot of time last year looking at the impact of cell phones in the classroom. Several suggested changes that have been implemented this year.

With strong buy-in from most constituents, the use of phones in classrooms has been mostly eliminated. As students enter classrooms, they are

expected to place their phones into storage units that were installed over the summer. Phones and headphones are put away during instructional time.

Preliminary results from a survey of students show that they are adapting to the change. Being “disconnected” from the phone and social media has helped to build and enhance relationships.

Students are more “focused” and less distracted in the classroom. Teachers are spending less time competing with phones and more time on instruction. Students are starting

to feel less pressure to be connected to their devices all the time.

This policy change had ETHS on the radar of local press and media outlets. Local television news interviewed administrators and teachers. Other districts have been communicating with us to gather data and information as they consider making a similar change. Even states such as California have passed laws that reduce the amount of cell phone usage in schools.

ETHS continues to be at the forefront of education. We continue to be ranked



Supt. Dr. Marcus Campbell

among the top schools in the state and the country. This recognition comes from the efforts of all members of the Wildkit family.

Keeping abreast of trends and ideas in social and emotional learning help to build relationships and enhance academic results. We can all continue to be proud to be Wildkits.

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world, which makes it even more remarkable to know that this level of care not only exists but has become, within this community, an ideal.

I'm overcome with gratitude thinking of all the thoughtful, caring, dedicated alumni and colleagues I've been fortunate to befriend in my time working for ETHS. The essence of that work is described simply in part of my title: Alumni Relations. How lucky am I to have had a relationship with thousands

of you, from the classroom to a conversation or email. How special it has been to cross paths at an event or, best of all, to have worked closely together in service to ETHS, our alumni and all who make up the Wildkit family. Lucky and grateful, indeed.

Thanks to each of you for your stewardship of ETHS and our family; it's been the honor of my life to play my part in service to our school and to all of you.

In this issue of *The KIT* and next spring, I will share some of the things we have done and some of

the vision and plans for the future. Our recent Centennial Carnivale was an example of how Wildkits from many generations can come together and share their love and relationship with all of us both individually and collectively.

ETHS and all of our alumni continue to amaze me at how much you do in order to share these strong relationships – among ourselves and with those who come next.

ETHS, WE WILL FIGHT FOR YOU!



Alumni Director David Futransky '69 (at left) and Athletic Director Chris Livatino '91 walk off of Lazier Field after the coin toss to start the Homecoming football game. Futransky was asked to flip the coin to commemorate his 25 years working at ETHS

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E-KIT IS THE FUTURE

Promoting Sustainable Options and Saving Costs

The KIT (Keep In Touch) newsletter has served as a cornerstone of the ETHS Alumni Association's outreach for 29 years, having first been published in fall of 1995 as a four-page paper edition.

Since then the newsletter has grown and is also available in an electronic edition, the *E-KIT*, which can be found on the District's website (<https://www.eths.k12.il.us/Page/518>). Alumni who have "opted in" for the *E-KIT* are emailed a link to the new edition when it is published in the fall and spring.

We have continued to mail *The KIT* paper version to tens of thousands of you over the years. Unfortunately, the cost

of printing and postage is taking its toll. The annual cost of distributing *The KIT* is approaching \$100,000, money that should be directed to more direct support of today's students and programs.

Starting with the Fall 2025 issue, we will be changing the distribution pattern of *The KIT*. Instead of mailing over 40,000 paper copies, we will send an email to you with a link to the newly published issues.

We will still mail to members of our more senior classes – those who graduated before 1965. This change will save tens of thousands of dollars a year and still allow you to "Keep In Touch" with ETHS. By moving to more electronic communications, we also will be sup-

porting the sustainability goals and priorities of ETHS.

You can opt in earlier to getting the *E-KIT* by completing a form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7MSiuqpgf04vtU5EnM7E5JLwluazZjEi9pQ7Pfr5rxQtJdg/viewform>.

If you are a member of a class prior to 1965 and wish to receive the *E-KIT* instead of a printed version, you can use the same form. This form can also be used to update your email address.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact David Futransky at futranskyd@eths202.org

Geometry in Construction homes benefit moderate-income families

On September 9, a two-story home built by students enrolled in ETHS's Geometry in Construction course was moved to a vacant lot on McDaniel near the high school.

Taught by Maryjoy Heine-man (Math) and Matthew Kaiser (Career and Technical Education), the course is a collaborative project with ETHS, the City of Evanston, and the Community Partners in Affordable Housing.

The city finds a suitable lot for each house, which is sold by Community Partners to local low-income residents. The program

gives students practical experience while also helping to fulfill a need for affordable housing.

Those who are interested in purchasing this home should register to attend a Community Land Trust Homeownership Program Information Session through Community Partners for Affordable Housing. Classes are free and are held monthly via Zoom. The purchaser's household income cannot exceed 120-percent of the area median income for household size. Proceeds of its sale will go toward building the next house.



Since the program's first year, students now enrolled in the course annually build a two-story, three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath residence. Both floors are built simultaneously, side-by-side, in a dedicated spot behind the school, and moved in the summer. This is the course's ninth house.



Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow

On October 14, ETHS partnered with the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, located in Evanston, to host an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow in the school's Fieldhouse. The evening celebrated Native and Indigenous culture and resilience. This was an opportunity to learn about the importance of Pow Wows in Native communities and gain a deeper appreciation for the cultural richness and diversity of Pow Wow traditions.

ETHS and the community it serves stand on the traditional homelands of the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi, as well as the Menominee, Miami, and Ho-Chunk nations. These lands were also a site of agriculture, thriving trade networks, and gathering for more than a dozen other Indigenous nations, and remain home to over 100,000 tribal members in the community.

To honor the Pow Wow, ETHS unveiled a land acknowledgement recognizing the history of the land ETHS and Evanston sit on and the people who lived here in the past. In addition, Michigan-based graphic designer Eva Oldman designed artwork to accompany the land acknowledgement, both of which are displayed just off the school's main lobby.

Pow Wows begin with the Grand Entry of everyone entering the arena. Flags carried in include the U.S. flag, tribal flags, the Pow Wow Flag, and the Eagle staff of various Native Nations, usually carried by veterans. Important guests including Tribal Chiefs, Princesses, elders and Pow Wow organizers follow the veterans.

Next in line are male dancers, then female dancers. After a prayer, dancing resumes with round dances, intertribal dancing, and songs that are sung to the

beat of a drum. The dances and songs vary, from religious to war to social, and hold special meaning to remind the gathered Indigenous people of their old ways and rich heritage.

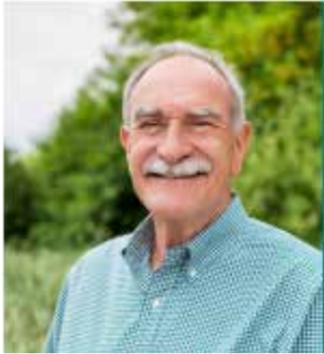


Oldman used a turtle in the design as a reference to a legend of Earth's creation. "Turtle Island" is the name for the lands now known as North and Central America. It is a name used by some Indigenous peoples who believe their land was formed on the back of a turtle.



Distinguished Alumni Award Honorees – 2024

The annual celebration of ETHS Distinguished Alumni Honorees will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024. The five people chosen by a committee comprised of students, current and retired faculty and staff, and community leaders, selected this group for both their accomplishments and their giving back to their communities. This year's honorees are:



Scott Byron, 1971

A landscape company owner and recognized leader in that industry, Byron has been in innovative and sustainable design for over 40 years. He has designed and maintained projects in public spaces like the Water Tower and English Walled Garden at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Chicago History Museum.

