

Dr. Marcus Campbell named as ETHS's next superintendent

On April 21, the ETHS school board announced that Dr. Marcus Campbell has unanimously been selected as the school's next superintendent beginning July 1, 2022. Currently the Assistant Superintendent and Principal at ETHS, Campbell will succeed Dr. Eric Witherspoon who retires on June 30 after 16 years at the helm. Campbell is the first Black male superintendent in the high school's 139-year history.

"It was essential to the board that we engage the community in the selection of our next superintendent," said board president Pat Savage-Williams. "We selected the Alma Advisory Group because they share this value and they developed a very thorough process to hear from our stakeholder groups."

She added: "Our community told us what it was looking for in the next superintendent, which allowed us to develop the job description and articulate the competencies. Community members spent several hours in extensive interviews with Dr. Campbell, and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback in support of him as the next superintendent."

From the beginning of the search, Campbell was considered a top candidate for the ETHS superintendency due to his experience and national reputation. Campbell has been at ETHS for more than 21 years, starting as an English teacher for 10 years. He served in various academic and administration positions, including the Director for Student Supports and Racial Equity, Associate Principal, and, since 2013, Assistant Superintendent/Principal.

As the educational leader and chief administrator of all school operations, he leads the development of



Photo by Nate Perry

district strategy and organizational change including effective instruction practices, impactful diversity and equity initiatives, and responsive programs and services.

Campbell has played a central role in the district's equity transformation programs and initiatives. He has received both personal and professional accolades for his leadership in the development of district strategy and organizational change. He has worked to effectively engage students, staff, families, the school board, and members of the community to clearly articulate the goals and priorities of the district.

Born and raised in Chicago, Campbell attended Robert Lindbloom Math and Science Academy in the West Englewood neighborhood. In 1997, his senior year, he received an Illinois Golden Apple Award for aspiring educators and entered the Golden Apple Scholars teacher preparation program.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois-Champaign, majoring in English with a minor in African American Studies. While working as a teacher at ETHS, he earned his master's degree in social

and cultural foundations in education from DePaul University, and his doctorate in educational leadership at National Louis University.

According to Savage-Williams: "The ETHS board poured through the interviews, as well as all of the feedback and information we received from the surveys, panels, and focus groups."

One community survey respondent summed it up well, said Savage-Williams: "Dr. Campbell is thoughtful, engaging, and clearly dedicated to the success of Evanstonians and the ETHS community. My impression of him is that he understands the complexities of achievement and the obstacles to achieve — particularly in Black and Latinx communities — and he is willing to be a creative and strategic thinker. Dr. Campbell models the kind of community leadership that Evanston talks about, and I believe he will be a successful superintendent and leader."

Witherspoon also took the opportunity to reflect on his feelings about Campbell. "I can honestly say that tonight, knowing that Marcus Campbell will officially be succeeding

me as superintendent, is a dream come true for me," He continued: "I recognized and saw in Marcus, when he was in his 20s, a future superintendent. ... You have moved through the ranks, and I know that in my mind, that is the way to prepare as a superintendent. Start as a teacher and ... get all that experience. You have done everything to be prepared for this role. ... You are going to take this district to the next level."

Monique Parsons, board vice president, thanked the school community for its support, participation, and feedback during the selection process. "The experience, visionary leadership, deep commitment to our students and support of our great staff makes Dr. Campbell perfect to lead us into the next era of Wildkit pride," she said.

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Superintendent's Letter

It's all about students (today and yesterday)

As I get closer to my retirement at the end of June, I'm doing what is probably common and clichéd among those nearing retirement: reflecting. For me, however, it's not particularly about memories, although there certainly are many of those. For me, it's a celebration of life, primarily a celebration of all the lives of my colleagues and students I have known and served over the years.

I cherish my 45-year career in education. When I was a young, beginning high-school English teacher, I remember wanting to know more about my colleagues who were nearing retirement and their reflections on their distinguished careers.

I remember wondering how many students' lives they had touched over the years, the many changes they experienced in the world of education. But most of all, I remember

observing that no matter how many things had changed for them, the constant in every high school is that the students are always teenagers.

I think now, for example, about those 18-year-old seniors I taught my first year, those 18-year-old faces and those youthful personalities that energized me daily, and I wonder where they are today. They are 63-years-old now and our age difference doesn't seem as great as it did when I was their young teacher, a recent college graduate.

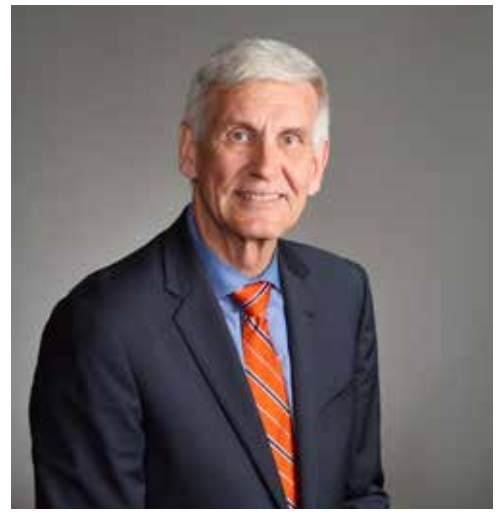
Many of my former students still stay in touch, but I can't help but wonder where those former students' lives have taken them: the joys and worries, the heartbreaks and headaches, the successes and thrills, the ups and the downs, their disappointments and their many accomplishments.

And those thoughts make me think about you, our ETHS alumni. I think about

all the ETHS students over the years, the Wildkit alumni who mean so much to me. All of you were once the teenagers walking these hallways, taking your classes, doing homework, participating in the sports and activities that meant the most to you, eagerly looking forward to your own graduation.

No matter what you individually experienced, ETHS was probably among the most formative years of your life. I have spoken with so many of you, and I know that most of you hold a fondness for ETHS in your hearts. I also know that was not the case for all of you, and some of you found those teenage years to be very difficult.

But, no matter when you graduated, which era you attended ETHS, you are all part of a continuum in the long and storied history of ETHS, all part of the Wildkit family that is today nearly 60,000 strong with alumni living around the world.



ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon

These past sixteen years, since the graduating Class of 2007, I have had the honor and privilege to experience ETHS with all of you who have attended ETHS, and I will always care about you and wonder what life holds for you. Christa McAuliffe, teacher and astronaut, had it right: those of us who dedicate our lives to young people and their education touch the future. Thanks to all of you, I have been able to touch the future.

Even though I will never have the advantage of being an alumnus of ETHS, I will always have the advan-

tage, like you, of being part of the Wildkit family.

No matter what experiences you may remember about your teenage years here at ETHS, I encourage all of you to cherish being a permanent part of the ETHS family.

This is an extraordinary high school. You are fortunate to have attended and graduated from here, to be part of this family.

It's a great day to be a Wildkit.

From the Alumni Association Executive Director

Celebrations Old and New

Normally at this time of year, we would be preparing to welcome the current senior class to the ETHS Alumni Association as we congratulate them for completing their careers at our school. That will happen on May 22, as the class of 2022 celebrates their graduation.

