



# The KIT

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## ETHS to celebrate 10 years of “going green”

This next September, Evanston Township High School will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary of going green—literally.

Each fall since 2009, ETHS has daily served students and staff about 3,000 pounds of organically grown produce harvested from a school-owned lot at Dodge Ave. and Davis St.. From late August to November, and during summer school, the cafeterias offer up home-grown fresh lettuce, root crops, greens, herbs, tomatoes, and even edible flowers.

**Named the Edible Acre**, the empty lot's transformation began as a joint venture with The Talking Farm, a local urban agricultural-educational organization.



At the time, it was a learning lab for students in the Horticulture and Senior Studies courses, and the Green Team and Community Service Club, which built and maintained the 5,000-square-foot plot.

**But, after** three years, the Horticulture course closed. In stepped Kim Minestra, ETHS Nutrition Services Director, who felt there was more the school could do to expand the harvest. “I realized there was just more potential, so I worked with Matt Ryan [Talking Farm’s Operations Manager] to create a crop plan so we could get as much harvest out of it as possible.” More raised beds were built in the Edible Acre, more crops were planted, and the school’s empty greenhouse

became a winter seedbed for lettuce, herbs, and other vegetables. “It’s now year-round production,” said Ryan.

The growing venues have also

expanded over the last decade. In 2016, 25 fruit trees were planted near the ETHS football field—now named the Edible Orchard—including Asian pears and a variety of apple trees. The pear trees bore their first fruit last fall.

In 2017, ETHS added a hydroponic (water-based) Grow Wall in the North Hall cafeteria growing such items as Swiss chard and kale. Hydroponic Grow Towers have also been installed in the greenhouse and the faculty dining room. During Summer 2018, ETHS added 14 raised beds adjacent to the orchard, creating an additional 900 sq. ft. of growing space dubbed Edible Acre 2.

**Students have** been integral to the success of the school’s Local Garden Program. Ryan works with Urban Agriculture teacher Ellen Fierer to teach students about gardening and sustainability practices, using the greenhouse as a laboratory. Students in the ETHS Community Service Club can work in the gardens to fulfill community service hours. ETHS and The Talking



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ETHS’s Local Garden Program, the high school invites the entire community to attend the **Farm to School: Community Garden Walk**.

Learn about ETHS’s organically grown produce program. Tour the school’s Edible Acres 1 and 2, the Edible Orchard, and Greenhouse to see where all the growing takes place. Join in a Photo Scavenger Hunt (and win a prize). Take home bunches of lavender and basil and home-grown vegetables.



Farm hire students in the city’s Summer Youth Employment Program to work in the gardens throughout the summer. “This is a great opportunity for them to make some money, have fun being outdoors, and learn the importance of growing local organic food,” said Minestra.

**Both Edible Acres** are “especially unique because we use organic farming practices” that prohibit the use of any synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides, said Minestra.

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## From the Alumni Association Executive Director

As part of our education at Evanston Township High School, we all were required to take four years of English in order to graduate. Over time, the canon of what we read was modified. Many of the books that were read in the 1920s and 1930s were not read in the 1960s and 1970s. Books that are read today are different than those many of us read decades ago. The common thread is that the things we read reflected different ideas and viewpoints and were socially and culturally important.

**It is obvious** from the writings I have received from a few people over the past month that Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, was a part of the English literature canon for many, many years. In fact, Wildkits read his stories until about 10-15 years ago. Why is it so obvious?

We recently completed a project in which we updated our Alumni Directory. There are almost 85,000 alumni over the 135-year history of ETHS. Almost 63,000 are alive. Approximately 43,000 were contacted as part of our data updating process. Around 20,000 shared with us new information; jobs, emails, cell phone numbers.

**One thing** that happens with each five-year directory cycle is that we discover some of our alumni have died between the years we publish. Much to our joy, we also find that some who we thought were deceased, are not. Every five years we uncover some of the mistakes. Much of the discovery comes from alumni who call or write and quote Mr. Clemens – “The report of my death was an exaggeration.”



David Futransky '69

We are always thrilled to hear from these, and all alumni. The purpose of the ETHS Alumni Association is to help our former students keep in touch with both the school and each other. We strive to stay in contact with you so that we can help keep you in contact with those who matriculated at the same time as you did.

**To that end**, we hold events around the country and publish the directory. Plans are being made for upcoming regional events in the fall of 2019. There are preliminary plans to hold an event towards the end of summer in downtown Chicago. Help us make sure we can connect with you. If we don’t have your email address, please send it to [alumni@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:alumni@eths.k12.il.us).

**Our office** works hard to make sure the data in the system is correct. Our information is only as good as your updates. When you move, change phones or email addresses, please let us know. We would love to save postage and printing costs and send more communications electronically to those who wish to get email instead of snail mail. (And the electronic *KIT* is in color!) Your help is appreciated.

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# Superintendent's Letter

## Striving for the Happiness Advantage

In *The Happiness Advantage*, author Shawn Achor recounts that Aristotle's word for happiness translated directly to "human flourishing," and Achor shared this thought: *For me happiness is the joy we feel striving after our potential.*

As a school entrusted with educating and preparing our students for the future, we can benefit greatly by recognizing the joy and satisfaction our students can gain when they feel positivity about their school and about learning, when they are striving for their full potential.

Here at ETHS we strive for our students to have that advantage, that mindset, in many ways. Three of those ways that stand out are (1) inspired teaching, (2) a focus on student well-being, and (3) building relationships with students so they can develop a strong sense of self-identity and belonging here.

Our alumni often ask me about their former teachers. They talk to me about the many teachers who had a big impact on them. For decades, because of our extraordinary reputation, ETHS has been able to fill our ranks with an abundance of outstanding teachers, highly credentialed teachers who are experts in their content areas and who also bring the subject matter alive.

Learning is not only about sharing information and new material. Learning becomes richer when students are taught critical analysis and problem-solving skills. Learning becomes more exciting when students are nurtured to be creative thinkers and to question.

At ETHS today, that approach to teaching is bringing learning alive for our students, and they are gaining much deeper knowledge and understanding that activates

their intellectual curiosity well beyond the walls of their classrooms.

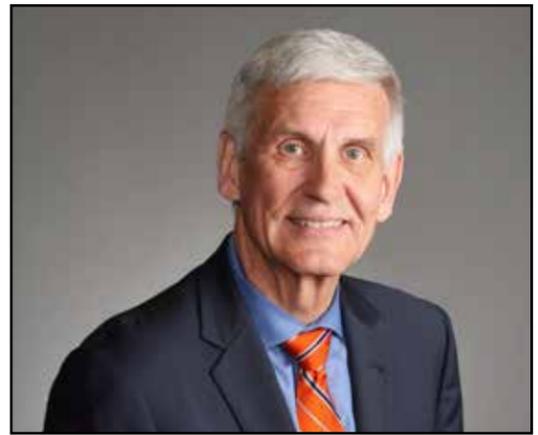
Well-being is vital to happiness and for students reaching their full potential. As Taya Kinzie, Associate Principal for Student Services, recently reported to our school board: "We are united in supporting student well-being, including our principal naming well-being as the staff focus for the 2018-2019 school year. As an entire school, we continue to act intentionally by coming together and focusing on well-being."

Just a few of the many examples include our commitment to equity, access and opportunity; our Acknowledge, Care, Tell (ACT) messaging aimed at prevention, empowering students to report any concern related to suicide prevention, safety, bullying, sexual harassment and all concerns; Wildkit Futures Day; our extensive multi-tiered System of Supports with abundant supports during every school day, before and after school, in the evenings and on Saturdays; and our positive behavioral intervention supports.

Then there's all our family evening programming addressing executive functioning, mental health, college planning, career options, substance use, LGBTQ+ youth and so much more. Yes, a guiding principle here requires supporting the well-being of all students as they pursue their full potential.

We also are intentional and active in building relationships with our students. Achor cites one of the longest running psychological studies following participants throughout their lives to distinguish the "happiest, fullest lives from the least successful ones."

The psychologist who directed the study for over 40 years, "told the *Atlantic Monthly* that he could sum up the findings in one word: 'love—full stop.'" The lead researcher concluded there are, "70 years of evidence that our relationships with other



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

people matter, and matter more than anything else in the world." We know that educational research has conclusively shown that students learn better when they have a relationship with at least one adult in their school.

Long after graduation, our students may not remember a particular lesson, but they will still remember how a teacher treated them. All of us at ETHS know how important healthy relationships are in a school, and we work proactively to develop those healthy relationships with students. The result: our students know they are

valued, that they belong here and that we care about each of them as an individual. In the hallways and at outside events, students will often call out to me, "love you," and I respond, "love you." And we know we mean it.

We have internalized the happiness advantage at ETHS, because we recognize that "happiness is the joy we feel striving after our potential." We are committed to all our students striving after their potential. That's a foundation we endeavor to give to our students and it's a lot more than "book learning." We want them to flourish.

## 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

Spouse's first name (Maiden Name)

Is spouse an ETHS alum? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ If yes, class year

Street address City, State ZIP + 4 Home phone

Is this a new address? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes

Home phone Work phone

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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

## Going Green. Cont. from page 1

The ETHS program has become Naturally Grown Certified and has also earned Wildlife Habitat Certification through the National Wildlife Federation "by providing essential elements of a wildlife habitat including food, water, cover, and places to raise young," she added.

According to Minestra, "All harvest from all garden areas is used and consumed in the student and staff cafeterias during the regular school year and during summer school."

In addition, romaine lettuce from the gardens is used to make salads for the City of Evanston's award-winning Summer Meal Program at nine local day camps. Any additional produce is sold to faculty, staff, and school board members during a 10-week summer Community Supported Agriculture program. "This allows ETHS staff to support the garden," said Ryan, "and leaves no waste."



Hydroponic Wall in North Hall Cafeteria.

Going green has been a cost-saver for ETHS. By growing its own food, ETHS has annually saved \$12,000 in organic produce. That amount will increase once the Edible Acre 2 kicks in this summer and the full Edible Orchard bears fruit. The rest of the year, Minestra buys produce and certain other foods in part through Farmlogix, an online marketplace where customers can shop by local farm or by product.

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# What's New at ETHS?

## ETHS honored as Project Lead the Way Distinguished School

Evanston Township High School has been nationally recognized as a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing transformative learning opportunities through the PLTW Engineer Program.

**PLTW is** a nonprofit organization that empowers students, pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, to develop knowledge and skills in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science.

According to ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon: "Being recognized as a PLTW Distinguished School is a special honor for ETHS. In the past decade, we have invested millions of dollars into expanding our Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs into world-class options with top-flight instruction for our students."

