

## Forest? Arboretum? The signs tell it all

Last fall, to mark its centennial year, the Garden Club of Evanston published a guidebook to the large and diverse collection of trees and shrubs located on Evanston High School's campus. Entitled *Arboretum: A Collection of Trees and Woody Shrubs*, the book is a photographic journal of the many plantings on the school grounds.

**According to** Victoria Wagner, Arboretum Committee Chairman, over the seven years it took to inventory, research, photograph, and add to the collection, all the trees and woody shrubs now have botanical signs with descriptive information for educational and display purposes.

"We were careful to make this appealing to students,"

said Wagner, "so the signage is fairly literal and easy to understand." And it's the educational signs that make this a true arboretum, not its size or variety of plantings. The ETHS Arboretum is possibly one of only four school-based arboreta in the country.

**The project began** in 2008 when the club approached the ETHS administration with its idea. Superintendent Eric Witherspoon, ETHS Foundation Director Fran Caan, and Chief Financial Officer William Stafford



**In the early 1920s, the Garden Club of Evanston donated 90 elm trees, many pictured here, to plant on ETHS's "new" 55-acre campus at Church St. and Dodge Ave. Most succumbed to European Elm disease and Bark Beetles due to a lack of horticultural diversity.**

were immediately supportive. The Foundation awarded \$25,000 to start the project, the club itself earmarked \$15,000, and Stafford said ETHS would underwrite the rest, including the signage.

educational materials, "and many are already planning curriculum around this," said Wagner.

**The Garden Club** of Evanston has a long history with ETHS. When the 1921 bond issue passed to relocate ETHS to Church St. and Dodge Ave., the club gave ETHS 90 elm trees to celebrate its new home. In the early 2000s, the club helped ETHS turn two vacant acres behind the football stadium into a multi-habitat Nature Center for hands-on scientific study by students.

All of these civic projects, including the arboretum, "foster greater respect and pride for the institution among the kids and the community," said Hardgrove.

The arboretum guidebook is available for \$25 through the online ETHS Web Store ([www.eths.k12.il.us](http://www.eths.k12.il.us)). Go to the dollar sign in the upper right-hand corner, and click on "Garden Club" in the left-hand column.



Jan Walsh photo

Senior Courtyard with Honey Locusts (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)

The club spent two to three years studying what is there, what should be added, and what needed replacing. Wanting to involve students in the process, the club sponsored a field trip to the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. The educational experience there changed the project's focus. According to committee member Kathy Hardgrove, "What started as a tree project moved on to an arboretum."

**The guidebook** takes the reader on a walking tour around the school. Trees and shrubs are each shown and named with an inset photo of the plant's leaves for easier identification. A preface explains how plants are named, types of trees and shrubs, growing habits of trees, leaf shapes and margins, and a glossary. The club gave teachers

### ETHS ranked among most challenging high schools in Illinois, nation

In April, both *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Evanston Township High School among the most challenging high schools in both Illinois and the nation, significantly boosting its rankings over last year.

This year, *The Washington Post* jumped ETHS's state rank from 17<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, above neighboring North Shore schools, and upping its national rank from #585 to #287, out of nearly 22,000 U.S. public and private high schools, placing it in the top one-percent in the country. The news-

paper uses an Equity & Excellence index that includes access to and performance in Advanced Placement courses and other college-prep programs, and how well schools educate Black, Hispanic, and low-income students.

*U.S. News* advanced ETHS's state rank from 15<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, and its national placement at 452, up from 456 last year, earning ETHS another Gold Medal based on state proficiency standards and how well students are prepared for college, among other indicators.



Superintendent’s Letter

We are Wildkits.  
We are Family.

This spring we suffered a great loss at ETHS. We are heartbroken. And we are grieving.

Ross Freeland, who came to ETHS as a substitute teacher in 2001, completed his student teaching here in 2003, taught mathematics, and coached baseball for 13 years, died March 14 after a brief battle with cancer. He was 41-years-old. We have posted stories online about Ross that contain a great deal more information about his remarkable life and the impact he had on so many people. We miss him very much.

But, what I want to share with you today is how much this ordeal has af-

firmed for me what a special place this really is. Upon learning about the diagnosis, friends and colleagues started a Go Fund Me page. We knew that the prognosis was not good and Ross was hoping to try some experimental cancer treatments. Within one



Ross Freeland

month, the fund grew to over \$80,000 to support Ross and his family. Nearly 900 people contributed.

While Ross was beloved by people who knew him from his years of leading Camp Highland for Boys

and in other important ways, the outpouring and generosity from ETHS was profound.

Current and former students and baseball players contributed mightily to the fund. Their families contributed. Current and former ETHS colleagues contributed. ETHS alumni from all over the world communicated on social media.

On the day of the visitation services, the line stretched for hours. All the current baseball players, wearing shirts and ties, came to honor Coach Freeland. I stood in line with an alumnus baseball player and his parents who made the extra effort to be there. Many of his current and former students attended. His colleagues attended and they were devastated. ETHS came together filled with love and emotion.

As I have experienced and reflected on this sad loss, I have recognized several things. First, an untimely



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

death is unbearably hard to understand and deal with. Ross was so young. Second, Ross was an exceptional man and that accounted for this outpouring of concern and sadness. Third, Ross was an exceptional teacher and coach. Fourth, it is almost incalculable how a teacher or a coach touches lives. Teaching is, indeed, the noblest profession.

But, this sad time has also reaffirmed something important about this amazing school and community. ETHS is a family. Even after alumni graduate and staff members retire from here and maybe even move away to another

part of the country or the world, we are still part of this family. There is a special bond we all have, a shared ETHS experience that we know is unparalleled and special that transcends generations. We are the Orange and Blue.

We know that many other high schools will never match the connectedness we all feel. It is a privilege to attend ETHS, a privilege to be an alumnus of ETHS, a privilege to work and teach here. We can all take deep pride in having experienced and shared this amazing school—deep satisfaction from being part of the Wildkit family.

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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Spouse's first name		(Maiden Name)	
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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).

Please return this form, additional information, and photo to:

ETHS Alumni Association  
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

Inspire Your Future links students to world of work

Beginning this fall, more than 24,000 students in high schools that feed into Oakton Community College, including ETHS, can explore career options and job opportunities with local businesses and business professionals through a new web-based program called “Inspire Your Future.”

Business and community members, including ETHS alumni, are registering with “Inspire” to help students assess their interests and skills, and learn more about career possibilities and educational pathways to make informed decisions about how to reach their goals.

The program connects businesses with students who have enrolled



online through their high school career/guidance counselors and teachers. Company online profiles can include the firm’s logo, an explanation of what the business does, and hiring information. Business owners can offer on-site job shadowing, mock interviews, company tours and internships, and other career exploration opportunities that help students connect their classroom learning to the world of work.

Business professionals, including those who are working, between jobs,

or who’ve retired, can register as a Career Coach. These coaches can give information, feedback, and encouragement to students interested in that person’s career and experience. All mentoring is done online and anonymously using message boards, and all participants must pass a background check to ensure the safety of the students.

High schools partnering with Inspire include ETHS, Niles North and West, New Trier East and West, Maine East and South, and Glenbrook North and South. To learn more about Inspire Your Future, or to get registered, contact [www.inspireyourfuture.org](http://www.inspireyourfuture.org).

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# What's New at ETHS?