And without taking away anything from this most recent group of seniors, we also want to welcome a retiring member of the administration as an **Honorary Alumnus of ETHS: Dr. Eric Witherspoon**,

who has been with us for 16 years. Of his 13 predecessors, only four (the first four – Henry Boltwood, Wilfred Beardsley, Francis Bacon, and Lloyd Michael) have served longer. Nationally, the average tenure of a school superintendent is under five years. We have been fortunate to have Dr. Witherspoon with us for so long. We will miss his presence in the hallways and his leadership of our school.

Needless to say, life at ETHS has been busy. Students and faculty are getting used to block schedules and attending



David Futransky '69

school in person. That seems strange to write, but over half of our students have spent less than half of their high school years in person in the building. There are fewer passing periods and more students going off campus for lunch. The hallways are not as crowded as they used to be, but plenty is going on in and out of the building. The academic year wraps up much earlier and students will return in mid-August for the 2022-23 school year.

By the time you get this, Dr. Marcus Campbell will have been appointed the next Superintendent of ETHS beginning July 1, 2022. Dr. Campbell has spent his career at ETHS, starting as an English teacher and progressing through a number of administrative roles including Assistant Superintendent/Principal. He brings a student-centered viewpoint, and responses from all stakeholders have been incredibly positive and supportive.

As noted in other parts of this issue of *The KIT*, the ETHS Foundation recently held its annual celebration – WILD. It was great to be at the Robert Crown Community Center with hundreds of alumni, parents, and ETHS supporters. Kudos to Foundation Executive Director Joanne Bertsche; Associate Director Sarah Schmidt; Development Specialist Karen Jones; and valued

assistant, **Nicole Marks '85** for the work they and numerous volunteers did to create a successful, in-person event. Alumni donations to the Foundation are a major source of funding for additional capital improvements for the district.

In the fall issue, we will report on the multitude of reunions that will take place this year. Three classes are celebrating (two of them belatedly) their 50th reunions – 1970, 1971, and 1972. 1969 is celebrating being able to get back together, and many other classes are holding reunions as well. If you are planning a reunion, or want information about a reunion, please let our office know. You can call 847-424-7704 or email alumni@eths.k12k.il.us. We are here to support reunion planning and to provide tours of the school for reunion groups be-

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ETHS rebuilds to support Wildkit wellbeing post-pandemic

Last fall, ETHS opened full-time and in-person... but to a familiar but new normal. Everyone had to wear masks; the daily schedule became a block schedule with larger amounts of instructional time for more hands-on learning (85-minute periods); and semester exams were eliminated, among other changes.

At a March school board meeting, Taya Kinzie, Assoc. Principal/Student Services and Marcus Campbell, Asst. Supt./Principal, reflected on how the school community coped during its two-year journey during the pandemic—through remote learning, hybrid learning, and now, in-person learning.

“We kept reinventing ourselves; committed to building and rebuilding, focusing on wellbeing and equity through each of our actions,” said Kinzie, adding, “Our collective journey...has challenged all of us in the face of significant losses, death, illnesses, and racism as we work to educate our youth.”

It was not an easy opening. From the first quarter of Fall 2019 (pre-pandemic) to Fall 2021, suicide risk assessments among students increased 104%. During that same time, psychiatric hospitalizations increased over 45%.

In response, the ETHS staff stepped up its efforts to identify and help students get the wrap-around care they needed. ETHS has an extensive array of interventions and services that staff, students, and parents can access to support students in trouble. These include group and individual mental health and grief support, pre- and post-hospitalization programs, and virtual calming rooms, among many other resources.

And these interventions have made a difference. The suicide risk assessments for third quarter 2022 showed a 75% decrease compared to third quarter two years ago.

Kinzie and Campbell chronicled many of the ways ETHS has intervened to support students—starting with all students’ Physical Education & Wellness classes, which focus on assessing their social and emotional wellbeing. In-class learning activities strive to prevent depression, loneliness, and low motivation.

In a survey taken last year, students who completed the activities reported they had fewer depressive symptoms, higher levels of academic motivation, and a greater use of emotion regulation skills. Students also are tested for Covid in their PE/Wellness classes (current proof of Covid vaccination is 94% for students, 95% for staff).

Knowing that every staff member, “from leader to secretary,” said Kinzie, “has a role in creating a sense of belonging through social emotional and academic learning, as well as connecting students to supports.” Therefore, ETHS has increased its early intervention efforts through professional training for all staff. Counselor programming has expanded to support students’ individualized career and academic plans. Social emotional learning has been embedded in instruction across the school curriculum.

Outreach to strengthen family connections with the school have also greatly increased. The ETHS Health Center, which serves all students regardless of insurance status, remained open even during the pandemic, offering comprehensive health care in-person and remotely. Staff member teams have conducted home visits and made personalized phone calls to create a sense of belonging and to help students re-engage fully in school rather than dropping out. A school survey in 2021 showed that “91% of our students strongly agree that teachers work hard to make sure students stay in school.”

In 2020-21, the Family Talk Series and College & Career evening programs covered topics such as mental health, bullying and harassment, suicide prevention, substance abuse, grief, and LGBTQ+ youth support, among many other areas. Wildkit Futures Day 2021 presented programs for all students to support social-emotional development and post-high school planning. Despite the pandemic and remote learning, 58% of the students surveyed last year said they participated in at least one extracurricular activity.

All of these resources and interventions have helped steady the students’ experience at ETHS. The attendance rate for 2020-21 was 97%, above the state’s rate of 92.5%; the dropout rate was 1.5% (2.6% for the state); and ETHS’s four-year graduation rate was 93% (state was 86%).

According to Kinzie: “The pandemic has proven that we are a group of people who will redefine our-



ETHS opened the year with a mask mandate, but as the Covid metrics went down, wearing masks indoors were recommended, not mandated.

selves in order to focus on, and be responsive to, our students and their complicated instructional and wellbeing needs, including in the face of constant shifts and demands in education.”

Supt. Eric Witherspoon stressed that supporting ETHS students with the resources they need to succeed has to be a community effort, that ETHS can’t do it all. Realizing that many community agencies were impacted by the pandemic, he said the school and its students still need community partners in addition to ETHS supports:

Alumni Association funds West African Dance Mini-Grant

This school year guest artist Idy Ciss from the Muntu Dance Theatre taught ETHS students the Kuku Dance during a 10-day master class in West African Dance.

He worked with 100 students in ETHS’s Dance Performance and Global Dance classes to expose them to authentic West African dance history, technique, and culture. Ciss, Muntu’s Associate Director, led the courses and provided live drumming.



Muntu Dance Theatre strives to preserve and perpetuate the African aesthetic and its influence on world cultures through education and professional

Executive Director, Cont. from page 2

tween September and May. Unfortunately, we cannot do tours in the summer because of construction that goes on every year. We are updating the Reunion Handbook to better reflect current needs, and it will be available on the ETHS website – www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni.

