

Two ribbon-cuttings this fall

Two facilities at ETHS—the Lake Street Tennis Courts and the Planetarium—have undergone serious make-overs and were unveiled in October.

On Oct. 6, ETHS held a Re-Opening of the tennis courts. The ribbon-cutting featured award-winning tennis pro Katrina Adams, now President of the US Tennis Assn., who gave the keynote address, as well as Jonathan Vegosen, past USTA president.

The “new” tennis center includes seven courts resurfaced in orange and blue, viewing stands, picnic areas, restrooms, and lighting for evening play and use by local community tennis groups. A “water garden” with water-hardy plants serves as an ecological drainage system.

“We want our entire community to benefit from these enhanced community resources,” said ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon about the tennis courts.

E.C. “Skip” Gage III, '59, who donated funds to name a court, spoke about the importance of tennis in his life. Two tennis clinics, one for kids, one for adults, were also part of the day’s celebration. ETHS tennis coaches and area pros conducted the clinics.

On Oct. 15, the newly renovated planetarium

was unveiled at a ceremony in the east courtyard. Originally built in 1968 to honor Supt. Lloyd Michael’s retirement, the ETHS planetarium was one of only a few located on a high-school campus, and was state-of-the-art at the time. Now there are approximately 50 high-school planetariums in the US, but the recent renovations make the ETHS facility among the most advanced.

No longer aqua-colored but navy blue, the “new” planetarium features digital technology, an Imax-like 360-degree projection screen, surround sound, and interactive learning opportunities. The ETHS Educational Foundation raised \$800,000 to fund the renovation, thanks in part to the great generosity of **Leonard Schaeffer, '63**, who donated \$500,000 to the project on top of a previous \$500,000 given last year for four new STEAM labs at the school.

While ETHS astronomy and geoscience course enrollments have surged in the past few years, the new planetarium offers cutting-edge tools that can



Katrina Adams, President of the US Tennis Association, was keynoter at the tennis center unveiling.

be customized “for learning across the entire ETHS curriculum,” said Witherspoon. “We learn best when we are excited about and interested in what we’re learning,” he added.

According to **GionMathias Schelbert, '90**, who teaches astronomy at ETHS and urged the administration to invest in its aging planetarium, “This new facility allows the study of so much more [than astronomy].” For example, visual arts and humanities students can study the Sistine Chapel ceiling in amazing detail, and biology students can tour the inside of the human body. In addition, science students in District 65 and Northwestern University will be able to benefit from the ETHS planetarium technology.

Two science luminaries—Dr. Michelle Larson, Adler Planetarium President, and **Dr. Faith Vilas, '69**, Senior Scientist at the Planetary Science Institute—came to salute the new facility. “This planetarium is a canvas of wonder,” said Larson, “for all sorts of exploration.” Vilas, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012, said she was introduced to astronomy at ETHS, and her first job, at age 16, was at the Adler Planetarium.



ETHS Asst. Supt./Principal Marcus Campbell (center) was joined by Dr. Mark Hammergren (left), Adler Planetarium astronomer, and Dr. Faith Vilas, '69, (rt.) Senior Scientist at the Planetary Science Institute, at the Re-Opening of the ETHS Planetarium in October.

ETHS refines brand, signage

Last year, Evanston Township High School kicked off a multi-phase branding and signage project. This initiative will focus on developing a new ETHS brand and improved signage to help students, staff, and visitors better navigate the 1.2 million square-foot school building and 65-acre campus.

The ETHS school board hired Evanston-based Glantz Design and Allegra



Use of both the new crest and Willie logo will be phased in over time.

Beginning this fall, project leaders began analyzing the often-confusing directional signs and maps that exist in the building and around the high school campus. Again, school-community members will be asked to give feedback. Signage changes will be seen beginning next spring.

Changes at ETHS aren’t just visual, however. “We’ve worked intentionally

over the last few years to develop our brand with new engagement initiatives such as the popular Campus Tour program and new communication tools like the new mobile app,” said Evangeline Semark, ETHS Director of Communications/Engagement. Last spring, ETHS also revamped its web site (www.eths.k12.il.us) to make it more accessible and useful to the school, community, prospective families, and visitors.



print and sign company to partner with ETHS staff on this project. Members of the school community were surveyed in February about ETHS’s current image and logos.

As a result, two notable ETHS identifiers—the ETHS crest and Willie the Wildkit mascot logo—were redesigned. With a nod to ETHS tradition, the crest now features the familiar school front with its iconic towers, and Willie has been nostalgically refreshed.

Superintendent's Letter

Our Students Teach Us a Lot

We learn a lot from our ETHS students. We re-structured the freshman year at ETHS by aligning freshman courses with ACT college-entrance exam standards and College Board Advanced Placement (AP) standards, using our toughest grading scale, increasing reading and writing, and requiring document-based-question essays and common assessments. All freshmen are required to take rigorous humanities and biology courses, and they are all equally challenged to earn honors credit.

And what have we learned from them? We have learned that more rigor with abundant support leads to higher student achievement. **We have learned that students of all races and all backgrounds will excel.**

We have greatly increased expectations. College-level AP classes are no longer reserved for a small strata of our students. We now create pathways to encourage all students to accept AP rigor. Students provide one another with strategies and support for taking and succeeding in AP classes. Today we have the most students in ETHS history taking AP courses. By graduation last year, over 70% of the seniors had taken AP classes while attending ETHS. And while nationally 1 in 5 students taking AP exams score a 3 or higher—the threshold for being awarded college credit—1 in 2 ETHS students earned a 3 or higher.

And what have we learned from them? **Have higher expectations for all students of all races and all backgrounds and they will meet and exceed those expectations.**

In all the years of record keeping, our ACT exam scores are the highest ever. With all our students now taking the ACT, even those at the bottom of their class, our most recent graduating class scored the highest results in the school's history. In fact, our ACT scores are the highest ever in every area tested: math, English, science, and reading. Notably, but for one year in the past decades, our students have now exceeded all past ACT results for the most recent eight consecutive years.

And what have we learned from them? **Students at a top-tier high school with a strong tradition of excellence can keep doing better when students of all races and backgrounds are included and embraced.**

School spirit is vibrant, noisy, and exciting. Our students wear orange and blue proudly. They sing the cheer song at the top



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

of their voices. They yell loudly for their peers at events and pep rallies. Spirit Weeks are fun, energetic, colorful, and active. ETHS students participate in countless competitions, athletic events, theater productions, YAMO, music concerts, talent shows, and much, much more.

And what have we learned from them? **As our ETHS students transition into adulthood, they are enjoying being teenagers and enthusiastically proud to be Wildkits.**

You can be so proud of today's students. We have racial and socio-economic diversity, a diversity of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, a diversity of ideas, and a diversity of creative thinkers and problem solvers. And what have we learned from them?

Thanks to today's students, the future is bright. And thanks to our students' historic achievements and school pride, the future for Evanston Township High School is radiant.

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):

First name	(Maiden name)	Last name	Class year
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Job Title		Business name	
Business street address	City, State	ZIP + 4	

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).

Please return this form, additional information, and photo to:
ETHS Alumni Association
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

Class of 2015 graduation stories

Last June, ETHS seniors got some good advice at graduation from alumnus **Zach Gilford, 2000**. The guest speaker, who earned his bachelor's degree at Northwestern University and now has a professional acting career in TV and film, advised the over 700 graduates to remember where they came from as they go out to explore the greater world.

He said: "Regardless of what your plan is, you are more prepared for the world you are about to enter into than almost any other graduate... You are better prepared because you have grown up in a more real world than most of those other graduates." To remind them that Evanston is their home base, he recommended they keep the 847 area code on their cell phones.