## 21<sup>st</sup>-century manufacturing lab opens at ETHS

Last fall ETHS held its third ribbon-cutting ceremony, the first two heralding the refurbished Lake Street Tennis Courts and the Planetarium. This time ETHS unveiled its newly renovated Advanced Manufacturing Lab at a public event that drew the Mayor of Evanston, school board members, industry leaders, Northwestern University STEM leaders, donors, ETHS administrators and teachers, parents, and the students who will use the lab.

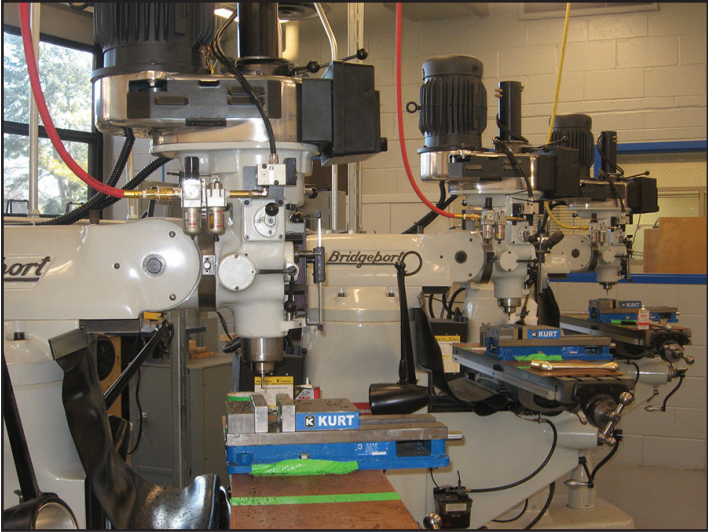
**The high-tech** facility will allow students in manufacturing and Industrial Tech courses to gain hands-on experience that will help them enter the workforce with the background and skills they need for careers in high-growth industries.



**ETHS senior Nimai Rawlinson uses the computer numerical controlled lathe.**

Courses held in the lab include Metal Sculpture, Manufacturing Technology, and Manufacturing Engineering/Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM), where students are

introduced to and gain valuable skills for careers in welding, technical machining, and engineering. Students enrolled in the CIM course can earn industry-recognized machining certification from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills in the areas of measurement, materials, and safety—credentials that will help prepare them for degreed technical programs and in-demand careers after high school. It is also one of several national Project Lead The Way



**A bank of Bridgeport vertical mills are among the new equipment in the Advanced Manufacturing Lab.**

certified pre-engineering courses that ETHS offers.

**According to** Andria Cheng, a reporter for *MarketWatch*, manufacturing jobs are returning to the U.S. at a record level, due in part to escalating wages in traditionally lower-cost countries, including China. In addition, with advancements in technology such as robotics, says Dwight Hotchkiss of Colliers' International, more companies are realizing that they don't have to go offshore to find skilled employees.

Upgraded facilities in the Advanced Manufacturing Lab include new welders, a mill and router, a computer numerical controlled lathe, new air-filtration system, modern welding booths, drill presses, and 3-D printers, among other equipment—a well-designed lab

that reflects a 21<sup>st</sup>-century industry environment. The ETHS Educational Foundation spearheaded funding for the lab's renovation. More than \$450,000 came from ETHS parents and alumni, foundations and corporations, including ITW/Miller Electric Manufacturing Co., the Cless Family Foundation, and the Winifred Guthrie Anderson Fund.

**One recent** source of alumni funding to support Career and Technical Education (CTE) initiatives comes from **Sydney Pond, '53**, who donated \$100,000 this past fall to establish an endowed Vocational Education Fund to enrich the educational experience of students enrolled in CTE courses and certification programs, including Manufacturing/CIM taught in the new lab.

## Beardsley Gym among The 20 Best



This winter, ETHS's historic Beardsley Gym was named one of the 20 BEST high school basketball venues in the state by the *Chicago Tribune*. According to the *Trib*: "These gyms have stood the test of time and continue to provide red-hot atmospheres on cold winter Friday nights. The 20 venues were built between 1921 and 1974, with 17 of the 20 more than 50 years old. Sixteen can seat 2,000 or more fans."

**Beardsley Gym** was built in 1925 and is a throwback to a different era. The

built-in wooden benches wrap around the entire court [capacity 2,400] and stand more than a basketball rim above the floor. The combination creates a cozy atmosphere that keeps the crowd noise constantly hovering in the middle of the building. According to ETHS Athletic Director **Chris Livatino, '91**, in more than 10 decades, little has been done to change the original design.

Among the most well-known Wildkits to have played in Beardsley are

**Bob Lackey, '68** and **Rich Rochelle, '60**, **Everette Stephens, '84**, and **Pollyanna Johns, '94**.

**Other high** schools in the Top 20 list are West Franklin, Waukegan, Thornton Twp., St. Edward (Elgin), Proviso East, Providence-St. Mel (Chicago), Pinckneyville, Ottawa, Notre Dame (Niles), Lyons Twp., Leo (Chicago), Moline, Hinsdale Central, Glenbrook South, Farragut (Chicago), Quincy, Elgin, East Aurora, and Argo (Summit).

*Thanks to Matt Harness (Chicago Tribune)*

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### Late-breaking news!

On April 30, ETHS baseball pitcher **Matt Anderson** tossed a five-inning perfect game against Maine East, 13-0. In only the second start of his varsity career, Anderson shut down all 15 batters he faced, striking out six of them. He only went to a three-ball count twice during the Central Suburban League victory in Park Ridge, according to ETHS Sports Information.

The game was called after five innings due to rain.

*Thanks to Tim Moran, Evanston Patch*



# EVANSTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Each year the ETHS Alumni Association honors and celebrates the alumni who bring distinction to their alma mater by achieving notable accomplishments. Established in 2003, the Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes graduates of Evanston Township High School who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at ETHS through professional achievements in their chosen fields, service, and/or contributions to society.



Do you know any ETHS Distinguished Alumni?



Nominate someone who you know has made an impact in their community!

<http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni>

Previous award recipients include:

- Willie Miller**, 1971 Attorney, corporate and community leader with FAAM and other local groups
- Jeremy Piven**, 1983, Emmy Award Winning actor and philanthropist supporting the Piven Theater Workshop and ONE
- Dr. Iva Carruthers**, 1963, Noted author, educator and General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference
- Eric “Astro” Teller**, 1988, Leading member of the technology community, Director of New Products for Google and Google X
- Rita Sallis**, 1972, Investment Banker, inducted into Wall Street Hall of Fame, 2010, former Deputy Comptroller of New York City, dedicated volunteer at Jack and Jill of America





# ETHS Reunion Roundup

Five classes hold reunions this summer/fall: '54, '56, '61, '66, and '76

## 1954 to celebrate 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays

Not wanting to wait until 2019 for their 65<sup>th</sup> reunion, 1954 classmates plan to celebrate their collective 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays the weekend of September 9-11. Contacts are **John McDonald** at johnmckd@aol.com, or **Hyde Perce** at hydeperce@comcast.net. Further info will be sent as it develops.

## Plans set for 1961's 55<sup>th</sup> reunion

Class of 1961: Save August 5-6 for your 55<sup>th</sup> reunion. Events include a get-together Friday night at Hilton Garden Inn in Evanston, a walking tour of Evanston on Saturday AM, and cocktails and dinner Saturday night at the Evanston Golf Club. Anyone with new information about classmates and/or who wants to help, 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 (bchalberg@att.net).