Finally, here’s a sneak peek at our Centennial Celebration in 2024-25. It seems like a long time from now, but is only two years. ETHS’s campus at 1600 Dodge opened in September 1924. There are plans in the works to:

- Celebrate the school, the district, and the physical spaces,
- Narrate the stories of all of you – the people who attended ETHS at 1600 Dodge, and
- Sustain the building as we make adaptations to support students and innovations in the 21st Century.

More details will follow in the next few issues of *The KIT*. If you want to become involved, let me know at futraskyd@eths.k12.il.us.

ETHS Advanced Placement enrollment, success down due to Covid

High school students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses take AP final exams in the spring. Their score(s), ranging from 1 to 5, can earn them credit in college, which can reduce their college course load and potentially save them thousands of dollars in tuition. (In Illinois, all public universities/community colleges must award college course credit for AP exam scores of 3+.)

ETHS offers 34 AP courses across most academic areas and has gained national recognition for its diverse program, for its growing student participation, and its growing student success rate.

However, during the 2020-21 school year, when Covid caused stressed-out teachers and students to teach and learn remotely from home, the College Board required that all students enrolled in AP courses take the exams that covered the full AP

course content as in pre-pandemic years because “colleges expect it,” said Asst. Supt./Curriculum & Instruction Peter Bavis.

“The message from the College Board was clear: ‘push through,’” said Bavis. However, the College Board made some allowances for students last year, up to the day before the exam, to get a refund on the exam fee (\$95) if they decided not to take it.

The result: nationwide, from 2019 to 2021, most AP courses saw a decline in enrollment, the number of students taking the exams, and in exam scores. While the College Board did not release disaggregated national data, the impact of the pandemic on all ETHS students is evident.

In 2018-19, the last school year not affected by Covid, 972 ETHS students took AP courses and 694 earned scores of 3+ vs. 792 taking AP courses in 2021

with 524 earning scores of 3 or more.

- 128 Black students took AP exams in 2019 vs. 78 last year (a 40% decrease), with a 51% decrease in students with scores of 3+ (54 vs. 26)

- 125 Latinx/Hispanic students took AP exams in 2019 vs. 94 last year (down 24%) with a 42.5% decrease in students with scores of 3+ (87 vs. 50)

- 627 White students took AP exams in 2019 vs. 531 last year (down 15%) with a 21% decrease in students with scores of 3+, 481 vs. 381

This school year, ETHS is fully open to in-person learning, and regular testing is back in place. The expectation is that all students taking AP classes will take the corresponding AP exams.

And the school, College Board, and general research mindset is more

enlightened, as well—taking an AP course in itself is what’s most important, not just the exam score. The course exposes students to college-level learning, boosts their college performance, and increases four-year graduation rates over those who don’t take AP courses in high school, said Bavis.

Learning deficits and emotional challenges caused by the almost two years of remote learning undoubtedly contributed to the decline in student enrollment in AP courses and exam scores.

And while ETHS has de-tracked freshman courses and implemented earned honors, supporting ALL students’ ability to take and succeed in honors and AP courses, the racial demographics in higher-level courses have improved but not at rocket pace.

One major effort to address the decrease in AP enrollment and student success is “teamASAP,” a broad-ranging series of support programs started at ETHS in 2011 by AP students to help their peers succeed in AP, even before they enter the class.

According to **Dale Leibforth ’93**, teamASAP advisor and Math Department Chair, offering the programs was harder during the pandemic because of the transition to remote learning, so the organizers moved to online events and other resources—and program attendance increased because students could attend remotely. Now about 600 students are involved in teamASAP.



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.

The *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, 13 episodes have been taped and can be seen on YouTube (search for **ETHS Coming Together**).

Episode 12: Holiday Spirits



Chasity Cooper '07

For the last *Coming Together* of 2021, we got into the holiday spirit! To celebrate, we invited several ETHS alumni who work as professionals in the beer, wine, and spirits industry. Grab something to sip and enjoy this fun installment!

Holiday Spirits features:

- Moderator: **Chasity Cooper '07**, journalist specializing in wine
- **Rodney Williams '79**, President, Belvedere Vodka
- **Josh Gilbert '91**, Temperance Brewery
- **Rachel Gescheidle '11**, brewmaster
- **Marquita Levy '85**, sommelier

Episode 13: The Legal System



Opening 2022, we were thrilled to invite three ETHS alumni and attorneys to discuss, in-person, the American legal system.

The Legal System features:

- Moderator: **Alyson Miller '97**, Chief of Staff and Policy, Cook County State’s Attorney Office
- **Rick Pildes '75**, Sudler Family Professor of Constitutional Law at NYU School of Law
- **Ben Wolf '71**, Retired ACLU Illinois Legal Director

ETHS Kudos

STUDENTS

Art Exhibition



Drawing by Adam Akkadian Seyle, ETHS '22

In March, 12 ETHS students were selected to participate in the 2022 Illinois High School Art Exhibition (IHSAE). Hosted by Art ConnectED, the IHSAE is one of Illinois' premier high school art exhibitions featuring student visual artworks from more than 100 city, suburban, public, and private high schools and is widely considered the gold standard among high school student art exhibitions nationwide. The students and their work were selected across eight different categories or from submitted scholarship portfolios.

National Merit Finalists

All 15 of the ETHS students who were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the fall have now been named Finalists and will be considered for scholarships offered this spring. Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year and about 15,000 of those students are named Finalists.

State Music Conference

Six ETHS students were chosen to participate in the 2022 Illinois Music Education Association All-State Conference in January. Three received awards for compositions they wrote, (two 1st-place awards, one 3rd place). Three instrumentalists—French horn, viola, and clarinet) performed in the All-State Ensembles. The conference gathers thousands of people from the music education learning community for clinic sessions, performances, and networking events.

Chess Team



In February, the ETHS **Chess Team** earned their first state trophy since 2006 with a 3rd Place finish at the state meet in Peoria. While every player on the team contributed to ETHS's win, junior **Elie Platnick** was clearly the team's leader. Platnick not only played Board 1 in each match, against the opposing team's top player, and defeated each of his opponents to finish with a perfect record of seven wins, no ties, and no losses. His win in Round 3 helped ETHS avoid an upset by Glenbrook North in the only close match among the team's six

DECA Team



ETHS students competed in the 2022 Illinois State Career Development DECA Conference, along with over 1,200 high school students. The team earned seven 1st-place finishes, two 2nd-place finishes, one 5th-place finish, and two in the Top 10. In all, 11 ETHS students earned a bid to compete at the International DECA International Career Development Conference in April.

Every year, DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) invites students to compete in business/entrepreneurship activities through business role-play situations, taking business-oriented exams, presenting written research projects and public relations campaigns, and delivering pitches for new business concepts.

ETHS maintains rank among top high schools

U.S. News & World Report released its "Best High Schools" rankings for 2022 in April, placing ETHS again at 41 in Illinois and 955 in the nation. Overall, ETHS received a score of 94.65 out of 100 on the national rankings scorecard.