He played a key role in establishing the Education Fund for the National Association of Landscape Professionals and supported educational opportunities for aspiring professionals. He also co-founded the Education Fund for Visiting Practitioners at the U of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Alvin Keith, 1969



Not many alumni carry the athletic resume of Alvin Keith—An all-state football player who was a captain of the 1968 Mythical State Champions, a member of the 1968 State Champion Basketball Team and a member of the 2nd place 1967 StateTrack Team. Keith was awarded the

Noyes Cup as the top athlete in the class of 1969. And these honors stood next to his earning recognition as a National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

Not only a standout at the U of Illinois Urbana, Keith also earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and spent over 30 years working for Amoco Oil Corp./BP PLC. Embarking on a career in refinery operations, he rose through the ranks to be the General Manager of major refinery facilities, eventually becoming the President of Amoco Pipeline Company and in charge of Worldwide Refinery Coordination. Prior to his retirement as BP's highest ranking African-American Executive, he also was instrumental in United Way leadership on behalf of Amoco.



Anthony Tony Mason, 1984

Mason was Co-Captain of the 1984 boys' basketball team that was the runner up in the Illinois state championship, losing only the last game of the season. He has focused his career on improving the quality of life for Indianapolis residents through education, economic development, sports, civic, and human and community service.

His work as President/CEO of the Indianapolis Urban League has provided hunger relief to over 300,000 people and rental assistance to over 50,000 people each year in his community. He has been recognized for his dedication to his community with Indiana's Highest Honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, and epitomizes community leadership and service.



Schenita Stewart, 1992

Stewart was appointed Evanston's Chief of Police in October 2022. This homecoming for a third generation Wildkit brought her back to the community that raised and supported her throughout her life.

After 23 years in law enforcement and public service, Chief Stewart gives back to Evanston in many ways. She brings both experience and strong leadership to the EPD. She played basketball at ETHS and then earned her Bachelor's degree at Illinois State and her Master's degree at Chicago State, both in Criminal Justice. She is an active leader in The Charm'd Foundation and other organizations that support both children and community.



Steve Newman, 1986

Formerly a Camp Echo counselor, adventure trip guide, and McGaw YMCA Teen Program Leader, Newman found himself drawn to teaching. In 1997, he returned to ETHS to teach English and co-created the Senior Studies Program. His work as a teacher was recognized with a Golden Apple Award in 2004.

He created the Evanston Scholars program in 2011 and is its Executive Director. The program mentors students (primarily those of color and low-income and/or first-generation students) in the college process from pre-admissions to graduation. The program has a profound impact on the lives of young people in our community.

Community celebrates books at ETHS Literacy festival



Activities will include a children's reading circle, poem writing, read-alouds, raffles and more. Local restaurants provided a variety of food at the event.

ETHS held its third annual E-Town Community Literacy Fest on September 21 on the school's tennis courts at the corner of Church St. and Dodge Av.

This family-friendly event was open to the entire Evanston community. The festival featured games, food, music, free books, and adventures in literacy.

Young, Black & Lit partnered with ETHS to provide free young adult and children's books that center, reflect, and affirm Black children. The Evanston Public Library gave books away. And, ETHS donated cloth bags for students to decorate and carry their free books home with them.



ETHS students Julie Espitia, Laissa Vazquez and Ariana Tomayo helped children choose and decorate bags to carry free books they selected to take home and read.

DECA needs judges for two upcoming Illinois competitions this winter

DECA is looking for judges for its Illinois Area and State Competitions in January. Formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America, now DECA, is a non-profit career and technical student organization with more than 260,000 members in all 50 U.S. states, Washington, DC; Australia, Canada, China, Germany, India, Mexico, Poland, Puerto Rico, Spain, and Vietnam.

ETHS has had an award-winning DECA chapter for years, currently run by teacher/advisor Jenny Jacoby.

ETHS DECA has been preparing for both of these competitions since August and without the judges DECA cannot hold the competition. If you could give up a small

portion of your day for the Area or a full day for the State Illinois competitions, DECA would be very grateful.

The North Suburban competition is on Friday, January 24, 2025, and the state competition is Friday, March 7, 2025. Both will be held in Rosemont, IL.

For more information please view the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DdWYmFSenpcVwNZclMgVUUdWYMOkdfw8h7ydWqeI3Vc/edit>

Please reach out to Jenny Jacoby with any questions!
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Spring 2024 Sports

By Dennis Mahoney, ETHS Sports Information Director

Two programs not usually known for post-season success—boys' gymnastics and girls' water polo—scored major breakthroughs in the spring of 2024 and stole the spotlight from other successful programs at ETHS.

Both teams earned second-place state finishes. The boys' gymnastics squad claimed runner-up honors and scored their best state final performance since 1967, while the girls' water polo team captured a state medal for only the second time in program history.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS Erik Van Leer '25

could follow the example of other elite gymnasts in Illinois next year and focus on competing at club national tournaments. Or he could return for his senior year at ETHS and seek the spotlight in the sport. But whatever Van Leer decides to do, there's no doubt that he's already been a game-changer for the boys' program.

The junior was state champion on vault—the first individual title since 1987—and led the Wildkits to a 2nd place in the team standings at the state finals. Thanks largely to Van Leer, the 'Kits soared to new heights with their best finish since the 1967 squad won the state championship.

Van Leer rose to the top on vault and finished 3rd in the all-around competition. He is just the tenth Evanston gymnast to claim a state crown, and his medal haul in the finals included 3rd on still rings, a tie for 3rd on parallel bars, 5th on floor exercise, a tie for 8th on horizontal bar, and an 8th on pommel horse. Van Leer earned a clean sweep of 1st-place

medals in every event at the Central Suburban League and sectional tournaments, a first for any Wildkit individual gymnast.

At the state finals, Evanston got major contributions from senior **Mo Frischer '25**, sophomore **Jacob Potter '27**, and senior **Xavier Probst '25**. Probst accounted for Evanston's best individual placing besides Van Leer, as he tied for 3rd on floor exercise. Frischer earned 15th place all-around, and shared a scholarship award that is presented in honor of former Evanston coach John Brinkworth.

Evanston claimed the conference title for the third year in a row, as Van Leer, Potter and Frischer finished 1-2-3 in the all-around standings.

GIRLS' WATER POLO



Evanston head coach **Maggie Hatcher '04** asked her team a simple question on the last day of the water polo season, "Why not us?"

Defending state champion Stevenson had the answer, but not before the conclusion of a journey that produced the best State finish—in 2nd place in Wildkit history. A remarkable ride that ended with ETHS claiming just the second state trophy in program history. Evanston's girls also finished 3rd back in 2004. The season-ending loss left the 'Kits with a final mark of 29-3-1 under first-year head coach Hatcher.

Said Hatcher: "I'm proud of these girls and I feel

we earned our place here. You can't ask for a better group of seniors. We will feel their presence in this program for years to come."

BOYS' TENNIS



Finn Pollard made history for Evanston's tennis program in his final season. But years from now his coaches and teammates will just remember him as Finn The Fighter.

Pollard climaxed a brilliant season with a 5th-place finish in singles at the Class 2A state tournament. The Evanston senior defeated Von Steuben's Garvin Murray and earned the highest finish for a Wildkit singles player since **Dan More** also finished 5th in 1973. He's the first representative from ETHS to claim a state medal since the doubles team of **Jeff Gordon** and **Adam Wadsworth** placed 7th in 1985.

Combined with the doubles team of **Evan Gerbie** and **Mike Wasilewicz**, they powered ETHS to its first Top 10 state finish standings since 1978. Evanston placed 7th overall.

BASEBALL



Senior infielder **Charlie Kalil** summed up seven innings of futility for Evanston's baseball team in succinct fashion: "Usually a team punches us and we come right back and punch them," Kalil said. "Today, we threw jabs."

Two days after scoring a decision over No. 1 seed New Trier, the Wildkits left nine runners on base and suffered a season-ending 2-1 loss to Glenbrook North in the championship game of the Lane Tech Sectional. Unable to muster a clutch hit, the Wildkits missed a golden opportunity to claim the fourth sectional title in ETHS baseball history. Instead, they bowed out with a final record of 26-8-1.

According to ETHS coach Frank Consiglio, "Our ability to keep grinding resulted in a stunning upset of New Trier, which had a 30-game winning string intact until the Wildkits erupted for five runs in the top of the 7th inning and conquered the Trevians 6-1." It was payback for a season-ending loss New Trier had pinned on the 'Kits in 2023.