The Class of 2015 pulled an epic senior prank just before graduation. An ad



headlined "2015/2ft² – High school building for sale!" appeared on Craig's List and promptly went viral on ETHS staff, student, alumni, retiree, and community computers and phones locally and across the country.

Under the above photo of ETHS was posted: "Evanston Township High School is for sale! After over 150 years of educating the community, ETHS has decided to close its doors. While a transition plan is in place for the students, we have no use for the building. We are asking \$2,015 or best offer. The

school comes complete with over 50 classrooms, two swimming pools, 15 gyms, a dance studio, auditorium, as well as fields for baseball and football. Plenty of room to park! You better move quickly because a deal this good won't last long!"

While the sale price should have tipped anyone off, many who read this startling news actually paused—for one brief shining moment—before realizing they'd been sucked into believing it was true. Congratulations, Class of 2015!

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What's New at ETHS?

ACT scores higher than ever at ETHS

The ETHS Class of 2015 posted the highest ACT test scores in the school's history, improving nearly one point on all subtests (math, English, reading, science) as well as the composite score, which jumped from 23.0 in 2014 to 23.9 this year.

Further, the ETHS composite, well above the state (20.7) and national (21.0) scores, reflects the average of the entire junior class, including English Language Learners and students who required extended-time accommodations.

From 2001 to 2014, all juniors in Illinois took the ACT as part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). The class of 2015 was the last graduating class to take the PSAE.

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ETHS student success earns national rankings

In Spring 2015, *US News & World Report* and *The Washington Post* released their annual national high-school rankings that both placed ETHS in the top 2-3% in the nation and among the Top 20 in Illinois.

15th, and its national placement at 456 (up from 585 in 2014) earned ETHS a Gold Medal, based on state proficiency standards and how well students are prepared for college, among other indicators.

to earn a Gold Medal for 2015. *The Washington Post* moved ETHS up to 584 nationally (from 601) out of over 21,150 public high schools and placed it again at 17th in the state, above neighboring North Shore schools.

US News advanced ETHS's state ranking from 21st to

ETHS is one of only 17 Illinois high schools, including magnet schools,

Black Male/Female Summits launch Social Consciousness Series at ETHS

On September 26, 2014, ETHS hosted its first-ever Black Male Summit, attended by 412 students, grades 9-12, and 167 adult volunteers. Many adult volunteers served as mentors for students and committed to working with them over their years at ETHS.

Over 25% of the mentors are ETHS alumni, including City Council members **Delores Holmes, ETHS '58**, and **Peter Braithwaite '88**, as well as **Circuit Court Judge Lionel Jean-Baptiste '70**.

The Summit goals were to connect Black male students to resources available at ETHS and in the community, and to support their academic and social growth. At the Summit, students took part in various activities, including identity workshops, group discussions with Black peers and community adults, networking with ETHS partner agencies and local institutions, and action-plan development.

Thanks to the first Summit's success, ETHS launched a Social Consciousness Series this fall that kicked off with a



ETHS visual arts teachers made this auditorium banner for the Black Male and Female Summits.

second Black Male Summit, and a parallel event for Black females, all in an effort to continue supporting the academic success and well-being of all ETHS students. Close to 1,000 students from all grade levels participated in the two summits.

Using the theme "Go Get It!," the female summit drew over 400 girls to this inaugural event. Workshops covered self-esteem, colorism, and communication among peers.

Praising ETHS's efforts to focus on Black students' needs, community leader and Summit participant,

Kenneth Cherry, said the school and community must come together to "educate and prepare [Black students] for the world they will live in."

The series, hosted throughout the school year, will interactively and reflectively address ongoing and pervasive issues that impact students and staff such as racism, sexism, ableism, transphobia, homophobia, Islamophobia, and more.

By **Ahmadou Drame, ETHS '07**, ETHS Community & External Affairs Coordinator

Second ETHS-built house in place

Students in the Geometry in Construction class finished their course work by June 2015: They build a two-story house. The three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath house moved to 1820 Dodge Ave. on August 11 on two flatbeds and was gently stacked by crane (see photos below).

second year and second house. The first house was purchased by an ETHS alumnus this summer.

Each year students will build a new house that will be sold through a community partnership to an Evanston family at an affordable price.

Matthew Kaiser, Career/Technical Education, and Maryjoy Heineman, Math, teach the double-period interdisciplinary course. 2014-15 was the course's

A dedicated construction site has been established directly adjacent to the newly refurbished Lake St. Tennis Courts.



Fall 2015 Class of ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

On August 28, during half-time of the football season home opener, ETHS inducted two coaches, four student athletes, and two athletic teams into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Elias George, Wrestling Coach

For over 50 years, George coached wrestling and competed nationally and internationally. He retired from teaching in 1987, and kept on coaching. His tenure included eight top 10 state-final finishes, including a tie for second in the team standings in 1967, the best finish in ETHS history. He ranked third nationally with 614 wins, 158 losses, and 25 ties in dual-meet competition. Nine students won state titles on his watch. He also coached football at ETHS, and in 1987, as interim varsity head coach, the team qualified for state playoffs. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and Illinois Wrestling Halls of Fame, and served on the U.S. Olympic wrestling committee for eight years.

Ron Helberg, Track Coach

From 1968-75, Helberg was ETHS's head track coach: state titles in 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1974; six district team titles; and 10 indoor/outdoor Suburban League team championships. He coached the first 7-foot high jumper in Illinois (**Nat Page, '75**) and two of the best sprinters in state history, **Howard Jones, '73**, and **Joe Stewart, '74**. The National High School Coaches Assn. twice named him Midwest Coach of the Year. He helped found the Illinois Track-Cross Country Coaches Assn. and is a member of its Hall of Fame, as well as the Halls of Fame for the National Coaches Assn., Illinois Athletic Directors Assn., and the Illinois Track-Field Officials Assn.

Richard Gilbert, '51

A powerful wrestler, Gilbert placed third at state as a junior, and senior year was ETHS's first wrestler to be state champ. The first African-American starting quarterback at ETHS, he guided the 1950 Wildkits

to a 7-1 season and second-place in the Suburban League as a senior. He and other ETHS athletes of that era are credited with creating a culture and expectation of winning that lasted for decades. Gilbert earned a football scholarship and played one year at Kentucky State, until he was drafted and served four years in the Air Force.

Jerry Noyce, '62

Freshman year, Noyce played soccer and basketball, but head tennis coach Keith Andersen saw something in Noyce and recruited him. He proved a standout in a thriving program. By spring 1962, the Wildkits had won three consecutive state tennis-team championships. He partnered with **Bob Scott** to capture the doubles crown that spring. Noyce played No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles at Minnesota, coached the Gophers for 15 years, and won three Big 10 Conference titles. He was named Division I Tennis Coach of the Year in 1986 and is a member of the Intercollegiate Tennis Assn. Hall of Fame. In 2007, President George Bush appointed him to the President's Council of Sports and Fitness.

Jesse Opdycke, '90

Soccer phenom Opdycke led the Wildkits in scoring while earning All-Midwest, All-State, All-Sectional and All-Conference honors as a senior and went on to start four years at Miami of Ohio. He also played varsity baseball as a junior, and senior year he was a starter for ETHS's boys' volleyball squad, which earned the mythical state championship. As a junior at Miami, he was the Most Valuable Defensive Player for a team that ranked No. 23 in the country.