"The consistent ranking of ETHS among the top 3% of high schools in the state and in the country is a credit to our dedicated teachers and staff," said Supt. Eric Witherspoon. "Even with the impact of a pandemic and the challenges to the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of students, ETHS is committed to preparing students for career, college, and life."

International Math Contest

In February, a four-member math team from ETHS earned Meritorious ranking in the annual COMAP High School Math Contest in Modeling and qualified to compete in the International Math Modeling Contest. The team was ranked in the top 20% of all submitted papers in the competition, which offers students the opportunity to work on complex, open-ended problems to develop a reasonable solution via a mathematical model.

Known as the "36-Hour Problem," the international contest challenges students, who work in teams of up to four, to use skills and knowledge from math, science, and computer science classes in order to develop possible solutions for problems that have no single, correct answer. Guided by ETHS teachers **Glenford Gordon** and **Mark Vondracek**, the team had to develop an energy storage system for a solar-powered house and construct solutions to a number of related issues they encountered.

To compete in the international contest, the selected teams try to develop solutions to another problem, and the top two U.S. teams will then compete against the top two papers from over 30 other countries. Judging was to take place in late April.

Academic Challenge

Five ETHS students—3 seniors, 2 juniors—qualified for the state finals in the 2022 Academic Challenge in April. The Academic Challenge is a state-wide competition run by Eastern Illinois University for high school students based on subjects such as biology, chemistry, computer science, English, mathematics, and physics.

Japan Bowl



ETHS Japan Bowl team (from left): Tyler Pitts, Jelena Djukic, and Ryan Pitts.

The ETHS Japan Bowl team took 1st-place at the 2022 Illinois Japan Bowl in March and advanced to the national competition in April. The three-person team of seniors competed based on the number of years they have studied Japanese.

The Illinois Japan Bowl is an academic competition, which covers a wide range of topics that tests high school students studying the Japanese language across the state. Sponsored by the Japan America Society of Chicago, the competition tests not only knowledge of the language, but also the understanding of traditional and modern Japan.

FACULTY

Teach Plus Fellows

Last fall, ETHS English teachers **Angela Sangha-Gadsden** and **John Phillips** were selected by Teach Plus as two of 24 educators to serve as Fellows for its 2021-22 Illinois Policy Fellowship cohort.

As Fellows, they will focus on a range of issues of importance to Illinois' teachers, students, and parents, including creating culturally supportive school environments, strengthening the pipeline for educators of color, reducing racial harassment in schools, and addressing the shortage of special education teachers.

Teach Plus is a national nonprofit that empowers teachers to lead improvements in educational policy and instructional practice.

Class Notes

1960s

Playwright **Martha Hansen '69's** play *Seven Days at Sea* will be produced by The Edge Theater, 5451 N. Broadway, in Chicago, through June 5. Not only did she write the play, Martha is also acting in the show. Martha taught science and was Science Department chair at ETHS for 20 years. Since retirement in June 2010, she has pursued acting and playwriting.

1970s



Bernard Schoenburg '72 was named to the 2022 class of the Illini Media Hall of Fame, reflecting professional accomplishments following his work on the *The Daily Illini* campus newspaper in Champaign-Urbana from 1974-76. Schoenburg retired in December 2020 after 30 years with *The State Journal-Register* of Springfield, where he was political writer and columnist for his last 28 years there. He earlier worked for *The Pantagraph* of Bloomington and the Associated Press in Chicago.

Paul Williamsen

'75 earned a BS in Music Education from the U of Minnesota but went on to a 40-year career in the automotive industry. He worked with several German premium brands before joining Lexus in 1989 when it was founded. He has had leadership roles in Lexus technical service, sales training, marketing, and motorsports, has written several books and articles on technical service, and appeared in TED Talks as an expert on advanced technology low-emission vehicles. In 2001, he earned an MBA

from Pepperdine University. Paul completed a two-year assignment in Nagoya and Tokyo, Japan, producing global advertising and brand promotion content for the Marketing Division of Lexus International. He returned to the U.S. in 2020 and is now senior manager of Lexus College, responsible for all Lexus education and training programs in the U.S.

1980s



Longtime Evanston 2nd Ward Alderman **Peter Braithwaite '88** has taken a job as Director of Procurement, Diversity and Community Engagement at Northwestern University. Braithwaite was previously in a sales job with Grainger Industrial Supply. He will report to the university's Procurement and Payment Services Office where his role calls for developing, implementing, and managing the university's diversity portfolio. His work will cover a number of other communities as well as Evanston. He has served as longtime chair of the city's Minority, Women and Evanston Business Enterprise Development Committee and has been one of the rotating chairs of the city's Economic Development Committee.



The National Council on Public History (NCPH) has awarded a 2022 Outstanding Public History Project Award to **Morris "Dino"**

Robinson, Jr. '85, founder and executive director of Shorefront Legacy Center, and Jenny Thompson, Director of Education at the Evanston History Center, for their report, "Evanston Policies and Practices Directly Affecting the African American Community."

Robinson and Thompson's report was commissioned by the City of Evanston to provide historical background to the city's groundbreaking local reparations legislation. Robinson and Thompson teamed up to write the report and provide a narrative history of racial discrimination in Evanston.

1990s

Joey Feinstein '94 was named Executive Director of Citizens' Greener Evanston.

Damon Jones '92 was inducted into the Southern Illinois University Hall of Fame in October 2021. He is the son of **Farrell Jones '68** (ETHS State Basketball champs and All-State in football). Damon enjoyed a five-year career professionally with the Jacksonville Jaguars from 1997-2001.

Elizabeth Alexander '94 writes: "I've spent time as a media attorney, worked in corporate relations for the Chicago Public Schools, was part of the communications team for the World Series-winning Washington Nationals (and have the ring to prove it!), and now have returned to public service as the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Public Affairs at the US Department of Labor, appointed by President Biden. My non-traditional career path is all possible because of ETHS!"

2000s

Donna Lee '01, chef and founder of Chicago-based Brown Bag Seafood Co., won Food Network's October 2021 episode of "Chopped." The show, which wasn't aired until March 15, earned her the top \$10,000 award. She competed against four chefs by preparing an appetizer, entrée, and

dessert from a basket that contained mystery ingredients. Lee, whose restaurant opened in 2014, offers high-quality takeout and delivery food. She now owns 10 locations, with expansions in Atlanta and Charlotte, NC.



Chef Donna Lee competes on "Chopped." (Photo via Food Network's Instagram)

ETHS senior linebacker **Sebastian Cheeks '22** was among four Illinois high school football players selected to participate in the All-American Bowl all-star game on January 8 in San Antonio, TX. Cheeks, who committed to the U of North Carolina for college, was named to the East roster. The game, broadcast annually by NBC, is a celebration of high school football excellence that brings together the top 100 senior football players in

the nation, and has been a major sporting event for the past 20 years.

