



The KIT

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ETHS, NU to share Beardsley Gym this year

ETHS's Beardsley Gym experienced a major re-do this summer in an effort to be a good neighbor. While Northwestern University's Welsh-Ryan Arena undergoes a \$110 million upgrade until Fall 2018, NU's women's volleyball and basketball teams need a temporary home for their games this year. So, the two schools partnered to make it happen.

The volleyball team will play its 10 conference home games in Beardsley, and the basketball team will hold court there for 15 of its 16 home games.

Using revenue received from the rental agreement and the high school's general operating funds, ETHS spent the summer making several needed improvements to the acclaimed

92-year-old gymnasium. New video boards replaced the traditional scoreboards. The court flooring and balcony seating were painted, new baskets and supports went up, gym-wall padding was replaced, and the lobby was retiled.

The court was enlarged from 91-1/2 feet to 94 feet to meet college-basketball standards, which according to ETHS Athletic Director **Chris Livatino '91**, won't upset the IL High School Assn. rules because "the state finals are played on a college dimension court."

So, expect to see NU's iconic purple bunting and Willie WildCAT sharing space with ETHS's orange and blue and Willie WildKIT this year, and all for a good, cross-town cause.



ETHS put a new shine, among other improvements, to Beardsley Gym this summer to welcome Northwestern University's women's volleyball and basketball teams.

From the Alumni Association Executive Director

Connections! Reunions! Keeping in Touch!

This has been a Fall of 'Kits connecting with each other and with ETHS. It's been a time of reunions that have surpassed (in numbers) anything that has come before, and it's been a time of keeping in touch with classmates and with those who shared an aspect of life at ETHS. And there's more to come.

We hosted the annual induction of the Wildkit Athletic Hall of Fame, the class of 1967's 50th reunion, and gatherings of the classes of 1987 and 1997. Classes ranging from 1957, 1972, 1977 and 1982 got together over the summer. We also had the first Chem-Phys reunion with over 125 alums gathering to reminisce with alums and faculty.

Fall events included the YAMO 60th celebration, and will include the November 18th opening of time capsules placed in the walls from 1966-1967, and

our Distinguished Alumni Award event in early December. A winter event will celebrate the 1967-68 State Championship in Boys' Basketball and other basketball teams.

We plan to host regional events on both coasts – in the New York City area and in the San Francisco Bay/Northern California region. More information on many of these events is in this issue of *The KIT*.

The alumni office is here to help alumni connect, celebrate, and Keep In Touch (*KIT*). We share data with reunion organizers and many classes have found our office to be a convenient space to meet with their committees. Organizers have taken a tour of the updated ETHS campus prior to or following their meetings.

While the Alumni Association looks to help all classes with their reunions, please understand that we cannot provide tours of



David Futransky '69

ETHS between June 1 and September 1 due to building construction and limited hours in the summertime.

As an Alumni Association, we truly appreciate how much you support your alma mater. ETHS has been in the news this fall and has been the focus of stories that ranged from revisions to the school's dress code, our support of our students who are immigrants and refugees, and stories about our students and institutional stand in support of freedom of

expression. The voices of many alumni have echoed in support of ETHS on social media.

We know you are as proud of ETHS as our current constituents are—students, faculty and staff, parents, and community member—and recognize the value of open and continued dialogue about so many issues of our day.

The more contact we have from you, the better we can support your activities. Please send us stories for *The KIT*, email, or post on social media with your ideas, and remember: It's a great day to be a Wildkit!

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Superintendent's Letter

Not Just Celebrating Diversity: Working Collectively to Achieve Equity

Evanston celebrates diversity. This is a community where we choose to live and send our children and grandchildren to schools with students of all races, of different socio-economic backgrounds, and from many different cultures and countries. We value diverse experiences for our children, and we want them to learn and grow up with children with different backgrounds, customs, traditions, languages and families.

But, we also know we must do more than simply celebrate diversity. We must build our lives together as a community, fully committed to doing the heavy lifting to achieve equity, especially racial equity, for all. We have work to do.

What does it mean when we acknowledge we have work to do to achieve racial equity? The president of the Center for Social Inclusion, Glenn Harris, put it this way: “Racial equity is about applying justice and a little bit of common sense to a system that’s been out of balance. When a system is out of balance, people of color feel the impacts most acutely, but, to be clear, an imbalanced system makes all of us pay.”

Look at the data: in early childhood, education, health care, poverty, employment, and victims of violent crime, for example. We cannot avoid the realization that our system is “out of balance.”

What is encouraging is that the Evanston community is mobilizing to do something about the system imbalance. Beth Emet Synagogue, Sec-

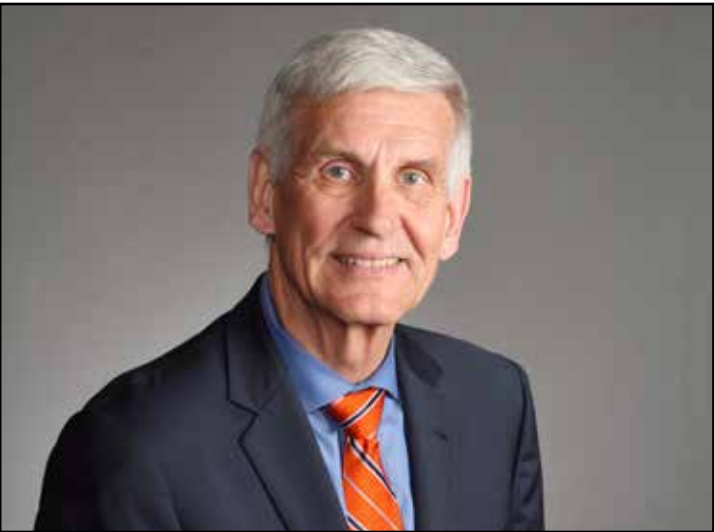
ond Baptist Church, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, Unitarian Church of Evanston, and others in our faith community are providing leadership to address equity. Evanston/Skokie School District 65, Evanston Township High School (ETHS) District 202 and the City of Evanston are leading equity work. YWCA Evanston/North Shore, McGaw YMCA, Y.O.U., Y.J.C., Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Evanston Community Foundation and so many other organizations are investing in equity work.

Evanston Cradle to Career is spearheading this work, and its 40+ partners are committed to collectively creating an equitable community where “all Evanston children and youth are on the path to leading productive and satisfying lives by age 23.” Notably, the emphasis is on ALL children and youth benefiting from equity.

OpenSource Leadership Strategies offers this definition: “EQUITY is a proactive, strategic approach that accounts for structural differences in opportunities, burdens and needs in order to fulfill the promise of equality for all.”

That describes the work we have been doing at ETHS and the work I see gaining momentum across Evanston. We are tackling structural inequities, and we are taking a systemic approach like never before. We know that without equity Evanston will never be the community we want it to be, the diverse community with so much to offer where all our young people have equitable access, advantages, and opportunities.

At ETHS, we have made significant progress in addressing equity issues in recent years. We have even developed a Social Consciousness Series of summits that focus on the unique yet diverse experiences of our students, including Black males and Black females, LG-BTQ+ students, Latino, Asian, and Middle Eastern students. The goal is



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

to support the academic success and well-being of our richly diverse student body.

However, this year we are taking our work even deeper. We are focusing assertively on the systemic inequalities facing our Black male students. We are underscoring and confronting the disparities in academic outcomes for Black male students. While we have many high-achieving Black males who are accelerated honors students at ETHS, the aggregated data for Black males has to be our biggest concern.

Focusing on Black males does not ignore other students. Just the opposite. All of us pay when our system is out of balance. Our best practices, our most creative problem solving, our systemic improvement benefits all students. Deep equity work makes ETHS a better, healthier school for all students. A healthy school is where all students are getting what they need and doing well, where all students are

learning more together. Our struggles to better educate all our Black male students is our weakest link as educators. We are determined to get better results.

The challenges, however, can’t be solved by the schools alone. As a community, we must collectively confront how a racist society has resulted in Black males in America disproportionately having lower incomes, higher dropout rates, lower college graduation rates, higher unemployment, shorter life expectancy, higher incarceration, and greater risk of being victims of violence.

We are fortunate to live in a community that celebrates diversity AND is determined to have a collective impact to achieve equity for all our Black male students, for all our children, for all our citizens.

We can achieve equity together in Evanston. If not here, then where? If not now, then when?

ETHS Class Notes

Let your friends and former classmates know where you are and what you are doing.

Please provide your contact information (print clearly):

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When returning this form, please include a separate sheet providing additional information (marriage, children, awards, memberships, etc.) and a recent photo of yourself (we will return it unharmed if you ask us to).

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New Alumni Association Board elected

Earlier this summer, the ETHS Alumni Board elected new officers and board members for the 2017-18 year.

Kevin Mack '95 will serve as President, Avery Mayne '08 as Vice President, Nicole Marks '85 as Secretary, and Felipe Martinez '97 as Treasurer.

Board members serving one-year terms are Peg-

gy Baxter '94, Ardis Coninx '41, Ron Lewis '71, Avery Mayne '08, Adam Newman '69, Gwen Burton Poole '61, Joel Servillo '01, Michael Sultan '65, and Katie Trippi '77.

Those serving two-year terms are Matthew Hunter '05, Kevin Mack '95, Nicole Marks '85, Joe Martin '98, Felipe Martinez '97, Kathy Miehlis '64, and Doug Nickels '72.

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What’s New at ETHS?

ETHS goes “virtual” for visitors, students alike

As of this fall, Evanston Township High School can bring the high school into your home, no matter where you live: locally, nationally or abroad.

Now prospective families, alumni, parents, and other visitors can explore the school, inside and out, by taking a virtual tour. The tour uses 3-D panoramic photography and narration to illuminate the various parts of the building while an animated “tour guide” explains, in English, Spanish, or printed subtitles, what’s on the screen.

The Virtual Tour can be viewed from any computer, tablet, or mobile devise by going to the ETHS website (www.eths.k12.il.us) and looking under “About Us/ Visiting ETHS.” To download the free Virtual Tour app to a mobile device, search for “ETHS YouVisit” in the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play Store (Android devices). A “walking tour” is also avail-

able when downloading the Virtual Tour app on your mobile device.

The tour takes you to every corner of the school, including the Heritage Hall, Hub resource center, various classrooms, learning centers, gymnasiums, STEM labs, Planetarium, and visual and performing-arts facilities, among other locations.