**ETHS is one** of only 15 Illinois schools to be recognized as a PLTW Distinguished School. To be eligible for the Distinguished School designation, ETHS met the

following criteria during the 2017-18 school year:

- Offered at least three PLTW courses;
- Had 25-percent or more of the students participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33-percent took two or more PLTW courses during their high school career;
- Had 70-percent or more of students earn a Proficient or higher on PLTW End-of-Course Assessments, or 10-percent earn the AP + PLTW Student Achievement ranking.

ETHS became a PLTW-certified school in Spring 2008 and now offers six rigorous PLTW Engineering classes through the CTE Department. Each course integrates national academic and technical learning standards and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) principles to solve real-world problems through an innovative lens in a

collaborative classroom setting.

**The classes**, which have a grade weight equal to Advanced Placement courses, use a curriculum developed and maintained by a consortium of leading engineering universities and the private sector to introduce high school students to the many facets of engineering. Students enrolled in these courses also have the ability to receive college credit at a PLTW-affiliated engineering college/university.

**"Whether the** students intend to go to college or directly into the workforce, we are fully committed to preparing them for meaningful 21st-century careers," Witherspoon remarked. "Kudos to our teachers, CTE department chair Shelley Gates, and students who have worked tirelessly and set high expectations to make this prestigious award a reality."

—Thanks to the *ETHS Communications Department* for its contributions to this article



Engineering classes provide students with hands-on skills and technical training. For example, ETHS student Kimora Boothe worked on a robotics project as part of the Girls Robotics Team. *ETHS Photo Credit*

## ETHS showcases Research Center, thanks donors at Evening of Appreciation

Alumni and friends were welcomed to campus for **pie** on "Pi Day" (3.14) March 14, 2019, to celebrate the ETHS Foundation's third annual Evening of Appreciation. Created to honor the generosity of ETHS supporters, the Evening of Appreciation featured a reception in the Terrace Dining Room and the unveiling of the new Chem/Phys Labs & ETHS Research Center.

More than 125 donors enjoyed pie and a welcome from Foundation Executive Director Joanne Bertsche and Superintendent Eric Witherspoon.

Witherspoon thanked all donors for their support and acknowledged the generous contribution from benefactor **Leonard Schaeffer '63**, who provided \$1.2 million to



Leonard Schaeffer '63 accepts an engraved Erlenmeyer flask from ETHS Foundation Executive Director Joanne Bertsche (ctr.) and Foundation President Karin Ruetzel (rt.).

support the Chem/Phys classroom and Research Center renovation. Schaeffer credited his experience at ETHS for his success.

After a lively reception, students led donors to the labs to experience their gifts in action. Chem/Phys teachers Mark

Vondracek and Terry Gatchell highlighted the new features of the spaces, including the addition of teleconferencing technology allowing students to collaborate with fellow scientists around the world.

Students from chemistry, physics, and biology



ETHS senior Michael Frim presents his research on features of splashing of Newtonian fluids to those who attended the celebration. Photo credit for both photos: Jonah Charlton '19

classes were on hand to showcase their independent research.

Creating these remarkable spaces at ETHS would not be possible if not for the generosity of dedicated alumni working to create access to excellence for

all students. "Experience the impact of your alumni fund gift in action and join us next year," said Bertsche.

**Visit [supporteths.org](http://supporteths.org) to view more photos and learn more.**



## ETHS, New Trier vie for swimming supremacy for 100th time

Living history was celebrated on Friday, December 14, 2018, when swim team alumni from ETHS and New Trier gathered at ETHS to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year of dual meets between the two Illinois swim powers. Eight months of planning by alums from both schools brought several hundred alumni, families, and friends to join the celebration.

**Records show** the Wildkits winning the 1918 dual meet by a score of 31-26 and most of the dual meets were equally close over the next 100 years.

The ETHS program started in 1908 and New Trier began their program in 1912. Both programs have

produced numerous state and national champion swimmers and have won many state titles. National college champions and Olympic medalists and competitors have also come from both schools.

**The pools** at ETHS and New Trier host the state championships each year as they are the only pools in the state that have facilities that are large enough to hold all of the competitors and spectators.

Evanston swim alumni, led by **Tom Schwarten '63, Fred Southward '66, Al Schiff '66, Walter Keats '63, David Burgess '58, Alf McConnell '62, Chuck Fargo '62,**

**Pat Burton '83, Dale Stempel '70, John Newman '63, and Pete Skoglund '64,** worked with New Trier alums to bring out the crowd. Great support came from the superintendent of New Trier, **Paul Sally (ETHS '81)**, who was a member of the ETHS swim team while in school.

**A gathering** was held before the meet at an Evanston restaurant and competitors came together and reminisced about their days in the pool. There was a reception after the meet that included alumni and the swimmers from both programs. All student/athletes were given a commemorative shirt to celebrate the day.



**ETHS and New Trier officials: (from l. to rt.) Josh Runkle (New Trier Varsity Swim Coach), Kevin Auger (ETHS Swim/Dive Coach), ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon, New Trier Supt. Paul Sally (ETHS '81), Chris Livatino (ETHS Athletic Director, ETHS '91).** Photo by Lynn Trautman

**One of the** highlights of the weekend occurred the next day when Wildkit alumni enjoyed a brunch with the current team. The grads spoke about the role that swimming played in their lives and helped shape them into the people

they are today. Comments from students, coaches, and alums spoke to the event as being incredibly positive for all involved.

For the record, New Trier won this year's Dual in the Pool 106-80.

## Empty Bowl impacts community hunger

For the past 19 years, Evanston Township High School has hosted its annual Empty Bowl event to support local soup kitchens and food pantries. On December 5, staff and students from the ETHS Community Service Club, Career & Technical Education (culinary), Fine Arts (ceramics), and staff from Operations and Nutrition Services held the event to help raise awareness and funds to fight local hunger.

**Over 400 people** attended Empty Bowl 2018 and had the opportunity to purchase a meal and a handmade ceramic bowl during ETHS lunch periods. In addition, over 50 ceramic pieces were donated by local artists, businesses, and organizations for a silent auction.

With help from about 65 student volunteers, Empty Bowl raised over \$5,500 this year, which converts to approximately 2,700 meals at a soup kitchen, according to ETHS Community Service Coordinator Mary Collins.



**Public Interest Program Fellow Lucero Flores (left) helped coordinate the 2018 Empty Bowl event at ETHS where juniors Mayher Matharu (center) and Ella McGinley volunteered on December 5.**

**Each year,** the event uses a "food re-distribution" approach, with local soup kitchens receiving soups, chili, bread, and cookies leftover from the event.

"Empty Bowl is a great event that takes place all over the nation, but here in Evanston it is super special because it is so student-centered, student-powered, and community-focused while providing teenagers lots of opportunity to make a direct impact," said Collins.

Many local businesses and organizations have supported Empty Bowl at ETHS, including Great Harvest Bread Co., Bagel Art, Evanston Art Center, The Pot Shop, Robert Crown Community Center, Midwest Clay Guild, and ETHS Boosters.

By **Mary Fifes Collins '84,** ETHS Community Service Coordinator

## Remote learning replaces "snow days"

While ETHS's winter mantra has always been "ETHS never closes" even despite severe weather, Mother Nature has challenged that stance the last couple of years. This year's minus-50 degree Polar Vortex put school officials over the edge making a two-day closure necessary for the safety of students and school staff.

**When schools** close due to weather, the Illinois School Code requires them to make up the days and hours of lost instruction. Rather than simply tack on the lost days at the end of the school year, this year ETHS held its first E-Learning Day on Friday, February 22. (The second make-up day will be added at the end the year.)

According to school officials, "An E-Learning Day is an 'Electronic Learning' Day that is approved by the state education office as a day of instruction for students who are not physically present at the school and that is accessible to all students. Students will not report to school, but will work remotely."

**All ETHS** students and faculty members have district-issued Chromebook laptops, which are used in school and at home, and students and teachers have direct communication through

personalized emails. In addition, E-Learning Day activities can be completed using various forms of technology, such as their computer, smartphone, or other mobile devices.

**If a student** doesn't have WiFi access to the internet at home, ETHS has 50 district-issued WiFi hotspots that students can check out, as well as access to a City of Evanston free Hotspots map that includes various places across town with free WiFi access such as Starbucks and other coffee shops, the Ecology Center, libraries, fire stations, places on Northwestern's campus, and many more venues.

ETHS teachers take attendance through an online check-in form or through students' completion of their E-Learning Day assignments. Teachers create these assignments in advance, and the activities vary by course, subject, skills, and knowledge involved. Completed work can be sent online to the teacher or uploaded when everyone returns to school. Students are responsible for completing the work within two days, either doing alternative assignments, or completing the work when they return.

## ETHS alums honored at annual Distinguished Alumni Awards

On December 4, four ETHS alums were honored with the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award, including **David Baskin '08**, **Pam Cytrynbaum '84**, **Anna Lembke '85**, and **Robert Reece '64**.

Additionally, three alums were honored with posthumous awards: **Fred Hutcherson Jr. '32**, **Dr. Warren Frank Spencer '39**, and **Michael Jaharis '45**.

All are great examples of ETHS alumni who have risen to excellence in their field, given back to their community, and set high standards for current and future Wildkits. The ceremony was held at a senior-class assembly. Award winners visited classes during the afternoon, followed in the evening with a dinner for winners' families and school representatives.



Pictured here are three of the 2018 winners and their student hosts: (L. to rt.) Mia Roback, Amanda Rudolph, David Baskin '08, Victoria Palacios, Robert Reece '64, Pam Cytrynbaum '84, Joshua Graves, and Connor Falls. Not pictured: 2018 winner Anna Lembke '85.