GIRLS' SOCCER

When goalie **Shea Lucas** suffered a separated shoulder and was lost for the season during Evanston's annual soccer trip to Iowa, no one knew just how irreplaceable the senior stopper would turn out to be.

But with Lucas watching from the sidelines, the Wildkits suffered a rare defensive collapse at the wrong time as Lane Tech got four goals in the first half and hung on for a 5-4 victory that eliminated Evanston in the semifinals of the Class 3A New Trier Sectional tournament. Evanston, the No. 2 seed, ended the 2024 campaign with a final record of 19-3-1 and surrendered the most goals in any single game since head coach Stacy Salgado took over the program.

Still Salgado reminded her squad, especially the seven graduating seniors, that the season was still a success despite the flat ending.

"I had to remind them that we won the conference (Central Suburban League South division), we won the Deep Dish tournament, and we won two games in the tournament in Iowa," Salgado noted.

TRACK



The list of state qualifiers in girls' and boys' track wasn't as lengthy as in some years, but both of Evanston's programs counted a couple of strong individual efforts at the state finals. Junior **Stella Davis** made sure the ETHS girls kept their streak alive of scoring team points in 50 straight state meets, finishing 8th in the 1600-meter run and accounting for two points in the team standings. She posted the 6th fastest qualifying time at 4 minutes and 59.80 seconds, and couldn't quite match that in the finals with a 5:00.86 clocking that left her 8th overall.

Evanston's other qualifiers included junior **Nyel Rollins** in the 300-meter hurdles and relay runners (400 and 800) **Bailey Sterling**, **Hunter Vandergriff**, and **Francesca DeCastro**.

In boys' track, senior **Oliver Hassard** cleared a career best in the high jump to take 10th place against the elite jumpers in the state. Hassard was the only one of five individual Wildkit state qualifiers to reach the finals.

BADMINTON

At the state badminton finals, **Delcy Garfield** and **Arnie Gopez** racked up three straight victories in doubles play before they were eliminated.

2024 ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame

by Dennis Mahoney, ETHS Sports Information Director

Individuals who excelled in track and field, tennis and football at ETHS are the headliners for the newest Athletic Hall of Fame class, plus teams that earned mythical state championships in football and boys' soccer.

The Class of 2024 was selected by a committee including community members, administration, faculty, and ETHS coaches.

The newest inductees—head girls' track coach **Fenton Gunter '74**, **Anastasia Goncharova '18** (girls' tennis), the late **Bob Majors '61** (tennis, football, basketball), **Damon Jones '92** (football), and **Curtis Wideman '77** (track & field)—were honored at Evanston's home football opener at Lazier Field against Saint Laurence. Also recognized were members of the **1969 Boy's Soccer Team** and the **1966 Football Team**.

FENTON GUNTER, GIRLS' TRACK COACH



Working out in the Evanston fieldhouse while trying to keep his dream of playing professional football alive, Fenny Gunter noticed there weren't enough coaches available to help deal with the large turnout of athletes for girls' track & field. So he volunteered to help—and the rest is ETHS history.

Four decades later, Gunter's resume as a coach has earned his Hall of Fame selection, the first active coach selected for that recognition at the school. His teams have won seven state championships—the most in school history in any sport. Only one other coach in Illinois has won more titles in girls' track.

Beginning with his first season as head coach in 1991, when the Wildkits won their first team title, Gunter has kept the bar high. With an intensity that few coaches could main-

tain, Gunter guided ETHS to back-to-back state titles in 1997 and 1998, put together a four-peat from 2003 to 2006, and maintained a streak that started with a HOF coach he succeeded, Karen Huff. Evanston scored points at the state finals every single year, a feat no program can match. The 'Kits brought home 18 individual state titles and 19 relay state crowns since Gunter took over in 1991. No program in Illinois has won as many sectional championships and 16 Central Suburban League team titles.

The numbers only tell part of the story for the winningest coach in school history. For Gunter, it's about putting his athletes in a position to succeed each and every spring. Said Gunter: "It's not about winning, it's about being competitive. We tell our girls that you come from Evanston and you don't have to say anything else."

ETHS was already on the girls' state track map when he took over the program, coming off of state runner-up finishes in 1989 and 1990 under Fred Spence. The 'Kits broke through to capture their first crown in Gunter's first year.

He established one of the traditions that made an impression on alum competitors like **Amanda Caines '10**, who scored Top 5 state finishes in the triple jump in 2008, 2009, and 2010, and is now on the ETHS boys' track coaching staff. "Before we left for State, we'd go sit in the hallway where our trophy case is. Fenny would sit us down and talk about the history of the program," Caines said. "He wanted you to step up and perform because of the history."

ANASTASIA GONCHAROVA, TENNIS



Anastasia Goncharova's path into the Hall of Fame started in Moscow where

she was born. But, if she hadn't taken a detour in Tim Silkaitis' physical education class at ETHS, it probably never would have happened.

Instead, Goncharova is acknowledged as the best female tennis player in Wildkit history after scoring back-to-back runner-up finishes in singles at the state finals in 2016 and 2017.

After only two years of high school tennis, she racked up school records for single season and career victories on her way to two silver medal performances at State.

She compiled a 45-6 win-loss record, including a record-setting 24-2 mark as a senior, and is the only female in school history to win both Central Suburban League South division and sectional championships.

Goncharova might have decided not to play any more high school tennis after her junior year. She fell and injured her knee playing badminton in Silkaitis' PE class that spring. The surgery that resulted forced her to undergo months of rehab.

She returned to the Evanston lineup and made history by battling her way to the state finals for the second straight year. "If there was any positive from that injury, it was that it pivoted me toward making another run (against high school competition)," said Goncharova, who now is pursuing a pro career as a doubles player based in Florida.

After initially landing a scholarship at the University of California-Santa Barbara, Goncharova played her final three years of collegiate tennis at Utah. "Going to Utah was probably the best decision I've ever made," she said. "I focused more on doubles there (with teammate Madison Tattini) and I had a pretty good career."

DAMON JONES, FOOTBALL



Damon Jones dreamed of seeing his picture on the wall honoring the greats at ETHS. One of those greats was his father, **Farrell**, a member of the 1968 state championship basketball team.

One of just 25 ETHS products to ever play in the National Football League, Jones joins the 1924 Hall of Fame Class after excelling at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels of the sport.

Jones, also a standout basketball player for the Wildkits, played a memorable role in the evolution of the tight-end position in football. He earned All-State honors as a senior in high school in 1991, even though he was primarily a blocker for a team that went 8-2 that year. He did catch 20 passes for 454 yards.

At Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, his pass-catching ability was second to none and he was eventually selected to the Salukis' Hall of Fame in 2021. He is also recognized as a member of SIU's "All Century" team.

Then, in five seasons with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, he shifted his focus back to being the best blocker he could be for others.

Jones visited SIU—and found the right fit. SIU won 11 games in his three seasons there. Jones finished with 99 receptions—16th in school history—and 1,542 yards, eighth best all-time in the program. He was a three-time all-Gateway Conference pick, and was named to the first team in both 1995 and 1996.

He finally found the winning touch as a pro. Play-

ing for the Jacksonville Jaguars from 1997 to 2001, until injuries derailed his career, he played 50 games. He is credited with 41 receptions for 440 yards and 11 touchdowns, and helped the Jags post won-loss records of 11-5 in 1997, 11-5 in 1998, and 14-2 in 1999.

He was a fifth-round draft choice coming out of SIU. Only three players produced by ETHS—old-timers **Paddy Driscoll** with 31 TDs, **Laurie Walquist** with 15 and **Emery Moorehead '72** with 13—have scored more touchdowns in the pros.

The Late BOB MAJORS, TENNIS, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL

"Few high schools can claim a 3-sport athlete who was so widely accomplished," **Bob Wham '61** said. "He was truly the best among us."