## 1950 held dinner reunion in October



Last October, 22 of the 502 ETHS graduates from 1950 attended a festive dinner party at The Hilton/Orrington Hotel. Pictured here are **Dave Stockwell, Jim Macdonell, Dorothy Dennett, Gerald Kane, Jack Atkinson, Howie Chandler, Baird Stewart, Bob Frye, Ruth James** and **Donna Beck**. Not pictured, but who attended,

were **Barb Bloom, Susan Byers, Don Ferris, Rosemary Heuser, Bob Jenkins, Dorothy Johnson, Lynn Laue, Marge McRoberts, Nelson Peters, Kay Ragland, Steve Ruggles**, and **Holly Wilcox**. This is the tenth reunion in 65 years for this class...and the reunion committee claims this is the final one.

## Florida mini-reunion



This winter, four 1963 classmates gathered at Judith Wennerstrand's house in Clearwater, FL, to talk...a lot. During a lull in conversation, they selfied this photo: (clockwise from upper left) Karalee Kowatz, Sue Wadsworth Olmos, Wennerstrand, and Vicki de Lissovoy.

## 60<sup>th</sup> reunion this fall for 1956

Class of '56 will hold its 60<sup>th</sup> reunion this September 16-18 (with a possible "do" at 6pm on the 15<sup>th</sup>). Friday events include morning golf or tennis, lunch at Westmoreland, and dinner at Hackney's on Lake. Saturday includes an ETHS tour in the AM, and dinner at Westmoreland. Sunday brunch at Hilton Garden Inn in Evanston. The Hilton is the main hotel, where a discount rate has been arranged. For more info on registration, email **Paula Will Sbertoli** at paulasb@sbcglobal.net.

## Class of 1966: Time for the Big One

Plan ahead! The 50<sup>th</sup> reunion is September 9-10. A Meet & Greet at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview on Friday evening starts the weekend. Saturday morning is a scheduled tour of ETHS followed by an optional lunch at the school. The main event on Saturday evening is at the DoubleTree Hotel in Skokie (Golf Rd. & Skokie Blvd.) at 6:30pm. Check out the official reunion website at [www.eths1966.com](http://www.eths1966.com) for all the information or email the reunion committee at [evanstonhs1966@gmail.com](mailto:evanstonhs1966@gmail.com).

## Eat, drink, and be merry!

Food and fun are the common denominators for many ETHS mini-reunions across the country. Here are but two examples.



This lunch bunch gets together two or three times a year to reminisce about how fortunate they are to be graduates of ETHS. Pictured here, (l. to rt.) are Andy Anderson, Gary Shearer, Jim Harper, and Syd Pond, all ETHS '53, and Dave Bowers and Jim Van Pelt, both ETHS '54.



Ever since its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in September 2014, Chicago-area alums of the Class of 1964 have gathered monthly for food and friendship. Some classmates rotate in from as far away as San Diego and Longboat Key, FL, when they are in town. The March group, dining at Avli Estiatorio, a Greek restaurant in Winnetka, IL, included (l. to rt.) Kathy Dalgety Miehl, Robert and Clara Lindner, Debbie Horwitz (in from San Diego), Renee Sherer Schleicher, and Jack and Jerri Engeln McCabe.

## 1976 to hold its 40<sup>th</sup> this summer

Class of '76 asks alumni to be in Evanston August 26-27 for your 40<sup>th</sup> reunion! All activities from Friday night through the wee hours of Sunday morning are planned. Registration has begun. For the most current information join at "ETHS 76ers" on FaceBook. Questions or to volunteer to help, write [eths76ers@gmail.com](mailto:eths76ers@gmail.com).

## Class of '77: SAVE THE DATE for 40<sup>th</sup> reunion

The Class of 1977 has established its 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion date for Sunday, July 2, 2017. According to **Jennifer Moran, '77**, "We will have other events around this date, but the main celebration will be on Sunday afternoon/evening." People can request to join a FaceBook page—"Wildkit Dancing in the Street 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion" - Class of 1977—with updates, posts, information sharing and so forth. Details will be added as they are available. Essentially, SAVE THE DATE!

## 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in planning stages for Class of 1967

An exuberant group from the ETHS Class of 1967 met at ETHS recently to jumpstart their reunion planning and take a tour of the campus. The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be held in late summer or fall of 2017. For more information or to update your alumni information, contact **Cheri Kemp Silver** at [CheriS249@aol.com](mailto:CheriS249@aol.com). The class also has a FaceBook page: Evanston Township High School Class of 1967.



# ETHS Kudos

## IN GENERAL

In February, ETHS District 202 received a Aaa rating from Moody’s Investor Services, placing it among a select group of 68 school districts nationwide to receive this high-quality rating. Ratings are issued each time the District issues bonds, and the 2016 rating marks the third consecutive time in eight years ETHS has earned this rating. ETHS is the only public entity in Evanston to currently have a Aaa Moody’s rating.

ETHS placed first in the under 5,000-enrollment category in the 22nd annual Magna Awards program sponsored by the National School Board Assn.’s journal. The ETHS “teamASAP” (team Access & Success in Advanced Placement) program won in this national recognition program that honors school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning. This is the only first-place Magna Award ever given to an Illinois school district in the 20+ years the prize has been awarded.

## STUDENTS

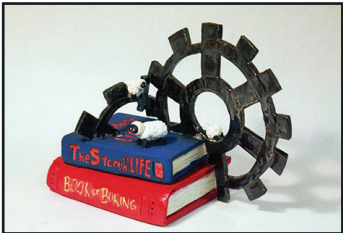
Four ETHS seniors—**Matteo Di Bernardo**, **Murielle Dunand**, **Nora Linzer**, and **Seth Pater-nostro**—are among the semifinalists for the 2016 Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school graduating seniors. Application is by invitation only, and the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars reviews the applications of all semifinalists in April. Up to 161 scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas – academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community.

The ETHS chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPEjr) took third at the 2016 Chicago Regional Science Bowl competition in February. Students solve technical problems and an-



**ETHS team members of SHPEjr. included (from l.) Michelle Vazquez, club advisor; Fernando Licea, Jackalin Mendoza, Abelardo Enriquez, Jennifer Lane-Murcia (team captain), Daniel San Gabino (NU coach), Elena Morales-Grahl, and Juan Takese (NU coach).**

swer questions on a range of disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, physics, and math. ETHS SHPEjr is the junior chapter of Northwestern University’s chapter.



**3-D artwork by Jessica Cardenas, ETHS junior**

Six ETHS students were chosen to participate in The Illinois High School Art Exhibition in March. The exhibition featured work from more than 100 Illinois high schools. ETHS students included seniors **Cardenas**, **Ben Good** (graphic design), **Carly Korleski** (painting) and **Rena Newman** (drawing); junior **Ziana Pearson-Muller** (photography); and sophomore **Seth Steinberg** (Time Arts).

In February, 10 ETHS seniors were named Finalists (out of 11 semifinalists) in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Finalists will be considered for scholarships offered in spring 2016 based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

A team of ETHS students placed second in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) regional competition, advancing to sectional competition in March. A statewide contest, WYSE teams of up to 14 students compete in biology, chemistry, computer science,

English, math, and physics, each working in two subject areas.