So, come “visit” the school at any time with the ETHS Virtual Tour.

And speaking of “virtual” resources at ETHS, students can now access their “Virtual IDs” from their mobile devices and Chromebook laptop computers, which every student has. Using a custom web application called “myETHS,” students can now pull up an image



of their personal ID cards and present it in cafeterias and resource and study centers. The “virtual” card displays their photo, name, and bar-coded ID number that can be scanned wherever needed.

According to Robbie Brown, Associate Principal of School Operations, ETHS developed the Virtual ID because “students were always losing their hard plastic ID cards [and had to pay \$10 to replace them].” While they still may use the plastic IDs, students’ reaction to the “Virtual ID” since its introduction this summer has been “very positive,” said Brown.

Time Capsules – 50 years later

Between Thanksgiving 1966 and Homecoming 1967, four time capsules were hidden behind cornerstones in the four new “schools” of ETHS.

The classes of 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970 filled the four “wings,” which transformed the school from four halls into four schools-within-a-school.

North School (renamed Beardsley) was the first to open and its time capsule was installed in late November, followed in April with East (Michael), in May with West (Boltwood), and at Homecoming in October with South (Bacon). (Note: Last year the names of the four schools went back to the directional “hall” names.)

Part of the timing was caused by a trucking strike making it impossible for building materials to be delivered. South was also delayed by the need for

another referendum in 1967 to raise money to complete the building.

Last school year, after much research, it was confirmed that the capsules were in place.

On September 9, during the Class of 1967’s 50th reunion, the class opened the North School time capsule. The contents included a bond-issue campaign button, several school publications, 1966 *KEY* yearbook signed by Dr. Lloyd Michael, punch cards with the names of each faculty member, lists of all North Hall students and principals, election results for tax increases and building bonds, 1965 Hi-Lights vinyl record, and a letter from the school board to the future.



David Lee (at l.), Michael Babbitt, and Chris Stollery (all '67 grads) read over 1965 Hi-Lights record as they explored the contents of the 1967 time capsule.

Other time-capsule openings were to be held on November 18, with help from the Evanston History Center, Evanston Public Library, and Northwestern University. The History/ Social Sciences Department will involve students in working with the archival materials found in the boxes.

ETHS updates its dress code

Over the years, as fashion trends change, school districts, including Evanston Township High School (ETHS), have played “dress-code catch-up” to refocus students’ attention away from their clothing, especially for girls, and back on their education.

From the early 1960s, when girls wearing culottes or skirts above the knees got sent home to 50-plus years later when wearing shorts, tank tops, or visible bra straps—or boys wearing hats, hoodies, or saggy pants showing their underwear—crossed the line, ETHS has revised its dress code time and again to keep students’ attire from being a distraction in class. The revisions were written mostly by administrators with little input from students.

Last year, that all changed. ETHS students upset about the most recent clothing bans surveyed their peers about what the dress code should include and how it should be enforced. The results were shared with school principal Marcus Campbell, and together the students and administration created a new dress code, based on the ETHS results and the Oregon NOW Model Student Dress Code. The new rules are reasonable, inclusive, body-positive, fairly enforceable, and allow students to focus on the classroom, not on what they or others are wearing.

Beginning this school year, all students may wear clothing “of their own choice that is comfortable...and that does not reinforce or increase marginalization of oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.” Students and their parents/guardians are primarily responsible for a student’s attire.

Back on the “may wear” list are such items as pajamas, tank or halter tops (with spaghetti straps), athletic attire, and leggings; and hats (worn straight

forward or back) and hoodies that don’t mask the face or block anyone’s ability to see them (other than for religious purposes). In addition, all clothing must be worn so that “genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric.”

On the “may not” list are clothes and accessories with violent language or images, hate speech, porn, drugs, alcohol, profanity—“images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.”

Enforcement is clearly spelled out, as well. Staff members are trained to be consistent and to use body-positive language when explaining the code. “Shaming”—for example, accusing students of “distracting” others with their clothes or calling them out in front of others—is prohibited.

Students who violate the code may put on alternative clothing of their own, wear school-provided temporary clothing for the rest of the day, or, if necessary, have their parents bring something appropriate to school.

The new up-beat dress code has received nationwide media attention. As Superintendent Eric Witherspoon told TODAY.com: “We are striving to enhance the school-wide learning environment by honoring students for who they are. We want them to know that each of them, as a unique individual, belongs here and feels welcome and safe here at school.”

To read the whole dress code, go to the ETHS web site (www.eths.k12.il.us) and type “student dress code” in the top-right search box.

ETHS Safe Haven School District resolution “trumps” DACA

In early September, the day after the Trump administration announced that the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program would end in six months, ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon spoke to the entire school about how the school board had officially declared ETHS a Safe Haven School District last January (a move that was shortly followed by Evanston’s elementary school district 65).

He also sent an email to students, staff, and families re-enforcing the school’s commitment to protect its students and families threatened by immigration

enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Said Witherspoon: “Whether DACA affects you directly or not, we are a school community, and any decisions about DACA affect **all** Wildkits.”

The school board resolution clearly states that no one from immigration law enforcement may enter the school without advance notice, credentials, and written authorization to the superintendent, who will determine whether their entry is required by law.

In addition, all ETHS employees, contractors,

volunteers, and coaches are responsible for upholding this board policy, including not asking about or disclosing a student’s or parent’s immigration status to anyone. (The full version of the Safe Haven Resolution is available at <https://www.eths.k12.il.us/Page/1337>.)

“Thanks to our school board, and to all of you, for helping us create a school environment that is physically and emotionally safe for all students,” said Witherspoon, adding, “We all stick together and take care of one another when any of us is threatened because we are Wildkits.”



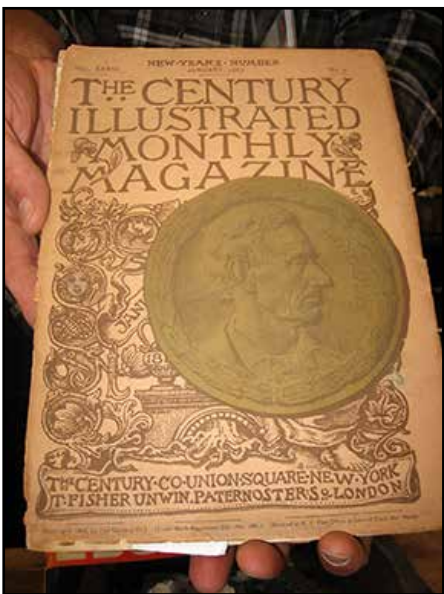
Last spring, ETHS DREAMers Club student members spoke with school board members and staff as well as local and state officials about their concerns for their school and their community to remain safe places for learning, regardless of immigration status.

ETHS library archive to offer viewers “living history”

Evanston Township High School (ETHS) opened in 1883 on the southeast corner of Dempster St. and Elmwood Ave. Forty-one years later, in summer of 1924, ETHS reopened in a new building on 55 acres at Church St. and Dodge Ave. Led by two scholarly principals—Henry L. Boltwood until his death in 1906, then by Wilfred Beardsley until 1928—the school libraries were the repository of many interesting materials that reflect the two men’s classical backgrounds as well as world, Evanston, and ETHS history.

Up until now, those archival materials were stashed away, unseen by anyone. But, when the school’s main library was remodeled two years ago, William Latham, ETHS Library Coordinator, discovered these historical treasures and yearned to share them with the students, staff, and community.

To that end, the ETHS Alumni Assn. Board granted the library \$2,800 to buy two museum-quality display cases. “[They] would give the Central Library a museum feel and allow visitors to see and appreciate historical books and items,” said Latham.



The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine, January 1887, is part of the ETHS archival material.

Among these “definite crowd-pleasers,” said Latham, are 17th-century Bibles, books signed by authors Carl Sandburg and Margaret Landon, Boltwood’s Greek Lexicon (dictionary; he spoke 10 languages) from 1826, *The Illustrated London News* from 1914 with articles and photos from WWI, a 1969 issue of *Ebony Magazine*, Encyclopedia Britannicas dating back to the early 1900s, a 1953 article about *Human Relations in Evanston*, and hand-written class and business office ledgers, among many other publications. “No one knows where it all came from, but nobody ever really sees it,” noted Latham.

Adding to the library’s treasure trove, the Alumni Assn. archive includes

early 1920s photos taken during the construction of ETHS, yearbooks dating back to 1897, early blueprints of the school, and Oliver Baty Cunningham’s WWI memorabilia (after whom the annual Senior Boy award is named), just to give an idea of the history available for viewing.

“It’s weird, random stuff,” said Latham. “Many of the items tap into both the history of ETHS and the history of Evanston as a community as well as events that were happening in both a national and international context,” he said, adding, “They also fit in nicely with students engaged in research-based projects that require primary source materials.”

The glass display cases—one double-columned six-foot case, one single-columned four-foot case—will give viewers a chance to see the materials on all sides.

“With the heavy use of Central Library by the ETHS community, it will provide students, staff, and visitors the opportunity to view (and possibly handle) a number of fascinating works and items,” said Latham.

Field House to be named for Willie May



Every five years, coinciding with landmark ETHS anniversaries such as the 135th in 2018, a committee meets to look at naming parts of the school’s facilities after influential ETHS leaders.

Any constituent group may submit names (alumni, community, faculty and staff, students, parents, etc.), and a committee reviews the nominations and makes recommendations to the Superintendent.

Evaluation criteria include: contributions to ETHS and the Evanston community, awards/honors bestowed upon the individual, years of service to ETHS, and proof and demonstration that the individual possessed the highest degree of character and integrity.

The committee spent a great deal of time reviewing several nominations and recommended the ETHS Field House be named in honor of Willie May. A member of the ETHS faculty and staff

for 45 years, May taught Physical Education and Driver Education for 33 years and coached football and track. He also served as ETHS Athletic Director for 16 of those years.

An Olympic Silver medalist as a hurdler in the 1960 Rome Olympics, May was recognized for his career achievements as ETHS’s track coach. He was associated with the program for 45 years, and was head coach for 30 seasons. During that time, he led over 50 student athletes to medal at the State Championships. His teams earned five IHSA state trophies, including one state championship. Among the achievements during his tenure were 24 consecutive conference championships.

Willie May, who passed away in 2012, was a positive influence on thousands of ETHS graduates and was beloved by our entire community.

