

## Superintendent Eric Witherspoon to retire in June 2022

On September 13, Dr. Eric Witherspoon, ETHS Superintendent since July 2006, announced his retirement at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

A lifelong educator, Witherspoon has served as a school superintendent for more than 30 years. He began his career as a high school English teacher and went on to serve as director of a high school gifted education program, assistant principal, acting principal, and assistant superintendent.

Prior to Evanston, he was superintendent in Hobart and Indianapolis, IN, and in Des Moines, IA, where he was named Iowa Superintendent of the Year in 2001-02. During his ETHS tenure, he received several contract extensions by unanimous votes of the Board of Education.

### Improving outcomes for ETHS students

With equity and anti-racism as the hallmarks of his leadership, Witherspoon led the detracking and restructuring of the freshman experience and the acclaimed earned-honors model that increased rigor and expectations for all ETHS students.

Academic performance rose and enrollment in Advanced Placement courses grew, particularly among students of color. Over the years, the earned-honors model has been expanded to most ETHS courses.

During his tenure, when all Illinois students took the ACT until recently, ETHS's ACT results reached the highest level in the school's history for nine consecutive years. With a focus on career and college readiness, opportunities for students have expanded to prepare them for life after high school, including students in therapeutic day-school programs.

Under Witherspoon's leadership, ETHS has been consistently recognized by *U.S. News and World Reports* and *The Washington Post* as ranking in the top 2-3% of all high schools in the nation. The College Board also named ETHS one of the eight Inspiration Schools in America.

### Leading with transparency and honesty

A long-time proponent of equity in education, Witherspoon has worked with staff and board members to provide professional training using an equity lens to facilitate conversations about race and identity while re-examining policies, procedures, and practices.

During the Covid pandemic, ETHS continued to offer high-quality remote instruction and Witherspoon oversaw new and innovative ways to educate students. He helped ensure that all were informed as the district prioritized the safe reopening of the school.

### Fiscal responsibility and development

The district has achieved a balanced budget every year since Witherspoon came to ETHS, annually winning the top national budget and accounting awards, and receiving the coveted AAA bond rating.

Striking a balance between preserving ETHS's historic architecture and creating a 21st-Century learning environment, Witherspoon ensured that facility upgrades and long-term strategic initiatives benefit students for decades to come.

By careful fiscal planning and partnering with the ETHS Foundation and Alumni Association, he has focused on students having access to unprecedented resources.



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These include a Geometry in Construction site, science research center, literacy lab, science labs, planetarium upgrade, wellness center, athletics and physical education spaces, Central Library, entrepreneurship center, the Hub student success center, labs for auto technology, advanced manufacturing and engineering, and auditorium upgrades, along with increased energy efficiency, and other improvements. Developments in technology and communications have also made ETHS a model school district.

**Witherspoon** is widely known for being student-centered. Highly visible, he regularly connects with all students, all day long. Most days, he speaks with students in cafeterias and attends school events. He also works with community leaders and local organizations to increase

community involvement and mobilize efforts that amplify student voice.

"It's a great day to be a Wildkit" is more than a saying for Witherspoon; he embraces the special meaning of being part of the ETHS community.

**In addition to** sharing a brief video message with the staff, Witherspoon sent a video message (go to ETHS's website: eths.k12.il.us) to thank students, families, and the community for all of their support throughout his years at ETHS.

Witherspoon will continue to serve throughout this school year working to transition leadership after the school board selects a successor this fall. He plans to continue to reside in Evanston and take an active role in serving his beloved community.

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# Superintendent's Letter

## Three Examples of How ETHS Is Special and Extraordinary

As alumni of ETHS, many of you had experiences that confirmed for you how this school is a very special place, unique among high schools. As someone who has been "attending" ETHS for many years now, I will become a "sort-of alumnus" when I retire at the end of this school year.

I have been superintendent here the length of time needed to attend schools from grades 1-12, graduate from high school and then go on to graduate from college—16 cherished years at ETHS.

**Just as you** have probably reflected on your experiences at ETHS, I have been reflecting on my experiences and the many ways that ETHS stands apart from and ahead of other high schools. I could write a book about all the things that make ETHS special. But in the interest of keeping my remarks a reasonable length and sparing all of you, I have identified three examples that make it clear to me how special our high school is.

First, our school today is built on a foundation of achieving **EQUITY** and having the courage to lead antiracist work. We take responsibility to eliminate opportunity gaps by providing every student what they need to maximize their academic and personal success.

**In many** high schools, not all students have the opportunity and encouragement to take the most challenging and best courses. Today at ETHS, all students are taking advantage of our challenging courses and receiving the abundant supports that they each need to achieve.

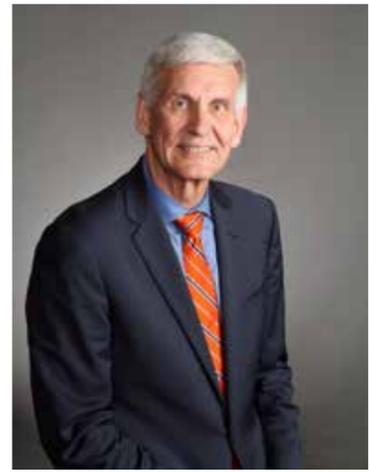
Our earned-honors system that is based on high expectations for all students motivates them to strive harder and reach higher. Today, over 80% of the students in each graduating class have taken at least one of our college-level courses by the time they graduate: Advanced Placement, Project Lead the Way, and dual-credit courses. The majority has taken many more than one high-level honors course.

Second, this is a **STUDENT CENTERED** school focused on student growth

and learning. ETHS taxpayers generously support our school for one reason: students. This school consistently goes the extra mile for students' wellbeing during their highly important developmental years. Their bodies and brains are growing, their cognitive abilities and executive functioning are growing, their knowledge and understanding of the world around them is growing, and their analytical and problem-solving skills are increasing.

**We believe** our responsibility is to provide them with more than they would receive at any other high school, and we value the many talents and gifts they each have. Students are far more than a score or a rank, and their achievements as human beings are measured and celebrated in many authentic ways.

Third, at ETHS we embrace one another, honoring individuality and differences as much as honoring how much we all have in common, a school where we are family. We value **LOVE AND BELONGING**. That may seem uncommon for a high school to nurture love, but it matters here.



ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon

For example, we acknowledge one another as we walk the hallways, visit the Hub (student center), relax in the cafeterias, and participate in classes and activities together. There is a feeling of belonging, a feeling of being loved by others here.

**Yes, acknowledging** each other for who we are and not taking one another for granted is embedded in our school culture. Imagine, at this school students often will say to me and to one another, "love you," and we reply, "love you." We express care and concern for one another, enjoying our interpersonal connections, individuality, diversity, and togetherness as affirmations of our own humanity.

So much more makes ETHS special and unique among high schools. My reflections are just three examples of today's ETHS, and I hope this gives you an idea of what this wonderful school is like in 2021-2022.

For each of you alumni, your individual and collective experiences reflect the era when you attended ETHS. Your reflections will not be identical to mine. But there is a common thread we all share through the generations. We are all Wildkits. We are all part of this enduring and meaningful legacy, and we can all affirm in our own way that ETHS is a very special place, an extraordinary school.

**It's a great day to be a Wildkit.**

## From the Alumni Association Executive Director

### Is the New Normal Really Normal?

When you get this copy of *The KIT*, the 1<sup>st</sup> semester at ETHS will be almost done. Almost 4,000 students and 600 faculty and staff are in the hallways of ETHS every day. The **NEW NORMAL** is that we all wear masks and almost all are vaccinated for Covid. Daily schedules have changed, and the **NEW NORMAL** is a block schedule. (Some

of us remember Modular Scheduling from the late 1960s and 1970s, but mods were not blocks.)

**One thing that** is not **NORMAL** is that when ETHS opens for the 2022-23 school year, there will be a new superintendent. Dr. Eric Witherspoon has announced he will retire at the end of June. Witherspoon has impacted close to 15,000 Wildkits during his 16-year tenure at



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ETHS. That is close to 20% of all of our alumni.

Eric and I had a lengthy conversation about his time as our superintendent in the October video of *Coming Together* which can be found on the ETHS YouTube webpage: [youtube.com/user/ethswildkit](https://youtube.com/user/ethswildkit) This joins our every-increasing library of

conversations with alumni about topics of interest such as: Finding a job in a pandemic, The Olympics with some of our alums who have participated in past Olympics, the Peace Corps, the Electoral College, and many others. Our conversation touched on many areas of growth and achievement. We talked about opportunities and legacies. I hope you will take the time to watch and listen, and, I am always looking for more topics that might interest our alumni.

**We are returning to** **NORMAL** in a number of areas. Our fall sports teams are off to great starts and for the first time in a number of years we celebrated a victory over the football team from the high school located to the north of us.

ETHS celebrated Homecoming with a significant win over New Trier, and our students celebrated the **NEW NORMAL** with a Formal Homecoming Dance under a tent in the senior courtyard, wearing masks as they danced.