In January, 16 ETHS teams competed in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual international COMAP High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling, where students work on complex problems to develop a solution using knowledge from math, science, and computer science classes. Out of more than 700 papers submitted, one ETHS team of juniors were National Finalists (among the top 3%), three teams of seniors were in the top 10%, and one senior and two junior teams were in the top third.

ETHS senior **Zane Kashner** was named a semifinalist in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search 2016, placing him among the top 300 science

research students (out of 1,750 entrants) in the US, and one of only five from Illinois. Each semifinalist earns a \$1,000 award from the Intel Foundation with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her school for science research. Kashner is the 13<sup>th</sup> semifinalist from ETHS since 2000.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission named 192 ETHS seniors as 2016-17 Illinois State Scholars, placing them among the top 10% of seniors from across the state.

Three ETHS students were chosen to participate in the 2016 Illinois Music Education Assn. All-State Conference in January. Senior **Seth Bearman** placed second in composition; junior **Momoko Hasselbring**, French hornist, performed in the All-State Orchestra; and senior **Maggie Bambic** was chosen to attend a Future Music Educators workshop.

Twenty-four ETHS students participated in a TEAMS engineering competition sponsored by the Technology Student Association with ETHS teams taking third, fourth and fifth place at the 2016 regional event.



**Camille Allen was nominated by history teacher Corey Winchester and Mary Fifies Collins, '84, ETHS Community Service Coordinator.**

In April, senior **Camille Allen** received the Techny BridgeBuilder Award that honors people in Chicago’s northern suburbs who have brought diverse groups together to built bridges of hope and unity in their communities. Allen is the student rep on the ETHS school board and a member of the leadership board of ETHS SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism).

ETHS students and staff members raised more than \$3,000 for childhood cancer research on “St. Baldrick’s Day” held Thursday, March 17. This year, 46 individuals participated in the event that is part of a national awareness event and fundraiser. Since 2010, ETHS students and staff have raised nearly \$20,000 for kids with cancer.



**Thirty-one ETHS students competed in the Illinois DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Career Development Conference in March with 15 participants finishing in the State Top 10 for their respective competitive events. Nearly 1,500 students from Illinois high schools competed in business/entrepreneurship activities including business role-play, business-oriented exams, written research projects and public relations campaigns, and pitches for new business concepts.**



# ETHS Class Notes

## 1940s

**W. Sheridan Warrick, '40**, still stays in touch with classmate **Bob Christy**. They are both professors. Warrick teaches at UC-Berkeley.

**Lennart "Lenny" Sponberg, '40**, sent news of his long-lived siblings: **Lars-Birger, '38**, is age 97; and sister **Martha, '43**, is 90. "We are still pretty active," said Lennart, age 94. He included a December article from the *Daily Jefferson County Union* (Fort Atkinson, WI) about the work he does framing the world-renowned paintings of Lars-Birger. The Sponbergs emigrated from Sweden in 1930 and settled in Evanston, IL. The children spoke no English and credit their ETHS education for "helping erase their accents."

**Jane Rathbun Brunet, '44**, age 90 and mother of six, sent a chronicle of the doings of her large family. She's lived many places, but has landed in Santa Barbara, CA. She enclosed an "In Memoriam: F.D.R., April 12, 1945," a copy of which she sent to Mrs. Roosevelt at the time of his death, and that is now included in the FDR Memorial Library.

**Ruth Herman Fentress, '45**, writes that her father worked for Oliver Baty Cunningham's family for 16 years and remembers seeing the Cunningham portrait in the family's living room as a child. Cunningham, who attended ETHS, died during WWI. The portrait was given to ETHS, probably around 1942, after Cunningham's father died in 1941 and the house at 1318 Forest Ave. in Evanston was sold.

**Dr. James H. Scatliff, '45**, is now an Emeritas professor at the University of North Carolina, still teaching. Go Tarheels!

**Dave Carlson, '48**, sends remembrances of ETHS Coach and Athletic Director Jack Burmaster. "A good friend," says Dave.

**Peter Mattson, '49**, is a retired professor of geology, Queens College CUNY. He has 3 children, 7 grandkids. He is now doing mainly genealogy: ancestors include Charlamagne, William Bradford and maybe a Cherokee Princess.

**Jeremy Mattson '54**, his brother, is a retired professor of American Studies at Michigan State, 5 children and many grandkids, and is now active in drama circles in Lansing, MI. Both men are sons of **Bernard G. Mattson Jr.**, who taught history at ETHS for 40 years.

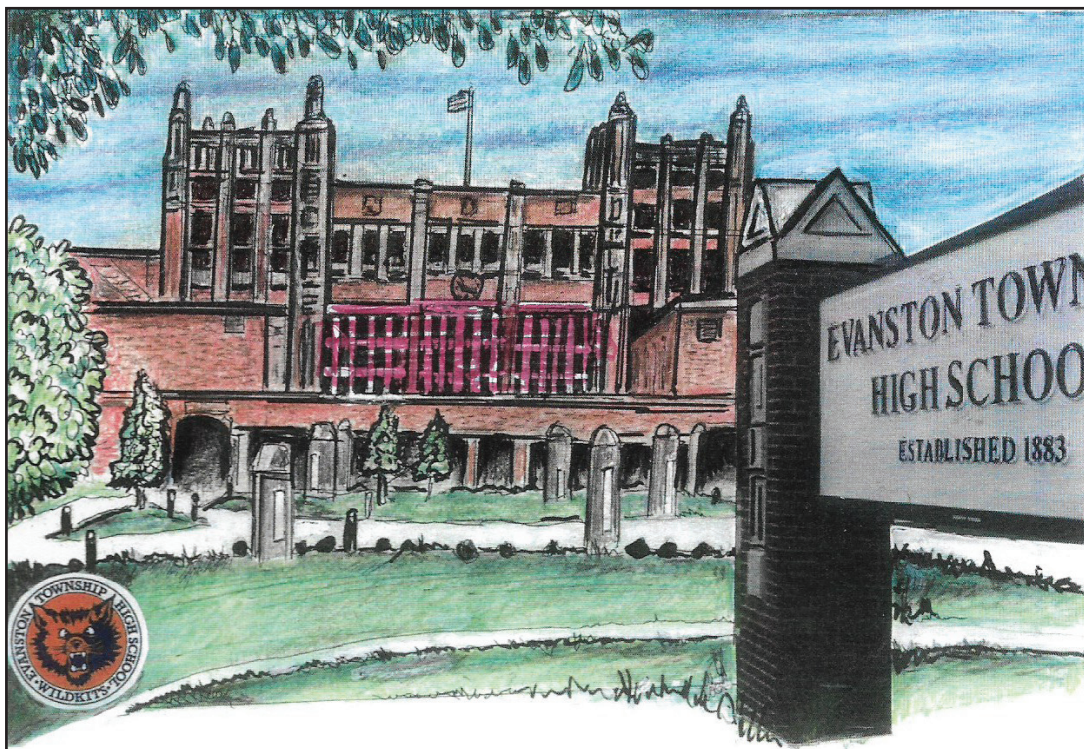
**Margaret Sherman Kennedy, '46**, and her two brothers, **Jack** and **Bill Sherman**, will be going to Wisconsin on July 4th. Jack will be 90.