The Field House dedication ceremonies will be held on February 9, 2018.

Class of 2017 inducted into ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame

On August 27, two ETHS coaches who built new programs into Illinois High School Association state powers were inducted into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame along with four individual athletes and two teams.

MIKE FARMER '55, Boys' Swimming

A star during the Golden Age of Evanston swimming in the 1950s, Farmer's natural ability in the breaststroke set him apart from the rest. As a sophomore, he placed 4th at state in the 100-yd. breaststroke. He collected gold medals for individual titles as a junior and senior, setting new state records, and for back-to-back state-champion relay teams in the 150-yd. medley. His breaststroke times in 1955 ranked as the best in the nation and as one of only three swimmers in the program's history to compete on three state-champion squads.



While changes have occurred in the sport, he holds an unbroken record in the 150-yd. medley. As a junior, he and **Dick Nelson** and **Dave Pemberton** won the state title in 1 minute, 20.2 seconds. As a senior, he and **Skip McCallum** and **James Stackhouse** tied the record—one that will stay in the books, as the IHSA changed the race to the 200-yd. medley relay the year the next year.

JAMES HENRY '51, Boys' Cross Country

Henry is the only runner in school history to earn top four finishes at the state finals and helped ETHS place 2nd in the state team standings in 1949.



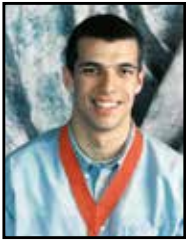
As a junior, Henry finished 2nd to fellow Hall-of-Famer **Ted Wheeler '50** at the Suburban League and district meets. But, he saved his best for last on the state course, pulling away from the field to win in a

record time of 9 minutes, 35.1 seconds, making him the first African-American athlete to win the cross-country state crown. As a senior at the state finals, a sprained ankle caused him to settle for 4th-place, after cruising to the district championship in 9:18.14.

Ironically, he never made an impact in track for the Wildkits. His junior year he finished 2nd at 880 yards in the Suburban League meet but fell short of qualifying for state at the district when he placed 3rd in the mile run. Henry joined the U.S. Army right out of high school and continued his running career as a soldier. He returned to ETHS and worked as a custodian for 24 years.

ANDREW PINK '01, Boys' Volleyball

Pink joins **Jeremy Hoff '98** as the only other player in the boys' volleyball program to join the ETHS Hall of Fame. Not bad for someone who started as a freshman tennis player. His coach wouldn't let him go on a spring break vacation, so he quit tennis, and knowing nothing about the sport, joined the volleyball program the same year that **Chris Livatino '91** became the head coach. He earned a spot on the varsity team as a sophomore and was named All-Central Suburban League South division for three straight seasons.



His junior year, the ETHS team place 3rd at state, the best finish in school history. After that, ETHS won 15 matches in a row and didn't lose again until the state semifinals. Pink led the Wildkits to a 31-6 mark as a senior, followed by a stellar career at Rutgers U, where he was a 1st-Team All-Conference choice three straight years and ranked in the top 15 nationally for kills his last three seasons. He was named Athlete of the Year at Rutgers in 2005.

Post-Rutgers, he went to Europe and played for Germany. When London was

named the 2012 Olympics host, Great Britain's coach needed players, so that's where he went. In the interim, Pink competed in Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland and France, earning a total 145 international appearances over a 5-year span. He participated in 3 World Championships, 4 European Championships, and 5 European leagues while helping Great Britain climb from a world ranking of about 140th in 2007 to 27th. The hosts didn't advance, however, and Pink's days with the national team ended about six months after the Olympics.

RAY WOODS '13, Boys' Basketball

There was a center jump after every basket scored and no basketball player even thought about dunking. But, Woods was the Michael Jordan of his era, a 5-foot-10 guard who led Evanston to three consecutive Central States Tournament titles in 1911, 1912 and 1913. ETHS finished a perfect 17-0 his senior season.



On the first of those powerhouse teams, he teamed up with brother **Ralf**, a forward with exceptional shooting skills, and **Ernie McKay**. The three of them played together at the U of IL and started for the greatest team in Illini history, the 1914-15 undefeated squad voted mythical national champion by the Helms Foundation.

Woods was the main figure at both the high school and collegiate levels. He remains the only product of the Suburban League to earn first-team All-American honors for three straight years while at Illinois, and the Helms Foundation named him the College Player of the Year in 1917. Woods also earned All-Big Ten recognition in 1915, 1916 and 1917, was the team captain as a senior, and had his number-1-retired by the university. He was also named to the All-Century team representing Illinois.

KAREN HUFF, Girls' Track/Field Coach

Huff's first year was the start of a track and field dynasty. She guided the Wildkit girls to four top 5 finishes at the state finals, 8 district championships, and 8 Central Suburban League titles from 1974 to 1984. She is the first female coach in ETHS history to win a state team trophy (runner-up in 1977) and is the second female coach to be inducted into ETHS's Hall of Fame, along with Shirley Nannini. Current ETHS girls' track coach **Fenton Gunter '74** credits Huff and her staff for building a solid foundation for the next 43 years.



She was hired as a PE teacher, after attending the U of Hawaii, where she threw the javelin, so she brought track experience with her. Huff had roots in the sport. Her mother threw javelin and was a seven-time team handball champion who competed in the 1936 Olympics. Her father, a hurdler, just missed qualifying for the Olympics. After trying the high jump and high hurdles, she switched to javelin, winning the 1960 Junior National title but finished 3rd at the Olympic Trials, 9-inches short of the qualifying standard. However, she caught the eye of U of Hawaii that was trying to form a women's Olympic squad, and she earned a rare athletic scholarship.

RON WALDEN, Boys' Gymnastics Coach

Walden didn't just build the Wildkit boys' gymnastics program from scratch, he established the 'Kits as a state power by winning three state championships in 1963, 1966, and 1967. His teams also placed 3rd in 1964 and 5th in 1966 at state and captured five straight Suburban League crowns before he gave up coaching to become an assistant principal at the school.



Walden was just 21-years-old when he came to Evanston from Indiana U, where he earned All-American honors in tumbling in 1959. He was the right man when Athletic Director Leo Samuelson gave him free rein to start the gymnastics program. It helped that he taught PE and that every freshman had to take gymnastics. 1959-60 was the first year he had a team, and when those freshmen were seniors, ETHS won a state championship. His teams dominated at state finals, winning by decisive margins each year. A total of 14 different gymnasts he coached in that five-year stretch claimed state medals, including three state champions.

Walden served as superintendent in Colorado Springs, CO, and in Phoenix, AZ, before retiring. He was named Coach of the Year by the IL Gymnastics Coaches Assn. in 1967 and served a term as president of that organization.

1949 FOOTBALL TEAM

The first team to play its home games in Memorial Stadium, the 1949 football squad finished off a perfect 8-0 season with a 12-0 victory over arch-rival New Trier in the season finale.

Head coach Bob Reihsen ushered in a new era in high school football when he turned to the new Split T offense, allowing the Wildkits to average 37 points per game. The Wildkits crushed most other teams on their way to the school's first Suburban League grid championship since 1940.

Leading the attack were all-Suburban League quarterback **Jim Miller**, All-State fullback **Baird Stewart**, and All-State tackle **Dean Perrin**. Other notables included halfback **George King** and all-league linemen **Tanner Davis**, **Harry Schrader**, **Bob Heap** and **Willie Grant**. **Bill Logan**, who played offensive and defensive end as a junior, recalled that even with an undefeated record,

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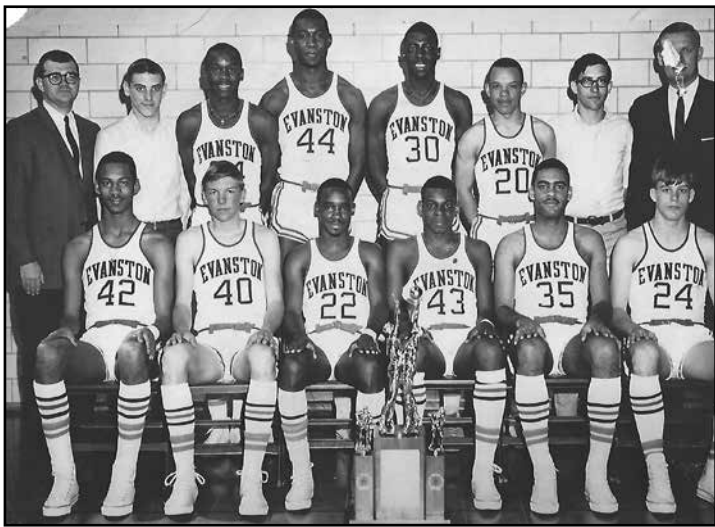
1968 state basketball champs to be honored Feb. 3

Fifty years ago, it was hard to find a seat in Beardsley Gym or any other high-school arena when the Wildkits came to play. The Wildkits were 30-1 on the season.

This team not only set the standard for Wildkit teams to follow, but was also recognized as one of the great teams in Illinois basketball history. To date, their state champion title came 51 years after Evanston won the First Annual Interscholastic Basketball Championship, awarded by the U of Chicago, March 16 & 17, 1917. Coincidentally, the 1916-17 team was elected to the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame this year.

Noted for great defense and strong shooting, the 1967-68 team united the school and the community as it played through a magic season.

To celebrate the success of that team, and other



1967-68 STATE CHAMPS
Back row (l. to rt.) Asst. Coach Tom Powers, Manager Don Vandello '68, Ron Cooper '68, Farrell Jones '68, Bob Lackey '68, Walter (Pookie) Perrin '68, Manager Fred DeLeeuw '68, Head Coach Jack Burmaster. Front row (l. to rt.) Alvin Keith '69, Mike Hart '69, Odell Johnson '68, Orestis Arriata '70, Alton Hill '69, and Bill Batinus '69.

Elite Eight teams –1907-08, 1956-67, 1963-64, 1967-68 (State Champions), 1971-72, 1983-84 (State Runner-up), 1985-86, 1987-88, 2002-03 (4th place), 2006-07, 20007-08 (3rd place) 2011-12 and 2016-17—come to Beardsley Gym on Saturday, February 3. The Wildkits

host Oak Park-River Forest and will have special introductions of all of our state Elite Eight, Final Four, and Championship game teams. Alumni Association board member **Joe Martin '98** is leading a committee to prepare for the event.