**Another sign** of **NORMAL** is the return of our Distinguished Alumni Awards. We did not honor any grads with this award in 2020-21 because of Covid. A large part of our award process is the connection with our senior class. There is a separate article about those chosen for this honor in 2021-22 and our plans for celebration. I am hopeful that this is an area where we can return to the **OLD NORMAL**.

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# ETHS transitions back to full-time reopening

It finally happened! On August 16, ETHS reopened school to students, full-time and in person.

In March 2020, due to the pandemic, all Illinois schools switched to remote learning from home. Following the Covid science, ETHS administrators chose to continue with remote learning until spring of 2021. As Covid metrics declined and vaccinations increased, on April 14, ETHS went to a hybrid model—part remote, part in-person—for the rest of the school year.

**In-person** learning began on a smaller scale with the opening of summer school. Approximately 1,200 students attended—wearing masks and sitting in desks three-feet apart—including 600 incoming freshmen in orientation classes.

But this fall, school is much different from business as usual. Given the difficult year experienced by the entire ETHS family—Covid, economic loss, racial trauma, enforced isolation, and loss of life—much thought went into meeting the needs of the affected individuals: the students, their families, teachers, and staff. And having everyone return to a space that is humane, built on a “foundation of love, empathy, and support,” is the New Normal, said Dr. Marcus Campbell, Asst. Supt./Principal.

**The most dramatic** changes include:

- Wearing a mask throughout the day inside the school (**Alicia Hart '99**, New Student Transition Coordinator, designed the masked Willie)
- Using a block schedule to provide larger amounts of instructional time for more experiential, hands-on learning (85-minute blocks/periods)
- Fewer disruptions and transitions each day (10-minute passing periods)
- Eliminating semester exams to allow more teaching time and less stress for learning
- Clearing all detentions and tardies from students' records to give them a clean start when they return
- Focusing on restorative vs. punitive practices regarding discipline that help students take responsibility for their own learning.

**But, the** humanizing efforts, rooted in equity, are equally important and long lasting. Students returned to school with varying degrees of emotional disconnection, so a primary focus has been on their care and wellbeing, building relationships and a sense of belonging, and creating community in the classroom—efforts that will be embedded in the curriculum. In addition, teachers will be supported throughout the school year as they help students

reintegrate into school and thrive during the year.

Outreach to students and families of color and acknowledging their feelings of trauma are particularly important. Efforts will continue to help these students and their families reconnect with school through home visits and personal phone calls. Campbell has also convened a group of partner organizations, including District 65 and Northwestern University, to develop a mentoring model that supports Black male students in both D65 and 202.

**ETHS learned** the value of current structures and practices during remote learning—academic support programs, use of backchannels for students and teachers to share

feedback, democratic classroom training that honors student voice, and keeping the full complement of course offerings.

To measure the impact of the changes, the administration has developed a multi-year plan to gather data to better understand what is working and where more support is needed. The research plan will hear from students, teachers, staff members, and families about their experiences



reintegrating back into ETHS. The analysis will use surveys, focus groups, observations to measure classroom interactions, and review of semester grades and graduation readiness.

## Black Lives Matter Way official at 1600 Dodge



Photo by Steve Lemieux-Jordan, Evanston Photographic Studios

On July 3, 2020, ETHS basketball players brought the national social justice movement home to Evanston. Beginning at 7am, the team, current and alumni players, and many other ETHS alums painted “BLACK LIVES MATTER” in vivid yellow capital letters along Dodge Ave. in front of the school.

**Four varsity** players on the boys' team initiated the project: **Elijah Bull, Jaylin Gibson, Isaiah Holden** and **Blake Peters**. Messages went out to all ETHS boys' basketball players over the past 10 years inviting them to come back and participate in painting the mural.

Local artists assisted with planning, done with the blessing of the ETHS administration, basketball coaches and staff, and the City of Evanston. Everyone wore masks during the

day-long event, and lunch was provided by a local Evanston restaurant.

**On September 29, 2020**, the Evanston City Council unanimously approved a resolution renaming a portion of Dodge Avenue “Black Lives Matter Way” between Church and Lake Streets. The honorary designation was granted after

an application was submitted by ETHS Head Basketball Coach Mike Ellis and Evanston **Ald. Peter Braithwaite '88**.

The new street sign was unveiled on August 14, 2021, at a ceremony attended by nearly 50 Evanston residents. The street name designation will be displayed for 10 years.



Photo by Frank Montagna

2021-22 ETHS Bell Schedule				
Wildkit Mondays	Orange Days (T/Th)	Blue Days (W/F)	Early Dismissal	Late Start
Early Bird 7:10-7:50am	Early Bird 7:10-7:50am	Early Bird 7:10-7:50am	Early Bird 7:10-7:50am	Early Bird -none-
AM Support 8:00-8:25am	AM Support 8:00-8:25am	AM Support 8:00-8:25am	AM Support 8:00-8:25am	AM Support -none-
Block 1 8:30-9:03am Block 2 9:08-9:41am	Block 1 8:30-9:55am	Block 2 8:30-9:55am	Block 1 or 2 8:30-9:40am	Block 1 or 2 9:35-10:45am
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Block 6 12:18-12:51pm	Block 5 12:30-1:55 Lunch 2 1:10-1:55	Block 6 12:30-1:55 Lunch 2 1:10-1:55	Block 5 or 6 12:00-1:10 Lunch 2 12:25-1:10	Block 5 or 6 1:05-2:15 Lunch 2 1:30-2:15
Block 7 12:56-1:29pm Block 8 1:34-2:07pm	Block 7 2:05-3:35pm	Block 8 2:05-3:35pm	Block 7 or 8 1:20-2:30pm	Block 7 or 8 2:25-3:35pm
Staff Professional Development 2:20-4:00pm	Announcements 3:30-3:35pm	Announcements 3:30-3:35pm	Assembly 2:35pm	Announcements -none-
Student Dismissal 2:07pm	Student Dismissal 3:35pm	Student Dismissal 3:35pm	Student Dismissal 2:30pm	Student Dismissal 3:35pm

## In-Person Commencement and Senior Sendoff

ETHS held in-person graduation for the Class of 2021 on Friday, May 21—outside on Lazier Field. Due to the pandemic, six ceremonies, beginning at 9am, were held throughout the day.

**Seating for** the graduates on the field was limited to around 100 per ceremony. Families and guests, who sat in the stands, were expected to wear masks and socially distance.

In addition, a virtual commencement was held on Sunday, May 23, which was live streamed on the ETHS YouTube channel and included additional music selections, speeches, and recognition of academic accomplishments.



The outside ceremony had an expedited program to accommodate families in the safest manner possible. Students and families were expected to immediately exit Lazier Field at the end of their assigned ceremony to allow the next group of participants to check in.

**Since a traditional** Senior Prom was not possible,

ETHS held a Senior Send-Off earlier in May, also on the football field. Senior Send-off, attended by over 500 graduates, was a free, casual, celebratory event that includes musical entertainment, Class Royalty, and more! A complimentary meal of choice was provided via food trucks. Seniors were expected to follow the Covid precautions.

## David Futransky — Cont. from page 1

We are waiting for a major return to NORMAL with reunions. Three classes—1970, 1971 and 1972— will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunions next fall. Other classes are working on their plans. I know that many alums are looking at reunions with an eye on returning to travel and interaction with groups of people.

Another area of growing interest is the upcoming Centennial of the ETHS building located at 1600 Dodge. The building opened in September of 1924 and planning is commencing on celebrations

of this milestone during the 2024-25 school year. Ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Please feel free to contact me directly with both.

It is different at 1600 Dodge than it was in November 2019 and very different than it was in November 2020. My crystal ball does not clearly see what it will look like in November 2022 or beyond, but I am confident that ETHS will find ways to normalize the experiences of our students as well as any school in the world.

## ETHS celebrates 12 years of “going green”

This year, ETHS is celebrating its 12<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, cucumbers, tomatoes, and even edible flowers.

**Dubbed the** Edible Acre, the empty lot 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. After three years, Urban Agriculture replaced Horticulture, where students learn sustainable agricultural practices as the primary caretakers of the ETHS “Edible Acre” garden.

In stepped Kim Ministra, ETHS Nutrition Services Director, who felt there

was more the school could do to expand the harvest in the Edible Acre. “I realized there was just more potential, so I worked with Matt Ryan [former 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, 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. 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. 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 are integral to the success of the ETHS local



garden program. Ryan works with Urban Agriculture teacher Ellen Fierer to teach students about gardening and sustainability practices, using the

school’s greenhouse and Edible Acres as classrooms. Students in the Community Service Club can work in the gardens to fulfill community service hours. ETHS hires students in the city’s Youth Employment Program to work in the gardens throughout the summer (see photos at right).

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

Ministra’s program extends beyond ETHS. District 65 contracts with ETHS to provide lunches for its students. During the Covid pandemic, which shut down all schools in Illinois for over a year, the ETHS nutrition staff provided “Monday Bags” to families that lacked access to school-based meals. Each week, up to 150 bags were prepared that each contained seven days of breakfasts and lunches (e.g., PBJ sandwiches, fruit, produce, etc. and milk). Any family could pick up a bag, no questions asked.