Tim McGonagle, '71

McGonagle was a three-sport standout who won both the Noyes Trophy (outstanding male athlete) and Oliver Baty Cunningham (outstanding ETHS male) his senior year. In soccer, he led the Wildkits



to back-to-back undefeated seasons as a junior and senior, and the Wildkits were named mythical state champs both seasons. In baseball, he was starting shortstop for the team that earned ETHS's only summer state championship in 1970. He went on to earn All-Suburban League and All-Area honors in 1971, and also played two years of varsity basketball at ETHS. McGonagle played baseball and soccer at Indiana University. A soccer starter all four years, he earned the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award (1973) and Outstanding Senior Award (1974). In baseball, he was a starter by junior year, and senior year he was named Most Valuable Player and team captain.

1960 Football State Champions

No one was more excited than head football coach Murney Lazier when he saw the 1960 roster. With an offensive line that ranked among the best in school history, the Wildkits racked up a 7-0-1 record and earned Lazier's first mythical state champi-

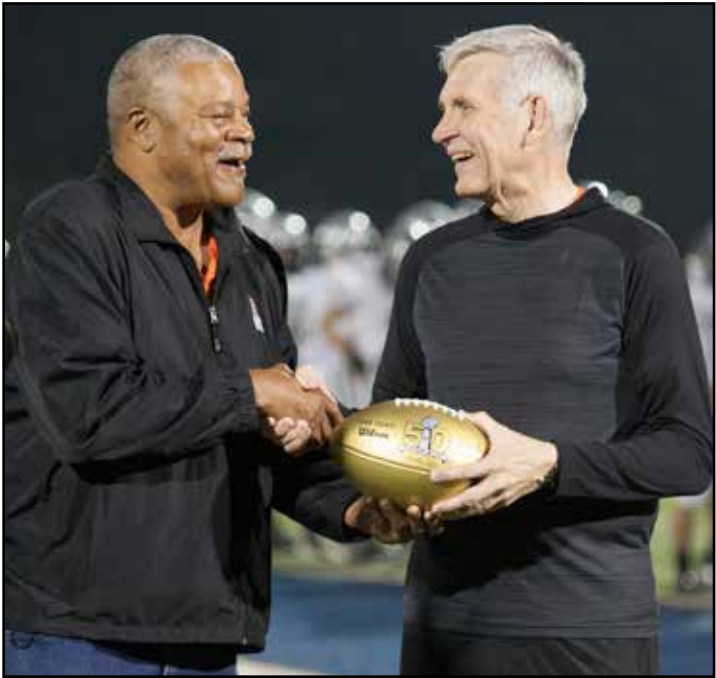
onship. **Owen Thomas**, end **Bob Genenz**, and halfback **Bernard "Sam" Ward** were named to the All-State team as the 'Kits outscored the opposition 205-41, with only a season-ending 7-7 tie with Niles marring an otherwise perfect campaign. Both Thomas and **Bob Pickens** went on to play football professionally. Other standouts included **Steve Johnson, Phil Holm, Bill Kearney, Mike Arrington, Toby Wilt, Dan Durschlag**, and quarterbacks **Bob Majors** and **Doug Holcomb**.

2003 Girls' Track/Field Team State Champions

Combine two of the best ETHS runners ever—**Shalina Clarke** and **Demeca Hill**—with others who accepted different roles for the girls' track program and you have a recipe for extended success. Coach **Fenton Gunter's (ETHS '74)** girls won four straight state championships from 2003 to 2006, breaking up Morgan Park's dynasty. The 'Kits didn't even need Hall of Famer Clarke—winner of six gold medals in individual races and holder of the 300-meter hurdle state record—to participate on any of the 11 relay units that scored top five finishes at state. Both Clarke and Hill began as freshmen, and Hill ran for seven relay state championships in the 400, 800 medley, and 800 relays as a first-year runner. Hill teamed with **Traciann Henry, Mya Edwards**, and **Coretta Evans** in the 400 and state record-setting 800 races, and was part of the medley gold-medal performance with Edwards, Evans and **Sean Adigun**.

By Dennis Mahoney

It all started here



Emery Moorehead, '72, (at l.) is a former football tight end-wide receiver who played for the New York Giants (1977-79), Denver Broncos (1980), and the Chicago Bears (1981-1988). He won his Super Bowl ring when the Bears beat the Patriots (46-10) in January 1986.

On August 28, Moorehead presented ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon with a special Golden Football to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl, sponsored by the National Football League. As part of a year-long celebration, all players who have participated in a Super Bowl game will present NFL Golden Footballs to their high school to honor the school and community where they started out. Moorehead is a member of the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as a Super Bowl champion.

2015 Distinguished Alumni Awardees

The 2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented in an assembly for the senior class on Monday, December 7, in the ETHS Auditorium. More information on each of the awardees and photos will be in the spring issue of *The KIT*, but here is a preview of this year's Distinguished Alumni.

Terry Bowie, 1969, has spent many years in award-winning government service responsible for day-to-day financial-management operations with agencies such as HUD, the US Mint, Department of Education, and NASA, where he was CFO.

Cassidy Hubbarth, 2003, is one of only three women to be the main, solo host of a daily show on ESPN: *The NBA Tonight*. One of the most knowledgeable sports journalists in the country, she is recognized as a rising star in her profession.



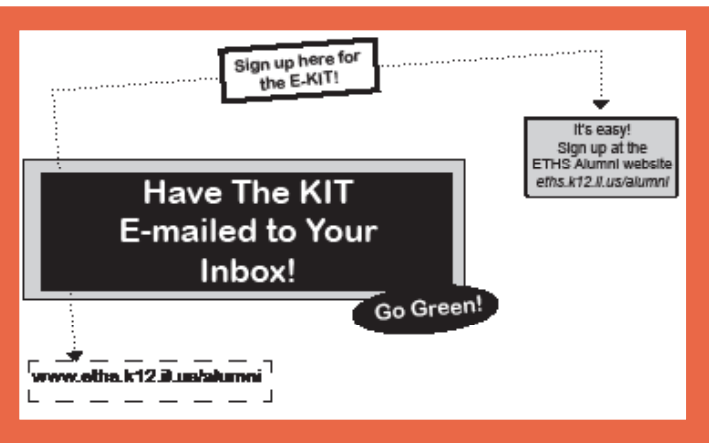
Belkis Wu Leong-Hong, 1963, came to ETHS with limited English language skills in 1960, newly arrived from a Chinese family that had lived in Cuba. A 30-year senior executive in the Department of Defense, she now owns a small business specializing in information technology, among other areas, and has long been active in leadership of Asian American and Pacific-Islander communities on a national level.

James Macdonell, 1950, is Pastor Emeritus of St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville MD. As founding pastor and its leader for over 40 years, he was also very active in the Civil Rights movement, helping to organize the 1963

March on Washington, the Voter's Rights activities in Mississippi, and joining with Dr. King in Selma in 1965.

Donald Michelin, 1969, is a recognized leader throughout Evanston. A track phenom at ETHS, he became an educator, and served as Principal of Haven Middle School for many years. An active member of the community, he has been the long-time Boys' track coach at ETHS, earning Coach of the Year honors .

Maura Corby Sullivan, 1997, is a former Marine Corps Captain and Iraq war veteran who is now the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, running Communications and Public Engagement for The Pentagon. She previously held a number of senior positions in both the public and private sectors.



Alumni Association Board of Directors

On July 29, 2015, the alumni board adopted the following slate of officers and board members.

Officers (continue 2nd year of 2-year term)

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Ardis Coninx, '41
Ron Lewis, '71

Joel Servillo, '01
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Katie Trippi, '77
Lauren Washington, '94
Lori Sydney, '89
Michael Salton, '65

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Matthew Hunter, '05
Kevin Mack, '95
Felipe Martinez, '97
Avery Mayne, '08
Kathy Miehl, '64
Jim Ossyra, '74
Nicole Marks, '85
Lanier Zimmer, '05 – on leave

ETHS Authors' Bookshelf



Robert Masello, '70, has written *The Einstein Prophecy*, a supernatural thriller revolving around Albert Einstein, WW II, and the creation of the atomic bomb. It was #1 on Amazon Kindle this summer and is available in all formats. Masello credits whatever success he has had to his fine English teachers at ETHS, including Ronald Gearing, Curtis Crotty, and Barbara Pannwitt.