### Previous Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

#### March 2003

- **George W. Ball**, 1926, Undersec'y of State for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson
- **George Conn**, 1951, advocate for disabled
- **Dr. John Bryson Eulenber**, 1960, Developed artificial-language technology for the disabled
- **Nancy Gustafson**, 1974, Opera singer, philanthropist
- **Dr. Charles Johnson**, 1966, Award-winning author, educator
- **Gordon Segal**, 1956, Founder/CEO of Crate & Barrel
- **Dr. Charles R. Thomas**, 1952, 1st ETHS Black educator, among 1990's Top 100 School Executives

#### December 2003

- **Dr. David Burge**, 1947, Composer-pianist
- **Delores Petway Holmes**, 1957, Co-founder, Family Focus
- **William H. Logan, Jr.**, 1951, Evanston Police Chief, founded Nat'l. Org. of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- **Dr. Robert M. Nerem**, 1955, Expert in cellular/tissue bioengineering
- **John Edward Porter**, 1953, Award-winning Congressman
- **Fredric N. Tulsy**, 1968, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

#### December 2004

- **Dr. Fred H. Geisler**, 1964, Neurosurgeon
- **Pam McAllister Johnson**, 1963, journalist, 1st Black female newspaper publisher
- **Julian "Junior" Mance**, 1945, Jazz pianist, composer
- **David A. Mount**, 1961, Entertainment industry leader, philanthropist
- **Thomas Eddy Tallmadge**, 1894, Prairie-style architect

#### December 2005

- **Dr. Barbara Brauer**, 1955, Deaf educator/advocate
- **Lester Crown**, 1943, Businessman, philanthropist
- **Robert Galvin**, 1940, Business leader
- **Dr. Barbara Sizemore**, left in 1944, 1st Black female supt. of a major school district
- **Robert Wiczorowski**, 1945, Investment banker, Executive Director of the World Bank

#### December 2006

- **Dr. Michael Chamberlin**, 1955, Biochemist, educator
- **David Cole**, 1976, Attorney, civil rights defender
- **Gene Nora Stumbough Jessen**, 1955, Aviator, member of "Mercury 13" training program for female astronauts
- **Arthur McZier**, 1954, Advocate for minority-owned businesses, humanitarian
- **Major Gen. Mitchell J. Waters**, USMCR, 1953, "Father of the Modern Marine Corps Reserve"

#### December 2007

- **Dr. Alan D. Kaplan**, 1961, Cardiologist, theater owner
- **Daniel L. Peterson**, 1953, Basketball coach, sports writer, TV commentator
- **Leonard Schaeffer**, 1963, Health-care industry administrator/CEO

#### December 2008

- **Dame Libby Komaiko**, 1967, dancer, choreographer, founder of Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theatre, honored by King of Spain
- **Denise Guillebeaux Martin**, 1969, Educator, ETHS administrator, community volunteer
- **Dr. Michael Werner**, 1959, Astrophysicist, Project Scientist/NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope/Jet Propulsion Lab.

#### December 2009

- **Dr. Philip B. Gorelick**, 1970, Neurologist, leader in stroke prevention
- **Thomas G. Murdough**, 1957, Entrepreneur, philanthropist
- **Dr. Edward S. Traisman**, 1975, Pediatrician

#### December 2010

- **Barbara A. Boyd**, 1947, Award-winning journalist and news anchor
- **Dr. George M. Bridgeforth**, 1972, Medical doctor, author
- **Eddie Doucette**, 1955, Sports broadcaster/marketing ambassador
- **George Weisz**, 1969, Legislator, governors' / mayor's policy advisor

#### December 2011

- **Scott Burris**, 1975, Lawyer, public health policy advocate
- **Bob Cranshaw**, 1952, Renowned jazz bassist
- **Dr. Joseph D. Croft**, 1954, M.D., advocate for patients with rheumatic diseases
- **Rita Sallis**, 1972, Principal/Yucaipa Companies, Deputy Comptroller-Chief Investment Officer/City of New York, philanthropist

#### December 2012

- **Gene Bell**, 1950, Helped found sports league Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM)
- **Dr. William Cross**, 1959, Theorist on black identity development
- **Jeffrey Gettleman**, 1989, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
- **The Hon. James Zagel**, 1958, Federal judge, attorney
- **Dr. Faith Vilas**, 1969, Chief Scientist/NASA Planetary Data System

#### December 2013

- **Dr. Iva Elaine Johnson Carruthers**, 1963, Educator, educational software innovator, social justice leader
- **The Hon. John M. Ferren**, 1965, Sr. Appeals Court Judge, civil rights advocate
- **Jeremy Piven**, 1983, Actor, philanthropist
- **Joseph Saunders**, 1963, Retired CEO of VISA, Chair of Teach for All
- **Eric (Astro) Teller**, 1988, Technology industry phenom, science/technology innovator

#### January 2015

- **Cleopatra Bugelas Alexander**, 1966, Community leader, philanthropist, arts/education advocate
- **Henry Engelhardt**, 1975, Admiral Group CEO, UK insurance industry leader, Moondance Fdn. founder
- **David Epstein**, 1998, Reporter/author focused on science/sports,
- **Willie Miller**, 1971, Attorney, corporate/community leader with FAAM, ETHS school board member
- **Jack Rakove**, 1964, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, constitutional law/American history expert
- **Neal Wolin**, 1979, Corporate/government leader, served as Sec'y of U.S. Treasury

#### December 2016

- **Steven Gilford**, 1970, Attorney, Vice-Chair of IL State Board of Education, ETHS school board member
- **Tanika Island**, 1991, Managing Director at U of Chicago Urban Education Inst., education leader
- **Gregory Klaiber**, 1978, Retired Evanston Fire Chief, community leader, Northwestern U's emergency mgmt. director
- **Megan Twohey**, 1994, Award-winning investigative journalist
- **Lynne Williams Twist**, 1963, Global visionary fighting hunger/poverty, social justice supporter

#### December 2017

- **Ken Arlen**, 1971, Internat'lly known saxophonist/band leader, philanthropist, music industry leader
- **Edwin (Skip) Gage**, 1959, Marketing/travel/hospitality world leader
- **Roberta Gassman**, 1966, Government labor leader at federal/state level, community leader
- **Donald Rubin**, 1961, Noted Harvard U statistics professor, World-cited/prolific author
- **Amie Wilkinson**, 1985, World-recognized math dynamical systems expert, U of Chicago math professor
- **Dr. Isabella Garnett**, born in Evanston 1872, one of 1<sup>st</sup> African-American female physicians in IL, founded Evanston's Community Hospital for African-Americans
- **Elizabeth "Betsy" Wood Knapp**, 1960, Pioneer in online interactive computer software, angel investor, philanthropist

#### December 2018

- **David Baskin**, 2008, Founder/CEO of Ani Shilshi, used-clothing and vocational training enterprise for Israeli at-risk youth
- **Pam Cytrynbaum**, 1984, journalist, educator focused on criminal injustice and wrongful conviction
- **Michael Jaharis**, 1945, attorney, entrepreneur, pharmaceutical industry leader, philanthropist
- **Anna Lembke**, 1985, medical doctor, Stanford Asst. Professor of Psychiatry/Behavioral Science, opioid addiction expert
- **Robert Reece**, 1964, businessman; key, award-winning community leader in Evanston
- **Fred Hutcherson Jr.**, 1932, self-taught aviator, trainer of Black military cadets at Tuskegee for WWII service, Congressional Gold Medal awardee
- **Dr. Warren Frank Spencer**, 1939, medical doctor, one of first African Americans to earn M.D. degree from Northwestern U, practiced in Evanston and Chicago

### Nominate someone for the Distinguished Alumni Award

ETHS and the ETHS Alumni Association are seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

**This program** annually honors alumni who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others.

These Distinguished Alumni are people who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at Evanston Township High School. The awardees will be recognized at a public ceremony on November 18.

To be nominated, alumni must have distinguished themselves through

achievement, service, and/or contributions to society.

**Nominees must have graduated from or been enrolled at ETHS at least 10 years ago.**

Anyone may submit a nomination, whether or not you attended ETHS. Alumni may not nominate themselves. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

**To nominate** someone, go to the ETHS alumni web site ([www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni)) and fill out the **online form** listing the nominee's "vitals" and explain—in 500 words or less—why this person should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Include your own contact information.

Once the nomination is received, the candidate will be asked to provide additional personal information. For multiple nominations, you must fill out a separate form for each candidate.

**A Selection Committee** will evaluate the nominations and select the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. All nominations will be kept on file and reconsidered for three years. After three years, a candidate must be re-nominated for consideration.

**The deadline for 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award nominations is JUNE 1, 2019.**

## Animals help teach valuable lessons at ETHS

Who knew? Tortoises, bearded dragons, gerbils, chickens, fish, crayfish, even cockroaches—all properly confined—can currently be found in ETHS science classrooms. Hardly pets, although some have names, these critters are adjunct teachers to help students learn a variety of scientific concepts from biodiversity to evolutionary adaptation to ecology, among many others.

**Take Boo**, biology teacher Beth Christiansen's female bearded dragon. Christiansen uses Boo, for example, to illustrate similarities and differences between the ectotherm (who can't regulate her body temperature) and humans.



**Boo the bearded dragon**

Or Tudi and Mulan, two male African Spurred Tortoises, who live in the North Hall vivarium/classroom of biology teacher Scott Meier. Since the breed originated in arid sub-Saharan Africa, compared to tortoises in the Galapagos Islands off Ecuador's Pacific coast, Meier says they've spurred great classroom discussions tying evolution to ecology (e.g., "how did they get here?").

**Students also** learn how territorial these guys can be. They are not the best of friends, and Tudi, twice the size of Mulan, periodically flips his smaller classmate onto his back, who then has to be turned over by humans.

Or the chickens that science teacher Ellen Fierer's Urban Agriculture classes raised from eggs



**Mulan (at l.) and Tudi**

in the school's greenhouse and courtyard to learn about animal husbandry. Or the cockroaches she keeps to test CO2 levels. Or "Moe" the Russian tortoise, red-eared sliders, snails, catfish, and crayfish, all in cages or tanks, all who play a part in classroom lessons.

**Or the gerbils** science teacher Greg Ruber has bred for his Earned Honors Biology students to do



**Moe the Russian tortoise**



**Nichole Boyd photo**

**Therapy dogs come to help students de-stress before finals.**

animal behavior research. (See related story.)

Along with their roles as scientific subjects, some animals at ETHS are there as therapy animals. **Nichole Boyd '96**, Student Activities Director, at the behest of the Junior Class Board, contracted with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy to bring in service dogs to help students relax the Friday before final exams for the past two semesters. Boo the bearded dragon

("They're the dogs of the lizard world," says Christiansen) loves to be touched and allows students to pick her up, often a calming act for some students.

**Many of** the animals have been donated to the teachers by parents or students who graduate. But, once there, they become part of the ETHS community and serve an important educational purpose.

## Gerbils co-teach scientific research to freshmen students

This spring semester, ETHS biology teacher Greg Ruber and a family of gerbils are teaching freshmen students in his Earned Honors Biology classes how to conduct scientific research.

**Having** freshmen do actual scientific research is unusual at ETHS; they usually get the chance as juniors or seniors. But, Ruber, a second-year teacher with a research background in a variety of fields involving animal-behavior studies, wanted to jump-start their interest early in their high school career.

So, he came up with the gerbil project for students with a strong interest in conducting research. Students applied for the positions, and Ruber chose five different sets of students who were

"mature enough to work with small animals and who presented creative ideas for potential projects," he said.