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 24-week summer/fall Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. “This allows ETHS staff to support the garden,” said Ryan, “and leaves no waste.” This summer, ETHS partnered with a variety of local businesses to include discounts or coupons, occasional samples of fresh pesto or salsa, local unprocessed honey, “or just fun perks,” said Ministra, to add to the CSA boxes.

Going green has been a cost-saver for ETHS. By growing its own food and expanding its growing venues, ETHS has annually saved up to \$20,000 in organic produce.



Amaya Bonn (above) pruned cherry tomatoes while Karel Pene (below) watered zucchini plants this summer in the Edible Acre on Dodge.



## ETHS students build electric car

Automotive technology is changing. A new industry trend is turning from gasoline power to electric. While ETHS has an advanced automotive lab, students haven't had a way to learn about servicing electric vehicles...until now!

### In September

2019, the Career and Technical Education Department and ETHS Foundation partnered to obtain an electric vehicle kit and instructional materials. The kit is designed to be assembled, tested, driven (by the instructor in the ETHS parking lot), disassembled, and prepared again for the next school year.

Tom Sprengelmeyer, Automotive Technology teacher, received extensive training with Switch Vehicles, the company that designed the kit. The Covid shutdown in 2020 delayed the introduction of the project for a year, but some of his students in summer 2021 were able to construct the car's frame and paint it (ETHS orange!).

Sixteen students in Sprengelmeyer's 2 Auto Technology course are



building the car during first semester and will continue into second semester. Along with two seats, the plastic windshield, steering wheel, and other relatively easy installments, the students will tackle the brake lines, electronics, power control system, drive train, and much more. They will also undertake the exacting process of balancing the battery.

**When completed** and charged up, the electric car will be able to travel 20 to 70 miles with a top speed of 70 miles per hour.

Joanne Bertsche, ETHS Foundation Executive Director, thanked the Coon Family Foundation, the Sydney Pond Fund, and other generous donors for helping to make this project possible.



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## Authors' Bookshelf



Many ETHS alumni are published authors. These alums let us know about their recent works, which will be placed in the school's Authors' Bookshelf collection.

*Lippincott's Primary Care Series: Musculoskeletal Radiology* by **George M. Bridgeforth, MD, ETHS 1972**, John Cherf, MD, and Mitesh Trivedi, MD is a book for family practitioners, internists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to help them identify and diagnose patient injuries that are most often seen in office settings. Dr. Bridgeforth is described as one of the leading specialists who provided detailed but common sense approaches to patient care. Dr. Bridgeforth was honored with the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010.

**(Franklin) Buzz Spector, 1966**, submitted three books of his art work. *Shelf Live: Selected Work* contains written material about his work as well as numerous examples from an exhibition at the Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis. *Off the Shelf* offers a similar catalog for an exhibition at the Grunwald Gallery of Art at Indiana University-Bloomington. *Between the Lines* contains artwork and essays from a 2021 exhibition at the Zolla/Lieberman Gallery in Chicago, and the short piece "Alterations" comes from the St. Louis Art Museum.

**William E. Cross Jr., PhD, 1959**, has a new book out. *Black Identity Viewed from a Barber's Chair* is described as part intellectual history, part memoir, part social and political history, and part critical science. This joins his earlier work *Shades of Black: Diversity in African American Identity* as defining works on Black Identity.

Dr. Cross was honored with the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012.

*MGM STYLE: Cedric Gibbons and the art of the Golden Age of Hollywood* by **Howard Gutner, 1970**, is a detailed look at Hollywood's most famous art director. Gibbons was in charge of the art department at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios from its inception in 1924 until his retirement in 1956. Film historian Gutner takes a look at the man and the sets that established the tone for motion pictures and created visual landscapes and interiors that greatly influenced what we saw and continue to see in the movies.

The children of **Marjorie Krask Schick, 1959**, sent a copy of *Sculpture to Wear: The Jewelry of Marjorie Schick*. This comprehensive monograph views the work of a unique artist. For decades, she was a pioneering exponent of avant-garde jewelry. Her dynamic objects, charged with energy, are rooted in the late 1960s European conception of jewelry and transgress the conventional boundaries of form, material, and color. The artist regards the human body as "living sculpture" and constructs works of sculpture in a wide variety of materials to extend the body. Her works are often on an excitingly grand scale.

For as long as she can remember, **Juleya Woodson, 2009**, wanted to write a book. But, the effect of last summer's racial injustice to Breonna Taylor and George Floyd channeled her need to express those thoughts into a children's book *I Hope They Understand*. Her

experience working with children up to age five as a family support specialist at Childcare Network of Evanston, as well as with raising her two-year-old son, made her realize how insecure Black children felt in the summer of 2020. "I wanted the book to act as a 'conversation starter' for children so they could recognize and celebrate racial and cultural diversity," she said.

**Carolyn Holdampf VanOver, 1990**, has published *The Journey Back, A Teacher's Story of Recovery and Learning after Surviving a Ruptured Brain Aneurysm*. The memoir tells Lyn's story as she bolts from her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom with a migraine headache and suffers a ruptured brain aneurysm with only a slim chance of survival. Her husband of 14 years and their two daughters remember the loving support from their small school community. Together they face the shock and uncertainties of new challenges and fight their way to a changed future. Inspirational and honest, Lyn shares her journey through trauma to the verge of death and all the way back to the classroom. Through her story she teaches about the tools and lessons gathered along the path of healing.

*Vertically Speaking through Acrostics with other inspirational insights*, by **Dianne Perry, 1969**, is a book of reflection and inspiration. She writes of her friends and family and provides a look at her life and the world by using acrostics as a means of expression. Perry has always been an "outside the box" thinker and found that writing provided her an outlet to discover her introverted voice and speak her truth.

# ETHS Kudos

## STUDENTS

### Merit Semifinalists

Fifteen ETHS seniors have been named semifinalists for the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 16,000 high school students were named as semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

### IL State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission announced the 2020-21 Illinois State Scholars, including 67 students from ETHS. More than 16,500 high school students from 676 schools were recognized for exceptional academic achievement.

### 2021 Latin Exam

ETHS students participated in the 2021 National Latin Exam with 43 of the 57 participating students earning awards. The 40-question exam, taken by level, was completed by more than 88,000 Latin students worldwide. ETHS students earned recognition at various levels: Summa Cum Laude (gold) — 11, Maxima Cum Laude (silver) — 11, Magna Cum Laude — 13, and Cum Laude — 9.



ETHS senior **Lily Aaron** was invited to participate in the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31-November 6, 2021, as a result of her youth leadership and activism in Evanston proper and at ETHS.

Lily joined a delegation from Chicago as part of It's Our Future, an organization that equips young leaders to advocate for climate change solutions that benefit all members in their community and to implement climate change programs locally.

## STAFF

**Ganae McAlpin**, an ETHS History/Social Sciences teacher, has been chosen to participate in Oakton Community College's Fulbright-Hays program to study West African culture in Ghana and Togo next summer. The team of educators from Oakton and five area high schools will travel to Ghana and Togo for five weeks in 2022 to immerse themselves in the history, culture and arts of West Africa.

ETHS biology teacher **Karen Johnson** was among 66 educators from around the country named as a Stellar Educator by the Society for Science and will serve in the organization's Advocate Program for the 2021-22 school year. The program strives to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators through hands-on research and competition, and supports full representation of all identities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) career fields. Johnson's goal is to firmly establish a vibrant high school research community at ETHS.

ETHS biology teacher **Eric Brown** was recognized by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden for his commitment to ETHS students, as well as his leadership in helping schools across the country navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Brown plays an active role in making ETHS a safer space for LGBTQ+ students and increasing achievement for students of color. He is also a member of the National Education Association (NEA) Executive Committee, a nine-member governing body that oversees more than 3 million members. The NEA Executive Committee worked with the Biden administration to open schools in a safe and equitable way during the Covid pandemic. Brown helped craft an NEA report that gave a path forward for educators to help students learn and thrive both now and beyond Covid.

## ETHS ranked among top high schools in the nation

Last April, *U.S. News & World Report* released its "Best High Schools" rankings for 2021, placing ETHS at 41 in Illinois and 827 in the nation. Overall, ETHS received a score of 95.37 out of 100 on the national rankings scorecard.

The *U.S. News* report ranks nearly 18,000 public high schools, out of a review of nearly 24,000 in all 50

states and the District of Columbia. The top-ranked public high schools around the country include a mix of traditional, charter and magnet schools. These schools are those whose students excelled on state tests and performed beyond expectations, participated in and passed a variety of college-level exams, and graduated in high proportions.

"I am so proud that ETHS consistently remains one of the top high schools locally and nationally, as our teachers and staff work to support the academic as well as social and emotional growth of our students," said ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon. "Ranking in the top three percent of all high schools in the U.S. underscores the commitment to our goals and vision for the future."

## Marching Band Grand Champions

ETHS's Wildkit Marching Band was named Grand Champion in a competitive festival held October 10. ETHS students participated in the Marengo Settlers Days event, where the Wildkit performance of "2021: The Musical" took the top spot in the show.