Stephanie Jones, '80, owns "me & mrs jones," two working-teaching decorative painting studios and DIY boutiques in Memphis and Germantown, TN. She is the author and principal photographer for *Upstyle Your Furniture* covering topics from tools and materials to understanding and protecting images with 27 step-by-step illustrated tutorials, accompanied by over 300

color images. Available through Amazon and Wal-Mart.

Julie Wosk's, '62, new book *My Fair Ladies: Female Robots, Androids, and Other Artificial Eves* writes about simulated females in movies, television, art, photography, literature, as well as those created in robotics labs and as fetish items. Wosk is a professor of art history, English, and studio painting at the State University of New York, Maritime College.

Illustrator **Debbi Scher Geller, '76**, has teamed with author Michelle Friedman on the children's book *There Once Was a Camel*, a tale of a camel named Milly, whose story makes it fun for kids to learn the value of friendship, diversity, and acceptance.

Jason Conviser, '97, has written three books on medical fitness and how to improve fitness and health with reasonable modifications in daily activity: *Medical Fitness Association's Resource & Planning Guide*,

ASCEND's Guide to Nutrition and a Healthy Life: Arm Yourself With the Facts, and *ASCEND's Essential Guide to Exercise: How to Improve Your Health Through Fitness*. He is the co-owner of Ascend Consultation in Health Care.

Joyce Rambert, '69, aka **Joyce Ann Ashford**, has published *Montage: A Collection of Stories and Poems*. Much like her previous book, *Damaged Goods*, *Montage* has significant insight in telling the story of an African-American woman, connecting the past and present with historical value.

Audrey Niffenegger, '81, just released *Ghostly*, an anthology of ghost stories. While most are favorites of hers, such as "The Black Cat" by Edgar Allen Poe, she has also included one of her own, "Secret Life, With Cats." Author of the best-seller *The Time Traveler's Wife*, this new book is also illustrated by Niffenegger in etchings befitting the book's title.

Senior boy, girl awards photos reframed

All photos of winners of the Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl Awards that are displayed above the ETHS Central Library have a fresh, new look thanks to a donation from the North End Mothers' Club (NEMC).

The club, which underwrites the Outstanding Senior Girl Award, recently paid for the reframing of their award winners' photos and those of the Oliver

Baty Cunningham Award that annually goes to the Outstanding Senior Boy.

The Cunningham Award was established in 1920 by his parents to honor their son who had been killed during WWI. The NEMC Award was created in 1952 as a parallel honor for female students. Both awards winners are nominated and chosen each year by members of the senior class.

Need your help
Does anyone remember the first year the Senior Class voted on who should win the Cunningham and NEMC Awards instead of winners being chosen by a committee?
Please contact the Alumni Association office (alumni@eths.k12.il.us) if you know.

ETHS Alumni Scholarships

Last May, during Senior Awards night, the ETHS Alumni Association gave scholarships to five graduating seniors. Since its inception in 1995, the association has annually given monetary awards.

Initially, two \$500 awards were given, but over time the association board has raised the number of scholarships to five

and the amount to this year's \$1,000 per student. The alumni scholarship winners are chosen by a school-based committee of guidance counselors.

The five 2015 ETHS Alumni Association Scholarship recipients are: **Daniel Corbier de Lara, Hailey Kretchmer, Kayla Long, Emily Varua, and Andre Wallace.**

ETHS Kudos

STUDENTS

Last May, senior **Joey Schnide, '15**, was named champ in Lincoln-Douglas debate at the 2015 Grand National Speech/Debate Tournament held by the National Catholic Forensic League (NCFL), ETHS's first national championship in Lincoln-Douglas debate. In June, Schnide won the top spot in Extemporaneous Debate at the National Speech/Debate Assn. (NSDA) tourney, the second NSDA national championship in ETHS history.

Last spring, **ETHS's Jazz Ensemble** was chosen to perform at the 2016 Illinois Music Education Conference next January. Over 10,000 music educators attend this annual conference, held in Peoria, IL.

Senior **Harry Thornton, '15**, was among 10 finalists at the 32nd annual English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, held at Lincoln Center in New York City.

ETHS junior **Joseph Kariem** (above rt.) earned his pilot's license this summer through the seven-week Tuskegee NEXT program. He also got the opportunity to fly with aerobatic



pilot Sean Tucker during a Chicago Air & Water Show rehearsal in August. The NEXT program offers students a formal flight-training program and introduces them to the aerospace industry. He plans to go back next summer as a paid intern.

STAFF

Kim Minestra, ETHS Director of Nutrition Services, was appointed to the IL School Nutrition Assn. Board and will serve as President Elect.

Math teacher **Richard Kaplan** was awarded the 2015 T.E. Rine Award for Excellence in Secondary Mathematics Teaching by the IL Council of Teachers of Mathematics. A 17-year ETHS veteran, Kaplan has been instrumental in transforming AB Calculus Advanced Placement classes at ETHS by substantially increasing the enrollment of Black and Latino students.

Alumni mini-grants support ETHS

The ETHS Alumni Association board recently approved three mini-grants that will benefit ETHS and its students.

- \$1,000 to physics teacher Dr. Mark Vondracek to provide support funding to approximately 100 Chem-Phys students who want to pursue an independent science project or activity of interest. The students' application process would "mirror how professors get grants: plan a project, anticipate a budget, and write a project proposal, including a timeline that will lead to possible funding of the project," said Vondracek.

- \$670 to Kristen Perkins, Northwestern/ETHS Partnership Coordinator, for airfare for two 2015 graduates—**Remy Amateifio** and **Ryan Christie**—to represent ETHS at a Civic Education Week Program this past summer in Washington, DC.

- \$2,000 to support the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame program, which annually honors ETHS alumni athletes, coaches, and sports teams.

ETHS Class Notes

1940s

Jane Rathbun Brunet, '44, almost 89, took 34 years to graduate from the U of CA-Santa Barbara. She started in two "junior colleges," one on the 3rd floor of ETHS, the other at DePaul U's night school. Fast forward to California, in 1970, she attended Oxnard College on work study, Ventura College summer school for astronomy, and Ventura Learning Center (part of UCSB and Northridge). Simultaneously, she was raising six kids. "I didn't graduate with honors, but of [her] 10 cousins, I'm the only one who attended and graduated from college," she writes.

1950s



Jean Herron Collion, '50, and her husband, **Bruce**, met their sophomore year at ETHS and were married 58 years until he passed away in 2010. Since then she has kept busy as editor of her church newsletter, member of the woman's club and webmaster of their website, drawing pet portraits in colored pencil, and playing clarinet with a local concert band. Jean lives in Lawrenceville, GA.



William Logan, '51, (at L.) received a Paul Harris Fellow Award on Oct. 1 from the Rotary Club of Evanston. The former

Evanston Chief of Police and Safety Director at ETHS for many years, Bill has been a member of the Rotary Club for 31 years "and has been a rock for our community," said President and Director Wally Bobkiewicz in presenting the award.



Katharine Cook, '55, who lives in Pt. Reyes Station, CA, had a show of hand-coiled pottery, made in the pre-Columbian tradition of burnished black, displayed as part of the recent Geography of Hope Conference. The ongoing event, which draws authors from around the world, is sponsored by her local book store, and is "an inspiring example of how a book store can lead and create cultural awareness in this critical time for 'man on earth'," she says.