Wham, a lifelong friend who teamed up with Majors to win a state doubles championship in tennis, might be a bit biased. But Majors, who passed away in 2007, stood out in an era where three-sport athletes were common in high school athletic programs. A key contributor on two teams that are already ETHS Athletic Hall of Famers, the 1960 football team and the 1961 tennis team, Majors also started for the varsity basketball team as a junior.

The basketball court, however, is where Majors first caught the eye of legendary ETHS tennis coach Keith Andersen, who convinced him to come out for tennis because he believed basketball players were the best athletes.

Said Wham: "We were doubles partners for three years and played together at Indiana University, too. We jelled as a doubles team when we were sophomores, but we didn't play in the district or State tournaments. Senior year it was our turn and we made the most of it."

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In that era, the state tournament series was played BEFORE the season-ending Suburban League tournament. So the Majors/Wham team was still flying under the radar after a runner-up finish at the district competition. The pair pulled off what might have been the greatest Cinderella run in the history of the tournament, knocking off four seeded teams in three days to claim the doubles crown.

Majors and Wham bounced back from a 6-3 loss in the first set to trip Niles players for the doubles title as ETHS also secured its second straight team crown. When they got home, Majors and Wham kept up that momentum and earned the Suburban League championship.

CURTIS WIDEMAN, TRACK & FIELD



Curtis Wideman set school records for throwing both the discus and shot put as a senior at Evanston. Both of those records still stand. The ETHS standout went on to become one of the most decorated weight men in the history of the track & field program at

Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale. He finished 5th at the state finals in 2011 in the shot, then won too many medals to count at SIU.

“When I came to Evanston I was a football player,” said Wideman. “I just did track to try to get a little stronger, and after they tried me at every other event, the coaches just threw me into the shot.”

A switch in style, guided by ETHS assistant coach George Woolridge, solved the problem. Realizing that the top throwers in the state use a “spin” technique in the throwing circle, instead of the typical “glide” for beginners, Woolridge and Wideman both did a lot of homework to help him get better.

“Amazing” could also describe Wideman’s college career. He won four events in the discus as a freshman at SIU then took up the hammer—an event not offered at Illinois high schools—and rose to prominence in that specialty.

As a sophomore, he established personal bests in the hammer, shot, and discus. Wideman earned all-Missouri Valley Conference honors with a 4th place finish in the shot and a 5th in the hammer outdoors, and qualified for the NCAA Midwest Regionals in both events.

As a junior, his efforts produced all-conference honors in all three throws and he earned honorable mention All-American designation with a 19th place national finish in the hammer. He repeated those accomplishments as a senior—and a trip to the Olympic Trials—and still ranks in the Top 10 in every category all-time at SIU in the shot, discus, and hammer.

1966 FOOTBALL TEAM



The memory is still fresh in your mind if you played for Evanston’s mythical state championship football team back in 1966.

Dominant on both sides of the line of scrimmage, Evanston rolled to a perfect season at 8-0 and surrendered just 26 points overall. The Wildkits won the Suburban League championship and earned the No. 1 rating from the *Champaign News-Gazette*, one of six teams declared mythical state champions under legendary coach Murney Lazier.

ETHS also “won” mythical titles under Lazier, a Hall of Famer himself, in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1968 and 1971 in the era before the IHSA conducted a state playoff.

Evanston’s success was anchored up front by All-State center **Bob Chandler**, guards **John Williams** and **Marvin Daniels**, and tacklers **John Turner** and **Art Malanchuk**. It wasn’t the biggest line, but it might have been the best unit Lazier had fielded up to that point.

“It was really a team effort that entire season,” said **Guy Ward**, a defensive back/wide receiver who was named to the all-Suburban League team along with Chandler, Williams, **Rickards**, Malanchuk, Turner, **Larry Nord**, **John Powers** and quarterback **Jay Monaghan**.

1969 BOYS’ SOCCER TEAM



Before IHSA sponsored a state tournament series for boys’ soccer, the mythical state championship was decided by a vote of the sport’s coaches. The 1969 Evanston squad left no doubt who was No. 1.

The Wildkits ran the table with a perfect 15-0 win-loss record that included 8 victories via shutouts. As a team, Evanston surrendered just 8 goals on the season and captured the Suburban League champi-

onship under interim head coach Robert Krohn.

Under Krohn’s guidance, the ‘Kits didn’t skip a beat because Hall of Fame head coach Ken McGonagle took a one-year sabbatical from teaching and coaching. The 1969 squad accounted for a major portion of a three-year ETHS winning string that stretched to 34 consecutive wins.

Evanston defeated rival New Trier East twice and placed six players on the All-State team, led by co-captains **Chuck Weisberg** and **Bob Thompson**. Also selected to the All-State squad were **Bob Burkhead**, **Lionel Jean-Baptiste**, **Steve Hoffenberg** and **Mario Garretto**.

That perfect season featured victories over New Trier East and West, Lyons, Waukegan, Oak Park, Niles West, Morton East, Maine East, and University High.

Hoffenberg and his teammates felt special every time the public address announcements were made the morning after another dominant victory.

Hoffenberg said. “You could hear the cheering in the hallways every day.”

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ETHS 100th Anniversary

How ETHS wound up at Church and Dodge

In 1871, the Illinois legislature approved establishing township high schools anywhere in the state. On April 4, 1882, residents in North and South Evanston, Evanston proper, and Rogers Park approved establishing a township high school: 611 voted yes, 147 no.

But, where to build it was the question. More than three choices were suggested—by the lake, in central Evanston, and elsewhere around town, but a compromise site at the southeast corner of Dempster St. and Benson Ave. (now Elmwood) was chosen because of its access to trains.

The two-story building was erected for \$32,500, (including \$2,000 to fill in the former cow pasture), and opened August 31, 1883, with Henry L. Boltwood as its first principal, five teachers, and about 150 students.

Boltwood, who could speak 10 languages, came from Princeton, IL. He advocated the curriculum should be classical and college prep, but he also added daily calisthenics, typing, shorthand, astronomy, dramatics, manual training, and encouraged boys' sports teams. In 1904, he reported that one-third of all students completed the 50 graduation credits and that 45% of all graduates went on to college.

By 1890, the school needed to be enlarged due to ever-increasing enrollment. A south wing was added and enlarged again in 1900.

Boltwood died in January 1906, and Wilfred F. Beardsley, who was hired in 1893 to teach Latin and Greek, and moved up to associate principal in 1900, seemed a likely choice to become principal in February 1906.

Beardsley preferred a classical curriculum, but later added commercial and business courses, girls' gym, and musical



ETHS opened in 1883 at the corner of Dempster St. and Elmwood Ave. Due to growing enrollment, a new, larger building was built around the original structure and was opened in 1900.

instruction. He also instituted homerooms, summer school, and night school.

Nonetheless, enrollment continued to outgrow the school's capacity to house students. From 1911 on, annual enrollment grew by 10% and there was little expansion room within the building, including the basement. By 1913, 741 students attended ETHS while the school's capacity was only for 600.

Two bond issues to expand the current building were held—one in October 1912 was narrowly defeated 112 to 89, and another on November 15, 1913, was defeated by 486 votes, 1,443 to 957.

The latter bond issue went down principally because women, who were permitted to vote in this election—for the first time ever—wanted a school “out of the noisy business district,” noted a local newspaper.

According to the *Record Herald*: “The women hired carriages and drove their automobiles about the streets of Evanston, bringing voters to the polls, while the men, having cast their ballots, came to Chicago for their regular work.”

While Boltwood wanted to enlarge the building, Beardsley worked to convince Evanston Township residents of the need for a new school on a new site. He hired Dr. Fletcher Dressler of the U.S. Bureau of Education to study the issue.

Noting that Boltwood should have originally purchased enough land to accommodate growth in enrollment, Dressler recommended closing the current building and building a new high school on a newer, larger site.

Other opposing groups also felt a new school was needed to properly serve the community. The school board suggested several new sites: 11-½ acres at Greenwood and Ashland, 15 acres at Lincoln and Ridge, and four additional sites, including land near Calvary Cemetery. But, none won approval with the community.