ETHS also placed first in Class 3A Field (Brass, Woodwind, Marching, and Percussion) at the event. More than 115 students are members of the Wildkit Marching Band. Known as the "Pride of ETHS,"

the band represents the spirit and enthusiasm of the high school through music, marching, and cheers. The ensemble plays at all home football games, the fall pep rally, and at competitions and parades in Evanston and beyond.



## Livatino, Burzawa named Athletic Directors of the Year



ETHS Athletic Director **Chris Livatino '91** (at rt.) and Assistant Athletic Director **Mike Burzawa** were celebrated for their continued leadership by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association (IADA) at its annual conference last June.

Livatino was named the 2020-2021 Class 3A/4A

Athletic Director of the Year. He was recognized for numerous achievements, including fostering high standards of professional proficiency and ethics, increasing the understanding of athletics, and promoting unity, goodwill, and fellowship among all members of interscholastic programs throughout the state of Illinois.

Burzawa was recognized as the 2019-2020 Assistant Athletic Director of the Year by the IADA for his continued leadership in athletics at ETHS and across the state. The award was given this year because the conference was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.



The ETHS Alumni Association premiered a new, virtual speaker series in fall 2020 highlighting the work of ETHS alumni, students, and staff. *Coming Together: Conversations with ETHS Alumni* began looking at the challenges of the turbulence of 2020 and moved on to cover other important issues.

*Coming Together* events include interviews with an individual or group of ETHS alumni and are moderated by an ETHS alum or past/present ETHS staff members. The series will air monthly online and will be archived on the ETHS YouTube page.

To date, 11 episodes have been taped and can be seen on the ETHS YouTube channel. (This issue will feature episodes 7-11.)

#### EPISODE 7: Social and Emotional Well-Being

The discussion is moderated by ETHS Associate Principal, Student Services, Dr. Taya Kinzie with the following panelists.

- **Aracely Canchola '95**, ETHS Department Chair, Student Services
- **Pam (Stein) Katz '90**, LCSW, Private Practic
- **Jude Laude '84**, Director of Programs, Youth Job Center, Evanston

#### EPISODE 8: The Peace Corps

ETHS alumni who served in the Peace Corps discuss their service and life since. They served in Ghana, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malaysia and China spanning 1962-2020.

The moderator is Karen Jones, ETHS Alumni/ Foundation Developmental Specialist. She served in China from 2011-13.

Panelists include:

- **Gabby Aiden '13**, 2018-2020, Madagascar
- **Jay Carow, '56**, served in Malaysia in 1962-64
- **Frances Egan Anan-most '68**, 1979-81 in Jamaica
- **Blaire Frett '12**, 2018-20 in Ghana

#### EPISODE 9: Olympics

Who is excited for the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games? This episode of *Coming Together* features five ETHS alums who are all former Olympians. The discussion is moderated by the *Chicago Tribune's* Phil Hersh, an ETHS parent.

Among other ETHS alums and staff who participated in the Olympics include Bruce Romain, trainer for 1996 Olympics, ETHS trainer; **Dick Hanley, '55**, swimmer; Kevin Auger, Canadian, swim coach at

ETHS; Corey Ade, ice skating coach; **Bob Pickens '62**, wrestler; Willie May, track Olympian, ETHS track coach/Co-AD; Jackie Uphouse; and Karen Huff, track athlete.

Panelists include:

- **Nat Page '75**, coaches track at Georgia Tech, finished 2nd in 1980 Olympics Trials High Jump, but didn't compete because of boycott against Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. He also coached at the 2020 Olympics.
- **Pam Page '76**, ran both track (hurdles) in 1984 Olympics, head women's track/cross country coach at Clark Atlanta University.
- **Diane Simpson '87**, participated in rhythmic gymnastics in the 1988 Olympics, inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.
- **Robert Gary '91**, 1996 and 2004 3,000m steeple chase, track, and cross country coach. Coaches at Furman University.

#### EPISODE 10: Job Seeking in a Pandemic

Tune in for advice on entering or re-entering the workforce, navigating an ever-changing employment landscape, networking in the age of Zoom, and so much more. Panelists include Marty Gilbert '72, Angela Gardner '84, and Tana Francellno, MEAC Career partnership manager. This episode is moderated by **Kevin Mack '95**, former president of ETHS Alumni Assn. Board and the ETHS Foundation.

#### EPISODE 11: A Conversation with the Superintendent

We are thrilled to share with you the 11th installment of *Coming Together*. In light of his recent retirement announcement, **Dr. Eric Witherspoon** joins **David Futransky '69** for a special edition. Witherspoon shares his story and his love for ETHS. You won't want to miss it!

## Spring Sports

The high school spring 2021 sports calendar was extended all the way to the second week of June due to the Covid pandemic, and included an abbreviated football season without a state playoff series.

Evanston enjoyed one of its best all-around spring seasons in years, as the boys' and girls' track teams accounted for three state championships.

The girls' soccer team won its 7<sup>th</sup> straight regional championship and posted a 16-3-3 overall record. In girls' water polo, the Wildkits ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the state while winning 19 games and reaching the Sweet Sixteen.

Girls' lacrosse finished 14-4 — best in program history — on their way to a No. 5 state ranking by season's end.

In boys' gymnastics, junior **Aryeh Lesch** was the first ETHS competitor to earn a medal at the state finals since 1988.

### SPRING SPORTS

#### BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Focus and determination can take you a long way in high school athletics. **Kalil Johnson** used that formula—and his remarkable talent—to rise to the top at the Class 3A state track & field finals at Eastern Illinois University.



Kalil Johnson

Johnson blazed his way to a pair of hurdles championships, in the 110-meter and 300-meter events, only the third competitor in program history to score two hurdles wins at the same state championship meet, duplicating the feats of **James Ashmore '58** and **Robert McGee '79** (both now members of the ETHS Hall of Fame).

Johnson's two victories and a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place finish by junior **Matt Cless** in the high jump powered the Wildkits to a 6<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the team standings, their best since a runnerup effort in 2015.

How good was the day for the ETHS senior? In between races, he received a text from the U of Iowa that he was being upgraded to a full scholarship after previously committing to the school for a partial scholarship.

Denied a chance to win a state title as a junior because of the pandemic, Johnson was driven to succeed in his final year of high school racing and wasn't about to be denied at the finals.

#### GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Evanston head coach **Fenton Gunter '74** was involved in a season-long tug-of-war with his coaching staff when it came to **Jacklynn Okereke's** talents and just exactly where the junior

standout could help the Wildkits most on the track this spring.

The veteran coach's decision to shift Okereke from the hurdles to relay events paid big dividends at the state track & field championships as the Wildkits captured their first state relay crown in 10 years!

**Okereke's strong** second leg enabled ETHS to pull away for an impressive victory in the 800-meter relay, as the 'Kit unit of **Rikki Gray, Jasmine Wright, Dawson Wright** and Okereke smoked the rest of the field with a winning time of 1 minute, 40.47 seconds at Eastern Illinois.

Gray, another junior, competed on all 3 relays for the Orange and Blue.

Evanston also placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 400-meter relay and claimed a runnerup finish in the 1600 relay. That



Jasmine Wright (at left), Rikki Gray, Jacklynn Okereke, and Dawson Wright

marked the best overall relay performance at state for ETHS since 2010-11 and earned a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> place in the team standings with West Aurora.

**Gunter saw** that keeping Okereke healthy would be a big plus for ETHS if they had any designs on post-season success. The lanky junior had dealt with hamstring issues all year. The head coach finally called a halt to the debate prior to the conference meet.

#### GIRLS' SOCCER

Since Stacy Salgado took over as head coach for

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# Class Notes

## 1960s

**Joe Feinglass '69** was named executive director of Greener Evanston.

**Richard D. "Dick" Peach '64** was recently honored for his decades of civic involvement in Evanston as he and his wife, Shelley, announced they are moving to Minnesota. A farewell event drew people from across the city. Among other leadership posts, Peach was twice president of both the Evanston Rotary Club and Evanston Chamber of Commerce, president of the Evanston Environmental Association, and long-time 4th of July Association Celebration Manager. He served as general manager of Dempster Auto Rebuilders for 35 years. An avid fisherman, he also wrote an award-winning column, "Hooked on Fishing," for the *Evanston RoundTable* newspaper.

**Miles Zaremski '66** worked with Pres. Biden, while he was still a Senator, on patient rights legislation in the late 1990s-2000s, then was brought to DC to advise members of Congress as the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") was being developed in 2009 before passage in March 2010. Earlier this year he was recommended by various members of Congress to serve Biden's administration in an advisory/outside board-committee capacity concerning health care law and policy, preserving health care as a right for us all.

**Jim Terhune and Paul Barr, both '61**, reconnected through the Alumni Assn. directory. Terhune said: "We've been able to have an hour on the phone together which is great. We're emailing now, and I'm also sending him some home movies I have which I started taking when I was in 6th grade. Paul and I were friends in most of my elementary years. We are both 78 years old now, so that's a long time ago. Thanks for making it possible to get in touch with Paul."



**Kristen Lems '68** was recently chosen for the Elliot Judd Outstanding Teacher Award of Illinois TESOL/Bilingual Education, the statewide professional group for teachers of English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education. She is a full Professor at National Louis University, where she teaches teachers, and has also had two Fulbright Scholarships to teach about ESL, in Algeria and Mongolia.