**Dan Peterson (at rt.) with US Ambassador Philip Reeker**

In October in Milan, Italy, the UniCredit Bank gave legendary sports and cultural icon **Dan Peterson, '54**, its Premio Retina d'Oro, Golden Net Award, for his many contributions to the world of Italian basketball and basketball in general. Former recipients include Pres. Barack Obama and Mario Drashi, European Central Bank President, both former basketball players, among other notables. Then in February, again in Milan, Peterson received the Consul General's Award for Cultural Diplomacy from Philip T. Reeker, US Ambassador and Consul General.

For over 60 years, **Rosemary Bentley, '50**, has enjoyed living in warm, sunny San Diego with its great beaches and ocean to the west and beautiful mountains to the east.



**Last October, Jim Macdonell, '50, ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winner, painted a watercolor of ETHS's new front façade in celebration of his class's 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. The painting, which he donated to ETHS, now hangs in the Superintendent's office.**

**Evelyn Richer, '50**, keeps busy with garden club, woman's club, theater, and as program chair for the Barrington (IL) Chapter of the Lyric Opera.

In December, **Richard Stickrod, '50**, and his younger sister, **Jo Anne Stickrod Nash, '58**, enjoyed a Princess Cruise through the Panama Canal, with her husband, John Nash, his older brother Fremont, and his wife Shirley. Both Jo Anne and Shirley are retired California teachers.

**Sally Schulte Church, '53**, wrote a book in 2012 entitled *Good Grief: Finding the Gifts in the Grief of Losing a Child*, a tribute to her son, **Brian Lee Coyle '79**. She also wrote *Max the Dog Who Couldn't Bark* in 2013.

**Sid Little, '54**, has been married for 56 years to Katherine (Katie) Little, and they have lived in Albuquerque, NM, for 45 years. They have 3 married children, 2 in Albuquerque, one in Phoenix, AZ; 9 grandkids; and 3 great-grandkids. Sid's retired and has published two books, both historical novels: *One Step from Glory* about America in WWI, and *Caleb's Journey* about the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

**Capt. Ken MacGillivray, '55**, was nominated for the Golden Eagles, the "Early Pioneer and Naval Aviator Organization," limited to 200 members who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement/heroism in combat, in space, in test flying, and in senior Navy leadership. Membership is by invitation only. Ken is married to Una MacGillivray.

After 40 years of living in Los Angeles, **Gail Trippe Reeves, '59**, and Boyd Reeves have retired and moved to Big Forks, Montana.

## 1960s

Broadway producer **John O'Boyle, '64**, has won four Tony Awards for shows he's produced. This spring, he ventured further into the theatrical world by writing the music, libretto and lyrics to *Easter Mysteries*, a musical feature film "that journeys into the passion of Christ's death and resurrection through the lens of his disciples and followers." The show, which was shown in hundreds of movie theaters across the U.S. on March 22, starred a cast of Broadway veterans and received rave reviews. For more information, go to [www.eastermysteries.com](http://www.eastermysteries.com).

**Sheppard Shanley, '60**, writes: "The class of 1960 reunion in August 2014 was happy, spirited and genuine. Just like always. Wonderful!"

**Keith Dunbar, '65**, enjoyed his 50th Reunion and the tour of the high school with students. "School upgrades look terrific!"

**Diane Kaplan Vinokur, '66**, reports she is an Assistant Professor of Human Services Management at the University of Michigan School of Social Work.

**Marcia Hoover, '69**, says: "At the age of 51, I completed my graduate work with a PhD in Clinical Psychology. After 20 years as a family therapist, I'm retired. **Rick, '68**, and I have been married 43 years. 3 children, 9 grandchildren."

**Richard Locke, '69**, is a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution - Fort Dearborn Chapter/Union member/U.M.C.

**Steven Fox, '69**, says after a 30-year career of medical research administration in the U.S. Public Health Services, he "graduated" from the Federal Government and became a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar at National Taiwan University. He was



in Taipei for 2014 and 2015 learning about their experience with national health insurance and trying to resume the study of the Chinese language begun almost 50 years ago at ETHS. [Steven.fox@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:Steven.fox@stanfordalumni.org)

## 1970s

**Michael Engler, '77**, directed the final episode of the wildly popular *Downton Abbey*. He was among 14 directors who worked on *Downton* over its six-year run on PBS's Masterpiece Theatre. During his remarkable career, Engler has also worked on *Sex and the City*, *The West Wing*, *Six Feet Under* and *30 Rock*.

**Rev. Carol Imler Jackson, '70**, is transcribing and translating letters from 1938-41 Vienna describing life under the Nazi occupation.

**Kenneth Traisman, '76**, ran three marathons in 2014. He has run 21 since his first in 1986.



This school year, **Kathy Rayford, '77**, (at l.) led a Professional Development Workshop with the ETHS administration on Restorative Justice. Shown here with **Taya Kinzie**, Associate Principal.

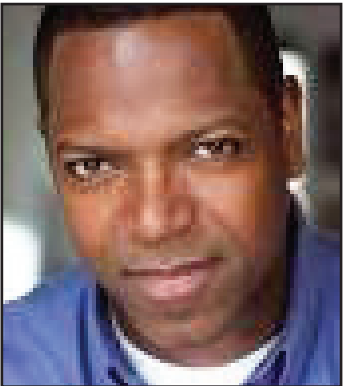
**Marilyn Rose, '73**, is a professional artist and owns her own graphic design firm. Her watercolors are in private and corporate collections across the country, and she teaches watercolor and demonstrates painting at many cultural institutions. You can see her work at [www.marilynroseart.com](http://www.marilynroseart.com).

**David Cole, '76**, has a new book that came out in March called *Engines of Liberty: The Power of Citizen Activists to Make Constitutional Law*.



**Susan Novosad, '74**, Managing Partner at Levin & Perconti in Chicago, was named a Top Woman Lawyer in Leadership by the IL Women's Bar Assn. for 2015. The award honors outstanding female lawyers in Illinois who serve in a leadership role, excel in their legal field, and have gone beyond traditional mentoring to create new pathways for other women. Novosad began her career with Levin & Perconti over 20 years ago as the only female lawyer. Thanks to her leadership, the firm now has 25 attorneys, 12 of whom are women. Other honors include *Chicago Magazine's* Illinois's Top 100 and IL's Top 50 Women lists, IL Super Lawyers for the past 11 years, and among *Leading Lawyers Magazine's* Top 10 Women In Personal Injury for 2015. She and her husband and three sons live in Riverwoods, IL.

## 1980s



**James Vincent Meredith, '89**, recently closed in the title role of *Othello* at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. His fourth time playing this role, he received raves from the Chicago press, and came to the production hot off a three-year run in the national touring company of *The Book of Mormon*, in which he played Ugandan patriarch Mafala Hatimbi. He has received critical acclaim for his many roles at

Steppenwolf Theatre as an ensemble member, including the company's Broadway remount of *Superior Donuts*, as well as other appearances at Chicago Shakespeare (five shows), Writers Theatre, Looking-glass, Goodman, Drury Lane, and Piven Theatre Workshop. He lives with wife and young son in Oak Park, IL.

Last April, **Kristian "Krissie" Harris, '87**, was among several who received the Evanston Outstanding Volunteer Award, given to community members who contribute volunteer services throughout the city of Evanston. She also received Citizen of the Year honors from the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for outstanding service to the community. Krissie is Coordinator of Student Life at Oakton Community College. The apple does not fall very far from the tree because her daughter, **Alexis Harris-Dyer, '18**, was recognized in November 2015 by the Evanston NAACP at their Freedom Fund Banquet as the youth winner for Outstanding Community Service. **Denise Martin, '69**, ETHS Distinguished Alumni Awardee and retired ETHS Asst. Supt./Principal, is the proud mother and grandmother, respectively. (Alexis just starred as Dorothy in *The Wiz* at ETHS.)