So, Beardsley and the board divided the issue. They first held a referendum on November 6, 1915, to determine *IF* a brand new high school should be built. The issue drew 4,129 people and won by a “handy 1,000 votes” the media reported.

This outcome prompted a two-year, legal tug-of-war in the appellate court, the circuit court, and the Illinois Supreme Court.

During this time, Beardsley, who wanted to erect the



From 1912 to 1923, three bond issues, two referendums, and multiple legal suits pushed the construction of a new ETHS on 55 acres at Church and Dodge into reality. Construction began Jan. 2, 1923, and the new ETHS opened in summer of 1924.

new high school on the 55 marshy farmland acres at Church St. and Dodge Ave., sought community support wherever he could find it, even with tours of the site. Teachers, who also wanted a new school, joined the public-relations campaign.

A second referendum was held October 11, 1919, to approve the Church-Dodge choice. Of the 9,020 people who voted, 7,950 said yes.

To nail down this decision, Beardsley, who carefully managed district funds, bought the site outright. On December 17, 1921, yet another bond issue was held to pay for building the new school—for \$1 million, payable over 20 years, at five-percent interest. With 5,150 votes cast, 4,097 people said yes, 957 said no, and 96 didn't vote correctly.

On January 2, 1923, ETHS Chancellor L. Jenks turned over the first shovelful of dirt for the new school. ETHS opened in summer 1924 with 1,600 students and was capable of housing 4,500. (See below.)

The building was designed by Dwight Perkins with the firm of Perkins, Fellows & Hamilton. His son, Larry, founded Perkins & Will, and designed the rest of the school. The original building resembled an H with the front of the school and the “north” and “east” halls completed. The back two halls, “south” and “west”, were added soon thereafter. Heritage Hall, aka “H Hall,” was in the center “H” of the building,

Although the school was far from complete, accommodations were made. Lockers were still being installed and the heating plant wasn't yet operating, so coats were worn inside, especially in the winter, and students and staff warmed up by the two fireplaces in the main lobby. Lunch was served in a WW I Quonset hut set up in the rear playfield.

Beardsley, who retired in 1928, envisioned “an expandable plan with the all-important classrooms going in first and plenty of time to add such frills as the auditorium, natatorium, and perhaps even auto shops.”



Author's Bookshelf

If you have written a book and want to share it with your fellow alumni and ETHS students, please send a copy of the book to David Futransky, ETHS, 1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL 60201.

Books are reviewed in *The KIT* and then exhibited in the East Library where the books written by Wildkit alums are on display. This collection covers a wide variety of topics. Below are the latest submissions.

Distinguished Alumna **Cleopatra B. Alexander, 1966**, has written and illustrated *Shiny the Sea Star Surfs and Meets a Nile River Camel*. As Shiny the Sea Star travels to a fourth river destination in this series of now six books in English and Spanish, throughout the continent

of Africa and into countries that border the Nile in this children's adventure story.

A book of paintings and information, *Ernestine Betsberg Paintings* was received from the Estate of Arthur Osver and Ernestine Betsberg. With an essay by Nancy Newman Rice, there is a wealth of information about **Ernestine Betsberg, 1928**, who went on to School of the Art Institute of Chicago where she won scholarships to travel to Europe. The book includes 68 paintings and watercolors by the artist.

Preston Cook, 1964, is a long-time collector of all things "Eagle" having amassed a collection of 40,000 items that he's donated to the National Eagle Center in Wabash, Minnesota. His current book,



Clearing the Air: The Attack of the Giant Eagle, looks at myths about eagles and how these fabulous birds are viewed by particularly American society.

Wine Convo Generator by **Chasity Cooper, 2007**, is a unique and fun tool to give the reader a secret weapon to describe wine or to impress your friends with over 150,000 new and creative things to say about wine. Use it to sound like an oenophile and hold your own with the wine snobs you encounter.

Sisters **Leslie Stein Handler, 1973**, and **Cheryl Stein Kelly, 1969**, have written and illustrated another addition to our

collection. *Come On Home: When the Street Lights Shine Or The Cowbell Clangs* is a reminiscence about growing up in a "simpler" time. Including remembrances of friends and neighbors who grew up in the same "Skevanston" neighborhoods, this book *can* present a lot of answers to the questions asked by grandchildren of their grandparents such as "what was it like when you grew up."

In the Amber Chamber is an interesting combination of genres. Drawing on both fairytale and contemporary fiction, this collection of stories set in Eastern Europe connects the reader to mystery and wonder and the grotesque. **Carrie Messenger, 1990**, has woven a unique collection of tales.

Marc Sommers, 1977, has written a very detailed cultural history of the civil war in Sierra Leone. Look-

ing at the role and experiences of young men, the book *We the Young Fighters: Pop Culture, Terror, and War in Sierra Leone*, explores terror-based warfare and how Tupac, Rambo, and Bob Marley became part of the fabric of alienation, resistance and hope in this African nation.

Sandy Horn: Jewish Rodeo Cowboy from Chicago is a memoir by ETHS counselor (1968-1995) and lifelong adventurer **Sanford Horn**. Over the years, he's been a horse owner and trainer, professional cowboy (rodeo rider, bareback bucking-horse rider, bull rider), college-educated engineer, teacher, ETHS counselor, award-winning gymnast, gymnastics coach, marathon runner, dog obedience trainer... and much more. Ride along with Sandy during his active life...to date.

Alumni Hall Transformation

The room next to the Faculty Dining Room (The Terrace) has had many different uses over the past 60+ years. As a lunchroom, a multipurpose room, and a storage space, students, faculty and staff have spent countless hours in room A252.

This space was last redone over 20 years ago when audiovisual technology was updated into early 21st century state-of-the-art. Over the intervening 20 years, technology has changed. Usage also changed and part of the space became storage for desks that were used in other areas of the building for testing days.

This, like many of the flexible and larger spaces at ETHS, is in constant demand. Rooms that can accommodate varied-size groups and activities ranging from speakers, to multiclass presentations, to rehearsal spaces are always being used.

The idea of Alumni Hall was born as plans were being made to revitalize this



Alumni Hall, designed by the firm of Perkins & Will.

space. Display cases in the hallway were designed to hold Wildkit memorabilia from over the years.

According to Kendra Williams, ETHS Chief Financial Officer: "Through designated gifts, the ETHS Foundation has secured over \$1,000,000 for Alumni Hall funding. The new learning environment will combine leading-edge digital technology and modular furniture that ignites collaborative learning to unleash unique intellectual and social energy."

A video wall was installed as well as writeable surfaces around the room.

The architecture firm of Perkins & Will (which has designed most of ETHS over the years) was instrumental in planning this space. Windows were expanded to allow more natural light and ceiling, and surfaces were changed to create a more welcoming environment.

The room opened this fall and is part of the celebration of 100 years of ETHS being located at Church and Dodge. The transformation has been noticed by everyone who walks by or enters the space. It is a most welcome update to the ETHS campus.



Noted artist Ta-coumba T. Aiken, ETHS '70, donated his artwork "Joy and Pain" to be exhibited in Alumni Hall. The abstract painting is 6' x 6', acrylic and canvas. Aiken, a Guggenheim Fellow, is a Twin Cities artist, arts administrator, educator, and community activist who focuses on public art. According to the artist, "the painting captures the spirit of four amazing and challenging years at ETHS—1966-1970—for the Class of 1970." Aiken researched and interviewed numerous classmates over 18 months and created this painting through his process of community engagement. A portion of the cost of "Joy and Pain" was contributed by the ETHS Class of 1970 as part of their 50th Reunion Gift to the ETHS Foundation.