Athletic Hall of Fame, cont. from p. 5

the 'Kits were underdogs for the titanic showdown against New Trier, “But we just clicked at the right time,” he said. That win also nailed the No. 1 ranking at season’s end by the *Chicago Sun-Times*, which had a weekly poll for high school football for the first time.

1916-17 BOYS’ BASKETBALL TEAM
Evanston didn’t have to travel far to win a national basketball championship in 1916-17. The Wildkits, coached by J.W. Bixby, won five straight games at the U of Chicago to take top honors in a 23-team tourney created by football coaching legend Amos Alonzo Stagg at U of C. The team also won the prestigious Central States Tournament that season, although records from that era are incomplete. ETHS did not participate in the IHSA state tournament that year.

Evy Hellstrom led the team, a forward who would later serve as team captain at the U of IL. **Charles “Chuck” Carney** was the team’s center, who also played at Illinois and became the first Big Ten Conference athlete to earn All-American honors in both football and basketball. Carney is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. The rest of the starting five included senior guard **Roland Butow**, senior forward **Norman Hoff**, and senior guard **R.C. Phalen**. Reserves were junior **Vernon Franzen**, senior **Irving Holmgren**, senior **Norwood Burch**, and junior **Benjamin Sargent**.

Evanston was presented with a championship banner which read “First Annual Interscholastic Basketball Championship; Given by the University of Chicago, March 16 & 17, 1917. Won by Evanston Township High School.”
By Dennis Mahoney

Spring Sports Roundup

Evanston’s spring sports season for the 2016-17 school year included team and individual record-setting performances in softball and boys’ and girls’ water polo, and the Wildkits also maintained their tradition for excellence in both boys’ and girls’ track and baseball.

Boys’ Track
ETHS sprinter Brad Garron capped a brilliant 4-year track career by scoring a pair of top 3 individual finishes at the Class 3A state finals at Eastern Illinois University. The University of Iowa recruit claimed a 2nd-place finish in the 200-meter race with a time of 21.7 seconds and also earned 3rd place in the 400 meters in 48.92.

Garron also teamed up with Myles Hampton, Brian Daniels and Oluwashola Oluleye for a surprising 5th place finish in the 400-meter relay with a season-best time of 42.34. Add in an 8th-place finish by triple

jumper Jonathan Wilburn, with a personal best leap of 46 feet, 9.75 inches, and it was good enough for Evanston to tie for 8th place in the team standings with 22 points, same as Barrington, Lyons Township, Minooka, and Plainfield North. Garron and Wilburn were repeat winners earlier at the Central Suburban League South championship meet, leading the Kits to the team title with 164 points to 128.5 for runner-up New Trier.

Girls’ Track
In girls’ track, junior Enyaeva Michelin made sure ETHS had a presence at the state finals again with a 7th-place showing in the open 800. Michelin was clocked in 2:16.82 and became only the second female runner in school history to earn a state medal in the 800 event.

Michelin kept a streak alive, as history shows that Evanston appears to be the only school to score

at least 1 point in every single state final that has been conducted since the 1972-73 school year. The three points produced by Michelin enabled the Kits to tie for 66th place in the team standings and reinforced her choice, along with head coach **Fenny Gunter ’74** and assistant Jessie Siebert, to concentrate solely on the 800 at State. She had also qualified in the 1600 at the sectional, but dropped out of that race for the finals and avoided what would have been a difficult “double” against the state’s elite distance runners.

Michelin entered the state meet only seeded 16th based on sectional performances, but emerged as a serious contender when she won her preliminary heat in 2:15.93, the second fastest time among qualifiers for the finals.

Girls’ Softball
With most of the starters returning from a team

that won a school-record 18 games in the spring of 2016, ETHS head softball coach Katie Perkins expected to break that record this time around. The Wildkits not only broke that record, they posted a 23-12 overall mark before losing to eventual state champion Oak Park-River Forest in the sectional semifinals at Niles North.

The Wildkits, with freshman pitcher Molly Chambers supplying star power in the circle and anchoring the rotation, scored the first regional title in program history by rallying to edge Trinity 3-2 in the finals of the Evanston Regional.

Boys’ Baseball
In baseball, coach Frank Consiglio earned the 200th victory of his coaching career early in May against Niles West, and the Wildkits won 12 consecutive games later in the month before losing to rival New Trier in the sectional semi-

finals. The Trevians were responsible for three ETHS losses in a 25-12 season.

Consiglio now ranks second on the all-time wins list among Evanston’s baseball coaches, behind only Hall of Famer Ken McGonagle. His 200th triumph came in just his 10th year at the helm at Evanston.

Boys’ & Girls’ Water Polo
The Wildkits made a big splash in the pool, too. Thomas Fies fired in a single-season school record 140 goals for the boys’ water polo team and easily set the career mark with a total of 302. And the girls’ water polo squad set a new IHSA state record by posting six shutouts on their way to a 25-7 finish.

*By Dennis Mahoney
ETHS Sports Writer*

ETHS grants Distinguished Alumni Awards to seven alums

The 2017 honorees for the Distinguished Alumni Award are: **Ken Arlen '71, Edwin (Skip) Gage '59, Donald Rubin '61, Roberta Gassman '66, and Amie Wilkinson '85.** All are great examples of ETHS alumni who have risen to excellence in their field, given back to their community, and set great examples for current and future KITS.

Additionally, two alums are being honored with posthumous awards: **Isabella Garnett (Butler Talley),** approx. 1890, and **Elizabeth (Betsy) Wood Knapp '60.**



Ken Arlen is an internationally known musician (saxophone) and band leader. Arlen Music Productions, headquartered in Evanston, not only has nine bands and orchestras, but manages hundreds of events around the world every year. Arlen sponsors and donates concerts in Evanston, the Chicago area, and nationally to support young musicians, and has created a blend of music and entrepreneurship that sets an example for many in the music industry. He has been recognized as a consistent industry transformer and has brought a level of production to the “live music for special events” field that did not previously exist in the Chicago area.

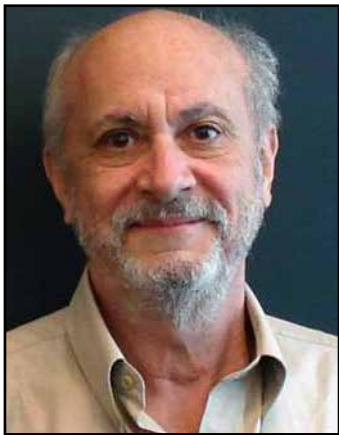


Edwin “Skip” Gage is a leader in marketing, travel, and hospitality industries. A Northwestern University alum and tennis champion at both ETHS and NU, he moved from the advertising industry to world leader in using marketing techniques to grow his business. Under Gage’s leadership, Carlson Marketing Co. grew from a trading-stamp business to a large integrated marketing company. He then led Carlson into a new era of growth, doubling revenues to over \$8 billion. After his term as CEO, he created the Gage Group. Additionally, Gage has been an active leader with NU’s Kellogg School of Management, the University of Minnesota, Inner City Tennis, and numerous organizations that have supported people with learning disabilities.



Roberta Gassman served in President Barack Obama’s administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training in the U.S. Department of Labor. She also was Wisconsin’s longest-serving Secretary of Workforce Development in the cabinet of Governor Jim Doyle. She is now a Senior Fellow at the U of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work. Gassman earned her B.A. with dis-

tingtion in social work and her M.S.S.W. from UW-Madison and is active in her community serving on the boards of the Madison Community Foundation, United Way, Edgewood College, Overture Center for the Arts, and the UW-Madison School of Social Work Board of Visitors.



Donald Rubin is the John L. Loeb Professor of Statistics at Harvard University where he has been teaching since 1983 and served as Department Chair for 13 of those years. He has been elected a Fellow/Member/Honorary Member of the Woodrow Wilson Society, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, American Statistical Association, and many other organizations. Rubin has authored over 400 publications, including 10 books, has four joint patents, and for many years has been one of the most highly cited authors in the world. He has honorary degrees from major institutions around the world.



Amie Wilkinson received a B.A. from Harvard University in 1989 and a Ph.D from the U of California-Berkeley in 1995. She is currently a

professor of mathematics at the U of Chicago. Wilkinson’s work focuses on the geometric and statistical properties of diffeomorphisms and flows with a particular emphasis on stable ergodicity and partial hypertonicity. In 2011, she received the Satter Prize in Mathematics, and became a fellow in 2013 of the American Mathematical Society for “contributions to dynamical systems.” A prolific author, she also participates in mathematics and scientific programs around the world.



Dr. Isabella Garnett (1872-1948) was born in 1872 to one of Evanston’s earliest African-American families. One of the first African-American female physicians in the state of Illinois, Garnett received her medical degree in 1901 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, and returned to Evanston in 1904. Recognizing that hospital care for African-Americans was very limited, she and her husband, Arthur Butler, opened the Evanston Sanitarium and Training School in 1914 in their home at 1918 Asbury Ave. After Butler died unexpectedly in 1924, Garnett continued to manage the hospital. In 1928, she joined the staff of the new Community Hospital and the two organizations merged. She served as superintendent at Community Hospital until 1945. Garnett was a member of many organizations, including the local NAACP chapter, the Iroquois League, and the Evanston Community Chest. (from Evanston Women’s History Project)



Elizabeth “Betsy” Wood Knapp was a pioneer in online interactive computer software, an angel investor, and a philanthropist. After graduating from Wellesley College, she began her entrepreneurial career while working at MIT’s Sloan School of Management. Knapp was a founding member and then president of Telmar Communications Corp. and later worked as senior vice president and director of Knapp Communications, which owned and published magazines like *Architectural Digest* and *Bon Appetit*. A longtime advocate and supporter of women in business, she also was active in a range of philanthropic activity. She was honored by Wellesley College and by UCLA, where she served as the first woman to chair the UCLA Foundation.

The Distinguished Alumni Award winners will be honored at two ceremonies on Monday, December 4. In the morning, they will be introduced to the Senior class at an assembly in the Auditorium. In the evening, at a special dinner in the faculty dining room, they will again be introduced, this time to school officials and faculty, as well as school board and community members. During the day, the honorees will be able to visit classes and talk with students.

ETHS Kudos

ETHS highest ranked high school on North Shore

On May 5, the *Washington Post* released its annual list, “America’s Most Challenging High Schools,” ranking Evanston Township High School (ETHS) as 22nd in the state and in the 97th percentile in the country. ETHS maintained its position among the top schools at the state and national levels, and was the highest-ranked school on Chicago’s North Shore.