In Boston, the Apollinaire Theatre Company's production of *A Beautiful Day in November on the Banks of the Greatest of the Great Lakes* by **Kate Benson, '91**, recently received an Elliot Norton Award nomination for Best Production. The Elliot Norton Awards are presented annually to honor the best achievements in Boston-area theater. The awards are voted on annually by the Boston Theater Critics Association.

**Donna M. Johnson, '80**, says "Our twin sons, currently attending West Point Preparatory Academy have received nominations from Congressman Carter to attend West Point Military Academy."

**Christopher Elam, '87**, reports: "We have recently

returned from five years living in the United Arab Emirates. We reside in the Greater Albuquerque area." Chris retired from the USAF in July '11.



In November, the Evanston/North Shore NAACP honored **Alana Amaker, '84**, with a Community Service Award for her outstanding service to high school students and counseling them for the future. She has worked at ETHS for 23 years as a teacher and counselor, serving on various committees and volunteering time and resources to support students. An active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she has a specific interest in helping young women. The NAACP also honored her in 2014 with its Ultimate Purpose Award for her overall contribution to education in Evanston.

**Theresa Squires Collins, '88**, is the chair of the Upper School Department of English at the Francis W. Parker School in Chicago. Her daughter, **Maeve, '17**, is following in aunt **Leah Squires, '95**, dance steps as a member of Esande.

## 1990s

**Talmage Jones McDonald III, '99**, wrote to let us know that he "proudly mentioned being a graduate of ETHS in my Graduate Ambassador Profile that is posted on the U. of Alabama Graduate School website. I am a fourth year PhD student and would like students to know that if I could get to this point, they can too!" McDonald, who holds a Masters in Higher Education Administration, is an Adjunct Professor in Educational Leadership, Policy & Technology Studies for the U. of Alabama.

**Steve Hoskins, '93**, is a Digital Sales Manager for ESPN in Chicago. He and his wife, Katie Hoskins, are expecting their first child, a boy, due in June!

**Elizabeth Lazar, '94**, who writes for the *Huffington Post*, is also the advisor to the United Nations-funded human rights group [artworksprojects.org](http://artworksprojects.org). An Evanston resident and single mother of two sons, she attended Sarah Lawrence College and the U of Chicago for grad school. She can be reached at [lizarmuir@gmail.com](mailto:lizarmuir@gmail.com) or at the Huffington Post: [www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-lazar](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-lazar).

## 2000s

**Charlie Engman, '05**, started working with photography while earning a degree in Japanese and Korean Studies at the University of Oxford. Formerly involved professionally in theater and dance, with an abiding interest in visual and sculptural movement and gesture, he began using photography primarily as a note-taking device. His commissioned work has appeared in publications such as *AnOther Magazine*, *Dazed & Confused*, *POP*, *Garage*, *The New York Times Style Magazine*, and *Vogue US* and has been used by clients such as Stella McCartney, Hermès, Vivienne Westwood, Kenzo, Opening Ceremony, Farfetch, Sonia Rykiel and Nike. He is represented by MAP Ltd.



In November, **Matthew Hunter, '05**, received the Best Featured Actor in a Revue award for his work in *Men of Soul* from the Black Theater Alliance. In the show, produced by Chicago's Black Ensemble Theater, Hunter debuted as singer Jeffrey Osborne.





**Kweku Collins, '15**, hip-hop musician and music producer, is being recognized as one of the hot new artists who's making a name for himself in Chicago. He lately joined Closed Sessions label and is earning critical acclaim for his recently released extended-play record "Say It Here, While It's Safe." In January, he was featured on Chicago's TV program *Windy City Live*.



**Zach Gilford, '00**, plays a lead role, Peter Warren, in the new political drama-mystery thriller TV series *The Family*, which premiered on ABC in March. Since his 2004 graduation from Northwestern University, Zach has appeared in a variety of movies and television shows. He is best known professionally for his five season-run as Matt Saracen on the NBC sports drama *Friday Night Lights*.

**Anna Ditton, '04**, works at Food for Thought with many Evanston residents! "I plan the events at the Adler Planetarium (our exclusive venue)."

**Dinah Berkeley, '06**, performs with BKBX theater company, which just received the New York Innovative Theatre Award for Most Innovative Ensemble Off Broadway.

**Adam Newman, '09**, appeared on a panel on Hannity as a ND senior. It was a panel of students representing the Democrat and Republican parties. Adam was a Democrat. Adam was a former student representative to the ETHS school board.

# Authors' Bookshelf

Three new publications by ETHS alumni have come to *The KIT's* attention. All three are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

**David A. Folds, '59**, collected 25 years of his poetic ruminations on his life in *Sights, Sounds, and Spirits: Collected Poems 1990-2015*. "Many were inspired by observations and experiences while living in the New York area," he says, as well as "a group of 12 poems, written over 11 years, which speak of



stages in a long-lived life." Other poems were written in visits to Southeast Asia.

**Jay Hersch, '60**, joined the Peace Corps in 1964 as a volunteer in rural Colombia, an experience that shaped the rest of his life. His *Time Passages*, published by Peace

Corps Writers, consists of five stories that detail critical junctures in his life from the Peace Corps, to the Vietnam protests, to working with the Office of Economic Opportunity, to homesteading in Virginia and becoming a farmer/rancher for the past 50 years.

**Niles Goldstein, '84**, has published his 10th book, *Eight Questions of Faith: Biblical Challenges That Guide and Ground Our Lives*. This new book is a spiritual exploration of

some of life's biggest questions—questions that have been asked by prophets and kings, mystics and sinners—and that continue to be asked by everyone today. Niles uses eight questions found in the Bible to explore the human journey from cradle to grave, interweaving Biblical texts, commentaries, philosophy, psychology, and literature with his own experiences.

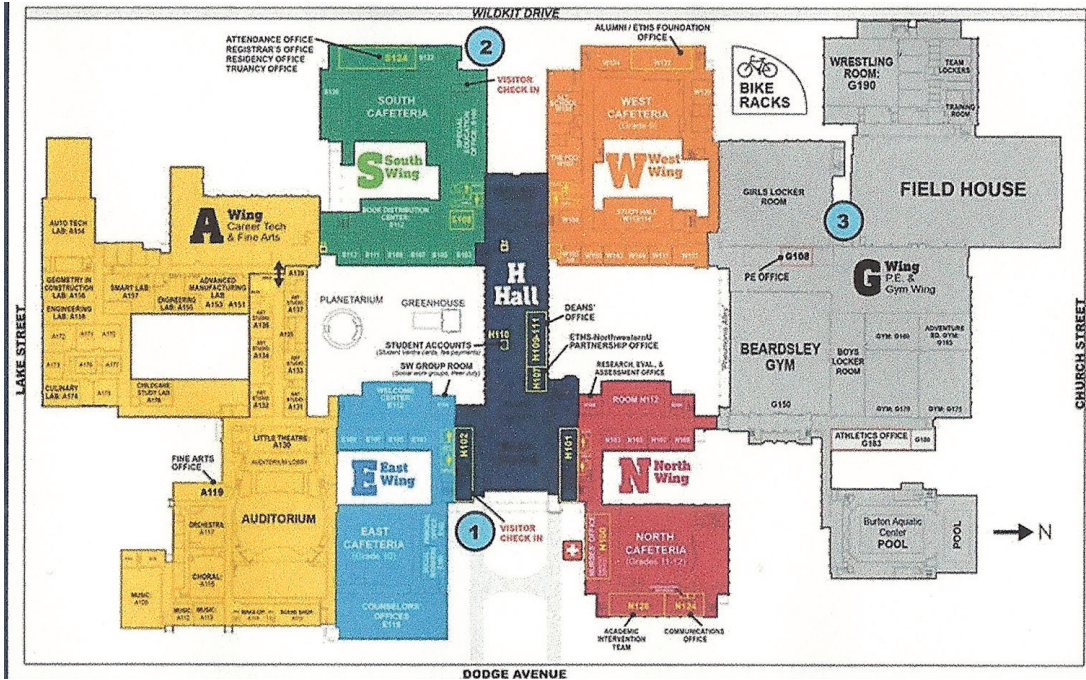
## ETHS bumps up its branding, signage schedule