In February, Underwriters Laboratory (UL) issued a feature story about closing the gender gap in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and careers. **Leslie Malaki '09**, a UL project engineer, reflected on empowering women and girls to be equal participants in science and the other STEM fields. At an early age, her father, an engineering technician, began interesting her in everything technical, such as taking apart her toys and putting them back together. She said: "I joined Project Lead the Way [at ETHS], a program that helps kids learn and develop in-demand skills. It introduced me to engineering. I learned about computer-aided drafting, robotics, and product design." She met a UL rep at a career fair, who helped her gain an internship during her third year [at the U of IL, majoring in engineering] in the UL materials lab and eventually full-time work at UL after graduation.

How to Submit News to The KIT

We love to hear from our alumni all across the country. Let us know what you are up to! Following are ways to share what's new with other ETHS graduates:

- **Class Notes:** Your personal updates...Where are you working? Where have you traveled? Etc. Send us pictures and a short summary.
- **Mini Class Reunions:** Have you been meeting with a group of your high school friends for years or maybe only recently? Send us your story. Of course, we love pictures too!
- **Class Reunions:** Did you attend or coordinate your class reunion? Tell us how it went.
- **In Memory:** Do you know of a fellow ETHS alum who has recently passed? Please let us know the name, class, and date of passing.
- **Authors' Bookshelf:** Did you pen a book? Send in your book to be catalogued and shelved on our ETHS Authors' Bookshelf. Include a summary and information on where other alumni can purchase your book.

All information may be sent via email to David Futransky, Alumni Association Director, at futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us. Questions? Call 847-424-7704.



William “Bill” Logan Jr. ’51, whose long list of accomplishments include service as Evanston’s first Black Police Chief and ETHS Safety Director, will have a one-block portion of McDaniel Ave., between Nathaniel Place and Greenleaf St., designated with the honorary street name “William Bill Logan Jr. Way.” Evanston Alderman **Peter Braithwaite ’88** and **Gilo Kwesi Cornell Logan ’84**, Logan’s son, applied for the street name consideration, which the City Council unanimously approved on March 7. Honorary street-name signs are displayed for 10 years.

A life-long Evanstonian, Logan’s accomplishments are legendary. He joined the Evanston Police Department in 1957, and held the first of many Black officer positions—Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, and ultimately Chief of Police. He co-founded the Chessmen Club of the North Shore in 1958, now President Emeritus, that has given scholarships to ETHS graduates and food to the needy at Christmas for over 40 years. In 1968, he co-founded youth basketball program FAAM (Fellowship of African American Men), coached for 15 years, and presently serves as Vice President. Nationally, he helped form the Black Police Officers Association.

During his years as an ETHS student, he was the first Black to serve as homeroom president, senior class vice president, football captain, and first Black football player to win the Myerson Award for Excellence.

His service in police administration and community service has been honored locally and nationally, winning numerous awards for valor, leadership, and dedication. As the ETHS Director of Safety from 1987-2006, Logan initiated motor patrol for safety staff, the instillation of crossing guards, and safety staff first-aid certification.

By Heidi Randhava

Levy Center Series showcases three ETHS lecturers

Three ETHS alums were featured last fall/winter in the Levy Senior Center Foundation’s Lecture Series, a bi-monthly program for residents age 55+.

In October, **Peter Moskos ’89**, author and professor, presented “Reducing Violence in Cities: Lessons Learned from NYC’s Decline in Crime.” Following years of research with NY police officers, Moskos’s forthcoming book describes the *New York City Miracle* that demonstrates how policing policies and

the NYPD helped reduce violence, police use of force, incarceration, and racial disparities.

Morris (Dino) Robinson, Jr. ’85, executive director and founder of Shorefront Legacy Center, spoke in November about “Changing the Narrative: Evanston African American Heritage Site Program.” He discussed his work recognizing sites and buildings that address the role African Americans played in shaping Evanston since it was established in 1863.

In December, **Andrew Moskos ’86**, co-founder, artistic director, and partner of Boom Chicago, spoke about “Serious Funny Business,” an overview of how he (and two other Evanstonians and one Dutch Woman) went to Amsterdam and turned Chicago’s unique art form of improvisation comedy into an international success. Started in 1993, Boom Chicago introduced the Chicago model of sketch and Improv comedy to a mainstream European audience at their theater, on TV, and online.

Authors’ Bookshelf

Good Works are featured in book and song

A new song and children’s book are inspired by ETHS freshman **Olivia Ohlson-Ellis**, who is dedicated to helping her community.



Ohlson-Ellis’s journey started at age 10 when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Three separate times, Ohlson-Ellis set up a lemonade and cookie stand outside her family’s home to help support patient care at North Shore Kellogg Cancer Center.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began surging, Ohlson-Ellis recognized personal hygiene products were in high demand. So, she started a grassroots project called “Hygiene Kits for Evanston’s Underserved” and has distributed nearly 2,000 kits around the Evanston community.

“It’s hard for me to see people who need help and ignore them,” said Ohlson-Ellis. “Both of my parents are very involved in community service, and they passed that on to me.”

Ohlson-Ellis’s local efforts inspired singer/songwriter Jenn Hartmann

Luck to write “Lemonade,” which is being released on September 10. It is one of a collection of songs celebrating young people who are changing the world.

Ohlson-Ellis is also the subject of an upcoming children’s book by author Stacy C. Bauer, who is writing a series about kids who are doing extraordinary things to make a difference in their communities.

“**It’s really cool** and kind of surreal to think two artists are highlighting the community service I’ve done,” Ohlson-Ellis remarked. “I am also happy both are promoting the great work that other kids my age are doing.”

By ETHS Communications Department

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Nominate someone for the 2022 ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award



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

This program annually honors alumni who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others. These Distinguished Alumni are people who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at Evanston Township High School. The awardees will be recognized sometime in the fall.

Due to the onset of the Covid pandemic in March 2020, ETHS postponed the 2020 awards program. The program resumed in 2021.

To be nominated, alumni must have distinguished themselves through achievement, service, and/or contributions to society. **Nominees must have graduated from or been enrolled at ETHS at least 10 years ago.**

Anyone may submit a nomination, whether or not you attended ETHS.

Alumni may not nominate themselves. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. To nominate someone, go to the ETHS alumni web site (www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni) and fill out the online form listing the nominee's "vitals" and explain—in 500 words or less—why this person should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Include your own contact information. Once the nomination is received, the candidate will be asked to provide additional personal information. For multiple nominations, you must fill out a separate form for each candidate.

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

The deadline for 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award nominations is JUNE 20, 2022.