The *Post* ranks high schools through a formula

that uses a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate, or Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year.

Since 1952, when ETHS was named one of seven pilot schools nationally to experiment with five college-level AP courses, ETHS now offers 34 AP

courses in the areas of Career/Technical Education, English, fine arts, history/social science, mathematics, science, and world languages.

ETHS’s 2017 *Washington Post* rank can be attributed to several factors: fewer students dropping out of school, an increase in the number graduates, and more students nationwide taking AP courses.

ETHS Marching Band sweeps major competition



Photo Credit: Lynn Trautmann, LTPhoto

On October 8, the ETHS Marching Band was named Grand Champion in the AAA division at a competition held at Marengo (IL) High School. Competing against 10 other groups, ETHS placed first in the half-time show and parade categories, as well as first in the Best Brass, Best Woodwinds, and Best Marching categories. The Grand Champion trophy is the highest honor the band has ever received as a marching program, and their score was the highest in school history. Matthew Bufis is the ETHS Band Director.

ETHS earns third-highest ACT score

ETHS reported a composite ACT score of 23.4 in 2017, its third highest in the past 44 years.

Nationally, the average composite ACT score for the graduating class of 2017 was 21.0, up from 20.8 for the previous year’s class. Each of the four sections of the ACT (English, reading, math, and science) is scored on a scale of 0-36 points.

In 44 years, ETHS’s composite ACT score has been 23 or higher only 11 times. Notably, for the past 10 consecutive years, ETHS has had the highest composite ACT scores ever at the school with the exception of 1998. At the state level, all Illinois

high-school juniors have been required to take the ACT since 2002. And while state and national data show a dip in average ACT scores, ETHS average scores have climbed.

“I am so proud of our teachers, students and school leaders,” said ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon. “I am proud of the equity work we are doing that has raised expectations for all students who now take our most challenging courses.”

Beginning this spring, all Illinois juniors, by state mandate, will take the SAT exam instead of the ACT. Therefore, next fall, ETHS will begin reporting SAT score data.

Public sees newest Geometry in Construction house

In early October, the public was invited to walk through the latest house built by ETHS students taking Geometry in Construction, a unique, interdisciplinary course where students learn both geometry and construction skills while building an actual house.

Now in its fifth year, the course has produced four residences—a single-story home the first year and three subsequent two-story houses where both floors were built simultaneously, side-by-side, in the school’s back parking lot. This year’s house will also be a two-story.

Taught by Maryjoy Heine- man (Math) and Matthew

ETHS goes to National History Fair



In June 2017, ETHS students (from l.) Dakota Erwin, Andrew Borland, Mattias Amezcuita-Fox, Carlo Di Bernardo, and Teddy Lambert (accompanied by their teacher Michael Pond, at rt.) advanced to the National History Day competition, a first for ETHS.

Beginning with the local Chicago competition, several of them won special awards. Amezcuita-Fox, Borland, Erwin, and Lambert received the Roosevelt University Center for New Deal Studies Award for Social Justice History, and Flora Block received the Berrier Suburban History Award. Pond, ETHS’s History Fair sponsor, was named the 2017 recipient of the Arthur Anderson Award for Superior History Fair Teaching.

After advancing to the state level, Amezcuita-Fox, Borland, Erwin, and Lambert were named to the Illinois delegation to compete nationally against students from 50 states and six countries at the U of Maryland. Their project titled “Fred Hampton: You Can’t Kill the Revolution” was entered in the group website category. The individual exhibit category at the national competition also included a project by ETHS student Carlo Di Bernardo called “Collective Action to Reverse History.”

Of the over half a million students who participate in National History Day fairs, only a few thousand are chosen to compete in the annual national fair.



in construction safety and a variety of construction skills, but just as importantly, they learned about teamwork, communication, and trust.

For more information about “Geometry in Construction,” go to <http://www.wildkitconstruction.com>.

Meet Ardis Coninx, dedicated Alumni Board secretary

Ardis Dechman Coninx, ETHS Class of 1941, retired in September from the ETHS Alumni Association Board of Directors. She joined the board in 1997 (two years after it was founded), and for the next 20 years, Coninx actively served on the board, attending meetings, lending her perspective to discussions, working at the many board-sponsored programs and activities... and volunteering to be its recording secretary for over 10 years. She also has done data-entry for the Alumni Association for many years keeping the alumni computer files up-to-date.

Coninx grew up in Evanston. She attended Orrington, Haven, and then ETHS. After college, she worked as a librarian at ETHS for five years, stayed home to raise children, and returned to work as a librarian for 28 years at Lincoln Jr. High in Skokie.

She now lives at Westminster Place retirement community, where she also applies her library



skills, and helped organize the Westminster Wildkits lunch bunch for the many retirees there who are also ETHS grads.

A lot has changed since Coninx attended ETHS. While the curriculum is still top-notch, discipline and attitudes are different. “Discipline was strict as a rule,” she said, adding, “Students behaved better; we just knew how to act.” One exception, she recalled, was the boy who wore a red-satin shirt to school and got sent home, so dress codes were an issue even then.

Security was relegated to a student who sat by the

front door and checked students in and out of the building, although “you couldn’t go out for lunch,” noted Coninx.

Extracurriculars abounded, and while boys’ sports, especially football, was “so important,” girls’ athletic involvement was limited to “play days,” not team competition, mostly badminton and volleyball.

Choral and band/orchestra concerts were held in Beardsley Gym, but musical productions, generally Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, were held at Haven School since ETHS lacked an auditorium with a stage. Coninx enthusiastically attended sports competitions (“crowds at games were enormous,” she said), but the budding librarian “worked in the library any time I had free time,” even before and after school.

So, while ETHS has changed in the last 75 years, Coninx has devoted a good part of her lifetime since graduation to ETHS. Long may she wave!

Honorary ETHS diploma awarded to centenarian alumnae

On June 27, Dr. Eric Witherspoon presented an honorary ETHS diploma to Ms. Naomi Wheatley Thompson Woods, who would have been in the class of 1935 if she had been able to graduate. Due to family financial need, she had to leave school and help support herself and her family during the Depression. The ceremony, which was attended by her family, was held just a few weeks after her 100th birthday.



Naomi Wheatley Thompson Woods shared her honorary diploma celebration with her great-granddaughter Tyree Harris (standing), who is in the ETHS Class of 2018.

New ETHS Alumni Directory

It’s that time again. The last directory of ETHS alumni was published in 2013. In staying with our 5-year cycle, we are again working with a company to gather information and to publish a directory.

The former group we used, Harris Connect, has become part of PCI (Publishing Concepts), so you can expect to hear from them after the first of the year.

You will receive a post card, phone call, or email from PCI asking you to update your information. This information will be held in confidence by PCI and only used to prepare the directory.

The directory will only be available to ETHS alumni and won’t be sold for commercial purposes. The Alumni Office does not share names or data other than to reunion committees for the purpose of connecting with classmates.

The completed Directory (*Evanston Township High School Alumni Today-2018*) will be available in both printed form and electronically. The goal is to publish the new directory in the Fall of 2018.

If you have questions, please contact the Alumni Association at alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

Ceramics Studio Renovation transforms space

ETHS’s arts studios are hands-on learning environments for students to explore creative expression and innovation.

This summer, the Ceramics Studio was totally renovated, doubling its size and creating an open-concept space where students can move seamlessly and utilize a variety of tools and equipment with ease.

The new Ceramics Studio is equipped with a set of 24 wheels that provide a 1:1 experience for students, a custom-designed glazing station, an enlarged and expanded kiln room, and a hand-building station, among other major improvements, allow students to work in a variety

of methods in one space.

The Ceramics Studio is one of the latest campus projects funded by the ETHS Educational Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of the alumni and the ETHS community, the Foundation provided \$260,000 toward the creation of the dynamic new Ceramics studio.

Ceramics and sculpture courses are the most popular electives in the Fine Arts department, serving over 350 students annually.



Photo by Jonah Charlton

Sophomore George Durant uses one of the pottery wheels in the renovated Ceramics Studio at ETHS.

Six teachers to retire this school year

Six ETHS teachers will retire next June. The Alumni Association has had an increase in letters to share with former teachers upon their retirement.

If you would like to send a note to one of our 2018 retirees, please email it to alumni@eths.k12.il.us or send a hard copy to

Alumni Association, ETHS, 1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL 60201. We will collect your correspondence and share it with our retirees in June.

The retiring members of the faculty are:

Scott Bowyer, Special Education

- Diane Casalino**, Science
- Christien Cirone**, Special Education Dept. Chair
- Linette Hill**, Career & Technical Education
- Rodney Lowe**, English/Journalism
- Kevin McCaffrey**, History/Social Science

Authors' Bookshelf

Author **Nina Sankovitch '80** has penned *The Lowells of Massachusetts: An American Family* with a focus on Francis Cabot Lowell, for whom the town was named. Before the Kennedys became famous in Massachusetts, the powerful Lowell dynasty “were settlers in the new world in the 1600s, revolutionaries creating a new nation in the 1700s, merchants and manufacturers building prosperity in the 1800s, and scientists and artists flourishing in the 1900s.” Sankovitch, who attended Tufts U and Harvard law school after ETHS, currently lives in Connecticut.

Patrick Dessent '73 has recently published his second book, *Memoirs of a*

Trumpet Player, under his pen name of Sam Bennett. The book is a fictionalized collection of humorous stories from the 40 years that he and his wife, **Karen Stringer Dessent '73** (a professional flutist and music teacher) have performed in the music business. This new book is the sequel to his book *Memoirs of a Trumpet Teacher*, where Dessent relates humorous stories from the 20,000 trumpet lessons he taught during his career.

The Great Vanishing Act: Blood Quantum and the Future of Native Nations, co-edited by **Kathleen Ratteree '99** and Norbert Hill, explores the question of what it means to be Native American, and

who gets to decide. According to Amazon.com: The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was the US government’s attempt to define who “Indians” were. Among the criteria the act set was a blood quantum, which declared that “Indians” were “all other persons of one-half or more Indian blood.” Today, many tribes wrestle with the legacy of blood quantum and “Indian” identity, as they work to manage tribal enrollment and social services. As the bloodlines grow increasingly diluted, within a few generation, recognized tribes might legally disappear.”