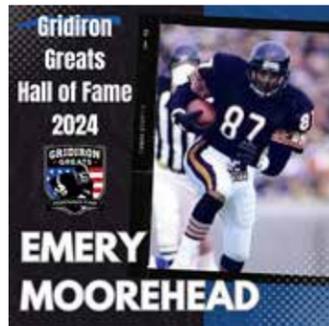
Class Notes

1950s



Daniel Peterson '53 (at left above) was recently inducted into the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) Hall of Fame. In April 2023, this legendary coach of the Olympia Milan basketball team in Italy for decades, had his coaching number retired in a surprise ceremony before over 10,000 people including all of his former Olympia players. This September 2024, Peterson was among eight international basketball stars—with Peterson being the only coach—in a FIBA induction ceremony held in Singapore. Zoran Radovic, Senior Director of FIBA, presented him his award. Over the years, Peterson was named a five-time Italian League Champion, three-time Italian Cup Winner, two-time Italian Coach of the Year, FIBA Korac Cup Champion, European Cup for Champion Clubs Winner, and WABC European Coach of the Year. In 2012, he was inducted into the Italian Basketball Hall of Fame. He also is an inductee in the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame, **the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame**, and the Olympia Milan Hall of Fame.

1970s



Emery Moorehead '72 has been inducted into the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund (GGAF) Hall of Fame. The Gridiron Greats honors former NFL players for their outstanding careers as well as their charitable work off the field. The GGAF is a non-profit organization providing financial grants and pro bono medical assistance to retired NFL players in dire need. Moorehead is a former professional football player who was a tight end and wide receiver in the NFL for the New York Giants, Denver Broncos, Philadelphia Eagles, and the Chicago Bears, with whom he won a Super Bowl ring as the starting tight end on the 1985 Bears team. He played college football for the Colorado Buffaloes and captained its 1976 Big Eight Conference championship team. He was drafted in the sixth round of the 1977 NFL draft. Moorehead was inducted into the Chicago-Land Sports Hall of Fame in 1999 and later became a director of the Hall. He has served on the Board of Directors of Northeast Illinois Council of Boy Scouts since 1989.

1980s



On July 1, 2024, **Dr. Justin Schwartz '82**, was named Chancellor of the University of Colorado Boulder. He came to CU Boulder from Pennsylvania State University where in May 2023 he was named the executive vice president and provost overseeing all of the school's academic units, a position he had held in an interim capacity since August 2022. He previously served as Dean of Penn State's College of Engineering since 2017. A CU Boulder official noted Schwartz's appreciation of the campus's different cultures and perspectives with its blending of liberal arts and research.

2000s



Chasity Cooper '07, has been named one of Wine Enthusiast's 2024 Future 40 Tastemakers! Chasity has been studying and writing about wine consistently since 2019, but her love for fermented grape juice dates back to her first trip abroad in 2010. Wine Enthusiast is a Certified B Corporation and stands as the leading source of innovation and information around wine. Every year, Wine Enthusiast's Future 40 list recognizes a diverse set of tastemakers who are bringing the drinks business into the future. Among them are winemakers, educators, brewers, sommeliers, viticulturalists, founders, conservationists, lawyers and other professionals who find unique ways to open doors and build bridges in the industry. Says Cooper: "Being mentioned on this list with my peers and colleagues in the beverage industry is not only an honor, but a pivotal milestone in my career, and I'm truly excited for what the future holds."

2010s



Dr. J.C. Williams '10 was named a 2024 American Dental Association 10 Under 10 Awardee. Dentists who have graduated in under 10 years and "demonstrate excellence and inspire others in science, research & education, practice excellence, philanthropy, leadership and advocacy" are chosen for this award. She is a Dental Public Health specialist, having completed a residency program at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine Dental Public Health in 2023, a General Practice Residency at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in 2024, and her Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Dentistry in 2018. She attended Howard University where she studied Biology and Afro-American Studies and fostered her interest in health justice. Her clinical training at UIC as an Albert Schweitzer Fellow drove her to develop and implement an oral health project connecting transient, low-income adults to care not only through direct service, but also on a statewide and national level.

ETHS Kudos

This fall, 16 ETHS seniors have been named Semifinalists in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The ETHS Semifinalists are: **Hershel Abraham, Una Breen, Eli Coustan, Cameron Eaton-Strong, Daniel Green, Maxwell Matsis, Daniel O'Connor, Isaac Peng, Katherine Schober, Leah Shaman, Harrison Stracks, Patrick Tu, Philippa Walker, Andrew Watson, William Zalmezak, and Kathryn Zehr.**

The National Merit Scholarship Company (NMSC) annually recognizes U.S. high school students who demonstrate definitive marks of academic excellence. Semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in the Spring of 2025.

Approximately 16,000 high school students were named NMSC semifinalists. These students represent less than one-percent of U.S. high school seniors and now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million.

Reunion Roundup

Class of '58 Fun and Frolic next May

Next year most members of ETHS '58 will be turning 85, so May 1-4, 2025, we're celebrating 58@85. We have a special room rate at the Garden Inn in Evanston, for those coming from out of town. On Friday night we'll gather, as has become our tradition, at Hackney's on Lake to eat drink, laugh, talk, and reminisce. Saturday night we'll have a "final dinner" at the Happ Inn in Northfield and Thursday through Sunday will be filled with fun and frolic. More details and reservation info will be sent via email early next year. Questions? Contact your Reunion Committee at eths58reunion@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Class of 1975 50th REUNION
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025
Place TBD
More info to follow.

For any questions, please contact JanicevKaplan at Jankaplan115@gmail.com.



2 Themes: ETHS Class of '62 — a 62-year reunion and the ETHS Class of '62 turns 80

4 attendees missing from this photo: Doug Moore, Caren (Arrove) Goodman, Kathy Murry, Sandee (Shiffman) Abern

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Class of '74 back for 50th reunion



'74 Reunion chairs (L to R): Jada Robitaille, Mark Lipowicz, Diane Hermanek and Bob Gold. (Kate Morand is not pictured.)

The ETHS Class of '74 celebrated its 50th reunion Sept. 13-15. The weekend events began on Friday with a pub crawl in downtown Evanston, followed by separate middle-school dinner gatherings. Saturday's highlights included a tour of the school and presentation of our class gift, and our gala main event with nearly 250 classmates, a record turnout. The fun continued on Sunday with several small group gatherings. The Class of '74's gift has reached almost \$100K—so far—in support of planned renovations of the school's Arts + Innovation wing.

Class of '85 40th Reunion! SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, July 5, 2025 at The American Legion Post 42 & Canal Shores Patio (next to the 18th green of the newly renovated The Evans at Canal Shores).

Tell your friends, gather your buddies, and join us for a great party! For more details, to sponsor merch or food, to join a subcommittee, and to make sure we have your correct contact information, please email eths1985reunion@gmail.com. To update your information via the ETHS website you can visit this link <https://www.eths.k12.il.us/Page/516>.

Class of 1959 gathers for its 65th reunion



On the afternoon of Sunday, June 9, the ETHS Class of '59 celebrated their 65th anniversary with an Open House Reunion at the Evanston home of Cherie Buresh Weil (2nd from left). A total of 38 classmates and 11 companions attended.

Reunion Roundup

1969's 55th Reunion



Almost 100 members of the ETHS Class of 1969 celebrated their 55th reunion at Grandpa's Place in Glenview on September 13th. Classmates traveled from as far as California, New York, and North Carolina to celebrate getting together. A buffet dinner and warm autumn night found small and large groups conversing about their lives today and over the last 55 years. Kudos to Debbie Magnusen for leading the organizing efforts.

The party continued at the Centennial Carnevale on Saturday with more classmates joining to party with 1969 and all of the other classes that were there.

Theater Tour



Last spring, Tim Herbert '89, ETHS theater teacher/director, led a backstage tour of the Upstairs Theater for members of the classes of 1970-73 (lower L and up around the table): Linda Hess Miller '70, Ann Roegge Meissner '71, Sandy Nelson, Jeff Nelson '70, Rebecca Taylor Gay '71, Josie Noble '70, Roger Badesch '70, Phillip Tugendrajch '73, Jen Gibson Garcia '73, and Tim Blackmore '69. The friends had come to see the production of *Matilda the Musical*. Herbert discussed some of the theater's improvements currently in the planning stages.