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. Tulskey, 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
- The late Dr. Barbara Sizemore, left in 1944, 1st Black female supt. of a major school district
- Robert Wiczorowski, 1945, Investment banker, Executive Director of the World Bank

December 2006

- Dr. Michael Chamberlin, 1955, Biochemist, educator
- David Cole, 1976, Attorney, civil rights defender
- Gene Nora Stumbough Jensen, 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, Healthcare 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

Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

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
- Dr. Faith Vilas, 1969, Chief Scientist/NASA Planetary Data System
- The Hon. James Zagel, 1958, Federal judge, attorney

December 2013

- Dr. Iva Elaine Johnson Carruthers, 1963, Educator, educational software innovator, social justice leader
- The Hon. John M. Ferren, 1955, 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

December 2015

- Terry Bowie, 1969, award-winning government consultant, mentor to young leaders in financial management
- Cassidy Hubbarth, 2003, top ESPN sports journalist
- Belkis Wu Leong-Hong, 1963, active national leader in Asian American and Pacific Islander community, small-business technology specialist
- James Macdonnell, 1950, retired Presbyterian minister, active during the '60s Civil Rights movement, noted social justice leader
- Donald Michelin, 1969, track star, educator and leader in Evanston community, award-winning ETHS boys' track coach
- Maura Corby Sullivan, 1997, former Marine Corps veteran, appointed to senior government positions in public/private sector

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 management director

- Megan Twohey, 1994, Award-winning investigative journalist
- Lynne Williams Twist, 1963, Global visionary fighting hunger/poverty, social justice supporter

December 2017

- Ken Arlen, 1971, Internat'lly known saxophonist/band leader, philanthropist, music industry leader
- Edwin (Skip) Gage, 1959, Marketing/travel/hospitality world leader
- Roberta Gassman, 1966, Government labor leader at federal/state level, community leader
- Donald Rubin, 1961, Noted Harvard U statistics professor, World-cited/prolific author
- Amie Wilkinson, 1985, World-recognized math dynamical systems expert, U of Chicago math professor
- Dr. Isabella Garnett, born in Evanston 1872, one of 1st 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 justice 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, 1932, 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
- Rodney Williams, 1979, Noted expert in wine and spirits industry, prominent leader of not-for-profit groups

January 2022

- Evelyn Alexander 1952, 60-year school and community volunteer
- Michael Arrington 1961, business leader, leading philanthropist, especially to ETHS
- Coleman Brown, 1952, devoted to service in social/racial justice, civil rights, education and mentoring college students
- Lenora Moragne 1950, over 60-year leader in hospitals, industry, nutrition publishing, academia, and government
- Richard Pildes 1975, law professor, leader in law commissions, influential in cases re: voters' rights and elections
- Robin Rue Simmons 1994, Evanston alderperson, nationally recognized leader in reparations legislation
- Benjamin Wolf 1971, ACLU attorney seeking justice for people mistreated by the government

Reunion Roundup

Class of 1960 at 61



Though a year late, the Class of 1960 finally had the chance to celebrate our four years together at ETHS and to share the happenings of our lives over the past 60 years. Our 61st reunion was held in September 2021, and classmates came from all corners of the country to attend.

Friday night found 80 people gathered at the Evanston American Legion Hall for drinks and tacos. Saturday night's party was at the Glen View Club with beautiful weather. Emcee **Tom Walder** congratulated Reunion co-chairs **Elena Pappas** and **Alan**

Graham for making it all happen in this challenging Covid time.

The reunion ended with a video showing old Evanston hangouts, highlights at the school, famous classmates, and a memorial to those who have passed on.

There are no plans for the next reunion, but we are all hoping that Elena has one more magnificent reunion in her. Also, we are looking for names of books, poems, music, art, podcasts, etc. created by 1960 classmates or family members. Contact: Elena-pappas5929@yahoo.com

Class of 1972 turns 50!

The Class of 1972 will hold its 50th reunion **September 16-18, 2022**. Events include:

- **Friday, 9/16:** To be announced,
- **Saturday, 9/17:** Morning/afternoon tours of school. Contact Ray Austin for information (mraustim14@gmail.com)
- **Saturday, 9/17:** Formal diner dance at The Crystal Ballroom, 529 Davis St., Evanston, 5pm to midnight.

Advance Ticket Purchase Required! Available for purchase on our website after May 15, 2022. Visit our class website (eths1972.org) to buy tickets, update your profile, and connect with classmates. More information will be posted there, as well. Join Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/ETHS1972](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ETHS1972).

If you have questions or need information, contact **Jean Walton Uptmor** (jwuptmor@gmail.com) or **Emery Moorehead** (emerym87@gmail.com).

Class of 1980 tries again for 40th this fall

The Class of 1980 is trying again in the Fall 2022 for our 40th Reunion on **9/30/2022** and **10/1/2022**. We're still working out the details. The primary contact is **Robin Harkness** (eths1980reunion@gmail.com). Also more information is available on the ETHS Club 80 Facebook Group site.

Class of '61 Reunion Set for August

Friday, August 12th

American Legion Evanston Post 42 6 pm – 11 pm
1030 Central Street, Evanston, IL Cash Bar, food available for purchase

Saturday, August 13th

Hackney's on Lake 5 pm Cocktails, 6 pm Dinner
1514 East Lake Ave, Glenview Cash Bar, dinner – 4 choices + vegetarian
\$28.00 payable at the door

Additional events for the reunion: Look for details regarding times for additional opportunities to visit in the mailing and in emails.

Lodging

The Graduate, 1625 Hinman Avenue, Evanston
Hampton Inn and Suites, 5201 Old Orchard Road, Skokie
Hilton Garden Inn, 1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston

Communication

• Class email list (google group): If you would like to receive emails contact **Bill Chalberg** at bchalberg@att.net

• Facebook: If you use Facebook you can ask to join: *ETHS Class of '61*

Your chance to help with reunion expense and class gift

The class to date has raised \$1,700 thanks in large part to **Mike Arrington's** generous \$1,000 gift.

Take a minute to mail your check made out to **Diane Benson Trenbeth**, 1818 Madison, Evanston, Illinois 60202. On the memo line indicate *ETHS Class of '61 gift*. Funds left over after the mailing and renting venues will be given to the ETHS Foundation.

Class of 1970's 50th Reunion

After two years of COVID delays, the Class of 1970's 50th Reunion will finally happen on **September 3rd**.

And because good things come to those who wait, the 1970 'Kits will be celebrating at Evanston's newest, coolest, and first microbrewery, The Double Clutch Brewing Company. This new venue, that opened its doors last October, boasts spacious indoor and outdoor gathering areas, an abundance of microbrews, a full service restaurant, awesome sound system, numerous video screens, and enough room to accommodate the entire ETHS Class of 1970. The Double Clutch Brewery is a true rockin' party site and an ideal setting for our ETHS Class Reunion.

Class of '70 alums, its time to reserve your place to be a part of this joyous celebration. Visit our website at www.eths1970.org for more details, including invitations to 'Meet 'n Greet' on Friday night and a campus tour on Saturday.

Class of 1971's belated 50th this fall

Online registration is underway for the belated ETHS Class of 1971 50th Reunion to be held the weekend of **Sept. 9-10**.

- **Friday evening:** Casual get-together at Hackney's at no charge, with food and drinks available for purchase. **Ken Arlen** will provide fun background music. Come compete in a Trivia Contest.
- **Saturday morning:** Guided tour of ETHS, followed by lunch at the school. The cost for both activities is \$12 per person.
- Saturday reunion: 6:30 to 10:30pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Skokie. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert from Bennison's, will be served. **John Nance** will be the DJ. Cost for the reunion is \$100 per person.