Wendell A. Thomas '58 has written *Trial*, a memoir about how real-life

characters and systems can be less like the pillars of Justice and more like cartoon characters and houses of cards in this personal account of dealings with a Kafkaesque journey through Cook County.

Joe Chuck Park '56 and Edna Park have co-authored *A Quick and Easy Way to Fillet Pan Fish*. As its title suggests, the Parks have created a “how to” book, complete with photos that they give to youth groups and families in their community.

Edie Frink Winters '71 writes an abuse-survivor’s guide to victorious living in *Victim to Victor*. She discusses tools that can be used in one’s journey to

overcome the victim mentality and identity and to take charge of your healing journey.

Mark Siebert '73 delivers the ultimate how-to guide to growing a business by franchising in his *Franchise your Business*. He discusses what to expect, how to move forward, and how to avoid costly mistakes in this practical guide to business.

Correction: In last spring’s *KIT*, a novel by **Curtis Wideman '11** entitled *Top Dog* was incorrectly attributed to his mother, **Valerie Wideman '77**. We regret the confusion.

Reunion Roundup

First Chem-Phys reunion celebrates its impact on alumni

In late September, over 125 ETHS alumni returned to visit their alma mater and celebrate the Chem-Phys Program. Graduates from all over the country attended and represented classes as far back as the 1960s. Over a dozen more stopped by the post-reunion social at Tommy Nevin’s that evening.

In addition, many current and former teachers were present, including 94-year-old Don Iverson, one of the original Chem-Phys teachers from the mid-1950s. Others included Bob Horton, Mephie Ngoi, John Benson, Rich Rukin, Dave Dannels, and Russ Kohnken. Current teachers Joel Weiner, Terry Gatchell, and Mark Vondracek also attended.

The day started with social time over coffee as alums arrived. After some touching opening remarks by Supt. Eric Witherspoon, Benson then led a fun meet-and-greet activity where everyone matched up with 2-3 others they did not know, and each person had one minute to summarize what they done since high school.

A number of alums shared their thoughts about how the program led directly to what they have been doing with their lives, and how the teachers were largely responsible for motivating and inspiring them to follow their passions and interests.

Following this, the entire group went up to the classrooms, where a dozen current seniors welcomed the alums, and had displays of their research and other work being done in the program.

In addition, current teachers spoke about the planned construction of a research center that is part of the Theory Center. One aspect of the reunion was to raise donations for the ETHS Educational Foundation, which is leading the way to get the research center funded and built next summer.

Some \$18,000 was initially raised from the alums with more pledges to follow. (See the ETHS Foundation story on p. 15 for an update—and matching grant—on the Theory Center fund-raising effort.

An amazing buffet lunch prepared by ETHS Nutrition Services followed the classroom visits. Vondracek and Alumni and Foundation Executive Directors Dave Futransky and Joanne Bertsche, respectively, talked about the history and importance of the Chem-Phys Program. Keynote speaker **Dr. Amie Wilkinson '85** told about her work in mathematics in a talk entitled “Everything I need in life I learned in Chem-Phys.”

A campus tour followed lunch, with alums seeing all the latest upgrades and new facilities throughout the building, including a demonstration in the newly refurbished planetarium. Finally a career-connections activity completed the day. Everyone involved had a wonderful time, and most asked when the next reunion would be.

Chem-Phys is a unique program, with no other known high school in the country doing advanced physics and chemistry the way we do. It is known around the state and country in numerous academic contests, and also for its research.



ETHS was one of the original schools to participate in the Science Talent Search since 1944, and has had hundreds of students in the program do science research.

My hope, as an educator at ETHS, is to have the research center built not only for our students, but also to help students and teachers around the country. Ultimately, we hope to take this effort global.

To learn more, check out <http://basement-science.blogspot.com/2017/05/why-upgrade-for-eths-theory-center.html>.

By Dr. Mark Vondracek,
Chem-Phys teacher

Coffee and social time started the Chem-Phys Reunion day. According to current Chem-Phys teacher Mark Vondracek, “The brain power in the room, in all sorts of fields, was staggering!”

YAMO’s 60th celebrates six decades of ETHS’s student revue

Evanston Township High School alumni from across the country returned to Evanston in mid-October to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of YAMO, the school’s acclaimed student-produced revue.

The expo weekend drew back six decades of former YAMO actors, “croo,” dancers, orchestra, writers, governing board, and business staff to honor the show’s rich legacy.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration weekend included the opportunity to see the current YAMO production, attend an alumni “cast party,” as well as a special Sunday matinee benefit performance featuring Tony Award-winning Broadway actress **Jessie Mueller ’01** and other notable alumni performers.

According to **Tom Newman ’58**, the first YAMO student chairman, “YAMO was a great opportunity for students to show what



Photo by Genie Lemieux, Evanston Photographic Studios Inc.

Jessie Mueller ’01 closed out the celebration with the 2017 YAMO cast singing “I Felt the Earth Move” from “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical” for which Mueller won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical.

they can do.” **Joanna Paps Rolek ’69**, described the YAMO experience as “transformative,” one which went beyond the arts-related skills to instill qualities of leadership, collaboration, and fellowship and “encouraged many people to stay in the arts.”

The *Showcase ETHS* benefit program included YAMO memories and per-

formances shared by many alums who stated that YAMO was the launching pad for their award-winning professional careers in theater, TV, and film. Along with Mueller, others featured in the show included her two brothers, actors **Andrew ’05** and **Matthew ’99**; comedian/writer/producer **Dan Greenberger ’77**; writer/producer/actress **Shelly**

Goldstein ’75; NPR and radio producer/host **Gwen Macsai ’78**; actor/co-median **Daniel O’Callaghan ’78**; producer/writer **Matt Price ’89**; actor **Dominic Bournes ’12**; actress **Lucy Golinez ’14**; broadcast journalist **Jennifer Weigel ’88**; actor/writer/producer **Daniel Rashid ’11**; dance artistic director **Melissa Thodos ’80**; and actor **James Zoccoli ’90**.

Over 1,000 people attended *Showcase ETHS*, which was produced by the ETHS Educational Foundation in conjunction with the ETHS Alumni Association. **Carolyn Brandt Broughton ’78** and Karin Ruetzel, Foundation Vice President, were benefit co-directors.



ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon thanked Carolyn Brandt Broughton ’78 (center) and Karen Ruetzel, Foundation Vice President, for serving as co-directors of the benefit showcase production.

Benefit proceeds of over \$100,000 will go to refurbish the ETHS Upstairs Theatre’s rehearsal and dressing-room space.

Class of 1967’s 50th reunion raised \$100,000+ for ETHS

The Class of 1967 held its 50th reunion September 8 and 9 drawing back almost 300 classmates to ETHS.

Events included a Friday night dance party at the Levy Center in Evanston, and on Saturday, a tour of ETHS followed by lunch and the opening of one of the time capsules from 1967. (See related story on p. 3.) Sunday was left open for smaller groups, such as grade-school classes, to get together for their own events.

Saturday night was the Main Event at the Doubletree Hotel in Skokie. Lots of photos, plus a

surprise visit from the ETHS Marching Band and Willie Wild-kit!

One of the evening’s highlights was presenting the ETHS Educational Foundation with a check for over \$100,000 to be used for projects that will benefit all students.

It was a wonderful weekend and they are now looking forward to planning their 100th!



Ron Harris ’67 and **nancy Berry Thomson (at rt.)** presented **Joanne Bertsche (at l.)**, ETHS Foundation Executive Director, with a check for \$101,000 raised by the class for projects that benefit all ETHS students.

’64’s monthly lunch bunch



Since the Class of ’64’s 50th reunion in September 2014, Chicago-area classmates have gathered for monthly luncheons at restaurants along the North Shore. Attendance fluctuates, and new people periodically appear, often from long distances, but it’s always a lively chance to renew friendships. Here in August at Hackney’s on

Lake were (back row, l. to rt.) **Fred Brostoff**, **Rommie Taylor** (from MI), **Janet Bos Lefevre** (from Monroe, WI), **Robert Lindner**, **Kathy Dalgety Miehl**, **Russ Roberts** (from Santa Fe); (Front row) **Judy Anderson**, **Renee Sherer Schleicher**, **Clara Lindner**, and **Nancy Schroeder** (from Long Boat Key, FL).

Class of 1956’s 80th Birthday party being planned

Thanks to the generosity of classmate **Gordon Segal**, the ETHS Class of 1956 plans to celebrate its collective 80th birthday, tentatively set for Saturday, October 6, 2018, with a Gala Dinner at the Northwestern University Segal Visitors Center, located at the south end of the NU campus. Stay tuned for future details.

Also, **Tom Hall ’56** was recently elected to chair the class’s Steering Committee and will serve as class president replacing the retiring **D. Sidney Condit**, who led the class events for many years.

Class of 1968 getting ready for its 50th next year

Gang, this is IT! Save the dates of Sept. 14 and 15, 2018, for our 50th high school reunion!

Our reunion will include: **Casual Friday Night Live**, 6–11pm at the Evanston Levy Center on Dodge Ave.; **Saturday – 10am tour of ETHS** (lunch included); and **Saturday Night Grand Event** at the Doubletree by Hilton from 6pm to midnight.

Most importantly, get the word out! Please visit www.eths68.myevent.com to set up your account, get current reunion information, make reservations, and purchase tickets. Pass the website info along to your classmates.

We need volunteers to pull this off successfully. There are all sorts of tasks that require different skills.



Contact **David Wells** and volunteer yourself (and a buddy?). eths68@comcast.net or 512-799-8770.

We also need someone to lead the ETHS '68 Foundation Fund. Contact **Susan Moore Gobel** if you have experience in fund raising and a desire to help. sgobel@sbcglobal.net or 203-314-3088.

We are looking for classmates to conduct “break

out” sessions on Saturday at ETHS. Since high school many of us have done wonders in film, sports, science, art, dance, music, literature, business, academics, medicine, etc. Would you want to hear from them and about them? Do we want a jam session? Do we want a walking tour of Evanston architecture? What else?

Either volunteer yourself or nominate someone of interest to be in panel discussions Saturday at the high school. Contact Susan Moore Gobel (see above contact info) with ideas and nominations.

Please join or visit our Facebook page: ETHS '68 Reunion.

We hope to hear from you soon! All suggestions are welcome!

Class of 1957 holds a joyous 60th

The Class of 1957 held its 60th reunion in June, and according to reunion coordinator **Don Boodel**, the three-day celebration was “joyous.”