**His animal** partners are Luna and Chad, a mother and father gerbil couple, who have had two litters of babies this spring (five in one litter, three in the other). The students have spent most of the spring semester reading current scientific literature and designing their studies for using the gerbils. Their research will be conducted during fourth quarter.

One female trio—Maeve Dillon, Sid Mehrotra, and June Ciscek—will study whether the scent of the mother or the father is a stronger imprint for the juvenile gerbils. Using a Y maze, the babies will have the choice of seeking out food rubbed with



**Connor McGuire (at l.) and Cooper Stringer size up the gerbils they will be working with on their research project.**

the mother's scent or the father's scent when they get to the fork of the Y.

**A pair of** males—Cooper Stringer and Conner McGuire—will study risk-taking behavior (instant vs. delayed gratification).

They have adapted a Y maze by adding a bridge and intricate labyrinth at one end of the Y. Once put into the Y, the gerbil can take the right turn to get a bit of food instantly or can turn left and traverse the bridge/maze circuit

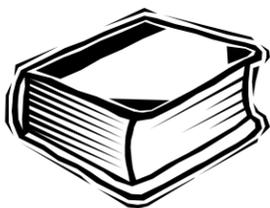
to get to a food bonanza. As Stringer explained, "It's candy at the start or a pizza party at the end."

**"Some of** the students made the comment that it takes a long time to plan," said Ruber. He added: "I explained that real science isn't some lab that someone else sets up for you. A Ph.D. takes 6+ years. That usually gives them a better perspective."

The researchers will present their findings to their class during final exams in early June. According to Ruber, "These studies may also have the potential to be submitted to local science fairs and competitions, potentially resulting in funds and prestige to themselves and ETHS."

## Authors' Bookshelf

*So Your Bitch is Pregnant: Raising your first litter of puppies from pregnancy to placement,* by **Eleanor**



**Green Winters '54**, is a humorous and helpful volume to guide the reader through the birthing and early stages of raising a litter of puppies. Her "keep it simple" style and philosophy come from her experience of working with 17 litters over 17 years. One of Eleanor's Dalmatians was a star in the Budweiser Superbowl 2019 commercial. A funny read and great reference.

**Paul and Ben Segedin, both class of '80**, have published a book, *Leopold Segedin: A Habit of Art*, about their father. The Chicago-born Segedin, an Evanston resident for more than 50 years, has been painting since 1942, and is still working at the age of 91. In an eight-decade career, he has painted myriad subjects and themes including the Bible and mythology, musicians, games, trains, Maine and Michigan landscapes, and self-portraits, but his focus has always returned to Chicago. This retrospective features more than 100 reproductions of Segedin's work including 50 full-page plates, as well as an essay by historian David M. Sokol and an introduction by writer/publisher Richard Cahan.

**Alison Cherry '00** is one of three co-authors of a Young Adult novel called *The Pros of Cons*. The story is about the adventures of three young ladies who, through a random mix-up in a hotel lobby, become friends. They are all interested in different conventions that are taking place in the same location. Against the chaotic background of cosplay, competition and carcasses, the girls come together and share an adventure that involves taxidermy. (See related story about Alison Cherry on this page.)

For 50 years, **Preston Cook '64** has devoted his time to all things American eagle. He has amassed and organized a collection of more than 25,000 eagle objects that reflect American life from the American Revolution to the present. Cook's

collection has been donated to the non-profit National Eagle Center. Proceeds from the sales of his new book,

*American Eagle: A Visual History of our National Emblem*, will be donated to the National Eagle Center to help fund the museum that will house the collection. He has served on several government commissions and some 20 boards, including the American Bald Eagle Foundation, the Oceanic Society, and the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. He is a member of the Audubon Society, National Eagle Center, Sons of the American Revolution, life member of the American Bald Eagle Foundation, American Legion, International Federation of Fly Fishers, and Trout Unlimited.

**Doug E. Jones '83** has submitted three books he has written in the past few years. *Since Costa Rica* tells the story of three lifelong friends who go to a surf camp in Costa Rica to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays. The travel story turns into a murder mystery. *Disco Inferno* recalls the madness at Comiskey Park with Steve Dahl and "Disco Demolition Night." Using that and the summer of 1979 as a backdrop, Jones tells the tale of 16-year-old Bobby who meets a girl who is his complete opposite. Bobby is a northern suburban Cub Fan that loves John Travolta and disco. Misty is a city girl who follows the White Sox, the Ramones, and rock and roll. Of course, their worlds collide and sparks fly. Jones's first novel, *Nowhere to Goa*, follows a 19-year-old sophomore at Northwestern as he goes to India to bring his brother home. The epic journey goes to Thailand, Nepal, and throughout India, ending in Goa as the brothers grow up.

## Authors' Bookshelf grows and grows

The ETHS Authors' Bookshelf collection of publications written and donated by ETHS alumni is thriving. The Class of 1954 founded the Authors' Bookshelf in 1995 through the newly established ETHS Alumni Association as a way for students, faculty and staff, and visitors to recognize the literary talents of ETHS alumni. The varied and eclectic collection includes works of fiction and non-fiction, graphic novels, reference works, scholarly articles, and books for children.

**Last school year**, the Alumni Association approved a grant to replace and expand the shelving that houses the Bookshelf (see photo). According to **Traci Brown-Powell '90**, Instructional & Informational Specialist at ETHS, who oversees the Authors' Bookshelf: "We are so very honored to have such a lively collection housed in the East Library. I can't count the many ETHS alumni authors we have added since the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.



And many of the authors have stopped by to communicate about the individual book they want to include in the collection. We have met so many amazing and funny (I might add) authors!"

**Brown-Powell** said the collection numbers nearly 730 works, several of which are integrated into the main library collection because of their popularity, especially graphic novels. "Our collection is a work in progress," said Brown-Powell. "I continue to read many of the titles in the collection and make recommendations for

students and staff who are looking for the next great read. Students have checked out more of the books since the collection has migrated from Central to the East [Hall] Library."

Brown-Powell said that students are enjoying the many books by such alumni authors as **Curtis Wideman '11**, **Audrey Niffenegger '81**, **Parneshia Jones '98**, **Cleopatra Bugelas Alexander '66**, and **Alison Cherry '00** (see related story), just to name a few.

## Books 'R' Us Club features alumni author Alison Cherry

On March 11, author **Alison Cherry '00** attended the ETHS Books 'R' Us Book Club to discuss her young-adult novel *Look Both Ways*. Thirteen (of 26) student members, from freshmen to seniors, cozied up in bean-bag chairs in a library classroom ready to share their thoughts on Cherry's book and learn more about the author herself.

**Cherry, who** earned a degree in photography from Harvard, spent years as a freelance theater lighting designer and photographer for the Metropolitan Opera before she came to writing at the urging of a friend. She now is a freelance copy editor and full-time writer living in Brooklyn, NY. She's written nine books, half for young adults, half for children.



**Books 'R' Us club members got Alison Cherry '00 (seated at ctr.) to sign their books and share a group photo.**

For over an hour, student questions and comments ricocheted around the room—from Cherry's inspiration for the book to opinions about the characters and plot to Cherry's personal writing process and character development.

**Before they left**, the students asked her to autograph their personal copies. The book club meets biweekly, and the books each student receives throughout the school year are funded by a grant from the ETHS Boosters Club.

# ETHS Kudos

## STUDENTS

The **ETHS Chess team** closed its season with a strong performance at the US Chess Federation's National High School Championship in March, taking home three team awards. Among the six classes of competition, the Wildkits took 2nd place (out of 49 teams) in Class 3, 6th place (out of 67 teams) in Class 4, and 5th place (out of 36 teams) in the division for new chess players.

The **ETHS Japan Bowl team** took 2nd place at the Illinois Japan Bowl competition in March. The statewide academic tournament covers a variety of topics that test high school students on their knowledge and understanding of the Japanese language and culture. Participants compete as a three-person team, based on the number of years they have studied Japanese.

In February, 17 ETHS students participated in the **2019 Illinois High School Art Exhibition** showcasing work in the General and/or Senior Scholarship Exhibitions. The General Exhibition features student visual artworks from more than 100 high schools and is considered to be the "Best of the Best" competition developed by teachers to recognize high school students for their artistic excellence. Six ETHS students were selected for the General Exhibition, and 14 students were chosen for the Senior Scholarship Exhibition, one of the most influential student scholarship exhibitions in Illinois.

After finishing undefeated in Central Suburban League conference competition, **ETHS's Scholastic Bowl** team defended their title as the IHSA regional champions with a margin of 300 points or more. The team's strong performances earned them a spot at the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2019.

In March, 38 students from ETHS competed in the annual **Illinois DECA Career Development Conference**, which hosted more than 1,500 high school students. Out of

the 38 team members, 24 placed among the top three for their respective competitive events and had the opportunity to compete at the International DECA Competition in April.

Two ETHS math teams achieved Finalist and Meritorious ranking in the annual **Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP)** High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling. In COMAP competition, teams of up to four students work on complex, open-ended problems to develop a reasonable solution using a mathematical model. Known as the "36-Hour Problem," the international contest challenges students to use skills and knowledge from math, science, and computer science classes to develop possible solutions for problems that have no single, correct answer. The Finalist team ranked in the top 7-percent of all submitted papers and the Meritorious Team ranked in the top 14-percent. Each team qualified to compete against winners from over 30 countries in the International Math Modeling Contest.

## SCHOOL

Last fall, the nonprofit organization **AMIGOS** chose ETHS as the recipient of its 2018 Global Citizenship Award. The award recognizes exemplary educational organizations that show a commitment to developing global citizens as well as developing students that strive to make an impact in their communities. AMIGOS runs authentic, immersive volunteer programs in Latin America. Students live with host families in countries throughout the region and work with their community on a service project. For nearly three decades, multiple students from ETHS have successfully completed AMIGOS programs. A strong teacher network at ETHS also encourages this experiential learning.

## ETHS musicians showcased at National Concert Band Festival



The ETHS Wind Symphony and its Percussion Ensemble were among 15 bands from across the country to be invited to participate as a Featured Band at the annual National Concert Band Festival, held at Butler University on March 14-16, 2019.

**This was the first time** ETHS was chosen to participate. "Ensembles that perform at the Festival are recognized as being among the finest in the

nation," said Nick Gehl, ETHS Fine Arts Dept. Chair. High schools were invited to apply, and following a rigorous application process, only 15 ensembles were chosen. Oswego and Rolling Meadows High Schools are the only other Illinois schools that participated this year.