In 2014, ETHS kicked off a multi-phase branding and signage project. It initially focused on updating the ETHS brand. Following a survey of the school community, two notable identifiers—the ETHS crest and Willie 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 refreshed.

The second phase will improve overall signage to help students, staff, and visitors better navigate the 1.2 million square-foot school building and 65-acre campus.

**ETHS students** traverse more than three miles of hallways throughout the school year. Over time, due to building expansion and classroom re-use, internal signage has fallen victim to inconsistent terminology, different presentations, and confusing room numbering, often causing staff to resort to paper signs taped to the walls.

So again, after seeking extensive feedback, major changes will be implemented this summer. Most notably, the four central wings and cafeterias currently named after the first four superintendents—Boltwood, Beardsley, Bacon, and Michael—will regain their directional names: North, South, East, and West.



**ETHS will keep the current color-coding system (and reduce the Arts Wing to one color), but will return to the North, South, East, West designations for the wings.**

The wings' existing color-coding will be enhanced (North/red, South/green, East/blue, and West/orange).

**The first** floor's central "H-Hall" corridor will become "Heritage Hall" where ETHS can showcase its history and progress with visitors to the school. Rooms will be renumbered, looking to correct numbers that are out-of-sequence or missing.

To further increase clarity, the three primary entrances will be renamed "Entrance 1" (front Dodge Ave.), "Entrance 2" (rear South door), and "Entrance 3" (rear athletic entrance). In addition, the back driveway will be dubbed "Wildkit Drive."

**The ETHS** school board hired Evanston-based Glantz Design and Allegra print and sign company to partner with ETHS on these projects. While the internal signage schedule was accelerated to be done by freshman orientation in August, external signage updates are next on the list including outside entrances, athletic fields, and parking lots.

Funds for the entire signage project come from ETHS's Capital Improvements Fund, which must be used for improvements to school facilities and infrastructure.

**Other initiatives** to improve ETHS's overall user-friendliness include the new mobile app for

Smart phones and tablets that give users top ETHS news stories, calendar info, links to the alumni association and foundation web pages, staff directory, instant alerts, and links to ETHS's other social media outlets.

Last spring, ETHS also revamped its web site ([www.eths.k12.il.us](http://www.eths.k12.il.us)) to make it more accessible and useful to the school, community, prospective families, and visitors.



# In Memory

## 1930s

Donald E. Heap, 1930, 3/2016  
John N. McConnell, 1932, 8/22/2015  
Edward W. Bangs, 1935, 5/12/2016  
Richard G. Wells, 1935  
Celia Jencz Olson, 1936, died in 2009  
Jacqueline Brown Gerth\*, 1939, 12/10/2015

## 1940s

Lt. Col. Emmett Goff, 1941, 7/24/2015  
Joan Lamb Logan, 1941, 1/25/2016  
Betty Neilsen Woltman, 1942, 9/28/2015  
Margaret Funderburg Wilton, 1942, 3/11/2016  
Barbara Fletcher Stewart, 1944, 9/19/2015  
Richard L. Wagner, 1944, 9/4/2015  
Herbert Engelhard, 1945, 9/13/2015  
Blanche Oswald Geishecker, 1945, 12/2010  
Vilma Hulteen, 1945, 8/6/2013  
Louise Nieman Hutchinson, 1945, 5/9/2012  
Charles Wesley Johnson, 1945, 5/20/2015  
Herbert Louis, 1945, 2/14/2016  
Clare Youngs Marroquin, 1945, 9/18/2015  
Jack Stauffer, 1946, 2/24/2015  
Erl Tronnes, 1947, 10/18/2015

## ETHS Faculty

**Coach Tom Powers**, ETHS Head Football Coach from 1980-87, passed away in early March at age 86. Powers led the 'Kits to 50 wins and three playoffs during his eight-year career at Evanston. As a result of his 30+ years of coaching and teaching at Niles, Notre Dame, St. George, Loyola Academy, and ETHS, he earned Coach of the Year honors three times and was in-

Phyllis Collins Mohler, 1948, 2/3/2016  
John Oetjen, 1948, 7/11/2015  
Jean Paulison Stritt, 1948, 12/20/2013  
Donald Gillies, 1949, 8/12/2011

## 1950s

Lowell Crumley, 1950, 11/18/2015  
Harry Schrader, 1950  
Nancy Nash Weaver, 1950, 12/6/2015  
Eugene Alois Wyskocil, 1950, 2/26/2016  
James Abbott Ford, 1952, 7/3/2015  
Michael McCaleb, 1952, 7/15/2015  
Margaret Macgregor Engerman, 1953, 11/12/2015  
Cameron Mead Sibley, 1954, 10/23/2015  
Charles P. Smith, 1954, 12/28/2015  
Eric McCaleb, 1955, 10/16/2015  
Richard Aunger, 1956, Dr. Robert E. Wise, 1956, 4/6/2016 11/10/15  
Judy Meyer Hiles, 1958, 1/24/2016

## 1960s

William Boden, 1960, 9/29/2015  
Andrew Weiner, 1960, 8/30/2015  
Verba Allen, 1961  
Robert Perdew, 1961, 1/19/2016  
Mary Baumgartner Green, 1962, died in 2015  
Randy Birch, 1962, died in 2015  
Carole A. Ingeson, 1963, 4/6/2016  
Alan J. Nieman, 1963, 11/24/2015

ducted into three Halls of Fame, including the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994. His players remember him as an iconic figure that balanced discipline with respect and trust and was a master motivator, who cared about his players well beyond their playing days.

**Vivek "John" Likhite**, retired ETHS teacher and first head of the Health Occupation

Robert Herschberger, 1964, 1/18/15  
David Switzer, 1965, 9/7/2015  
Peter Koppel, 1966, 6/9/2013  
Claudia Lake Brandt Portugall, 1966, 8/28/2014  
Mitchell Harrison, 1967  
Susan Susman, 1967, 5/24/2012  
Virginia Holsman, 1968  
Steven Carlberg, 1969, 12/2015

## 1970s

Amy Hallstrom Bejarano, 1971, 1/2016  
Gary Planos, 1971, 3/26/2016  
Kerry Simon, 1973, 9/11/2015  
Deborah Ann Graham, 1974, 11/6/15  
Linda Heiberger Hemwall, 1979, 4/20/2016

## 1980s

Joel Orloff, 1981, 3/5/2015

## 1990s

Thomas Horne, 1992, 1/20/2016

## 2010s

Andrew Krokhar, 2012, 9/7/2012  
Bejami'n Mandujno-Bradford, 2013, 1/19/2016  
Kaylyn Pryor, 2013, 11/2/2015

\* Mrs. Gerth also taught math at ETHS from 1963-1969.