Says Boodel: “Many of the modest number of classmates attending all three events—the smooth opening night at the Sheraton Chicago Northbrook Hotel, the wonderful reunion dinner at Hackney’s on Lake, and the delicious brunch at Pinstripes on Willow—suggested this reunion was one of the best from the many wonderful past ’57 reunions. Others agreed with a classmate who said, ‘This reunion was perfect for our time in life.’ ”

“Everybody easily agreed the highlight for our 60th reunion,” continued Boodel, “was the appearance before our dinner on Saturday evening by Supt. Eric Witherspoon



'57 classmates Mal Kamin (l.) and Don Boodel (rt.) greet ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon, who spoke at their 60th.

and his summary of recent achievements at ETHS. He was superb. He made people think about returning to ETHS to begin another four years.”

Boodel added, “Though I announced this reunion was to be our last, I’m not betting on it. I didn’t hear no fat lady singin’...”

Traveling reunion



Betsy Kincaid, Class of 1970, a varsity cheerleader at ETHS, who lives in Seattle, has been traveling around the country in her van with her dog, Happy, since December 2016.

She has logged 17,000 miles visiting friends and

former classmates, and her journey took her to Chicago where we had a get-together on July 5 at Hackneys on Lake.

Pictured here (all Class of '70), starting on the left going around the table, are: **Jim Mathisen, Chuck**

Weisberg, Charlie Nunemaker, Jim Touhy, Kris Jones, Ro Jones, Betsy Kincaid, David Jones, Chuck Cherney, Dana Morrison, Bo Pirruccello, Kathy O'Donnell Schulte, and Steve Hofenberg.

Class of 1977 40th Reunion “Wildkits Dancing in the Streets”

The ETHS Class of 1977 held their 40th reunion over the 4th of July weekend that featured large and several smaller events.

The reunion kicked off Friday evening with a party for all ETHS alumni at Tommy Nevin’s Restaurant in Evanston.

Over the weekend, '77 classmate **Toni Bark** hosted two small-event reunions at her home for the 1973 Skiles Middle School graduates and for the '77 Senior Seminar participants.

Saturday morning, several '77 members met for a bike tour of Evanston and the exterior of ETHS. Saturday afternoon there was a reunion for Dawes School grads at Barnaby’s in Niles, and the Class of '77 met at Greenwood St. beach for a picnic and swim. Saturday night there was a Chute Middle School reunion held at Five and Dime and then a drop-in cash-bar gathering for the whole class at Prairie Moon later that night.



Jennifer Moran, chair of the 1977 reunion committee, thanked the committee for all of its hard work.

Sunday evening, the main 40th-reunion event was held at Temperance Brewery. Over 250 classmates gathered and enjoyed great food catered by Temperance and Blue Stone Restaurant.

Monday evening classmates watched the Wilmette fireworks together at Light House Beach, followed on Tuesday by watching Evanston’s 4th of July parade. It was a weekend filled with great friends and great memories. Classmates all vowed to get together more often.

Class of '78 gets ready for 40th

The ETHS Class of 1978 has set a date for its 40th reunion: Saturday, June 30th, 2018, at Pinstripes Restaurant in Northbrook, IL. Contact email for the class is eths1978@comcast.net. So, Save That Date!

Class of '87 danced, mingled, and reconnected



Photo by Aaron Elger

The class of 1987 had the best time reuniting with one another for the 30th class reunion.

There were three days of activities: Day 1 – Friday the group met at Prairie Moon and danced the night away; Day 2 – Saturday there was an orchestrated class visit.

Many classmates had not been back on ETHS’s campus since graduation. We were very impressed with the changes, and a few people saw photos of our classmates in the first-floor Heritage Hall (H-Hall).

Later that evening, '87 had a tented gathering at the Canal Shores Golf Course, near Evanston Hospital, where we gathered, ate, mingled—and danced.

Many of the 'mates took middle-school group photos. After that event ended, we gathered back at Prairie

Moon to dance, dance, dance.

Only a few members got up early to attend the brunch at Boltwood restaurant in Evanston Sunday morning.

We are now recouping so we can rev back up for our 35th gathering. Any proceeds from our 30th reunion will go to the Evanston Scholars Program.

By Krissie Harris

Class of 1963 continue 50th reunion mashups



Several guys in the Class of 1963 met at their 50th reunion and decided to get together on our own in later years. They met in 2014, 2015, 2016, and again in 2017. Many knew one another since first grade, albeit with a gap of 50 years until they reconnected. In this 2017 picture, from left to right, are Wes Westerfield, Betsy Meisenheimer (Wes’ wife), Don Friedman, Rhona Friedman (Don’s wife), Payson Wild, Linda Wild (Payson’s wife in front of Payson), Sandra Murphy (Richard Robin’s wife), Richard Robin, Nancy Carlson (Bob Carlson’s wife), Bob Carlson, the late Gary Schuetz, and Tom McCoy.

In Memory

- 1930s**
Alice Ann Kessler Chambers, 1932, 9/10/2010
Edith Williams Hoover, 1936, 5/16/2017
Scott S. Ulrey, 1938, 12/3/2015
Catherine (Kate) Jean Stockbridge Kelly, 1939, 6/20/2017

1940s
Sanders Ivy “Sam” Hicks, 6/16/2017
Jeanette Lucille LyBryn, 1940, 6/27/2016
Robert E. Nilles, 1940, December 2008
Corrine Kent Allen, 1941, 5/27/2017
John Rundall, 1942, 5/19/2017
Frederick Dierks Heidbrink, 1945, 3/24/2017
Dr. David Cooney, 1946, 9/27/2017
Evelyn “Evy” Cullander Wright, 1946, 9/22/2017
Jack Wilson, 1946, 2/28/2017
David D. Bockman, 1947, 5/6/2014
Ardis Godeman Kuhnen, 1947, 7/24/2012
Dorothy McDonald White, 1947, 6/14/2017
William Seymour, 1949, October 2016
Katherine Icely Rotskoff, 1946, November 2004

1950s
William Fifer, 1950, December 2014
Richard Howard, 1950, January 2009
Robert Soper, 1951, 8/21/2017
Susan Sadler McKibbin, 1952, 6/17/2017
Gunter Walter “Wally” Wolff, 1952, 6/21/2017
René O. “Ray” Bunster, 1953, 9/14/2017
Susan “Sue” Geist Morgan, 1953, 7/14/2017
Sarah Sally Louise Schulte Church, 1953, 6/21/2017
Ashley Kennedy III, 1953, 3/5/2015
Pete Grounds, 1953, February 2017
Ruth Ann Curry Hemwall, 1954, 7/10/2017*
Art McZier, 1954, 10/20/2017
Jack Merjimekian, 1954, 7/15/2017
David Pemberton, 1954, 10/17/2017
Carole Galvin Runge, 1954, 10/20/2016
W. Ronald Sims, 1954, 3/31/2017
Babette Reibschied Schiller, 1954, 2/22/2017
Patricia Trexler Pollak, 1955, 4/5/2017
Joel Kupferberg, 1958, 7/31/2017
Gertrude “Trudy” Leonhardt Halsema, 6/1/2017

*** Ann Hemwall served on the Alumni Assn. Board of Directors for many years.**
- 1960s**
Elizabeth “Betsy” Wood Knapp, 1960, 6/20/2017
Dr. Jonathan D. Lewis, 1961, 6/5/2017
Ruth Ann McIlrath, 1963, 7/2/2017
Gary Schuetz, 1963, September 2017
Dr. S. Charles Schulz, 1964, 10/1/2017
William E. Haswell, 1965, October 2017
Linda Nolan Solomon, 1969, 1/8/2017
Willie Hatter, 1969, 9/28/2017

1970s
John Walsh, 1970, 9/10/17
Carl Craig Lemasters, 1971, 5/17/2017
Dr. Michael Asher, 1971, 3/24/16
David Kornfeld, 1974, March 2016
Joseph Cuniff, 1979, 7/19/2017

1980s
Jill Kraft, 1983, died in 2015

ETHS Staff

Elias George, who from 1958-2000 served as the Head Wrestling Coach at ETHS, died on July 26 at age 92. He also served as assistant coach from 2000-2003 and coached football for many years including one year as head coach in 1987. During his time at ETHS, Coach George led his teams to eight Top 10 finishes at the State Finals, coached nine individual State Champions, and amassed a dual-meet record of 614 wins, 158 losses and 25 ties, which ranked #3 on the all-time national coaching list when he retired. Also, Coach George served eight years on the U.S. Olympic Committee and was inducted to the IL Wrestling Hall of Fame and the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sam Bazile, ETHS math teacher, died October 5. An 18-year veteran teacher at ETHS, he retired in 2006. Bazile worked with math students at all levels and also served as coordinator of the Freshman STAE program and as Sophomore Class Advisor. An experienced educator and role model, Bazile was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education with a Those Who Excel Award and by his ETHS colleagues with a Teacher Excellence Award.

Class Notes

1940s

Jim '47 and Glenna '48 (Satterley) Irwin noted: “We don’t see many names writing in from the 40’s! We are both hanging in there with the typical health problems of our age. Glenna plays the piano for an hour each at our local Hope Hospice and Health Park Hospital. Jim is a model train engineer at our Shell Point Retirement Community, and we both sing with the Sanibel UCC Choir where Jim also serves as Music Librarian.”

1950s

Ruth Brook '59 writes: “I wish I could be there for the celebration of YAMO @ 60. Hope it’s as successful as the first YAMO, which I was lucky enough to have been in, in ’58, as one of the dancers. Looking at us on the YAMO page in *The Key* 1959 brought back great memories. Super dance numbers choreographed by Eddie Miller, a professional ETHS brought in for the show, were exciting to perform. The costume ideas and music choices were spot on. I hope other cast members will be attending the celebration although I know we are spread far and wide across the globe doing whatever people in their 70s do.”

David C. Stockwell '50, said: “Still in reasonable possession of my modest mental faculties, partnered with a marvelous woman named Elinor. Three children, four grandchildren. Made a modestly successful living in the advertising business. Love to hear from any ETHS contemporaries. Keep up the good work.”

Robert Behr '51 has been inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame for his track coaching.