In 2017, **Preston Cook '64** donated his multi-million dollar collection of eagle memorabilia to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN. Cook said: "I started my collection 55 years ago with the gold-plated brass eagle buttons from my Army uniform and there began my obsession with collecting all-things-eagles. My search for a home for this collection took me all over the country until 20 years ago when I first visited Wabasha and the National Eagle Center." He chose to house his 25,000-piece collection there, which includes sheet music, advertisements, photographs, postcards, stamps, coins, and much more. The Preston Cook Collection will be a focal point of the grand reopening of the Center in the spring of 2022.

**Susan Moore Gobel '68** dined at Froggy's in Highland Park, IL, recently with two ETHS retirees and her former teachers: Roland DuBosq (French) and Jill Jahant (English). Susan was a major organizer of her 2018 50th reunion.



## 1970s



**Andy Stein '77** was recently elected to his fourth term as Village Trustee for Buffalo Grove, IL. "I would like to thank Wildkit alums, especially those living in Buffalo Grove, who have supported me all these years." Andy is a Compliance Principal for Allstate Financial Services, LLC and has been part of the Allstate Family since 1984.

## 1990s

**Gia Gunn Purifoy '92**, Drug Program Specialist/Supervisor with the Alabama Department of Corrections (Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women), earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Auburn University Montgomery and Master of Science in Health Psychology at Northcentral University. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

**Abby Mueller '99** is back on Broadway! She is among six women starring as the wives of Tudor king Henry VIII in "Six." Abby plays his third and best-loved wife, Jane Seymour. Just hours shy of the show's Broadway opening on March 12, 2020, NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo closed all theaters for 18 months due to the Covid pandemic. "Six" is playing at the Brooks Atkinson Theater.

## 2000s

After graduating from college, **Derek Guimond '11** thought his volleyball career was over. He began playing volleyball at Haven Middle School, and continued at ETHS eventually moving up to the JV team. He received a scholarship

to the U of Essex in the UK, and continued playing volleyball while getting his MBA. Wanting to share his experience with others, he founded a recruitment company called Guimond Vukovic to help NCAA and NAIA student athletes find a way to play their sport while pursuing higher education overseas. He now helps send about 80 students per year abroad.



In April 2021, **Ezra Furman '04** publicly came out as a transgender woman. The popular indie musician and composer explained in an Instagram post that she's also been a mother for several years. From 2006-11, Furman was the lead singer and guitarist of Ezra Furman and the Harpoons. Her subsequent work has included the albums *Day of the Dog* (2013), *Perpetual Motion People* (2015), and *Transangelic Exodus* (2018), as well as the soundtrack for the Netflix series *Sex Education*.

**Henry Woo '15** has played basketball since age 5 for the McGaw YMCA, as a player and coach, for three years at ETHS, and in college for the Division III Concordia U in Chicago. He now is a trainer for NBA players. In 2017, he was introduced to overseas player (and now NBA player) Khem Birch. They traveled together to Greece where Birch played on the Olympiacos team and eventually signed with the Orlando Magic. Woo continued to share his coaching input for Birch and began to train a few more NBA players, including Charlotte Hornets guard Grant Riller and Orlando Magic small forward James Ennis III.

This spring, **Greta Eanes '17** received a playwriting award from Knox College. She received the second-place Davenport Literary Award in Playwriting from the Knox College Theatre Department at the end of the 2020-21 school year for a script called "Full Vision."



**Aaron Holzmeuller '18** is a senior at Beloit College majoring in sociology and political science, but his claim to fame is on the track as a runner. Last May, he won the 800-meter with a time of 2:47.95 to break the USA Adaptive Track & Field national record for his age and classification by over a minute. An avid runner, Aaron has cerebral palsy and epilepsy but doesn't let these ailments stop him. He had hoped to compete in the Paralympics in Tokyo, but the 800 was not sponsored this cycle because there weren't enough athletes to run in that particular event. However, it is short-listed for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.



**Julia Borland '18**, a third-year student at Northwestern U studying social policy and economics, received a \$10,000 award from Projects for Peace to help incorporate environmental and food justice issues into a sustainable farming program. As part of her practicum, she co-founded the Zumwalt Acres Sustainable Farm Apprenticeship Program,

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which invites 10 college-aged students to live and work on a farm in Sheldon, IL. The apprentices learn how to write grants, establish organic garden beds, and conduct research on sustainable soil management and renewable energy and more.

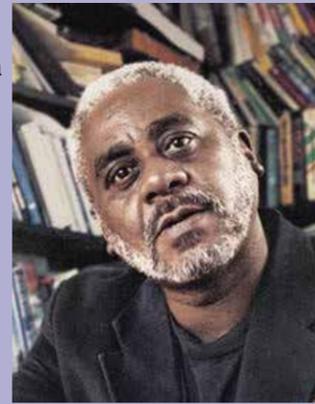
The late **Ryan Bost '19** was remembered June 13 when Washington Elementary School in Evanston dedicated its gym as the Ryan Bost Memorial Gymnasium. Ryan was well known in the Evanston community and beyond as a basketball star who was a leader on and off the court, always putting others before himself. His life was cut short at the age of 20, when he was fatally shot on Nov. 9, 2020, in Chicago. **Robert Reece '64**, a volunteer for 40-plus years in the Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM) Youth Basketball League, said the naming of the Washington gym was something that had never been done before.



**Liana Wallace '19** has been chosen as a contestant on the fall Survivor series, the international reality competition television franchise. The Emmy Award-winning series on CBS will feature 20 legendary winners of Survivor who will return to compete against each other. Liana currently is a college student in Washington, DC.

**Sebastian Cheeks '22** has committed to play football as an outside linebacker for the North Carolina Tar Heels in 2021-22.

Cartoonist and author **Dr. Charles R. Johnson '66** was among several artists to have their work featured in the Museum of Contemporary Art recent exhibit "Chicago Comics: 1960s to Now" and in a companion book, *It's Life as I See It: Black Cartoonists In Chicago, 1940-1980*. The exhibit resurrects African American cartoon art that focused on Black life in America but faded from public view due to segregation. Johnson's comics ran in the *The Evanstonian* and in publications while at Southern Illinois University.



A committed artist, Johnson has become better known for his writing. His novel *Middle Passage* won the National Book Award in 1990 along with myriad other honors. He directed the creative writing program at the U of Washington–Seattle. He was an inaugural ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winner in 2003.

This July, Wally Funk, an 82-year-old woman was the oldest person to travel into space aboard billionaire Jeff Bezos's reusable rocket. While she is notable, ETHS proudly claims a partner of Funk's as one of its own.



**Gene Nora Stumbough Jessen, ETHS 1955**, was among the "Mercury 13–Women in Space Program" in February 1961, a privately-funded effort intended to train women to fly in NASA's earliest space programs. As a member of this program for female astronauts, Jessen, Funk, and 11 other women, all skilled pilots with commercial ratings, passed the initial round of grueling fitness tests and did as well or better than their male counterparts.

But, NASA shut down the program as the Cold War escalated. The agency wouldn't name any female astronaut candidates until 1978 or send a woman into space until 1983.

After ETHS, Jessen, an award-winning aviator, paid her way through the U of Oklahoma by giving flying lessons, competed in intercollegiate flying contests, and earned a degree in English. In 1962, she became a sales demonstration pilot for Beechcraft, unusual for a woman at the time, and flew all Beechcraft models over the contiguous 48 states. In 2006, ETHS named Jessen a Distinguished Alumni Award winner.

The Chicago Park District (CPD) Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to rename the new Jackson Park track and field facility after pioneering Black athlete and South Sider **Bob Pickens '62**. Pickens, who died in 2018, was the first African American to wrestle during a match at the Summer Olympics, which he did in the 1964 Tokyo games.

After the Olympics, he attended the U of Nebraska, where he was named an All-Big 8 offensive tackle. He was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1967 and played offensive tackle until 1969. He was among the inaugural class of inductees to the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.

For a decade, beginning in 2000, he was a CPD Board Commissioner. He was known as an indefatigable advocate for parks and recreational programming for inner-city youth.

The new track and field, funded by the Obama Foundation, is located east of Stony Island Ave. and west of Hayes Drive between 62nd and 63rd Streets.



## 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award winners

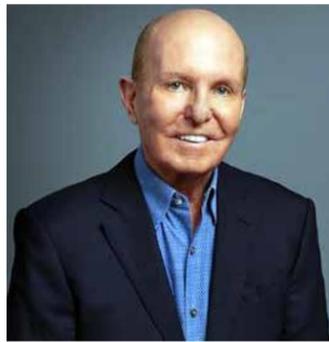
The ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award honorees for the 2021-22 school year have been selected. The 18<sup>th</sup> group of recipients was chosen by a committee of alumni, current and past faculty and staff, civic leaders, and current students. These notable winners are at least 10 years beyond ETHS graduation and have distinguished themselves through high achievement in their field of endeavor, service, and contributions to society.

The honorees will be recognized at an assembly for the senior class that will be held on January 31, 2022. They will also visit classes and have dinner with friends and family and members of the ETHS community.