The DoubleTree has set aside a block of rooms beginning at \$99. Links to the hotel reservations are on the reunion website page, along with more details and sign-up forms for each reunion event.

If the reunion has to be rescheduled again, all payments, including hotel reservations, will be refunded or reapplied. Proof of up-to-date COVID vaccination and ID cards are required at all events to protect classmates who are immunocompromised.

Registration is available on the class website—eths1971.org—where class members can also register their email, view old photos and reconnect with old classmates. They can also view the list of classmates who have not yet registered.

Questions? Contact **Cheri Irons Rubin** at eths50th71@gmail.com, 847-722-6461.

More Reunion Roundup

Class of 1974 50th planning

The ETHS Class of 1974 is starting to plan the 50th class reunion, to be held IN PERSON in **2024!** For more information or to join the Reunion Committee, please contact us at our website (www.eths1974.com) or via email with any of the following committee members:

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Mark Lipowicz, mark@eths1974.com

Maria Svolos Gebhard, maria@eths1974.com

Class of 1982 to celebrate its 40th

Join the Class of 1982 for our 40th Reunion on July 30th at 6pm! DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago—North Shore Conference Center. 9599 Skokie Blvd., in Skokie. Go to **ETHS82.com** for all of the details! We are sending the invitation by email only and will not be mailing out invites.

Please contact **Alyson Arnold** at ayleigha@aol.com or **Holly Smith** at hollyanne412@aol.com to have your email address added to the list.

We have set up a GoFundMe account to help offset the cost of the reunion: ETHS Class of 1982 40th Reunion-July 2022.

Class of 1983 reunion plans

The Class of 1983 will hold a reunion in **Fall 2023**. For more information contact **Kristin Dann Conneely** at kdconneely@sbcglobal.net or go to Instagram [@ethsclassof83](https://www.instagram.com/ethsclassof83) or Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/ethsclassof83](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ethsclassof83).

ETHS Class of 1986 35th Reunion July 29-30, 2022

Email: ethsclassof86@gmail.com

Facebook: **ETHS Class of 1986**

Website: www.evanston86.com

Friday, July 29, 5:30-8:30pm

James Park

Saturday, July 30, 7-11 pm

The Firehouse Grill

750 Chicago Avenue, Evanston

Tickets: \$55

Includes buffet, DJ, and no host cash bar

**For ordering tickets and hotel reservations,
go to myevent.com/ETHS86.**

Contacts: **Stephanie Kimmel** (stephaniekimmel68@gmail.com) and **Sharon Fitzgerald** (ethsclassof86@gmail.com)

Dinner in the Desert



On Monday, April 11, Mark and Dale Goldman hosted a gathering of ETHS Class of '64 classmates and spouses for a barbeque at the beautiful Goldman residence in Cave Creek, Arizona. Mark and Dale provided a sumptuous spread of appetizers, dinner and desserts...and it was great spending time and chatting with our friends. Standing, L to R: Jay Siegall, Hank Gideon, Fred Brostoff, Phil Kaplan. Seated, L to R: Mark Goldman, Suzi Schor, Babs Drew.

Class of 1990 Reunion coming this fall

September, 30 – October 1, 2022

- **Friday, September 30** – Homecoming football game and gathering at Canal Shores – Post 42, Evanston
- **Saturday, October 1** – Dinner and drinks at Five and Dime rooftop on Davis St. in Evanston

More details will be posted on the ETHS 1990 Reunion Facebook page.

Reunion contacts:

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Dan Israelite, Dan.israelite@opco.com, 847.226.0636

Angela Doby, 847.445.3680, Angeladoby@icloud.com

Dornette Ashley, dornette.ashley@gmail.com

Class of 1992 reunion this summer!

Classmates: We have set a date—**July 29-31**—with the main event being Saturday, July 30...THIS SUMMER.

Tickets are now available for the July 30 event! Details about the other events (Friday, 7/29, Meet & Greet and Sunday, 7/31, Family Picnic) will be released soon, but there will not be any additional fees for those events. The Friday event will be at a local bar and you can purchase food/drinks at your own. Sunday will be a bring-your-own picnic lunch—we will provide games, music, and the space.

Saturday night will be held at The Palmhouse, (palmhouse619.com/), on Howard St., just west of Western Ave. This is a beautiful new space, owned by an ETHS alum! We will have a full bar (two drinks included with your ticket price), hors d'oeuvres, DJ music (our very own **Torben Nielsen** and **Alex Grey**), a photo booth, and lighted outdoor patio space.

Additionally, we heard your concerns about Covid and are working on ways to address this issue. Please note the ticket fee is non-refundable. In the unlikely event we cancel the entire reunion due to Covid, we will refund any monies we are able to return but some may not be refundable due to contracts and restrictions. Purchase your tickets soon as the price will increase closer to the date.

Tickets are \$100 each (\$105 if you pay with PayPal, to include the PP fees) and can be purchased businessplaybook.yourlifedestiny.com/eths-class-of-92-30th-reunion/. Or they can be purchased with Zelle using this email: reunion92eths@gmail.com.

For more information contact **Katherine Potamites** (potamitesk@eths.k12.il.us).

Winter Sports

By Dennis Mahoney, ETHS Sports information Director

Evanston athletes made impacts in sports during the 2021-22 winter season that many alums wouldn't even recognize. The Wildkits qualified individuals and teams for state finals in sports like girls' wrestling, and boys' and girls' bowling, while maintaining the school's strong tradition for success in boys' swimming and diving, and boys' and girls' basketball.

GIRLS' WRESTLING

Ariana Flores and **Alize Ramirez** set the bar high for themselves when they got the chance to represent Evanston at the first-ever Illinois state wrestling tournament for girls.

So the pair came away disappointed when they registered only one win apiece in Bloomington but still made a contribution to an historic season for the sport. Both were eliminated from the tournament but helped blaze a path as pioneers for the future of the sport, both at ETHS and state-wide.

Ramirez, a senior who was competing in the sport for the first time this season, finished with a final record of 16-12 at 155 pounds. Flores, a junior, made history by scoring the first-ever state finals win for a Wildkit grappler.

The state series was supposed to debut the previous year but was wiped out by the pandemic. This year, ETHS was one of four schools to host sectional tournaments to determine state qualifiers and the Wildkits entered 10 girls in that competition.

Females have been part of the program the past 20 years but this is the first time ETHS has fielded a separate team for girls, led by head coach **Dillin Randolph '11**. At the sectional, Flores earned runner-up honors at 110 while Ramirez placed 4th at 155. The top 4 finishers in each weight class advanced.

BOYS' WRESTLING

In the past 20 years only a handful of Evanston wrestlers have captured regional tournament championships as sophomores. **Marco Terrezzi** added his name to that list at the Class 3A regional hosted by Glenbrook South.