"Happy Trails" to 1964's 60th reunion

The ETHS Class of 1964 held its 60th (!) reunion the weekend of the school's 100th Carnivale. It was non-stop fun for the over 150 classmates that attended. Friday, Sept. 13, was spent meeting-and-greeting old and new friends at the Evanston Holiday Inn.

Of the 10+ reunions holding forth at the Lazier Field 100th event, '64's was the best attended. Saturday night the '64 crowd moved to Hackney's on Lake in Wilmette, where the fried onions were sublime.

Summing up the memorable weekend, **Don Hall**, '64's reunion chair said "The organizing committee approved using the classic Roy Rogers-Dale Evans' "Happy Trails" as our 60th reunion theme song along with the tag line. The lyrics are just perfect!" "...Until we meet again."

Class of '70 at Moretti's



A great time was had by all in September during a gathering of some classmates of the ETHS Class of 1970 at Moretti's in Morton Grove, IL. They enjoyed each other's company and didn't miss a beat. Love and warm feelings for each other were present throughout the evening.

EPIC weekend for Class of 1984's 40th reunion



1984's 40th Class Reunion was EPIC! It was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Evanston on July 6th. With a turnout of over 200+ people, great memories were made! Alumni had the opportunity to catch up through socializing, dancing, eating, and drinking. People enjoyed weekend festivities that kept everyone buzzing. It was great seeing so many faces. What a wonderful time was had. What a great day to be a WILDKIT!!

In Memory

1940s

Margaret A. Schutz Baumhardt, 1942, 5/11/2024
 John U. Wyer, 1944, 5/11/2024
 Melanie Milz Hauth, 1944, 2/18/2024
 Andrian "Andy" Kremm, 1946, 5/30/2024
 Charlene Hiatt Howland, 1947, 1/27/2024
 Patricia A. Hartman, 1947, 1/17/2024
 Harold J. Sandercock, 1947, 10/6/2023
 Marguerite Sledz Carington, 1949, 2/15/2024
 Albert Thomas Sprich, 1949, 1/17/2024

1950s

Natalie Fredrick Hector, 1951, 5/31/2024
 Elizabeth McIntyre Gibson, 1951, 5/2/2024
 Aaron Wilbur "Bill" Brandt, 1951, 9/16/2024
 Alvin R. Paden, 1952, 8/22/2024
 Sonja Carlborg Campbell, 1953, 2/24/2024
 Jean Perry Gregoire, 1953, 4/22/2024
 David W. Scott, 1954, 3/16/2024

David B. Park, 1954, 4/3/2020
 Dale H. Jenkins, 1954, 3/11/2024
 Lawrence "Larry" Templeton, 1954, 1/2024
 Charles I. Trinrud, 1955, 2/2024
 Michael C. Sillin, 1956, died in 2024
 Carrie Murray Smith, 1956, 4/21/2024
 Juliet "Julie" Van Pelt Roth, 1956, 7/3/2024
 Gary R. Branstrom, 1956, 7/18/2024
 Delores Petway Holmes, 1957, 10/23/2024
 Michael S. White, 1957, 5/7/2024
 James C. McLeod Jr., 1957, 7/23/2024
 Peter M. Weiner, 1958, 7/14/2024
 Linda Pedersen Korsan, 1959, 2/1/2024
 John S. Stenstrom, 1959, 6/2024

1960s

Mary Louise Longley, 1960, 5/21/2023
 Robert E. Wagner, 1960, 4/2024
 Judith Peters Higgins, 1960, 7/13/2023

Philip "Ole" Holm, 1961, 8/7/2024
 Nancy Chwastiak White, 1962, 9/25/2024
 Vernon R. Champion, 1963, 8/2024
 Meredith Norman Wilson, 1963, 1/10/2024
 Beverly Unger Brodsky, 1964, 6/4/2024
 Merle Edward Stephey Jr., PhD, 1964, 4/30/2024
 Edward Boesel, 1964, 8/29/2024
 Laura Banks Avery, 1964, 5/12/2024
 Carl J. Jutzen, 1964, 5/27/2023
 David Klemm, 1965, 3/27/2024
 Patricia Selvey Heller, 1966, 3/10/2024
 Stephen M. Wheeler, 1966, 1/26/2024
 Thomas "Tom" Mentzer, 1966, 5/3/2024
 Eugene J. "Gene" Wagner, 1966, 6/20/2024
 Joel Margules, 1967, 8/20/2024
 Becky Jo Sturgeon Moore, 1967, 3/21/2024
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Charlene Adams Ferguson, 1970, 7/30/2024
 Mark L. Newman, 1970, 4/23/2024
 Eddie Cassellberry, 1971, 2/27/2024
 Debra Kappelman Swartzfagel, 1972, 5/15/2024
 Donna C. King, 1973, 2/1/2024
 Stuart Rosenberg, 1973, 5/7/2024
 Kevin E. McCauley, 1973, 7/25/2023
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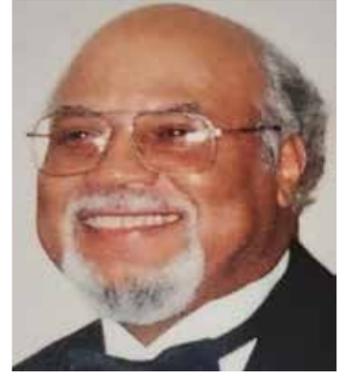
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John M. "Jake" Kahoun, 1990, 7/5/2024
 Steven J. Ray, 1994, 5/3/2024

2000s

Dr. Madeline Parks Giegold, 2009, 7/28/2024

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Albert Leo Kimbrough, of Arlington Heights, IL, died May 21 at the age of 86. He played football for coach Ara Parseghian at Northwestern University and worked at ETHS for seven years as a teacher, football and basketball coach, and 25 years as a school administrator.

William Logan Jr.

William "Bill" Logan Jr. was born and raised in Evanston and came to serve the community in many ways. He died July 21, 2024, at the age of 92.

He achieved success in law enforcement and, at the same time, paved the way for other African Americans. As a member of the **ETHS Class of 1951**, he was the first Black home-room president, first Black football captain, and first Black senior class vice president.

He joined the Evanston Police Dept. in 1957 and served for 30 years as its first Black Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, and eventually Chief. He also was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s bodyguard during his visit to Evanston. When Logan retired from the police force in 1987, he took over the job as Director of Safety and Security at ETHS for 19 years.

After high school, and a brief stint at Western Illinois University on a football scholarship, Logan joined the U.S. Air Force. He served in Japan and Korea, receiving numerous awards as a staff sergeant and communications specialist.

At the age of 44, he earned his BA degree in Public Administration from Northeastern Illinois University. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy, Northwestern University's Police Management Course, and the University of Minnesota's Juvenile Officers Institute.

During his time as police chief, Logan became a founding member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) with over 4,000 members.

Logan had a long history of community service on numerous committees and boards including the

Evanston Community Development Corp., Evanston Community Foundation, Evanston Human Relations Board, Evanston Historical Society, McGaw YMCA, Evanston Mental Health Society, City of Evanston Parks and Recreation, NAACP – Evanston Chapter, Rotary Club of Evanston, Hospice Board of the Midwest, Levy Senior Center Foundation, and St. Francis Hospital Adult/Child Guidance Dept.

In addition, he co-founded the Chessmen Club of the North Shore in 1958, and in 1968, he co-founded the Fellowship of African American Men (FAAM) Youth Basketball Program, where he coached both of his sons to championships.

Logan was a recipient of the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in December 2003. Earlier in 2024, the Evanston City Council named a portion of McDaniel Ave. in his honor.



To honor William Logan's 30-year tenure with the Evanston Police, ultimately as Chief, a police car, draped in mourning and adorned with flowers, was parked outside of the police station on Elmwood for many days.

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Delores Petway Holmes

Legendary community icon **Delores Petway Holmes, ETHS 1957**, co-founder of Family Focus, Evanston 5th Ward Alderman for 12 years, died Tuesday October 22, 2024, at the age of 86.

Delores Holmes' commitment to serving the needs of at-risk families is a model for community involvement that has been recognized locally, nationally, and as far away as Ghana.