This fall, **William Logan '51** received the Corrine Passage Spirit of Evanston Award at the 2017 Evanston MashUp, an annual celebration of Evanston hosted by Northwestern U, the City of Evanston, Chamber of Commerce, and other business partners. The award goes to an Evanstonian that has performed outstanding service to the community and embodies the mix of qualities that represent Evanston: courage, compassion, vision, and creativity. At ETHS, Logan was the first Black football captain, winner of the Myerson Award for football excellence, and senior class vice-president. He rose in the ranks of the Evanston Police Dept. (EPD) as the first Black lieutenant, captain,

deputy chief, and Chief of Police. When he retired from EPD, he served as ETHS’s Safety Director for nearly 20 years. Other community service includes co-founding the Chessmen Club, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and FAAM, the Evanston youth basketball League. Previous Spirit Award winners include ETHS alums **Bob '64** and **Pat Cherry Reece '62**, and **Dick Peach '64**.

1960s

Richard Hartman '66 says he and his wife, **Cecilia Nankervis Hartman '67**, are now fully retired.

Roberta Gassman '66 was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the United Way of Dane County (WI) and continues to serve on boards for the Madison Community Foundation and Overture Center for the Arts, Edgewood.

Last April, **Jim Brown '66** received the Proxmire Award from The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers for Life Achievement. He retired from the faculty at the UW-Milwaukee in 2010, lives in Wauwatosa, WI, with his wife, Ann Brophy, and has two married daughters living in Colorado.

Last May, **Wendy Williams Sadler '60** presented Korea Electric Power Corp. (KEPCO) President Cho Hwan-eik with a collection of rare historical documents at Hansung Electric, South Korea’s first utility. She is a granddaughter of Harry Bostwick, an American business partner of Hansung Electric. As part of KEPCO’s efforts to trace the historical roots of South Korea’s electricity use, a research team, led by Prof. Oh Jin-suk of Pai Chai University, toured the U. S. and found the rare documents, hitherto unknown, including letters from King Gojong of the Joseon Dynasty, also dubbed as Emperor Gwangmu of the Korean Empire. They are expected to contribute greatly to shedding light on the history of South Korea’s electricity use. KEPCO has changed its founding anniversary day to Jan. 26 to coincide with the day of the establishment of Hansung Electric in 1898. The year 2017 marked the 119th anniversary of the founding of Hansung Electric.

Marc Samet '68 received a PhD in pharmacology after attending Northwestern U Medical School, and

has served on the research faculty at UC-Berkeley and the medical school at UC-SF in medicine and pharmacy. He was recruited to found a biotechnology firm and has subsequently started three other biotech firms. Marc worked for Merck in launching the “original little purple pill” (Prilosec) and moved to suburban Philadelphia in 1998. He was an adjunct professor in Management at Penn State and now consults for various entities, including the U of Pennsylvania, in the development of life-science technologies. He retired in 1998. An avid tennis player, he also volunteers for various organizations dealing with mental health, hospice care, and the elderly.

1970s

Deborah (Debi) Ruben '70 received her nursing degree from DePaul U. With her experience in both the Operating and Emergency Room, followed by many years as a sales and marketing professional, she found she loved real estate and earned her license helping clients in Chicago’s North Suburbs in 2002. Seven years ago she moved to Orange County, CA, where she continues her real-estate career. As she puts it, “With my energy, charisma, and passion for salsa dancing and Zumba, I keep going until the job is done.”

Hodge Carter '76 was honored at Lakeland U’s Alumni Awards Celebration with the Service to the Community Award for his volunteer and community contributions in Iowa City, IA. He is a 1981 alum of Lakeland University, in Sheboygan, WI. While at Lakeland, he studied health care/business administration, and played football and baseball.

Chem/Phys alum **John Fox '73** was unable to attend the Chem/Phys reunion, but sends his regards to all that did. He spent the summer with some Stanford students who were doing summer projects at CERN.

1980s

Brian Wilson '88 enlisted in the Army as an 18-year-old right out of ETHS, served from 1988 to 1992, and fought in the Desert Storm and Desert Shield operations of the Gulf War. A graduate of Northern Illinois U’s law school, he volunteered in the public defender’s office in DeKalb (IL) County for over 1,000 hours over two years, as well as in Kane County (IL) and hopes to come back to work in DeKalb after passing the bar exam. At NIU, he was notes/comments editor

of the law review journal. Wilson worked a variety of jobs before deciding to study law, as a mechanic, in private security, and in banking. He attended paralegal school at Elgin (IL) Community College before enrolling at NIU.

Patrick Geraghty '89 is vice president of clinical services for Donor Network of Arizona, one of 58 federally designated organ procurement organizations across the U. S. He leads a team of more than 100 dedicated people working to connect the generosity of Arizona’s organ/tissue donors and their families with the hopes of transplant candidates around the country. He lives outside Phoenix, AZ, with his family and is thrilled to be raising his children in a world where the Chicago Cubs have won a world series.

Justin Schwartz '82 is Penn State’s new Harold & Inge Marcus Dean in the College of Engineering. He has served as professor and department head of materials science/engineering at North Carolina State (NCSU) since 2009, where he transformed the department, both in numbers and stature. Prior to NCSU, Schwartz was the Jack E. Crow Professor of Engineering (2005-09), and senior research adviser to the vice president for research (2001-02) at Florida State. He joined the FSU faculty in 1993, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the newly formed National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, where he led the high-temperature superconductor Magnets & Materials Group. In 2003, his research group, in collaboration with Oxford Instruments, established the world record for highest magnetic-field generation by a superconducting material. After 25 years of partnering with companies large and small, Schwartz began his own startups in 2015. He co-founded and is CEO of Lupine Materials & Technology Inc., an optical fiber sensors and magnetic materials company focused on transforming research to practical technology; and Eagle Power Technologies, a next-generation energy and transportation technology company, where he is chief technical officer.

1990s
Steve Hoskins '93 and his wife Katie were expecting a daughter in July 2017. They already have a two-year-old

son, James. Steve is still the Digital Sales Manager at ESPN in Chicago.

During Hurricane Harvey in Houston, **Dwayne Aristide '97** set up Disaster Response Communications to allow everyone involved in emergency response to communicate with each other on one system without having to relay information to each other.

Ra Joy '91 will be the Illinois lieutenant governor candidate running alongside Chris Kennedy, the Democratic candidate for governor, in 2018. Kennedy is the son of Robert F. Kennedy and nephew of President John F. Kennedy. Joy is executive director of Change Illinois, a coalition of civic, business, and labor groups. He previously served as executive director of the Illinois Arts Alliance and a top staffer to U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

Donald L. Michelin Jr. '90 is the new ETHS head boys’ cross-country coach, succeeding his father **Donald Michelin Sr. '69**, who will now be his son’s assistant while continuing as the head boys’ track coach. In turn, Don Jr. will be an assistant track coach for his dad. Don Sr. coached ETHS cross country from 1985 to 2003, went into education administration, and came back in 2009 as head boys’ coach for both cross country and track. Don Jr., who ran in both sports during high school, worked as an assistant at ETHS from 1999 to 2003, when he moved to Chicago and became a successful realtor. He rejoined the ETHS running program in 2013.

2000s

James Farr '11 was on the team that won the Hungarian National Championships in basketball.

Asia Sageman '14 was a summer intern with the City of Evanston and put the final touches on an interactive map of public art around town. The 21-year old senior at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, said, “I went to the Evanston Arts Council with my idea for the public art map and they hired me.”

In May, **Patrick Klamm '13** and **Carl Klamm '15**, who attend Bethel U, and two other teammates finished as runners-up on the 4x400-meter relay team at the NCAA Division III championship meet, earning them All-American honors. Carl placed 5th in the 400-meter dash at 47.66, the second fastest run of his career and earning him All-American status.



The ETHS Educational Foundation Alumni Making a Difference for the past Decade!

10 Years – 17 Extraordinary Projects

- Added lights and resurfaced Lazier (Football) Field (2008)
- Transformed the Automotive Technology Lab (2009)
- Built the Student Commons & Bike Compound (2010)
- Hung Curtains in Main Auditorium (2011)
- Equipped the REEL (Renewable Energy & Ecology) Lab (2011)
- Furnished the Transition House (special education) (2011)
- Connected the Wireless Campus (2012)
- Added four new STEM classrooms (2013)
- Created the Advanced Manufacturing Lab (2014)
- New Leonard Schaeffer Theater in the Planetarium (2014)
- Built a permanent site for Geometry in Construction (2015)
- Added new Lake St. Tennis facility (2015)
- Created Milligan Entrepreneurship Center (2015)
- Re-imagined Heritage Hall (2016)
- Erected new Softball Grandstand (2017)
- Created a new Ceramics Studio (2017)
- Sound enhancements in the four Music Rooms (2017)

This year, the ETHS Educational Foundation is celebrating 10 years of guaranteeing access to excellence for all ETHS students.

We are grateful to alumni, local business owners, parents, and many others who support ETHS in countless ways. In the past 10 years, we have provided over \$4.5m in support to ETHS of which \$3.5m has been for extraordinary capital improvements that distinguish ETHS from other high schools. Clearly our ETHS family understands the value of an ETHS education.

Because of your past support, the school now boasts a renovated planetarium, a state-of-the-art manufacturing lab, an Automotive Tech Lab, an entrepreneurship center, a new ceramics studio, and more! We have heard from students that these new spaces enrich their academic experiences and help them build confidence and find their footing for college and work beyond high school. It really does make a difference.

The Foundation's current funding priorities include:

- **Adding a new Engineering Lab Classroom**
- **Building an accessible and welcoming entranceway to the athletic wing**
- **Creating new Rehearsal and Dressing Rooms for the Upstairs Theatre**
- **Expanding and renovating the Greenhouse and urban agriculture program**
- **Continuing our funding for the new Chem-Phys Theory "Research" Center**

We hope you will consider a year-end gift, a tribute gift, or a gift in honor of your milestone reunion. Your gifts and participation will help us reach our FY18 goal of \$550,000. We are already off to a great start thanks to our fund-raiser SHOWCASE ETHS! A TRIBUTE TO YAMO's 60th that raised over \$100,000. The Class of 1967 raised an additional \$100,000. In addition, the Chem-Phys alums have raised nearly \$75,000, and a generous donor has offered to match all individual and corporate matching gifts to the new Chem-Phys Theory "Research" Center, dollar for dollar, up to \$37,500.

If you would like to learn more about how you or your reunion class can make a significant impact at your alma mater, please contact Joanne Bertsche, Executive Director, bertschej@eths.k12.il.us or 847/424-7158.



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