The honorees are:



**Evelyn Alexander '54** has been posthumously recognized for her work in North Chicago and Lake County. Evelyn was very involved in the schools as a volunteer and a school board member for over 60 years. North Elementary School was renamed in her honor. She worked tirelessly for her community as chief of staff for the Mayor of North Chicago and after retirement she worked as chief of staff for State Senator Terry Link. She was instrumental in changes in both education and housing in her community.



**Michael Arrington '61** has been a leader in business in the travel industry and in real estate. He has also been a leading philanthropist and has created a scholarship at the University of Illinois. Mike led work on the lakefront in Evanston and has been a major supporter of improvements at ETHS including Lazier Field and the Michael B. Arrington Wellness Center that impacts all students on a regular basis.



**Coleman Brown '52** was singularly devoted to service to mankind, with primary emphasis on social and racial justice, civil rights, education, and mentoring and inspiring college students, mainly at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., where over a 30-year period he had many positions, including University Chaplain and Professor of Philosophy and Religion. He was also a leader in the civil rights movement in New York and in Chicago in the 1960s. He is receiving the award posthumously.



**Lenora Moragne '50** is also being recognized posthumously. Dr. Moragne's illustrious career spanned sixty years and included positions in hospitals, industry, nutrition publishing, academia, and government. Her leadership positions within the Federal government include: Head of Nutrition Education and Training for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, Nutrition Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Professional Staff Member in Nutrition for former Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. She was the first professional female (of any race or ethnic group) to be employed by the Senate Agriculture Committee. In addition, Moragne was a voice for nutrition and dietetics policy as the Founding Editor and Publisher of three newsletters: *Nutrition Legislation and Regulatory News*, *The Nutrition Funding Report*, and the *Black Congressional Monitor* and she was a recognized leader in many volunteer positions.



**Richard Pildes '75** is a Professor of Law at New York University. He was a law clerk to Justice Thurgood Marshall at the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Law Institute and selected as a Guggenheim Fellow and a Carnegie Scholar. President Biden appointed

Professor Pildes to the President's Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. He has successfully argued a voting-rights case before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of minority voters in Alabama. A noted author and commentator, he has been influential in areas of voters' rights and elections.



**Robin Rue Simmons '94** has been an alderperson for the 5<sup>th</sup> ward in Evanston and is a nationally recognized leader in reparations legislation. She has been locally, nationally, and internationally recognized for her work in Evanston to help members of her community and in gaining many needed improvements for individuals and businesses in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. Robin has also done work in real estate and in other local endeavors.



**Benjamin Wolf '71** spent most of his legal career at the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, seeking justice in the courts on behalf of people who often were mistreated by government agencies and government-funded institutions. Several of his cases led to substantial improvements in the way many people were treated during a vulnerable and often painful time in their lives.

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the Evanston girls' soccer program, the Wildkits have earned wins and ties during the regular season in head-to-head matchups against New Trier.

But the Kits still haven't figured out a way to beat the Trevians postseason—and almost no other school has, either. New Trier captured its 7<sup>th</sup> straight sectional tournament championship by blanking ETHS 2-0.

### BASEBALL

Head coach Frank Consiglio's team produced another 20-win campaign, bowing out in the sectional semifinals with a tough 7-6 loss to Oak Park-River Forest. ETHS finished with a final mark of 23-12-1. Evanston advanced to the sectional after disposing of Loyola Academy 11-0 in the regional finals as **Hank Liss** and **Briggs Bossert** pitched a combined no-hitter—the first regional title since 2018.

### BOYS' GYMNASTICS

The experience of competing at the state gymnastics finals laid a foundation for **Aryeh Lesch** to build on for next year. Lesch became the first ETHS gymnast to earn a state medal since 1988, placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the vault and 7<sup>th</sup> on floor exercise to cap a remarkable season. He is the only athlete in ETHS history to score Top 10 state finishes in both gymnastics and diving, and also owns sectional championships in both sports.

### FOOTBALL

Due to Covid, spring football was the only option left for the IHSA, and ETHS was grateful to at least have the opportunity to play an abbreviated schedule. Due to travel restrictions, Evanston just played a 5-game conference schedule and finished off with a "bowl" game at Lincoln-Way Central, compiling a 3-3 overall won-loss record.

*By Dennis Mahoney  
ETHS Sports  
Information Director*

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## 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 Eulenberg, 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 Wieczorowski, 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, M.D., 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'ly 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 Shlishi, used-clothing and vocational training enterprise for Israeli at-risk youth
- Pam Cytrynbaum, 1984, journalist, educator focused on criminal injustice and wrongful conviction
- 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

### November 2019

- Josephine Allen, 1991, Cardio-vascular researcher on impact of space travel on the human heart
- Austin Brown, 2003, Co-Head of Basketball/CAA Sports, fosters professional athletes to do community involvement
- Martin Cohen, 1969, Leading expert on energy policy, artist, political activist
- Morris "Dino" Robinson Jr., 1985, Founder of Shorefront Legacy Center, historian, community archivist, artist
- Frances Tietov, 1962, Principal harpist/St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, leader for women's equal rights in orchestras

### November 2021

- Evelyn Alexander, 1954, Influential volunteer in education and housing for over 60 years
- Michael Arrington, 1961, Business leader in travel and real estate, philanthropist, supporter for ETHS facility upgrades
- Coleman Brown, 1952, Professor, civil rights leader in New York and Chicago
- Lenora Moragne, 1950, Leader in nutrition services and dietetics policy for government, hospitals, and academia
- Robin Rue Simmons, 1994, internationally noted leader in reparations legislation
- Benjamin Wolf, 1971, ACLU attorney specializing in mistreatment by government-funded institutions

# Reunion Roundup

## ETHS '76ers say yes to their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion!

The decision to hold the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in-person teeter-tottered before the actual August 22<sup>nd</sup> event. With mask mandates lifted on the day of our final verdict, the committee, led by **Marissa Zwick Hopkins**, voted yes!

The Charles Gates Dawes House, a national historic landmark, museum, and lakefront mansion, was a perfect venue with indoor and outdoor spaces. Fundraising by **Jonathan Salk**



and **Diane Stahl**, with the generosity of classmates, significantly lowered the costs and admission. In addition, there was food from The Pita Inn, creative decorations by **Rochelle Baker**, the DJ talent of **Ron Strong**, and a memorial slide presentation crafted by **Karen Chaney**.

Over 100 classmates attended weekend festivities, including the annual golf game on Friday, organized by Salk, a Friday night welcome hosted at the Candlelite Restaurant, and tours of the Dawes House and ETHS.

**Sarah Noonan** and **Craig Sieben** organized a mini-reunion for the first-ever students in Senior Seminar. The program, brainchild of teacher Phil Roden, began in Evanston with a small group of seniors from the Class of '76 and ran concurrently for six years. The reunion luncheon, attended by Mr. Roden, was a gathering of memories.

There are no friends like old friends. With the craziness of the pandemic and everything else going on individually, nationally, and internationally, the



45<sup>th</sup> reunion provided an opportunity to reunite with former classmates. We were able to relive the fun and feelings reminiscent of our teen years and for a moment in time without thought of today. Many thanks to all who volunteered and attended.

The core planning committee—Hopkins, Baker, Strong, Gerald Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, **Susan Klein**, **Fran Blumenfeld**, Sieben, Salk, Chaney, **Sarah Noonan**, **Merril Prager**, Stahl, and **Susan Mittman**, met, planned, and laughed together on ZOOM for a year before the reunion weekend.

So, with confidence, we are “all in” to continue the conversation in whatever format necessary as we look forward to our 50<sup>th</sup>!

*By Marissa Zwick Hopkins*

## Class of '49 birthday mini-reunion

These members of the ETHS Class of 1949 gather together regularly. This photo was taken in late September, 2021 in Evanston on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Elaine Grimes Wall**. Seated are: Chris Crowell and Elaine; Standing: **Dave Rodelius** and **Grace Hlavacek Welter**.



*Photo by Jane Liechty, '74*

### 1965 – 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Postponed to 2022  
Contact email:  
ETHS1965@gmail.com

### 1971 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

September 10, 2022  
DoubleTree Hotel,  
Skokie, IL  
Contact email:  
eths50th71@gmail.com

### 1980 – 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Postponed to 2022  
Primary contact:  
Robin Harkness  
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eths1980reunion  
@gmail.com  
ETHS Club 80  
Facebook Group

### 1982 – 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

July 30, 2022  
Contact: Alyson Arnold  
Contact email:  
alyleight@aol.com

### 1990 – 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

TBD – Fall 2022  
Primary contact:  
Alison Hawley  
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Class of 1990  
Facebook Page

## Class of '61 Sixtieth Reunion

August 12-14, 2022, in Evanston

The mission of this reunion is to give us lots of opportunity to visit and to re-connect.

**Friday, August 12:** 6pm, Hackney's on Lake (1514 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL). First-floor room, ADA accessible...on the east side of the bar. Hackney's ETHS Reunion Buffet with cash bar, pay at the door \$25.00

**Saturday, August 13:** 4 to 10pm, American Legion Hall (Chandler Park, 1030 Central St.). Video 'Walk down memory lane' presentation. Patio and indoor seating, Evanston's best food trucks, and cash bar.