In 1980, **Allan Scott Schmidt, '59**, co-founded, along with five other people, the internationally acclaimed Make-A-Wish Foundation, which raises funds to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. This October, the organization celebrated its 35th anniversary. Allan served 29 years as Public Information Officer at the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety. Now retired, he golfs four days a week. He and his wife, Christine, live in Peoria, AZ.



Eric McCaleb, '55, and his wife, Cheryl, hosted their 50th wedding anniversary in Boise, ID (the same weekend as his ETHS 60th

reunion...Boise won, sorry classmates). He's fully retired, after 45 years in the heating/air-conditioning business, to a "quiet and repetitive schedule of golf, reading singing for my church, walking the dog, and watching the slow struggles of our country on TV."

Delores Petway Holmes, '57, received a 2015 Y Women Leadership Award from the Evanston YWCA. Delores, alderman of Evanston's 5th ward, has served the community for over 26 years, as an elected official and as Director of Family Focus, a social welfare agency. She has been honored by the National Head Start Parent Assn., the NAACP, and *Parents Magazine*.

ETHS golf luminary **Meriam Leeke, '55**, has been honored many times for her golf prowess. She was inducted into ETHS's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, into Northwestern U's in 1992, as well as the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. She received the Don Rossi Award from the National Golf Course Owners Assn after serving 12 years on its board, 10 years as treasurer.

1960s



Miles J. Zaremski, '66, who currently splits his time between Illinois and Florida, has accepted an appointment as Professor of Law (Adjunct) at the Stetson University School of Law in Gulfport (St. Petersburg), FL, the oldest law school in the state. He will be teaching in his area of expertise, health care law, starting in January 2016.

Stephanie Misaki Whiting, '65, provided mental health support at a recent Wounded Warriors Project Odyssey Retreat on Maui. This was the first Project

Odyssey Retreat in Hawaii for women combat veterans who served on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. Stephanie is a registered provider for Give An Hour, a national non-profit organization that offers free counseling to military veterans and their families. Stephanie will also be competing in her 72nd power-lifting competition at UC-Fullerton in November.



In September, the Evanston MashUp, an annual networking event hosted by Northwestern U, the City of Evanston, Evanston's Chamber of Commerce, and other business partners, honored **Bob ('64)** and **Patty Cherry Reece ('62)** with the 2015 Corrine Passage Spirit of Evanston Award. The award recognizes their lifelong work to empower the youth of Evanston. Over the years, Bob, has served on the McGaw YMCA board (1st African American board president, among other prominent Y positions), been involved with the Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM) youth basketball league for almost 40 years, as well as the Chessman Club and the Evanston Community Foundation (ECF). Patty, who taught in Evanston District 65 for 34 years, also serves on the ECF board and with FAAM. They both were founding members of the Warren "Billy" Cherry Scholarship Fund that honors students interested in careers in education or youth work.

1970s

Last March, **Diana Kwiecinski, '77**, received the Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, only the 12th recipient in the association's 36 years. The award honors her extraordinary work to

establish of the organization's Ethics in Practice program, designed to enhance awareness of ethical issues among all hospice staff. Diana is clinical social worker and compliance official at Lighthouse Hospice in Cherry Hill, NJ, where she also served as director of staff education, social work clinical supervisor, orientation coordination, home-health aid administrator, and information technology coordinator. She lives in Medford, NJ.

A study on gender-based salary inequity by **Mary Meyer, '78**, a statistics professor at Colorado State U (CSU), has caused the university to reevaluate how it analyzes faculty salaries. Mary's study, published this year, showed that CSU's pay analysis created salary targets by gender that set lower goals for women than for men resulting in lower pay for female professors and associate professors. This fall, CSU officials pledged to change the salary evaluation process.



Rachel Williams, '77, (center) who trained as a journalist, was determined to expose her daughters, **Kelley, '05**, and **Jessica, '10**, to STEM (science, technology, electronics, and math) learning as they grew up through storytelling using two character puzzle-pieces she created named Paige and Paxton. It seemed to take hold. Jessica earned a BS in biology, and Kelley went into financial services, but both wanted to educate young kids, especially in STEM concepts. They created Paige & Paxton materials and training resources and marketed them to school districts across the country. Their materials are used in 15 school systems, including Chicago Public Schools, and the company has trained more than 500 educators.

1980s

Dr. Kristen Foster, '82, an associate professor in history at Marquette U, received a Teaching Excellence Award, the highest honor given to Marquette faculty members. Recipients are nominated by their colleagues and students for demonstrating excellence as teachers-scholars.

1990s



Angie Repsold Orr, '93, is one of the five Washington state-level finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST). After college, Angie taught math at ETHS for several years before moving to Seattle, WA. "A large thanks goes to my former math teachers at ETHS (who also became colleagues) inspiring me to go into the field of education and the wonderful students at ETHS for showing me that working with young people was my life's passion," says Angie. National award winners will be announced next spring. The PAEMST is the highest honor for a K-12 math or science teacher in the United States. Angie has two sons: Sumner Jackson (in photo) and Berkeley James.

Ellen Schleicher Pliska, '99, is among seven authors who had an article published in the September issue of the *Journal of Women's Health*. The article is titled "Working with State Health Departments on Emerging Issues in Maternal and Child Health: Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives." In October 2012, Ellen, who is Family & Child Health Director at the Assn. of State and Territorial Health Officials, also had a co-authored article published in *Breastfeeding Medicine*

("State Public Health Agencies' Commitment to Healthy Babies: Addressing the Goodness and Fairness in Breastfeeding Rates"). Also in September, Ellen and husband Jon were among 3,000 people attending a White House reception for Pope Francis.

2000s

Brendan Frett, '05, is doing post-doctoral research in drug design at U of AZ-Tucson. He received his Doctorate in May 2014.

Matthew Auston, '15, was chosen to work as summer interns at Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. (IEI), a civil engineering firm based in Chicago. Matthew served as president of ETHS's National Society of Black Engineers junior chapter, which has partnered with ETHS to provide internships for high-school students to interest them in engineering careers. Matthew is now a freshman at the U of IL-Urbana.



Last spring, **Chris David, '15**, received the Dana Heumann Scholar-Athlete Award, given to a varsity lacrosse player who is a multi-sport athlete and displays true excellence in sportsmanship, athletics, and academics. Previous winners include **Josh Easington, '13**, and **Tommy Haughey, '14**. Created in 2013, this award honors the memory of **Walter Dana Heumann, '68**, a leader of ETHS lacrosse as it transitioned from an intramural to an interscholastic sport. Dana's untimely passing in 2008 prompted classmate **Greg Cook, '68**, to establish and fund the award in Dana's memory.

Alumni replace Willard School bell

Pauline Noznick and **Sue Draut Kearney**, both Class of '64, had talked for years about organizing a Willard School reunion. Fellow Willard alums were also interested, so they chose September 2014 to hold the event. Over 20 Willard alumni gathered and talked about doing something for the school.

Following lunch, as they waited outside the school for a tour led by Jerry Michel, Willard's principal, a plan began to form. In the day, Mr. Knudsen, the school custodian, rang a hand bell every morning and afternoon to let the

kids know that school was about to start. But, the bell disappeared long ago, so the alums decided to split the cost of a replacement.

Preston Cook, '64 (and Willard alumnus), found the perfect bell on E-bay, purchased it, and had a wooden stand made for it. Noznick sent out emails and raised more funds than were needed. On June 5, 2015, a group of Willard folks attended the Willard Community Picnic to present the bell and a \$500 check to be used for students, library books, field trips, and art supplies.