Her community work began with Evanston's Operation Headstart program. She attended the 1969 White House Conference on Children as a parent

volunteer, and upon her return, was elected the first chairman of the Illinois Headstart Parent Association. This led to a five-year post as Family Coordinator for all Cook County Headstart programs.

In 1976, Holmes co-founded and for 26 years was executive director of Family Focus, a community agency which provided exemplary programs that promoted child development through family support. Ever responsive to changing family needs, Family Focus under Holmes's leadership created Evanston's first early childhood center, job-training programs, day-care services for teen parents, and a family center. Among other accomplishments, the agency was

the first in Illinois to be licensed as a Teen Nursery, allowing the agency to focus on teen-pregnancy prevention. In her "retirement," Holmes worked with the Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, assisting in restorative justice.

A frequent lecturer, trainer, and consultant, Holmes spoke in many college settings, and before numerous local, state, and national professional groups that support children's issues.

Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss said of her passing, "Delores was a giant in this community... It's hard to imagine an Evanston without Delores Holmes, but we can and must benefit from the blueprint for caring and service that she left us."



Holmes earned a Bachelor's degree in human services from Northeastern Illinois University and a Master's in Education from National Louis. She served on committees and task forces on such varied topics as youth issues, special education, teen sexuality, Holmesaffirmative action, and multiculturalism.

In December 2003, along with William Logan, Holmes was among six alumni to receive the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award, the second class to be so honored. Well over 130 alums have received the award to date.



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NEW FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS:
SAMANTHA DENNY
LOU ENGLISH '84
SUSIE PRATT '91
RENNÉ MARRIOTT STONE '98

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The Foundation is thrilled to have three new alums and a returning Board member serve on the Foundation board!

Samantha Denny has lived in Evanston since 2004. She has three children, two alums: **Ben '22, Joshua '24,** and Aaron '28. She has previously served on the boards of Sukkat Shalom and the Women's Educational Aid

Association. She also been Treasurer of the Kingsley School PTA and ran the supply program. She says she's a "marching band mom" and helps drive the equipment truck to competitions and chaperone field trips. She frequently sells concessions for the Booster Club. An avid triathlete and member of the Evanston Running Club, she also enjoys kayaking and stand-up paddle

boarding. A graduate of Stanford University and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, she currently works as an attorney at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Louis English '84 is currently Managing Director Head of Municipal Sales at Janney Montgomery Scott. He graduated from

the University of Iowa with a BA in economics. English and his wife Jackie reside in Evanston and have three children who are graduates of ETHS. He previously served on the ETHS Foundation Board from 2012-2017, serving a term as Treasurer.

Susie Pratt '91 is a writer, speaker, and strategist with over twenty years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She holds a B.A. from Colgate University with Honors in English Literature and an A.M. from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. In addition to her work with the Foundation, Pratt is on the board of Evanston's Books and Breakfast program. Her book, *More or Less: Essays from a Year of No Buying*, won the EastOver Press Nonfiction Prize and was published by EastOver in February 2022. Pratt and her husband have raised three boys in Evanston. (ETHS graduation years 2022, 2024 and 2026).

Renné Marriott Stone '98 has over 20 years of Executive Administrative experience in the Financial, Legal, and Healthcare industries and currently works as a Practice Manager at Endeavor Health. She is the Founder & President of BECAS We Can, NFP (BECASS). She also volunteers with several community-based organizations including the Evanston Cricket Club, Ltd. and organizes the annual Jamaican Independence Day Celebration in Evanston. She was born in Jamaica, graduated from ETHS, and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. When she is not at a community, sporting, or social event, she spends her free time with her husband, Duane D. Stone '99; four children: Alana '21, twins Aleah & Alexa '27, and Asante; and dogs, Coco and Chanel. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Sports Marketing and Management with a minor in Business from Indiana University-Bloomington and a Paralegal Certificate from Emory University in Atlanta, GA.



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Two alumni families bequest financial gifts to ETHS from their estates

ETHS is honored to announce two generous legacy gifts from the estates of proud alumni **Dennis Lopatin '66**, and **Richard Doub '48** and his wife Jean Doub.

These bequests, totaling more than \$500,000, will make an extraordinary impact on our students and community, and serve as a testament to the lasting influence of an ETHS education.

Dennis Lopatin has bequeathed \$133,000 to support current projects at ETHS. A professor of dentistry emeritus and senior associate dean emeritus at the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry, Lopatin's passion for science began early, nurtured by his time at ETHS.

His son Jeremy reflected on his father's legacy, expressing his "deepest gratitude to ETHS for the pivotal role it played in my father's life. He was always a proud alumnus."

Lopatin's contributions in microbiology and immunology leave a lasting imprint on the scientific community, a career launched by the educational foundation he built at ETHS.

Richard "Dick" Doub, who passed away at 93 in January 2024, and his wife Jean, have left a \$350,000 bequest to the Oliver Baty Cunningham Memorial Prize, a prestigious honor for the top senior student at ETHS.

The Cunningham scholarship is awarded annually to the senior who ranks first among the members of their class in all-around qualities, including intellectual ability, capacity



for leadership, sense of responsibility, and distinguished service to school and community.

As a recipient of the Cunningham Prize himself, Doub credited the scholarship with setting him on a successful business career path after earning degrees from Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

Doub remained a lifelong supporter of ETHS, and his legacy gift ensures that future generations of ETHS students will continue to benefit from the same opportunities that shaped his own life.

Legacy gifts like these make a tremendous differ-

ence for ETHS students, enhancing both academic and extracurricular excellence. If you are interested in including ETHS in your estate plans, please contact the ETHS Foundation Executive Director, at 847-424-7772.



The ETHS Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Hammock as District 202's first-ever Chief Advancement Officer. In his role, Hammock will serve on the Superintendent's cabinet and lead the Foundation's efforts. This new role will expand the Foundation's growing impact and further its mission of transforming the educational landscape for students at ETHS.

"As a proud parent of three Wildkits ('21, '22, '25), I am honored to help strengthen the ETHS alumni network and to invest in the future of our school," he said..

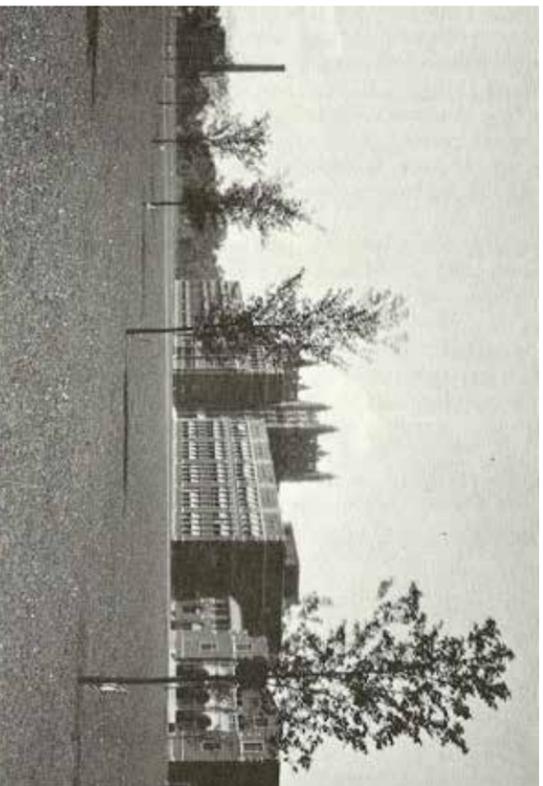
In his role, Hammock will lead the Foundation's advancement strategy, overseeing the current Foundation staff and working closely with stakeholders to secure resources for innovative projects. Prior

to joining the Foundation, he served as Vice President of Development for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, and held leadership positions at Northwestern University and DePaul University. He holds a BA in Communications from Wake Forest University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



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Once ETHS opened at Church St. and Dodge Ave. in the mid-1920s, the Garden Club of Evanston donated 90 elm trees to celebrate its new home. Many of the new trees were planted in front of the school on Dodge.