Haley Nichol, Associate Band Director with Band Director Matthew Bufis, said the ETHS band (55 students) and percussion

ensemble (8 students) each performed at the festival. Over the three days, students and band directors attended 8 to 10 performances as well as workshops, clinics, and master classes.

**According to Gehl**, "the ETHS Wind Symphony has been on an upward trajectory over the past few years with invite performances at the Illinois Superstate Concert Festival (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018), the Illinois Music Educators Conference (2018), and a demonstration band clinic at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic (2017)."

Funding to send the ETHS musicians to the band festival came from the ETHS Alumni Association and Boosters Club, the school's Untermann Fund, Kiwanis Club of Evanston, and a band fund-raiser held last fall.

## ETHS teacher wins Golden Apple Award



On March 18, Corey Winchester, ETHS History/Social Sciences teacher, was among 10 Illinois teachers chosen to receive the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Golden Apple annually recognizes teachers for the positive impact they have made in their students' lives through teaching.

**Members of the Golden Apple Foundation** surprised him with the announcement in his

second-period class, along with his students, faculty and staff, and family. As part of the award, he receives a cash prize and a tuition-free spring sabbatical at Northwestern University, a Golden Apple partner. He also becomes a Fellow of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.

**Winchester is** the sixth ETHS teacher to win a Golden Apple Award since the program began in 1986: two in history (Winchester) and Aaron Becker (2007), and four in English: **Steve Newman '86** and Venessa Simmons-Woods (both in 2004), **Mark Larson '70** (1995), and Sydney Lieberman (1986).

Winchester has been honored as an exemplary

teacher since he began teaching at ETHS in 2010. This school year, he was named one of 20 educators to serve as Fellows of the Illinois Policy Fellowship. He is a 2013 recipient of the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel Award as an Early Career Educator.

**An alumnus of** Northwestern University (BS10) and Loyola University (MEd2013), he also received Loyola's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016 and is widely recognized for his equity and social justice efforts as an educator.

At ETHS, he teaches U.S. History; Sociology of Class, Gender, and Race; and Critical Leadership Development independent study. He also is a staff coordinator for Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR), an ETHS student club.

# ETHS offers Forensic Science—and it's a hit!

Last school year, the ETHS Science Department offered a new course — Forensic Science. It attracted enough students to fill two sections. This school year (2018-19), eight sections are now being taught by two teachers, Adam Held and Ashlee Miller-Berry.

Why the sudden upsurge? According to Peter Bavis, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction: “We wanted to offer a hands-on science course that would appeal to many students. And television shows like *Law & Order* and *CSI (Crime Scene Investigation)* have captured the imagination of our students.”

According to Terri Sowa-Imbo, Science Department Chair, “It’s a modern, relevant course, and students seem to know what the course is about”

So, the word is out. “We get a large percentage of kids who think science isn’t for them,” said Held, “and



**Blood typing is one of the more popular units in Forensic Science. Here Kennedy Reid (at l.) and Julian Hansen use simulated blood to determine the blood types found at the scene of a crime.**

this is the first science class that feels accessible to them.” However, this is no easy course. It’s open to juniors and seniors who have already taken biology and chemistry.

“And because this country is dealing with an epidemic of science illiteracy,” said Held, “we sneak in math, logic, deductive reasoning, chemistry, problem

solving, and a lot of writing.” Plus, there are connections to other core science courses such as biology and physics, says Sowa-Imbo.

While students may initially associate forensics with DNA and blood analysis, the full-year course offers a wide variety of content. First semester covers observation skills, crime

scene investigation, evidence collection, hair and fiber analysis, forensic botany and body farm, DNA evidence, and fingerprinting. Second semester they launch into forensic toxicology, ballistics, counterfeiting and forgery, casts and impressions, forensic entomology, death, and forensic anthropology.

In addition, the classes are a platform for discussions about social justice issues. Speakers from the Center for Wrongful Convictions have come to talk to the students about their sentencing and how forensic analysis reversed their convictions.

One man went to prison based on blood that police planted on his shoes, evidence that was later overturned. Another man was convicted of a double homicide despite the fact he was in police custody when the murders took place. “Many of our kids are [age] 18, and we

remind them they can vote for judges,” observed Miller-Berry.

Chicago is a sweet spot for ETHS students who want to pursue forensic science in college. Loyola University-Chicago is one of 16 U.S. universities accredited to offer a bachelor’s degree in forensic science, and the University of Illinois-Chicago offers a master’s program in the field.

Studying forensic science can have broad application in later life. Law enforcement, medicine, computer forensics, engineering science, psychology, and physical anthropology are just some fields that are grounded in forensic science.

And while the students may not go into forensics as a career, observed Miller-Berry, “they all are U.S. citizens and could be called for jury duty” where what they have studied could come into play.

## Alumni mini-grants boost student learning

Last fall, the ETHS Alumni Association board approved a variety of mini-grants requested by teachers and staff to enhance their classroom curricula and extracurricular activities.

Academic-related grants went to Science, English, Physical Education, and Fine Arts teachers.

- One grant supported a two-day Storytelling Workshop, where sophomore English students shared stories about themselves with peers, and was designed to build their skills and confidence in public speaking.

- Another grant allowed the ETHS Dance Company to bring in two Tahitian/Hawaiian dance professionals to teach and expose students to the cultural significance of Polynesian dancing.

- A mini-grant went to the ETHS Travel Club to help underwrite the cost of a trip to Colorado for students who may not have the means or opportunities to travel.

- See related stories about three more grants: one to a science teacher to support research in

animal behaviorism; another to the Fine Arts department to help send the ETHS Wind Symphony to the National Concert Band Festival; and one to the Forensic Science program.

The mini-grants, each approximately \$1,000, sometimes more depending on the need, come from the Alumni Association’s budget. While the association no longer collects dues from ETHS alums, the board chose to use the balance to help support educational needs, particularly when academic budgets are stretched thin.

## Letter to the Editor

I have just finished reading the latest edition of *The KIT* newsletter. I am always grateful for news regarding my alma mater. I was particularly interested in the Superintendent’s Letter pertaining to the school’s efforts to improve “black male” achievement.

As an African American black male, I was somewhat taken aback by the use of the term “black male” by Superintendent Witherspoon to identify African American males.

Within white cultural identity structure there exists a definitive chasm between blacks and whites that existed since and before my time as a student at ETHS in the mid ’50s.

I am a survivor of that system of identity distinction that was pervasive within the institution under the leadership of then Superintendent Lloyd Michael. For most black males it was a track system

designed to direct them into the trades rather than higher education and achievement.

It is ultimately encouraging to read nearly 60 years after my matriculation from this august institution about an initiative to focus on “Black male achievement.” That Dr. Witherspoon exclaims “We are on a learning curve” seems somehow belated, however encouraging.

Terrence Samuel Jr. ’60

## Alumni Assn. Board seeks applicants

Interested in serving on the ETHS Alumni Association Board? The Alumni Association is looking for a few good Board candidates to fill some open seats. If you are interested, please send a letter and tell us something about yourself (see criteria below). All members share an equal general responsibility to fulfill the mission and ensure the organization operates as effectively as possible. The following list reflects the scope of responsibilities shared by Board members to accomplish the goals of the Association.

### ETHS Alumni Association Board members:

- Promote ETHS, the Alumni Association and its mission.
- Commit to a three-year Board term.
- Attend and participate in all Board functions, including four Board meetings per year.
- Ensure the financial stability of the Association by assisting in membership expansion.
- Participate as a contributing member.
- Promote active member involvement in Association work.

Please send your information to:

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Evanston, IL 60201

# Wildkit Sports—Fall, Winter

Team success and individual achievement dominated the headlines for Evanston's 2018-19 athletic program, beginning in the fall when senior **Lucy Hogan** earned a state championship in diving and continuing in the winter when senior **Ramin Abraham** brought home a state title in wrestling.

Evanston's football team posted the best regular season record since 1998 and the boys' basketball team tied a school single season record for wins while earning state runner-up honors in the Class 4A state tournament in March.

## FALL 2018

### GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

Evanston Hall of Famer **Lona Foss Bradford '81** sent Lucy Hogan and Jamie Otwell text messages wishing the two divers good luck prior to the IHSA state diving and swimming finals held at ETHS. Hogan joined Foss as the only Wildkit female divers to earn state championships, piling up 450.90 points and pulling away from a talented field to cap a perfect season for the Evanston standout.

Hogan broke through to claim the state crown after 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finishes as both a freshman and a sophomore. Only Foss, a three-time diving titlist beginning in 1978, has won gold medals previously for the Wildkits. Hogan's win marked the first individual state crown for an ETHS competitor in the pool since **Jane Munro '10** captured the 100-yard backstroke title in 2008. A U. of Michigan recruit, Hogan has taken down just about every record Foss set during her heyday at ETHS but was still impressed when she heard from the former Evanston great.

### FOOTBALL

No one wearing an Evanston uniform saw this one coming.

The Wildkits committed a shocking five turnovers in the opening round of

the Class 8A state football playoffs and suffered another first-round exit, bowing to Edwardsville 44-27 at Evanston's Lazier Field. An opportunistic Tigers' team returned three interceptions for touchdowns and also forced a pair of fumbles against a disappointed ETHS squad that rarely turned the ball over during *the best regular season for the program in the past 20 years*. Evanston, the No. 10 seed in the 8A bracket, ended with a 7-3 record.

"I'm stunned and shocked, like all of you guys," said Evanston head coach Mike Burzawa in the team's final post-game huddle of the season. "We didn't expect this --- and it hurts."

### BOYS' SOCCER

Saint Patrick's soccer team proved they could play with the big boys, and they proved it at Evanston's expense. The Shamrocks, who moved up from Class 2A to Class 3A this season for the state tournament, scored a 2-1 victory over the host Wildkits at the Evanston Sectional tournament and snapped Evanston's string of sectional championships at three in a row.

"This is a tough one to take," said Evanston coach **Franz Calixte '89** adding: "This was a valiant effort by our guys tonight. You've got to put away the chances you get, and we didn't do that. But we didn't give up, right until the very end, and this is a group of fighters."

### GIRLS' TENNIS

Evanston seniors Margot Connor and Annie Hedges bowed out of the Class 2A state tournament, but not before taking one more step down the tournament path than they did a year ago. A 6-2, 6-4 doubles loss to Glenbard West in a consolation bracket match left the ETHS duo with a 2-2 tournament record. Head coach Joyce Anderson reunited the pair at midseason and watched them achieve a rare feat for an ETHS doubles team, qualifying for State together for the

second year in a row. It marked the sixth straight season that the Wildkit girls' tennis program has sent qualifiers to the state tournament in either singles or doubles play.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Max Peterson and Abigail Osterlund of Evanston both turned in personal best performances over three miles at the Class 3A state cross country finals held in Peoria. Peterson, a junior, broke 15 minutes for the first time in his career. He was clocked in 14:56.31 on his way to a 35<sup>th</sup> place overall finish. In the girls' 3A competition, Osterlund's PR of 17:47.67 was good for 61<sup>st</sup> place in the field.