Program from 1975-94, died March 3 at age 76 of leukemia. He also taught science and health classes in the summer and coached freshman soccer for many years, making sure to play every player. Many students, some even going back to the early 1970s when he taught at Nichols Middle School, contacted the family to say how great a teacher he was and how important he was in their lives.

## ETHS Educational Foundation raises \$15,000 at annual party for parents and parent emeriti

In April, at what has become an annual sell-out, over \$15,000 was raised at the ETHS Educational Foundation's 2016 Parent Party.

All parents of current ETHS students and graduates are invited to this annual \$75/ticket party. Gracious hosts were Denise and Mike Mulica, parents of five Wildkits, two of whom are current students. Over 140 proud parents attended the event.

A highlight of the evening was hearing ETHS

Science teacher, Ellen Fierer, share details about plans for a critical addition to the high school's Renewable Energy and Ecology Lab: a wind turbine.

The mission of the ETHS Educational Foundation is to raise and distribute funds to Evanston Township High School in order to complement, enhance and enrich, beyond the means of conventional public funding, opportunities that further the educational mission of ETHS.

## Atlanta reception gathers area alums

Superintendent Eric Witherspoon recently experienced the warm southern hospitality of our Atlanta-area Wildkits. **Amy Strasser Kistulenic, '83**, and her husband Mark hosted an alumni reception in their lovely Atlanta home for 75 ETHS alums and spouses.

There were guests from the classes of 1951-2015. Some current Morehouse College and Georgia Tech University students enjoyed sharing their more recent ETHS experiences. **MD Shelton, '15**, Morehouse 2019, commented, "It is great to be able to network with an alumni community that shares the common bond of an ETHS education."

**Guests recounted** stories of their ETHS years and peppered Witherspoon with questions about the school today. He received resounding applause for recent news about our rankings: "Last week ETHS was ranked in the Top 10 schools in Illinois and the top 1% in the country and that reflects on how well we are educating students of all income levels and all abilities."

While guests were disappointed to hear there is no longer a bowling alley in the basement or a rifle range, they were certainly pleased to learn about the new entrepreneurship center and the renovated

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# EVANSTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL Educational Foundation

## Letter from the Foundation President

Greetings and Happy Spring '16!

Great advances are being made at ETHS thanks in part to your generous donations. Two of this year's feature projects—Algebra in Entrepreneurship and Enhancements to the Renewable Energy and Ecology Lab—continue to reflect the high school's focus on the math and science skills that are a national educational priority.



Our primary project, redecorating the H-Hallway, will engender a sense of pride among our students for their historic campus. We anticipate rave reviews for better lighting and the increased capacity to showcase our students' achievements and works of art. Rest assured the beautiful fireplaces and original leaded pane windows will be maintained!

**We are just about 90% towards our goal of raising \$450,000 for these projects and our good friend and class of '54 Wildkit, Al Hofeld, is determined to help us succeed! (See related story.)**

On behalf of our Board of Directors, please accept my heartfelt thanks for making possible extraordinary opportunities for our students. If you have not yet made your contribution or would like to discuss making a gift, please contact Gift Officer Joanne Bertsche at 847-424-7158 or Fran Caan, Executive Director, at 847-424-7157. Additionally, gifts may be made online at [www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation) or sent to ETHS Educational Foundation, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Warmly,  
Maureen Sippel, President  
Parent of '08 and '12 graduates

## Coach Andersen Court Dedication

On April 25, Court #2 at the Lake Street Tennis Courts was dedicated in honor of legendary ETHS Coach Keith Andersen, '53. The ceremony took place prior to a Boys' Varsity home match versus North Shore Country Day School. Alumni tennis players from around the country were on hand for

the celebration. Current players from the Boys' and Girls' Teams were also present to meet the alums and thank them for helping to make the new tennis facility possible. Last year, Anderson's children offered a \$20,000 challenge to former Wildkit Tennis Players and a total of \$50,000 was

raised to name the court. Andersen was a member of the State Doubles Championship team his senior year at ETHS. He returned to ETHS as head coach of the Boys' Tennis Team and won four state championships and coached many fine athletes.



Photo Credit: Jesse Bond, ETHS, '18

Former players were on hand for the court naming, including (Front row, l. to rt.) Bob Wham, '61, Alan Graham, '60, Jay Kramer, '54, David Woolf, '78, and Bill Wham, '61. (Back row, l. to rt.) Bob Shuford, '63, Chuck Thompson, '64, Phil Thompson, '68, Tom Walder, '60, Chuck Jenness, '58, Coach Keith Andersen, '53, Clayton Mark, '66, Cale Carvell, '67, Bob Thompson, '70, Dave Power, '62, Marcus Plonus '88, Stu Opdycke, '60, and Julie Roth, '56.

## We have a challenge on our hands!

Inspired by the commitment of alumni and parents to ensure a campus like no other, ETHS alum and grandparent of a current student, **Al Hofeld, '54**, has issued a challenge: He will donate \$50,000 on the condition the Foundation is able to raise that amount prior to June 30, 2016.

All donations will support the Foundation's current funding priorities: new lighting and display cases in the Heritage Hallway and the installation of a wind turbine near Memorial Stadium.

According to Al: "ETHS changed my life. I went from a student who didn't read well to getting a four-year scholarship to Harvard. That's why ETHS is so close to my heart."

This is not Al's first foray into giving back. In 2009, he started two awards for students continuing on to college. A \$6,000 award goes to a senior with outstanding personal characteristics who embodies a spirit of selflessness, hard work, and achievement, has financial need, and has demonstrated a marked improvement during his/her time at ETHS.

The second award, for \$1,000, honors retired Baseball Coach Brian Rosinski and recognizes a graduating multi-sport student athlete, who is in good academic standing, is community-minded, has contributed unselfishly to his/her teams, and is supportive of his/her teammates.



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## Atlanta reception — Cont. from page 10

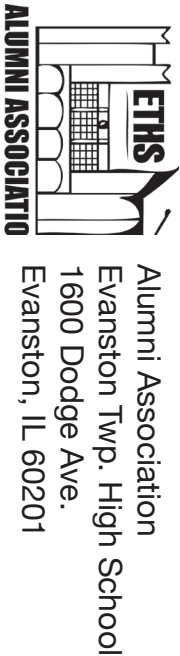
Planetarium that immerses students in astronomy, astrophysics, and other subjects.

At the end of the evening, a non-alumni spouse commented that he now understands why his wife

claims she went to the best high school ever!

*If you are interested in hosting a regional gathering in your area, contact Joanne Bertsche, [bertschej@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:bertschej@eths.k12.il.us) or 847/424-7158.*





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Please update the addresses of family members who now live someplace else.

Drop us a note with the alum's name, graduating class, and new address to the ETHS Alumni Association, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL, 60201. OR e-mail the information to alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

Do your 'Kit—and the association—a favor!