Hotel options to be announced in February.

Spread the word: Email is easy. You are invited to join the class listserv/googlegroup by contacting Bill Chalberg ... [bchalberg@att.net](mailto:bchalberg@att.net). (630-9115-4933).

## Class of 1970 plans their 50<sup>th</sup>

Twenty-three members of the class of 1970 gathered on 9/10/21 to enjoy each other's company and get ready for their Belated 50<sup>th</sup> reunion that will be held on September 2-4, 2022. Information is on the class website – [www.eths1970.org](http://www.eths1970.org), where you can find continual updates and news about classmates. If you want other information, contact **Steve Hoffenberg**, 847-727-1443.

## Class of 1967 holds mini-reunion

Ten Class of '67 alums recently gathered for a mini-reunion. They include: **Cale Carvell**, **Alan Friedman**, **Larry Sultan**, **Eric and Judy Rehberger**, **Claire Haring Golan**, **Anne Wilson-Dooley**, **Ramona Champion Burton**, **Janet Felsher Rosenbloom**, and **Cheri Kemp Silver**.



## Class of 2002 plans 20<sup>th</sup>

Reunion planning is under way for the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion of the ETHS class of 2002. If you would like to help, or want more information, please contact **Christopher Snowden** ([jyogaschool@gmail.com](mailto:jyogaschool@gmail.com), 847-849-9697) or **Brandon Phillips**.

# Class of 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Six individuals and two teams have been voted into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame by a committee of coaches, faculty members and community representatives this summer. Due to Covid, this class was not able to be honored.

**On February 4, 2022, they will be recognized at the girls' and boys' basketball games against New Trier at Northwestern University's Welsh-Ryan Arena.**

## **AUSTIN BROWN '03, BASKETBALL**

Austin Brown averaged 6.4 points and 3.3 rebounds while providing strong defense in his role as a starter for the 2003 Evanston basketball team that placed fourth in the Illinois High School Association Class AA tournament.

But his Hall of Fame resume goes beyond what he accomplished as a player. Brown's contributions continue to expand in his role as one of the top player agents in the country. And he may be heard from even more in the future, if he decides to join the trend in the National Basketball Association that finds pro teams hiring agents for front office positions. Brown has already turned down an offer from the Minnesota Timberwolves and was rumored to be a strong candidate for positions with the New York Knicks or Chicago Bulls.

Currently, Brown is the co-head of the basketball division for the renowned Creative Artists Agency. His client list includes six players taken in the first round of the NBA draft the past two seasons.

Brown played four years at DePauw University earning a degree in economics and later a degree in contract law at Washington & Lee University.

"I got an internship at a sports agency," he said. "It was a chance for me to stay tied to the sport I love... and to be the kind of agent I'd want as a player if I was playing professional basketball."

## **NORTON HELLSTROM 1917, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL**

Just prior to World War I, ETHS's enrollment was only about one-fourth as big as it is now. So the competition to play on the school's athletic teams wasn't as intense, just due to the numbers. But that doesn't take away from the accomplishments by Norton "Evy" Hellstrom, who just might be the best all-around athlete ever to wear an Evanston uniform.

Hellstrom is believed to be the only athlete at ETHS to earn a total of 12 varsity letters — in football, basketball, and baseball. He was the leading scorer for the football team as an upperclassman, held the school record for points in a single game in basketball for decades, and batted clean-up for the varsity baseball team and played short stop. There wasn't anything he couldn't do. He earned spots on the varsity roster in all three sports as a freshman, played on league championship teams in all three sports, and was also a team captain in every sport at least one season.

After serving one year in the armed forces, Hellstrom went on to letter in football and basketball at the U of Illinois.

## **JEFF MOORE '60, SWIMMING**

When Jeff Moore entered the swimming and diving program at Evanston, there were fast freestylers everywhere he looked. So he looked at the numbers and realized that he might be better off trying another stroke or two.

Focused on the butterfly and the individual medley, Moore grew into a state champion in the then newest event in the IHSA—the 100-yard butterfly. His progress in that race matched the evolution of the event, as he mastered the stroke that began as a way for swimmers to go faster in the breaststroke.

Moore thrived with the change, earning 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state as a sophomore in the 150 individual medley, state runner-up in both

the 100 fly and 150 IM as a junior, and state champion in the 100 fly (in 54.7 seconds) and runner-up in the 200 IM as a senior. He and **Doug Lennox '05** are the only male Evanston swimmers to claim state championships in the butterfly to date.

Moore didn't see himself as a pioneer. He just wanted to crack the starting lineup and be a part of the dynasty established by legendary coach Dobbie Burton.

Moore earned a scholarship to the U of Michigan and All-American status as a junior with a 3rd-place finish in the NCAA finals of the 200 butterfly.

## **TRANQUIL WILSON '89, TRACK**

In her current role as an assistant girls' track coach at Evanston, Tranquil Wilson is constantly reminding athletes to give it their best every time out because you never know what the future will bring. Wilson missed her senior season—and a chance to be a state champion—with a serious illness, and learned that when opportunity knocks, you can't wait to answer. But, despite missing her senior year while battling ovarian cancer, Wilson still built a Hall of Fame resume as a competitor at ETHS and made her mark in the girls' program as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

She earned a national championship in the mile relay while competing at the U of Nebraska (on a full scholarship), and since 1995 has been a member of the ETHS coaching staff. Evanston has won six state team championships and earned four other top three finishes during her coaching tenure.

## **CHET RENNER, TENNIS COACH**

Evanston wasn't anywhere on the state map when it came to high school tennis. Then Chet Renner came to ETHS from Elgin in 1947 and the Wildkits became consistent point scorers at the IHSA state finals.

Renner overcame the lack of "country club" players

by turning his athletes into top-level tennis players with his focus on the fundamentals. Evanston enjoyed unprecedented success from 1947 to 1957, scoring two state runner-up finishes, four 3rd-place finishes, one 4th-place, one 5th-place, and one 8th-place finish in his tenure and only finished out of the Top 10 in Renner's last year as head coach.

## **EMIL SCHULTZ, FOOTBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK COACH**

**Emil "Heinie" Schultz** was a coach for all seasons, a man who led Wildkit programs to elite levels in three different sports during his tenure. No other Evanston coach has won so consistently in three different sports, and he led ETHS to Suburban League titles in all three sports.

Schultz was a blocking back for Red Grange at the U of Illinois and served as head football coach at ETHS from 1936 to 1941. His overall record was 31-14-4. His 1940 football squad won the Suburban League championship after losing the 1939 title in a 7-0 loss to Oak Park-River Forest spoiling an otherwise undefeated season.

As head track coach for 20 years, Schultz built a dynasty that included nine Top 10 finishes at the state finals. The Wildkits just missed winning a team state title in 1950, but under Schultz's guidance Evanston produced nine individual state champions from 1943 to 1950. ETHS also claimed a state title in the 880-yard relay in 1952.

In cross country, Evanston ruled the state finals in 1953, outscoring runner-up Cumberland 111-119 for the team championship.

## **1975 (BOYS') SOCCER TEAM**

No school has finished runner-up at the state soccer tournament more than ETHS since the IHSA started sponsoring the competition. But, it was an ETHS team that DIDN'T reach the title game that may have come closest to being the No. 1 team in the state.

An upset loss to Maine East, the eventual state runner-up, in the sectional tournament ruined Evanston's postseason bid during the 1975 season and left Coach Ken McGonagle's team with a final record of 16-2.

How tough were the Wildkits, who only surrendered a total of 10 goals all season? Members of the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Assn. voted Evanston the No. 1 team—AFTER the conclusion of the state tournament. They justified that ranking considering that McGonagle's squad owned wins over the teams ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in that poll.

Evanston built the foundation for success in the off-season, when a core group of players played on club teams in summer, winter and spring competition. Most of them also played for the United Soccer Association program that was formed in 1974.

## **1989 GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM**

The only Evanston girls' swimming/diving team ever to win a state trophy didn't lack motivation at the start of the 1989-90 school year. A close call the previous year left the Wildkit girls hungry for a breakthrough, and they accomplished just that with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place state finish.

No ETHS girls' team has surpassed that finish since then. A determined effort by the squad wiped out bitter memories of a 4<sup>th</sup>-place finish in 1988.

But the 'Kits turned in an historic effort the next year. That state finish capped off a season when ETHS finally defeated long-time rival and CSL power New Trier. Coached by Tim Richardson, the 'Kits defeated the Trevians for the first time in school history in a dual meet, then at the CSL conference meet, then at state. Richardson was named Illinois High School Coach of the Year and CSL Coach of the Year to climax that magical season.