(L. to rt.) Mari McCarty (Vera Ward); Jean Rappaport Stoll, Sandra Peters Brown, and Pauline Noznick Gerstein, all '64; and Jerry Michel, Willard principal, who holds the hand bell donated by Willard School alumni, enjoyed the picnic.

ETHS alumni actors, dancers, musicians in the limelight: Stage Version

This year, ETHS alumni in the performing arts have shown their talent from Chicago to the East Coast to the United Kingdom.

Several actors took the stage this summer. In August, award-winning actress **Jacqueline Williams, '83**, played the title role of Maya Angelou in the world premiere play *Maya's Last Poem* at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Theatre in Evanston.

Matthew Hunter, '05, debuted at Chicago's Black Ensemble Theater as singer Jeffrey Osborne in *Men of Soul*, which earned him nominations from the Black Theater Alliance for Most Promising Actor and Best Featured Actor in a Revue.

Earlier this summer, **Abby Mueller, '99**, landed the starring role of songwriter Carole King in the



Matthew Hunter (rt.) and Jeffrey Osborne met at a concert this summer.

national tour of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, the part her sister **Jessie, '01**, won the 2014 Tony Award for as Best Actress in a Musical. *Beautiful* will be in Chicago in December through February.

In June in London, England, **Lesley Delmenico, '64**, wrote and directed a benefit performance of *Pursuing Justice* for The English Collective of Prostitutes and Women Against Rape, a unique

production based on original transcripts of a 1995 landmark rape trial. Lesley is a theater professor at Grinnell College. Also in the UK, dancer **Jenna Pollack, '08**, joined the Scottish Dance Theatre for its 2015-16 season. Her first performance with the company was in August at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

In September, **Anna D. Shapiro, '83**, became Artistic Director of Steppenwolf Theatre. She's served Steppenwolf in various leadership roles since 1995, joining the ensemble in 2005. In 2008, she won



Anna D. Shapiro

Best Director kudos on Broadway, including a Tony Award, for *August: Osage County*.

This fall, actress-director **Ebony Joy, '97**, joined the cast of *Unspeakable*, a world premier bio-play about comedian Richard Pryor, at Chicago's Broadway Playhouse.



Ebony Joy

New York-based music director **Ian Weinberger, '05**, has performed as a keyboardist and percussionist in numerous shows and has conducted the Broadway productions of *The Book of Mormon*, *Kinky Boots*, and *Hamilton*, as well as many regional theater shows.



Olivia Cygan

Olivia Cygan, '12, a junior at Northwestern University, played the chilling lead role in *Feathers and Teeth* at Goodman's Owen Theatre in Chicago.

Also locally, two **2002** ETHS classmates, **Andrew Biliter** and **Michael Miro**, have joined forces as Artistic Director and Executive Director, respectively, of Mudlark Theatre Company, a children's theater now celebrating its 10th year in Evanston that trains and produces professional-quality theater performed by youngsters.

ETHS Reunion Roundup

Many ETHS alumni are also active in film and television. Please send us your news!

1945 Holds 70th Reunion Dinner

The ETHS Class of 1945 marked 70 years since graduation by convening for a special reunion dinner on Sept. 20 at Monastero's Ristorante in Chicago, IL.

The guest of honor was Dr. Eric Witherspoon, who has been ETHS Superintendent since July 2006. He gave an enthusiastic and informative report on student life as it exists today.

Because of health issues adversely impacting 80+ year olds, only 19 were able to attend the reunion. They all enjoyed a full five-course gourmet dinner starting with delicious hors d'oeuvres. After dinner, Martha and Joe Monastero entertained the alums with operatic selections. Arrangements were handled by **Jim Dowdall**, ably assisted by **Vi Orr** and **Bill Tramel**.

Rocky Mountain High



Family reunion in July at the top of Rocky Mountain National Park. (L. to rt.) Greg Weinstein '80, Helen Miller Weinstein '65, Jim Weinstein '65, and Bruce Weinstein '74

ETHS Class of 1955 60th Reunion—Fun for All!

In August, the Class of '55's 60th reunion fulfilled its promise of a fun time. Bookended with a Friday reception and a Sunday brunch, both at Evanston's Hilton Garden Inn, several events highlighted the weekend.

They saw a resounding ETHS football win over West Proviso Friday evening. A Saturday tour of ETHS began with Supt. Eric Witherspoon listing the students' academic achievements and national accolades recognizing ETHS's unique accomplishments. Sarah Schmidt of the Alumni Office led a school tour and provided a gift bag of school memorabilia for each alum.

Later that afternoon, they visited the newly refurbished YMCA—once the home to Wildkit championship swim teams until the ETHS pool was built in 1958. That evening a gala dinner-dance was held at the Evanston Golf Club with music provided by '55's own jazz-ensemble leader **Dick Frazier**. During the pre-dinner social, ETHS cheerleaders in uniform and the Willie Wildkit mascot paid a surprise visit.



Co-chairs Ken MacGillivray and Skip McCallum, with their new BFF Willie Wildkit.

Before the cake cutting, Fran Caan, Executive Director of the ETHS Foundation, enumerated the many school improvements enabled by the generosity of the alumni.

50th Reunion for Class of 1966 — September 9-10, 2016

Plan ahead! Tentative plans for the 50th reunion are a tour of ETHS Saturday morning followed by lunch at ETHS. The bigger reunion will be that evening, time to be determined, at the Doubletree

Hotel in Skokie, IL, on the corner of Golf and Skokie Blvd. There will probably be an informal outing to one of the local restaurants on Friday evening, still to be determined.

Contact Joel Kurasch with questions, 850-210-8149, or email: joelkmail-eths@yahoo.com (or P.O. Box 1214, Monticello, FL 32345).

'53 girls party in Palatine



In July, seven 1953 ETHS classmates, all members of the Terry Y Club, gathered at the home of Diane Badal Greenlees in Palatine, IL, for a small, two-day reunion. They came from far afield: California, Colorado, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida, and Illinois. The alums are (back row, l. to rt.) Greenlees, Naomi Weaver Larsson, Judy Benjamin Genoff, and Janice Boess Geist; (front row, l. to rt.) Arlene Bolte Roddy, Sandy Brown Hart, and Jean Weifenbach Godden.

Class of '85 celebrates over 4th of July

The Class of '85 celebrated in style this past July 4th weekend with a reunion for the ages.

From Hawaii to Naperville, IL, over 250 Wildkits from around the globe gathered in Evanston for their 30th Class Reunion. Professors, educators, lawyers, lobbyists, doctors, filmmakers, writers, designers, and a few entrepreneurs, the Class of 1985 came together to proudly celebrate and pay tribute to a special moment in time.

It all started Thursday afternoon when 30 alums hit the links at Canal

Shores led by classmate and current Varsity Golf Coach **Jed Curtis**. Things kicked into gear Thursday evening at an All-Classes Mixer at Prairie Moon. The place was packed with multiple classes coming together as if they were back in the old H-Hall.

The Orrington Hotel was the site the following night where alumni caught up with old friends and mixed it up with old dance partners. The class was still in session with an after-hours party back at Tommy Nevin's restaurant 'til the pre-dawn hours.

'64 skips school, Cubbies are calling



Background: Opening Day Cubs, April 1964. After goofing off in the library in a morning study hall, Gary Buslik, Jay Siegall, Michael Friedman, Neal Malow, and Marty LaPidus—all ETHS Class of '64—ditched school and went to the Cubs opener with a sign “Evanston High Says GO GO CUBS.” A *Chicago Sun-Times* photographer took their picture and the five classmates found themselves in the paper's evening edition, much to the surprise of their parents and coaches. In April 1997, the *Sun Times* invited the errant crew to Opening Day and did a full-page spread on their 1964 Wrigley reunion. Last June, the group reunited in Lincolnshire, IL, for lunch, minus LaPidus, who was ill, but adding classmate Bruce Rosenberg. (L. to rt.) Buslik, Siegall, Rosenberg, Friedman, and Malow.