### BOYS' GOLF

Thanks to the intervention by Mother Nature in the first round of play --- in the form of a freak snowstorm in Central Illinois --- every single golfer participating in the Class 3A state tournament received the ultimate mulligan. Evanston's Tommy Barbato, a senior, was one of those who made the most of his "do over" opportunity. Barbato, a senior, earned a tie for 31<sup>st</sup> place in the individual standings, one of the best

## WINTER 2019

### WRESTLING

As a junior, Ramin Abraham was thrilled just to wind up on the bottom step of the awards podium for the 220-pound wrestling class at the state-wrestling tournament in Champaign. This year Abraham completed his climb to the top. He defeated Demarco Lee of Lake Park 4-3 in the Class 3A 220-pound title bout and claimed Evanston's first individual state championship on the mat since 2010, and just the 12<sup>th</sup> in the history of the ETHS program. Abraham polished off a perfect 53-0 season with four straight wins downstate, establishing a new school single-season record for victories and extending a winning streak of 54 that dates back to his 5<sup>th</sup> place



Ann Tarpey photo

**ETHS boys' basketball team after winning the 2019 Super Sectional Championship. They went on to place 2<sup>nd</sup> at state.**

finish at the state finals as a junior. He's one of a group of just five Evanston wrestlers to earn multiple state medals.

Records show that Abraham is only the second Evanston grappler to qualify for the state finals three years in a row, matching **Mike Greiner '58**, who accomplished that feat from 1956-58 and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at 127 pounds as a senior. Brothers Rafael and Ricardo Salinas, sons of head coach Rudy Salinas, also qualified for Champaign.

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Evanston's basketball team took one step farther on the state tournament trail this year, but there was no denying Class 4A defending state champion Belleville West. The Maroons scored a 71-59 victory over the Wildkits, becoming the first big-school champion to repeat since Chicago Simeon in 2012-13. A second-half comeback by the determined Maroons — who trailed by double digits in the first half — spoiled Evanston's title bid. And the tears flowed freely in the aftermath for the Wildkits, who were hoping to improve on last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> place State finish by bringing home a title to match the legendary 1968 team. Instead, Coach Mike Ellis's squad fell one win short of their season-long goal despite tying the school single-season record for victories (set by the 1984 State runners-up) and finishing a memorable campaign with a final record of 32-5.

The 'Kits brought home their 6<sup>th</sup> State trophy

overall, after reaching the Final Four in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history. Besides the 1968 state title, ETHS finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1984, 3<sup>rd</sup> in both 2008 and 2018, and 4<sup>th</sup> in 2003.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Evanston's girls almost shocked the basketball world in the championship game of the Evanston Sectional tournament. But the Wildkits's upset bid died at the free throw line and undefeated Maine West escaped with a 55-50 overtime victory on its way to the Class 4A state championship. The Warriors took advantage of five missed free throws in the overtime period.

### BOYS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

One glance at the competition during warmups for the diving competition on the final day of the state finals told Trevor Nelson all he needed to know. The Evanston senior saw that rivals Jack Williams of Homewood-Flossmoor and defending state champion Kevin Sullivan of Downers Grove North were about to bring the "A" game to the last three dives of the season. So Nelson adjusted his own goals and climbed to a final 3<sup>rd</sup> place State finish, capping a brilliant career and becoming the first ETHS diver ever to surpass the 500-point plateau at State. Classmate Henry Goodman added an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish after wiping out on his final attempt, accounting all 14 of Evanston's points in the team race. The Wildkits finished 22<sup>nd</sup> overall.

by Dennis Mahoney  
Sports Information Director

# Reunion Roundup

## First Chess Reunion draws over 50 ETHS alumni

On October 27, ETHS room W127 was the site of a very unique chess tournament. The first known Alumni vs. Current Students' tournament took place with over 50 participants. Alumni from each decade from the 1960s to the 2010s attended as did current and retired coaches.



graduates and one of slightly older alumni.

Lunch was served before the meet and great conversations took place among all the attendees. While the event took several hours to play out, many of the alumni stayed and played well into the evening.

Lewandowski mentioned some of the statistics about the program. ETHS has a record in state tournament play of 207-55-2, which is almost 80% of matches ending in victories. The next closest is Niles North which has 173 wins out of 232 matches played, a 72% victory rate. The 'Kits have six State Championships, three 2<sup>nd</sup>-place trophies, and have finished 3<sup>rd</sup> twice. We have also scored highly at national tournaments.

*By Phil Wong '69*

**Phil Wong '69** created the impetus for the event when he ran into fellow 1969 classmate and Alumni Association Executive Director **David Futransky**. Both had been in the same 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Walker School during the initial year of that school's history. Phil asked how we were going to celebrate the first time that ETHS went to a national chess tourney in 1968.

After working with current coach Keith Holzmueller and retired coach Ken Lewandowski, the ETHS alumni office was able to create a list of hundreds of Wildkits who participated in the Chess program over the years. Almost 50 returned to play against eight members of the current Chess squad and the whole group divided into two teams – one of current and recent

## Class of '79 to celebrate 40<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion July 4-7, 2019

The Class of '79 has planned a three-day, fun-filled, something for everyone experience this July to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup>-year class reunion

### EVENTS

#### Thursday, July 4.

Participation in the Evanston 4th of July Parade. Needed: Coordinator(s) and participants! Class reunion t-shirts will be available on July 3rd and the morning of July 4th for pick-up!

**Friday, July 5. Family Friendly Picnic** at Evanston Lakefront. Needed: Face painters, game organizers, and all-around fun-loving folks! T-shirts available for pick-up. — *Meet-and-Greet* at Candlelite Chicago, 7452 N. Western Ave., in Chicago. From 7pm til the bar closes at 3am. T-shirts available for pick-up.

#### Saturday, July 6.

Adults-only, semi-formal Buffet Dinner & Dance with cocktail hour at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago North Shore in Skokie (9599 Skokie Blvd.). From 6-11pm. Cash bar, silent auction, raffle, and class photo. All proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will go to the high school

as part of class gift.

**Sunday, July 7.** Memorial service for deceased classmates, 10am, location TBD. Please submit the names of persons that should be memorialized.

### ACCOMODATIONS

The Doubletree has blocked 15 rooms for July 5 and July 6, single or double at \$135 per night plus tax. Make reservations directly to the hotel; you are responsible for all costs and incidentals. **Code:** Evanston Township High School 40th Year Reunion. Remember, rates are subject to change.

### COST

The \$100 per person reunion fee covers the cost of: 4th of July Parade participation, Family Friendly Picnic, Semi-Formal Reunion Dinner Dance with class photo, and the reunion t-shirt.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

**OPTION 1:** PayPal ~ Go to [paypal.me/ETHS79Reunion](http://paypal.me/ETHS79Reunion)

**OPTION 2:** RSVPify ~ Go to <http://ethsclassof79reunion.rsvpify.com>

**OPTION 3:** Cheryl Green or [Karine Smith Joseph](mailto:Karine_Smith_Joseph) attn: Class of '79 Reunion P. O. Box 6370 Evanston, IL 60204-6370

The reunion committee is looking for volunteers to help in a number of ways. All information about the reunion and opportunities to reconnect with classmates can be found on our Facebook page: **Evanston Township High School Class of 1979**

Should you have any questions, concerns, and/or additional information you may contact the following persons directly:

**Registration/Payments:** Ohan Kedjidjian – [ohank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ohank@sbcglobal.net)

Cheryl Green – [revclg79@gmail.com](mailto:revclg79@gmail.com)

**Picnic:** Kevin E. Lee – [klee1231239@gmail.com](mailto:klee1231239@gmail.com) or [klee23239@gmail.com](mailto:klee23239@gmail.com)

**Dinner Dance:** Karine Smith Joseph – [Karine\\_915@yahoo.com](mailto:Karine_915@yahoo.com)

Cheryl Green – [revclg79@gmail.com](mailto:revclg79@gmail.com)

**Silent Auction/Raffle:** Karine Smith Joseph – [Karine\\_915@yahoo.com](mailto:Karine_915@yahoo.com)

## Class of '56 holds 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party

Born in 1938, or thereabouts, members of the ETHS Class of '56 last October jointly celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Highlighting their weekend were two events, both of which occurred at their Four Score Birthday Dinner at the Segal Visitors Center on Northwestern U's lake-front campus in Evanston.

Classmate **Gordon Segal** and his wife Carol donated the funds to build this addition to NU. At the dinner, they lead off the evening by relating the background to their founding of their Crate & Barrel retail chain and their gratitude to NU that prompted their donations for the Segal center.

What a delight. Segal was among the initial winners of the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winner, and the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday attendees saw why.

After dinner, former ETHS athletic trainer and social studies teacher Gordon



"Doc" Hoke (above photo) recalled how many '56ers hung out in his training room off Beardsley Gym's locker rooms before and after practices and how he came to enjoy his frosh/soph '56 students who sought his advice on how to navigate the straight and narrow as they negotiated the rigors of high school at Evanston.

What a guy at age 94, and perhaps the last surviving faculty member to mentor such thick-headed students and athletes.

*By D. Sidney Condit, '56*

### Class of '68 holds a "mini" in June

The ETHS Class of 1968 will hold a "mini-51<sup>st</sup> get-together" in Evanston on June 29. It will be held on the Evanston lakefront. Details to follow on the Alumni Relations/Reunion Page of ETHS's web site

### Class of '74's 45th this July

The ETHS Class of 1974 is organizing a 45th reunion for the summer of 2019. Reunion dates will be Thursday, July 25, through Sunday, July 28. A variety of events are planned and more information can be found at the class website: [www.eths1974.com](http://www.eths1974.com) or email Kate Morand: [kate@eths1974.com](mailto:kate@eths1974.com)

## Class of '70 to hold its 50<sup>th</sup> in 2020

"It's been a long time since high school," says Steve Hoffenberg, Class of 1970 contact, but the planning for the class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2020 has already begun.

The reunion will be on Saturday, September 12, 2020. The weekend will kick off with a get-together on Friday, September 11, at Moretti's in Morton Grove. Saturday night's festivities will be at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Skokie.

The class website is [eths1970.org](http://eths1970.org). Classmates are asked to go on there to register for the reunion. Details about the reunion will be on this site as well as on Facebook.