*By Dennis Mahoney  
Sports Information Director*

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# In Memory

## 1930s

Nancy Jones Burgess, 1935, 12/7/2017  
James A. Hynes, 1936, 3/22/2014  
Richard Warren Samsel, 1937, 2/16/2011  
Raymond D. Hanson, 1937, 10/26/2017  
Hon. Carroll D. Little, 1939, 8/12/2021  
Barbara McLain, 1939, 4/23/2018

## 1940s

Rosemary "Rose" Samsel Baring, 1940, 8/8/2016  
John "Jack" Baring, 1941, 1/13/2005  
Robert S. Stone, 1941, 9/22/2019  
Benjamin M. Squires, 1943, 4/25/2021  
James Merrill White, 1943, 9/29/21  
Judge John A. Nordborg, 1943, 3/12/2021  
Betty Ann Vanderzee Hauser, 1943, 10/7/2020  
Mary "Issie" Grimm Peterson, 1943, 9/30/2014  
Nancy Evans Carlson, 1944, 7/5/2021  
Barry Stevens II, 1944, 2/26/2008  
John C. Traweek, 1944, 2/5/2017  
Eleanor Edith Allen, 1945, 1/31/2021  
Sarah Wilson Rittenour, 1945, 6/24/2021  
Wynn Mason Taylor, 1945, 12/23/2018  
Corinne "Win" Edwards Greenwald, 1945, 5/6/2020  
Murial Allardice Torres, 1945 March 2017  
Lorraine Wilson Boess, 1945, 5/24/2019  
Ralph R. Obenchain, 1945, 11/30/2014

Roy King, 1946, 6/26/2021  
Richard Fosse, 1946, 7/23/2017  
Carol Fisk Stauffacher, 1947, 5/11/2020  
Mary Stormont Pollock, 1947 2/4/2020  
Norman R. Runnion, 1947, 6/19/2015  
Ruth McGee O'Dwyer, 1949, 1/6/2021  
Robert Hathaway, 1949, 9/19/2020

## 1950s

Robert E. Lyon, 1950, 7/26/2021  
Robert F. Norton, 1950, 4/19/2020  
Frances Bean Rakestraw, 1950, 7/20/2020  
Marcelete Calderwood Riba, 1950, 7/10/2020  
Francis Campbell Davis, 1951, 9/5/2018  
George (Lovie) Gibbs, 1951, 9/10/2018  
Alvania Frazier Hill, 1951, 11/11/2019  
Jane Erickson Blochwitz, 1951, 12/23/2019  
Diane Wilcox, 1951, 8/15/2020  
Megan Williams Higgs, 1951, 11/26/2020  
William Schaeffle, 1951, 5/18/2021  
Shirley Ann McKulski Sawyer, 1952, 5/22/2021  
Mary Anne Kolbe Rounds, 1952, 5/10/2021  
Bob Slater, 1952, 6/23/2020  
Robert Yale, 1953, 2/6/2021  
Robert Bennett, 1953, 9/20/2020  
John Ellerman, 1954, 8/20/2021

Ashley Kennedy, 1954, 3/6/2015  
John Hitt, 1954, 5/28/2021  
Tyler D Wilson, 1955, 7/4/2021  
Kaye Cromer Whitehead, 1954, 6/21/2021  
Wayne Hedman, 1954, 12/10/2018  
Howard Bones Silverman, 1955, 9/10/2020  
Roger Sundblom, 1955, 1/16/2021  
John E. Zweifel, 1956, 12/30/2020  
Heaps Leet, 1956, 7/2/2021  
Claudia Karsten Peters, 1957, 9/28/2019  
Dale Conrad Raef, 1957, 3/5/2021  
David Rabuck, PhD, 1958, 4/13/2021  
Joy Bright McCorkle, 1959, 3/13/2021  
Nancy Potter Horten, 1959, 9/11/2021

## 1960s

Clifford Brown, 1960, 11/1/2020  
Lorna Heckenbach Hawk, 1960, 3/24/2020  
Lynne McKean Crompton Hanson, 1961, 6/15/2021  
Helen Margaret Nott, 1961, 8/4/2019  
William Wham, 1961, 5/7/2021  
Sherill Jackson Specht, 1962, 12/10/2019  
Kim Patrick Hogan, 1963, 9/ 29,2021  
Ken Kaye, 1963, 5/26/2021  
Merry McCorkle Brady, 1963, November 2020  
James S. McCulloch, M.D., 1963, 2/6/2021  
Barry (Bernard) Bookman, 1964, 11/16/2020

Stuart Boykoff, 1964  
Edward Gravier, 1964, 3/16/2020  
Richard Garfield, 1964, 10/20/2020  
Stuart Barton Watson, 1964, 7/11/2021  
Alan Fischer, 1964, 7/31/2021  
Bonnie Ellen Robinson, 1964, 8/16/2021  
Susan Holly Liechty Hall, 1964, 10/11/21  
Louise Byrne Kyrias, 1966, 6/4  
Michael W. Reznick, 1966, 12/24/2020  
John O. Brittain Jr., 1967, 6/15/2020  
Milton Frank, 1968, August 2021  
Mardon Matthews Blomgren, 1968, 6/9/2021  
Michael Grigsby, 1969, Summer 2021  
Melika Richardson, 1969, 9/13/2021

## 1970s

Mark Gottlieb, 1970, 5/22/2021  
Stephen J. McCracken, 1972, 2/14/2021  
Harry Griffin, 1972  
James "Nitty" Franklin, 1972, 2021  
James Bermann, 1972, 7/2019  
Beverly Ray Williams-Ustry, 1972, 5/25/2021  
Michael P. Broska, 1972, 12/31/2017  
Michael Ratajczyk, 1972, 4/3/2020  
John Fischer, 1973, 8/6/2021  
Cyndy Peterson Starr, 1973, 3/2/2020  
Robin Phillips, 1973, 12/20/2018  
Leslie Fogel, 1973, 3/10/2021  
John C. Butler, 1977, 1/16/2021  
John Decker, 1977, 7/23/2021

## 1980s

Vincent Tomasello, 1981, 7/4/2021  
Michele Tidwell White, 1984, 10/25/2021

## 2000s

Alexis Sutker, 2012, 10/5/2021

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Emily Stamos** died at home on June 26, 2021, after a long illness. Emily taught English at ETHS for 26 years and retired in 2001. A STAE Program Lead Teacher and Freshprint Sponsor, she was a winner of the Teacher Excellence Award.

**Tom Amos** passed away on August 17, 2021. He taught at ETHS before being appointed Principal of its Freshman Campus.

**Ray Barnett**, chemistry teacher at ETHS for 34 years, died October 11, 2021. He retired in 2002.

**Louise H. Neighbors**, who taught French at ETHS from 1977-87, died Nov. 27, 2020.



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Your milestone Reunion is your opportunity to connect with friends, discover what's new on campus, and celebrate ETHS. It's also a great opportunity to support a new generation of Wildkits.

No doubt about it, reunion schedules have been off the past two year — events have been postponed, rescheduled and rescheduled again. No matter whether you are celebrating on Zoom or in person, please remember to make your class gift this year. It's a great way to show your appreciation for the path ETHS put you on. And more importantly, it is critical to **ENSURE EQUITY & EXCELLENCE.**

Make your alumni gift today and pay it forward— earmark it for your class gift! Classes who raise a significant gift also have the chance to have lasting recognition on campus. Below are some of the wonderful new learning spaces and resources our ETHS alumni have recently made possible.

And, when you return to campus, be sure to take a tour to walk down memory lane and see the extraordinary enhancements that provide 21<sup>st</sup> century learning at your alma mater.

### THE ETHS LITERACY LAB



The re-designed and expanded ETHS Literacy Lab opened in September thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends who provided over \$600,000 for renovations, teacher training, technology and resources. Unique comfortable furnishings and the latest technology were intentionally selected to make this new learning space inviting for the over 200 ETHS and elementary students who annually benefit from additional reading support. Students are instructed by a team of specially trained reading interventionists whose goal is to increase the trajectory of students' success through small group and one-to-one literacy instruction. Using a wide range of methods, teachers make moment-by-moment decisions within each lesson to best support the individual student.



### LIGHTING AND SOUND IN THE ETHS AUDITORIUM



Thanks to our alumni, student music and drama performances will be even more phenomenal. The ETHS auditorium has been newly equipped with grid lighting on the ceiling and side wall stacks like a Broadway theater. An oversized projection system offers the audience exciting new visuals and the sound board and speakers provide clear, amplified sound. There are 100 students acting as crew members and there are three sections of stagecraft classes. Now students will have hands-on experience with industry standard equipment and the possibilities for lighting and sound design are endless.



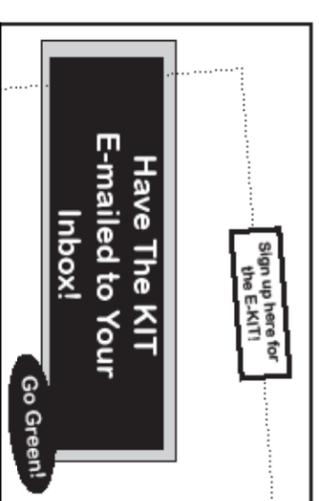
### STUDENT ASSISTANCE

During the pandemic, ETHS was able to meet critical student needs and that support is continuing. The faculty delivers 'Kit Care baskets to students who are struggling with mental health issues and personal challenges. Hot spots are provided to students who lack reliable internet access. Contributions help support registration-fee forgiveness and provide an emergency fund for families in need.



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