Plans set for '61's 55th reunion

Class of 1961: Save August 5-6, 2016 (**that's next year!**) for your 55th class reunion. Events include a get-together on Friday night at Hilton Garden Inn in Evanston, walking tour of Evanston on Saturday AM, and cocktails and dinner Saturday night at the Evanston Golf Club.

Anyone who has new information about the location of classmates and/or wants to help with plans, contact **Tina Cole Tessler** at TTESSLER@comcast.net or **Diane Trenbeth**, 1818 Madison St. Evanston, IL. 60202 (847-475-0631). **Bill Chalberg** has set up an e-mail address for news, notes, and inquiries from classmates (HWACJR1615@GMAIL.COM).

Class of 1976 40th in the works

Gala Date: August 27, 2016
Contact Info: eths76ers@gmail.com
Co-Chairs **Marissa (Zwick) Hopkins** and **Craig Sieben** have formed a committee to begin formulating plans for the class of '76's 40th reunion weekend. Of greatest importance, please SEND them an email with your current contact information: Name (and maiden name), email address, home address, telephone #. Want to get involved? Send them an email! For updates and to reconnect with your classmates, join the class on Facebook: ETHS 76ers.

Class of 1975 celebrates its 40th reunion

The Class of '75 held its 40th-year reunion Oct. 23-25. Over 300 classmates attended and had a blast!

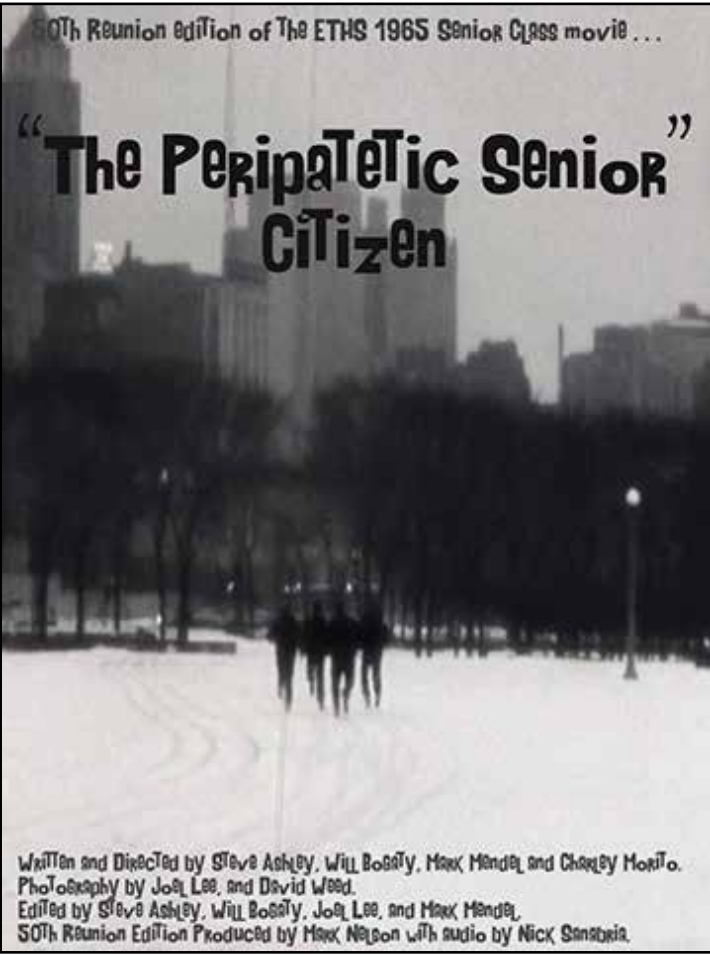
Things started Friday night with a Meet & Greet at Evanston's Prairie Moon. Saturday morning, 65 classmates and guests toured ETHS, and that evening over 300 people attended the Gala at the Skokie Doubletree.

'56 boys party in Glenview



Some members of the Class of '56 gathered last June in Glenview, IL, to catch up, share a meal...and laugh. Back row: (L. to rt.) Dick Buck, Tom Anderson, Jack MacGregor, Coil Dillon, Rich Peterson; Front row: (L. to rt.) Guest, Guest, Parker Landin, Howie Richardson.

ETHS Class of '65 gets surprised



ETHS Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th Reunion in September. On Friday, Lunch at Hackney's on Lake and Meet & Greet cocktail hour at Tommy Nevins. On Saturday: ETHS Tour, ETHS cafeteria buffet lunch, and Dinner Dance at the Glen View Club. Grammar school tours took place on Friday and Saturday afternoons between Class events. The class was surprised to learn from the Senior Class Film (which was shown at the Glen View Club Dinner) that they, the former ETHS Seniors, had become Senior Citizens.

Classmates came from Australia, the Philippines, Israel, England, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and from all over the U.S.

Neal J. Miller chaired the committee, assisted by **Carol Lee Barry, Sharon Bowie, Sharlee Gordon, Steve Jambois, Diana Johnson, Janice Kaplan, Michael Marks,** and **Colleen Powell.**

The class has an interactive website created by Michael Marks. The website (www.ethsclassof1975.org), along with Facebook and other social media will help the Class of '75 stay in touch. To update your contact information, register on the class website.

Another reunion in five years? Any volunteers?

In Memory

1930s

U.S. Army Sgt. Carl Wilson, 1935, 7/26/2015
Gertrude Montague Caldwell, 1935, 4/23/2015
Edward R. Bartley, 1938, 6/23/2015

1940s

Edward A. Dohring, 1942, 12/4/2014
John C. “Jack” Kanberg, 1943, 10/19/2012
Ruth Martz Bartuska, 1944, 2/1/2015
Leroy Hokenson, 1944, 5/2013
Marilyn Mortenson Adams, 1944, 5/3/2015
Elizabeth Alexander Olson, 1944
Barbara Fletcher Stewart. 1944, 9/19/15
Cosgrove Conrad, 1946, 7/1/2015
Richard Hildebrand, 1946, 3/6/2015
Don H. Moss, 1947, 4/29/2015
Edward E. Schroeder, 1947, 5/25/2014
Donald Stroben, 1948, 6/2014

ETHS Faculty/Staff

Voyle “Gene” Bell, ’58, ETHS Asst. Safety Director and community icon, died July 9, 2015, leaving a legacy of helping youth in Evanston. A 1950 ETHS alumnus, Bell was a two-year starting forward in basketball playing on two regional-winning teams. He attended college on basketball and baseball scholarships. When Evanston District 65 cut back its athletic programs in 1968, Bell joined a handful of local leaders to form an after-school sports league for Evanston middle-school

Henry Merrill, 1948, 1/1/2015
Frederick Merrill, 1948, 12/2014

1950s

Voyle “Gene” Bell, 1950, 7/9/2015
Nancy Weidman Shellberg, 1951
Michael C. McCaleb, 1952, 7/15/2015
James H. Lybold, 1953, 6/23/2015
Raymond Richards Rau, 1953, 4/12/2015
Marcia Waite Snell, 1953, 6/25/2014
Harry R. Tear, Jr., 1953, 4/5/2014
George E. Eckland, 1954, 2/13/2015
Darrell D. Penrod, 1954, 10/14/2014
Ralph Bodine, 1955, 4/30/2015
Wade W. Clutton, 1955
Dr. Robert Hall Graham, 1955, 8/4/15
Barbara B. O’Brien, 1955
Mary Emery Oldberg, 1956, 8/16/2015
Hayes Brennan, 1959, 5/4/2015
Carlton Lee, 1959, 11/12/2014

males: FAAM, Fellowship of Afro-American Men. Bell headed up the basketball program and was known by all as FAAM’s “Commissioner for Life.” FAAM quickly expanded and now serves all youngsters, male and female, of all races. He received an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012.