Hoffenberg says, "Anything else you need from me or any questions, please call me at (847) 727-1443 or contact me by email [joyven@mac.com](mailto:joyven@mac.com)."

### Class of '89's 30<sup>th</sup> on July 6, 2019

Next year, the '89 class will cruise Lake Michigan on The Spirit of Chicago for its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion. Boarding at Navy Pier at 12 noon; cruising from 12:30 – 2:30pm. For more information, contact [mwstaine@yahoo.com](mailto:mwstaine@yahoo.com).

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## Class of '64 holds 55th reunion next fall

It's official! '64 classmates will hold their 55th Class Reunion Friday, September 13, and Saturday, September 14, 2019. They will be lunching at Hackney's on Lake on Friday, "Meeting and Greeting" on Friday night, and enjoying a buffet dinner on Saturday night. Saturday afternoon there will be a walking tour of downtown Evanston. Details will follow as the committee gets everything organized. Questions? Contact **Kathy Dalgety Miehl '64** at [kathymiehls@yahoo.com](mailto:kathymiehls@yahoo.com). Check the Class of '64 website for periodic updates.

## 10<sup>th</sup>-year reunion for Class of '09 in July

The ETHS Class of 2009 is holding a 10<sup>th</sup>-year reunion on July 6 and 7, 2018.

### Saturday, July 6, from 8-11pm

Join your classmates at Moe's Cantina River North (155 W. Kinzie St, in Chicago) where your ticket will include an open bar and light appetizers. Significant others are welcome to attend.

Go to <https://evanston09reunion.eventbrite.com>. Ticket

price will increase on May 31st, and once again at the door, so purchase soon!

### Sunday, July 7 beginning at 1pm

Join your classmates again for a family-friendly BBQ at Lovelace Park in Evanston! \$20 for food, beverage, games & fun! Please send to **paypal.me/eths09**

For more information contact **Taylor Gendel** ([taylorgendel@gmail.com](mailto:taylorgendel@gmail.com)).

### Class of '59 event coming up soon

The Class of 1959 will hold an informal dinner in Evanston on June 11 to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The place is still to be determined. For more information, contact **Pauline Bentley** at [p-bentley@northwestern.edu](mailto:p-bentley@northwestern.edu).

### Class of '84 holds 35<sup>th</sup> this fall

September 27-29, 2019  
HOMECOMING WEEKEND

For information go to:

EventBrite: <https://ethsclassof1984reunion.eventbrite.com>

FaceBook group: Evanston Township High School 1984 35th Reunion

Contact Email: [84ETH-S35threunion@gmail.com](mailto:84ETH-S35threunion@gmail.com)

## Class of '69's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion this fall

### SAVE THE DATES for the Class of 1969's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion — September 13-15, 2019

- Sept. 13 Pizza party at the Frisbee Center
- Sept. 14 Tour and lunch at ETHS
- Sept. 14 Big Reunion Party - Indoor Picnic at Evanston's Levy Center
- Sept. 15- Various locations - Events being finalized

### SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Register now at [eths1969.myevent.com](https://eths1969.myevent.com). The information to register, pay, and see who is coming is at this site. There's a blog for general comments and a place to add your picture and update our class about yourself. If you know any classmates who have passed away, please contact **Tom Horne** [tomhorne@icloud.com](mailto:tomhorne@icloud.com).

### TALENT REQUESTED

We would like to have a few Saturday afternoon activities at ETHS. **David Dolkart** has volunteered for a photo show, and **Judy Friedman** has volunteered for Zumba.

Any other talented volunteers out there? Musicians for a jam session? Political junkies for a lively discussion? Actors for debating theater today? Just some ideas...

If you would like to get involved, contact **David Futransky** [futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us) or [eths1969@gmail.com](mailto:eths1969@gmail.com). We need volunteers for the Sunday events.

# Class Notes

## 1940s



**Katherine (Kay) Manion O'Sullivan '43** will celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in June 2019. She posted "I am a writer and live in Houston Texas. I was married in 1946, have 7 children (one deceased) and 13 grandchildren. My best friends at ETHS and throughout my life have passed on, but I still enjoy the ETHS news. Carry on."

**Todd (Tage) Olson '42**, passed away in January 2019. On June 6, 2013, he was awarded the Bronze Star by John Scocos, Wisconsin Cabinet Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

**George H. Wight '41** checked in. He says: "After graduation in '41 I entered the Engineering college at U of Wisc.-Madison for a couple of years. Then I went into the Navy for 2 years & 9mos, the last two years spent on a Fletcher class 'tin can' in the South Pacific operations. After discharge, I got married (to a New Trier girl) and we got me a BSME degree from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. When we got home I got a job at Underwriters Laboratories in Chicago and Northbrook and worked there until I retired in 1988. Moved to Kendall Co. in 1997 and have been here ever since. It's much better than Cook County."

## 1950s

**Philip Klein '59** wrote to say: "I was born before WWII started. Because of the guidance I got from ETHS, I was the first person in my family to graduate college, U. of Illinois-Chicago, Class of '68. I worked in management for American Airlines for 40 years and retired in 2006. My wife and I live in a small home in a retirement community in Elgin, IL."

**Kent Johnson '50**, who played Nanki Poo in an ETHS production of *The Mikado* in February 1950 (at rt.), is still producing and directing theatre in the Seattle area in his 80's, according to his '50s classmate **Dick Stickrod**, who played Pish Tush in that production and sent the photo of Johnson.

On Nov. 14, 2018, *The Wall Street Journal* ran a feature article about **Dan Peterson '53** (photo below) who carved out a legendary basketball coaching career in Italy. "The Coach Who Changed the NBA from Italy" chronicles Peterson's rise to fame as "one of the most overlooked, influential figures in the history of the sport because he didn't play or coach in the NBA. He's been overseas for almost his entire career."



## 1970s

**Ed Hartman '75** moved to Seattle in 1979 after getting his Bachelor of Music degree from the Indiana University School of Music. He has been busy ever since performing as a percussionist (Yamaha Artist) in the Pacific Northwest. In 2017, Ed and his wife, Candace, closed "The Drum Exchange," in Seattle after 25 years of business and community support. He continues to teach privately, and compose music for film, television and media. His music has been heard in major motion pictures, including, *The Blind Side* and *Scooby Doo! The Mystery Begins*, *The Cold Light of Day*, *Surviving Christmas*, *The Pirates of Somalia*, *Spirit of the Game*, *A Different Sun*, *Cool It*, *Mini's First Time*, and many more. Ed also scores music for features and short films, and has recently finished *As the Earth Turns*,



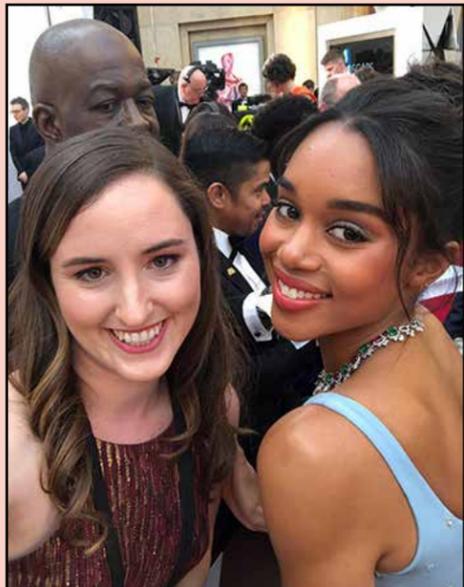
a 1938 silent film that was never released. It is now working its way through film-festivals world-wide. Ed's music has also been on television, including: *Revenge*, *Motive* (ABC), *'Twas the Night*, *Big Love* (HBO), *Lucifer*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* (FOX), *Passions* (NBC), *Let's Make a Deal* (CBS), *Greek* (ABC Family), *Emeril Green* (GREEN), *Nature*, *Gourmet Adventures with Ruth* (PBS), and many more. Ed considers his time at ETHS tremendously important to his music career, and sincerely thanks the music department, especially Don (Doc) Owens, for creating such an outstanding jazz, new music, and electronic music program. To follow Ed Hartman, go to [edhartmanmusic.com](http://edhartmanmusic.com)



This past spring, **Howard Rubin '71** (photo above) was inducted into the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Since its inception as an IHSA sport in 1959, less than 60 coaches have been inducted. Howard joins former ETHS coaches Jerry Fontana and Ron Walden on the Wall of Fame. ETHS now shares the highest number of coaches inducted with three coaches. He was a member of a conference champion, and a third-place team at the IHSA State Meet. He credits his high school experience as an inspiration for his career as a teacher and

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## ETHS alumni go to the Oscars



Marianna Brady '09 (at l.) and Laura Harrier '08

It was a special Red Carpet moment when two ETHS alumnae—actress **Laura Harrier '08** and journalist **Marianna Brady '09**—met up at the Oscars on February 24.

Harrier played a starring role in Spike Lee's Oscar-winning *BlackKkKlansman*. Her character, Patrice Dumas, a fierce black activist and girlfriend of lead character Ron Stallworth who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan, received critical acclaim in the media.

This is her second major role in two years. In 2018, she played Liz Allen, Peter Parker's (aka Spider Man) girlfriend in *Spider Man: Homecoming*. Following a brief career in modeling after ETHS, she attended William

Esper Studio Acting School in NYC, where she lives. Her acting career also includes appearances on TV favorite *One Life to Live*, as well as other films.

Brady, a journalist, has worked for the BBC News for the past two years as the North American Audience Engagement & Social Media Producer, as well as a news writer in Washington, DC, and London, England.

In 2017, she earned her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University, and since then has worked as a video producer for the Voice of America and as an investigative reporter for the Medill Justice Project, among many other media-related positions.

coach. Now retired, Howard was a social studies teacher at Oak Lawn and Schaumburg High Schools. He and his wife **Cheri (Irons '71)** live in Arlington Heights, IL.

## 1980s

**Doug Jones '83** has written three books—*Nowhere to Go*, *Disco Inferno!*, and *Since Costa Rica*—the last of which was just released. He is currently living in LA and was divorced a few years ago. About 2-3 years ago, he reconnected with his elementary school girlfriend **Angie Tate (also '83)** who lives in Evanston and who has two children that graduated from ETHS and a third that is currently in attendance. Doug and Angie are now engaged (he proposed

at a famous yearly party that happens the Friday after Thanksgiving every year). He will be moving to Evanston this summer and the wedding is in August.