Sidney “Syd” Lieberman, 30-year English teacher at ETHS, died on May 12. A popular and creative teacher, he was known especially for starting the Senior Seminar in the 1970s. In 1986, Lieberman was among

1960s

William R. “Bill” Boden, 1960, 9/29/2015
William H. Cameron, 1960, 4/15/2015
Jonathan H Eddy, 1960, 5/10/2015
Robert S. Greendale, 1960
Carolyn J. Buck, 1961
Valerie M. Mathison, 1961, 2/12/2015
Roger Hurwitz, 1962, 4/19/2015
Karen Kessler, 1963, 6/2014
Judith Cara-Hicks, 1964, 5/21/2015
Laurie Hand Andrews, 1964, 9/10/2015
Peter Noznick, 1966, 11/16/2014
John F. Cammelot, 1968, 10/4/2014
Barbara Phillips Mayer, 1968, 1/26/2015
Bonnie Fine Wener, 1968, 10/17/2015

1970s

Thomas Schwalge, 1970, 1/16/2015
Howard Warso, 1976

the inaugural group of Chicago-area teachers to receive Golden Apple Awards for teaching excellence. He was also an acclaimed storyteller, performing at festivals and venues across the country. The Smithsonian Institute and NASA commissioned him to write stories for them. Over the years, Lieberman was honored for several of his story recordings by the American Library Assn, among others. He received the National Storytelling Network’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013.

Wildkit Golf Event Raises \$50K for ETHS Foundation

On September 11, the ETHS Educational Foundation raised a record \$50,000 at its 7th annual ETHS Wildkit Golf Outing and Happy Hour Bash, held at the Canal Shores Golf Course in Evanston. The event was attended by ETHS alumni, staff, parents, and local business partners.

Thirty two local businesses came out to support the golf outing which featured an 18-hole, scramble format with luxury active ware awarded to the golfers who had the longest drive and who were closest to the pin.

Evanston’s own David Fenn was the big winner of the day scoring a hole in one. Said Fenn: “It was such an incredible feeling. I just figured when we approached the green and didn’t see any ball that it

must have gone long. Nobody was more surprised than I.”

Additional party goers joined the golfers at 5:30 for more course challenges, an auction boasting vacation homes and a Hollywood set tour with weekend stay in Los Angeles, a Mexican food feast, and a wine pull.

According to Donna Frett, Wildkit Golf Event Co-Chair: “We are very pleased with the success of this year’s event, and are so grateful to our sponsors and donors who helped to make it happen. A number of participants told us how much they enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to joining us again next year!”

The money raised will support the Foundation’s current initiatives.

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ETHS Foundation shares its new priorities

At its June 2015 annual meeting, the ETHS Educational Foundation board set its funding priorities for the 2015-2016 school year. The first priority is to refurbish the school’s main lobby and central first-floor hallway to showcase student work and offer a more welcoming and student-centered learning atmosphere.

The second priority is to install a small wind turbine at the ETHS renewable energy and ecology lab. In addition to providing electricity, the turbine will be a learning tool for students to monitor all activity via clear circuitry panels.

“We are committed to maintaining the beautiful architecture of this remarkable facility opened in 1924 while providing a

21st-century learning environment,” stated Dr. Witherspoon. “These campus improvements are beyond the scope of the District’s tax revenue,” he added. “It’s thanks to the continued support of our alumni and parents of current students that we can provide these resources that enhance the educational experience.”

Priorities include upgrading the main lobby and central hallway, and installing a wind turbine.

Upgrading ETHS facilities is a monumental task. Private funds have supported improvements in every corner from new STEAM labs, to new auditorium

curtains and rigging, to cutting-edge curricular programs such as Geometry in Construction and Algebra in Entrepreneurship. These experiential courses inspire students to consider and train for careers in fields where there is great demand.

All alumni are encouraged to support the Foundation’s two initiatives before June 30, 2016. Year-end appeal letters will arrive in mailboxes in November. No gift is too small. “It is participation that matters,” said Fran Caan, Foundation Executive Director.

Each year the Foundation holds a challenge of the classes. Is this the year your graduation class is deemed most generous? Visit www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation to make your gift online today!

“New York, it’s a wonderful town” for ETHS alums

On October 22, 62 ETHS alumni gathered at the West Village home of **Marc Baum, ’76**, and Steve Dillworth in New York City. Those gathered renewed old acquaintances and met new friends who share the common Wildkit bond. All New York alums had a memorable story to share about a teacher or a particular class that had an impact on their life.

“There is no question we will continue to reconnect with our alumni in different parts of the country,” noted Joanne Bertsche of the ETHS Educational Foundation. “We are thankful to the extremely generous alumni who have offered to host these events.”



Smiles all around for these three from the ETHS Class of 1976: (From l.) Noel Labat-Comess, Pam Glaser, and event host Marc Baum.

Many alums are unaware of the Educational Foundation that raises funds to support the mission of ETHS, and they’ve appreciated learning how they can give back.

For more information about the Foundation or to learn how you can have a brick paver engraved in honor of a teacher or friend, contact Joanne at bertschej@eths.k12.il.us or 847/424-7158.



The New York alums spanned the generations. Here, Carly Krulee, ’13, (at l.) shares ETHS memories with Marion “Betsy” Morey, ’56.

New York joins the growing list of cities where ETHS has held alumni gatherings, all with the intent of bringing people together and filling them in on what’s going on at ETHS today.

ETHS alums make major donation for Algebra in Entrepreneurship program

ETHS alums **David, ’58**, and **Susan (Lind) Milligan, ’60**, have pledged a gift of \$250,000 to support the reconstruction of two classrooms for the new Algebra In Entrepreneurship program at ETHS.



David and Susan Milligan

The administration wishes to acknowledge the gift made through the ETHS Educational Foundation by naming the suite, located on the third floor of the north hallway of ETHS, **The Milligan Center For Entrepreneurship**. The pledge is to be paid over a period of two-and-a-half years.

The classroom setting will replicate a contemporary business environment with furnishings for board meetings, white boards, technology, and flexible seating to promote collaboration and teamwork. The staff is using the very successful Business Incubator Start-up at Barrington High School as a design template.

This double-period, interdisciplinary course combines 1 Algebra content with entrepreneurship. Co-taught by Ross Free-land (Math) and Chris Manila (Career/Technical Education), every math concept will be directly applied back to business and provide students with a better understanding of both algebra and business principles.

The course is designed to get students excited about becoming true entrepreneurs. They have the opportunity to create and fully develop their own product or service.

Evanston-area entrepreneurs and business experts are lining up to serve as

coaches and mentors to guide student teams through an authentic business incubator “start-up” process and get them geared up for pitch week. In addition, students at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management will provide guidance throughout the year.

“Think of it as ‘Shark Tank’ meets algebra,” explained Peter Bavis, ETHS Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Milligan fondly recalls his years as a student at ETHS and has been a generous donor to the Foundation since 2002. He had a long career at Abbott Laboratories, retiring as a Senior VP and Chief Scientific Officer.

“Sue and I are excited to fund this multi-use center which should help ETHS and its creative faculty continue their exploration of more fun and effective learning experiences to fit the needs of today’s students and tomorrow’s leaders,” said Dr. Milligan.



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