**Alicia Bjornson '84**, Resource Interpretive Specialist/Historian, State of New Jersey, shared some great news about a project she developed at Wharton State Forest. The program works with special-needs students in a community-based education initiative at the Vineland High School Life Skills Program that helps students with individualized education programs learn life skills and function independently. Alicia not only helped the students develop a living interest in history, but also was instrumental in helping the program obtain a

\$10,000 grant to purchase a commercial greenhouse for the students to help them be more successful. "ETHS does it again," says Alicia. "I'm grateful for the education, the life lessons which allow students to grow, and the knowledge that everything works better with teamwork."

## 1990s

**R. Scott Rochelle '99** was recently named CEO of the Chicago-based National Basketball Retired Players Association, a nonprofit resource for former pro basketball players adjusting to life after their playing careers. The 37-year-old Evanston native and former Querrey & Harrow attorney oversees programs serving the association's nearly 1,000 members, who range in age from 28 to 94 and in stature from Michael Jordan to players who were briefly on an NBA roster. Scott, whose dad, Rich, played for the 1963 national champion Loyola University Chicago basketball team, lives in Evanston with his wife, Janelle. Scott served on the ETHS school board from 2011-15.

## 2000



**Erica Tuke '08** (above photo) was among 32 Illinois high-school teachers who were named finalists (out of more than 550 nominations, including ETHS teacher Corey Winchester) for the 2019 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. She teaches at Highland Park High School.

Talented singer **Jessie Arlen '06** has a new song and performance collaboration with the artist *Big Wild* that was just released. The *Big Wild* album is called *Superdream*, and Jessie's song is track #5 called *Alley-oop*. Feel free to share the link: <https://soundcloud.com/bigwild>.

## ETHS grad honored by Evanston



Alexis Harris-Dyer '18

During Black History Month in February, the City of Evanston highlighted Black Evanstonians who have made an impact in the local community. **Alexis Harris-Dyer '18** was among those honored.

Born and raised in Evanston, Alexis has been passionate about community service since she was a child, joining her family in a wide variety of service projects that benefit the community.

She has also been active in local theater productions since grade school including Mudlark, ETHS, Fleetwood-Jourdain, and now at Illinois State University, where

she studies acting and volunteers at community kitchens.

Alexis has received numerous awards for her community service and leadership, including nine UNITY scholarships and an NAACP community-service award.

She is a 2018 Chessman Club Scholar, the first female recipient of the Dajae Coleman Foundation Achievement Award, a High Distinction Graduate from ETHS, National Honor Society Member, and an Honorable Mention recipient in Visual Arts for the League of Women Voters Constitution Contest.

**Seth Simmons '04** owns a new screen-printing and apparel- design business called Fresh Prints of Evanston that produces t-shirts, hats, tote-bags and other apparel needs. He was awarded an entrepreneurial grant by the City of Evanston earlier this year. He is a

graduate of the Sunshine Business Academy and a new member of the Black Business Consortium and the West Village Business Association. Check out [Freshprintsofevanston.com](http://Freshprintsofevanston.com); [freshprintsof847@gmail.com](mailto:freshprintsof847@gmail.com); or at 847-736-8938.

## Dinner in the Desert, Part 2

Five Class of 1964 classmates gathered on March 14, in Cave Creek, AZ, (Phoenix suburb) for a second mini-reunion. **Mark** and Dale **Goldman** generously again offered their home as the meeting place, with appetizers and then Chicago pizza from Lou Malnati's (just opened in Scottsdale). Lots of good conversation and great friendship. Even the political discussions were civil. Looking forward to a third dinner in the desert next year.



In attendance were (from l. to rt.) Fred Brostoff (and his wife, Shelly), Mark Goldman (and wife, Dale), Jay Siegall, Babs Drew Spero, and Phil Kaplan (and wife, Jan).

# In Memory

## 1930s

Beatrice Frear Hunt, 1935, 4/3/2017

Arthur "Art" Wade, 1936, 8/29/2018

Jeanne Welles Sturgeon, 1936, late 2018

Susan Crim Sturgeon, 1936, 10/18/2018

Ray Schultz, 1938, June 2010

Nancy Louise Arthur Gill, 1939, 12/14/2018

## 1940s

Margaret Barnum Johnson, 1940, 2/10/2019

Dorothy Mary Strong Carter, 1940, died in 2017

Ardis Dechman Coninx, 1941, 1/31/2019

Todd (Tage) O. Olson, 1942, 1/20/2019

Marion Jackman Ware, 1942, 1/23/17

Frances Jackman Tension, 1943, 7/28/18

Jean Charlotte Larson Smith, 1943, 6/3/2018

P. Richard Klein, 1945, 9/17/2018

Richard C. Labahn, 1947, died October 2018

Lewis E. Medlin Jr., 1948, 7/29/2016

Bernice Ransom, 1948, 8/14/18

Ann Billington Schmitt, 1949, 12/2/2018

Ernest W. Karge, 1949, 11/6/2018

Herbert William Laffoon Jr., 1949, died August 2009

Frederick J. Tritschler, 1949, 9/3/2017

## 1950s

Barbara Hobart Mitten, 1950, 10/6/18

Barbara Hohn Bunescu, 1950, 3/21/19

Marta Downie Zipperer, 1950, 10/10/18

Arden Schade Orr, 1950, March 2019

Anna Williams, 1951, 1/16/19

Jane Stegen Schultek, 1951, 8/30/2018

John Clyde Stewart Jr., 1952, died in 2015

Bob Hiatt, 1953, 2/2018

Sydney Pond, 1953, 2/11/2019

Harry S. Omartian, 1954, 11/7/2018

William A. "Bill" Gifford Jr., 1954, 12/25/2018

Mary Helen Ayars Ray, 1954, 9/23/17

Helen Engberg Stoner, 1955, 9/2018

David Harms, 1955, 1/23/2019

Theodore K. Schulte, 1955, 7/16/2018

Lillie Patton Goodson, 1956, 10/26/2018

Sharon Jean Lenz Hanusin, 1956, 12/27/2018

Robert Lee Wadsworth, 1956, 1/20/2019

Karen Huber Fair, 1957, 1/2/2019

Stephen Cameron Ryner, 1958, 5/2/2018

Janet Dee Lundreng Engerman, 1958, 3/11/2018

Wesley Gilbert, 1959, 3/17/19

## 1960s

Antoinette "Toni" Fields Knodel, 1960, 4/12/2014

Charles Keith, 1962, 12/9/2018

William "Bill" Minear, 1964, 12/31/2018

Russell Ekeblad, 1964, 12/12/2018

Howard Green, 1964, 12/31/2018

Lawrence R. Lawson, 1964, died in 2018

Monroe Walker Jr., 1965, 10/20/2018

Scott Flesch, 1966, 12/17/2017

Carol Lynn Thorn 1966, 2/25/2016

Steve Schultz, 1967, April 2018

Jan Veneziano Tilsen, 1967, December 2017

Arthur John Malancuk, Jr., 1967, 3/16/2019

Susan Hartman Murphy, 1967, 1/11/2018

Stephen Ellmann, 1968, 3/8/2019

Rick Hoover, 1968, 4/4/2019

Kenneth Cratty, 1969, 7/12/2017

Lisa Mosak McCormick, 1969, 1/1/19

Jim Trottier, 1969

Janet Schultz, 1969, September 2017

Lynette Hosman Carleton, 1969, 9/15/2017

## 1970s

Nancy S. Hultstrand, 1971, 10/2/17

Robin D. Phillips, 1973, 12/30/2018

Brian S. Gratch, 1979, November 2018

## 1980s

Larry Rosenbaum, 1980, March 2019

Kristin Kelly Chipman, 1981, 12/12/2018

Margaret Wageman McIntyre, 1984, 1/2/2019

Craig Karnatowski, 1984, 1/21/19

## 1990s

Adrian Willoughby, 1997, 1/28/2019

## 2000s

Lucas O'Bryen, 2004, 2/1/2016

## ETHS Faculty Members

**Sarah Goldberg**, long-time secretary in the Boltwood (West) School office, passed away on January 1. She worked for several people in Boltwood, including school principals **Denise Guillebeaux Martin '69** and William Branch, from 1978 to 2001.

**Curtis Paul Crotty**, ETHS English teacher, died on January 17 at age 80. He joined the ETHS faculty in 1964 and for 32 years taught all levels of English, including Advanced Placement, to juniors and seniors. Outside the classroom, Crotty, always interested in theater, developed the Writers' Showcase program, which adapts students' writing for the stage. He also co-advised an exchange program for students from Russia, helping to orient them to ETHS when they visited Evanston, and chaperoning the ETHS students when they went to Moscow. Crotty married ETHS colleague Mary Jane McNally, who taught Latin and Ancient Greek. Over the years, he helped her conduct many school field trips to Greece and Italy. He had a fond memory of his many students and could pull up their names and anecdotes about them whenever they happened to meet.

**Ardis Dechman Coninx '41**, a long-time member of the ETHS Alumni Association Board of Directors, died on January 31 at age 94. She joined the board in 1997 (two years after it was founded), and for the next 20 years, Coninx actively served on the board, attending meetings, lending her perspective to discussions, working at the many board-sponsored programs and activities, and volunteering to be its recording secretary for over 10 years. She also did data-entry for the alumni association for many years to keep the alumni database up to date.

Coninx grew up in Evanston. She attended Orrington, Haven, and then ETHS. After college, she worked as a librarian at ETHS for five years, stayed home to raise children, and returned to work as a librarian for 28 years at Lincoln Jr. High in Skokie. She lived at the Westminster Place retirement home in Evanston, where she also applied her library skills, and helped organize the Westminster Wildkits lunch bunch for the many retirees there who are also ETHS grads.

## Ed Sackley alive and well

**Edward Sackley '70** is currently starting another climb in Nepal. One of his last requests before starting his recent journey was for his classmate **Gary Laskin** to forward his wishes to correct a recent error when *The KIT* listed him as deceased. When they met in AZ at a West Coast reunion this winter, Ed and wife Jan were there! Below is a picture of the classmates at the Cubs Opener in Spring Training 2019 and should serve as Ed's proof of life.



Front row (l. to rt.): **Michael Menn**, **Gary Laskin**, **Gayle Cooper Baumgartner-Brown**, (husband William Fred Brown), (husband of **Cheryl Young-Fraley**, **Cheryl**. Back row (l to rt.): **Lori Stabner Hershman**, **Adrienne Rosenberg Laskin**, **Nancy Peterson** (and husband Dave), and **ED SACKLEY**.

[Editor's Note: The alumni office regrets the previous error in *The KIT*. Ed can be reached at [esackley@msn.com](mailto:esackley@msn.com).]



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With Wildkit gratitude,

Joanne Bertsche, Executive Director

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