Terrezzi ruled the 113-pound bracket and 6 other Wildkit grapplers advanced to Sectionals. With a lineup that only featured four seniors, ETHS settled for a 5th place finish in the 8 team field with 103 points.

Ricardo Salinas '21, the school record holder for victories, and former state champion **Ramin Abraham '19** are among the program's elite who earned regional titles as sophomores. Terrezzi had never beaten the Titan grappler in four previous tries and the victory tasted sweet when it finally came, secured by a takedown just 15 seconds into the third period.

Terrezzi and all of his teammates fell short in their bids to punch tickets to the state finals, bowing out at the sectional tournament.

GIRLS' BOWLING

ETHS senior **Raivyn Summers** admitted she got a little emotional at the end of the Buffalo Grove sectional tournament. Eventually she cried the tears of a winner.

Summers became the first female in program history to qualify for the state tournament, finishing 6th overall to keep her season alive for another week. She claimed an at-large qualifying berth at the sectional on her way to a six-game series of 1159.

She was eventually eliminated in the state preliminaries but blazed a path for future ETHS bowlers. A four-year varsity starter, she had difficulty dealing with at-home schooling via video last year due to the pandemic, and also lost the focus she had for a

game she's loved since she started visiting bowling alleys and playing in leagues when she was just eight-years-old. The culmination of that struggle came after she rolled her last frame at the sectional.

BOYS' BOWLING

History will record that Evanston's bowlers finished 24th in the field — of 24 competitors — during the preliminary team competition on the first day of the state tournament. But that was just the final chapter in an epic season. Evanston's record-setting season ended with a thud as the Wildkits put together a team score of 5363 and didn't come close to making the cut to advancing to the finals as one of the top 12 teams.

But as ETHS head coach **Harold Bailey '83** noted, "We finished as one of the top 24 teams in the state — and nobody can take that away from them!"

Seniors **Andrew Bartolo** (1108), **John Leibforth** (1093) and **Isaac Clay-Barbour** (1091) led the way for the Wildkits, who advanced a full team from regional to sectional, and then from sectional to state, for the first time in program history.

Clayton Krasinski added an 809 and **Justin Davis** totaled an 891, both efforts coming in 5 games. Reserves **Kaelesx Oats** and **Benicio Caro** chipped in with single game performances of 177 and 194, respectively.

ETHS finished 4th as a team at the sectional after capturing the first regional team championship in school history to open the state series competition. Evanston also won the Central Suburban League tournament for the first time.

"They bowled their hearts out and it was a great run," Bailey said. "I tip my hat to these seniors. This group was on it right from the beginning (to reach the goal of qualifying en masse for State) and now we'll see if



Dennis Mahoney, ETHS Sports Information Director, was named the Media Relations Person of the Year by the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association. An award-winning sportswriter for 50+ years, Mahoney volunteers his talent to write for the ETHS Athletics Department. In 2010, he was inducted into the IL Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his sports coverage.

the others in the program can follow their act."

BOYS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

Aryeh Lesch didn't go out on top at the IHSA state finals in Westmont. But the Evanston senior definitely saved his best for last. Lesch piled up 61 points on the final dive of his high school career and moved up from 7th to 6th place with a final 11-dive score of 485.65 points, leading the Wildkits to a tie for 12th place in the team standings with York at 32 points apiece.

The Wildkits also counted 9th place finishes by **Caden Hardy** in both the 100-yard breaststroke and 200 individual medley after he broke school records in both events during the preliminary competition plus a 7th by **Aaron Martin** in the 200 freestyle and 11th place efforts by both the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams.

Lesch impressed the judges on his final attempt and bettered the 7th place showing he turned in as a sophomore at State. He nailed one of the most difficult dives on his list, a reverse somersault 2 and one-half twister, to move into 6th place overall.

The rise of the ETHS senior to among the state's elite came in a sport he had never tried before entering high school. Lesch's background was in gymnastics, where he was also a state finalist for the Wildkits.

"In four years I went from a beginner to 6th in the State, and it's pretty cool. I definitely felt a lot more confident this year (at State) then when I was a sophomore," Lesch said. "I found it was a lot easier to stay calm and enjoy my last state meet. It's really nice to finish with a good dive like that."

Hardy couldn't top his swims from Friday's prelims, but no one competing for the Orange and Blue has ever topped his efforts in the IM, breaststroke and medley relay. He broke Doug Lennox's IM record with a clocking of 1 minute, 51.85 seconds and lowered his own school mark in the breaststroke to 56.63.

Hardy and classmate **Charlie Herrick** were also part of a record-setting ETHS performance in the medley relay for the third year in a row, this time joined by **Milo Balzer** and **Martin** for a clocking of 1:34.79. Even those record performances, however, weren't fast enough to qualify for the championship heats in Saturday's finals.

Martin (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle) and Hardy (IM, breaststroke) each scored a pair of victories during the sectional qualifying competition.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

You might describe Ella Eovaldi as one of those people who is modest — to a fault. She didn't

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believe she was even the best gymnast in Evanston's practice gym when the season first started.

She discounted her chances of advancing out of the regional to the sectional and her coaches couldn't convince her she had any shot at making it to the state finals after competition concluded at the Mundelein Sectional. But the Evanston freshman proved she belongs with the state's elite — and might have proved it to herself, too — by capturing a confidence building at-large berth on balance beam.

With a season best score of 8.925, Eovaldi kept her season alive on beam and became the first ETHS freshman to make it to State since **Liz Iacuzzi '99** on uneven bars way back in 1996.

Eovaldi was eliminated in the prelims at State. "It's unbelievably difficult for a freshman to make it to State because the talent level (of the competition) is so high," said Evanston coach Michael Spevack.

"I remember telling Ella at the regional that she might make it to sectional and she said no, I won't. Then at the sectional — even though she was tied for 3rd (at large) and the top 12 make it — she said there was no way she was going to make it to State and there was no need for her to keep practicing.

"She knows a lot of these older girls from club and she thought she didn't belong with them. But we assured her that she belonged, and she proved that she deserved to be at State."

Ironically, both Spevack and Eovaldi figured the freshman's best chance to advance would be on bars. The ETHS coach added a few upgrades to her beam routine, just for the experience but without the expectation the freshman would execute at such a high level.

"Balance beam is NOT my favorite event, by far," said Eovaldi. "I was more focused on bars. I had a good release move on bars, but then I couldn't do it. And I was really mad when I realized I couldn't do it. So I took a walk with a friend of mine, then came back and went right to the beam to work on that (new) dismount." The rest was all about making history.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Head coach Mike Ellis led the Wildkits to a final record of 21-10 overall and turned in one of the best coaching efforts of his tenure at ETHS, including two Final Four state appearances.

The list of team accomplishments included 21 wins, a regional tournament championship, a Thanksgiving tournament championship and a runner-up finish at the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

None of that seemed likely in the preseason, especially considering the 'Kits were up against the stiffest competition in years in the Central Suburban League South division. Both Glenbrook South and New Trier were ranked in the top 5 in the state of Illinois all season.

Ellis and his coaching staff molded a squad that had only one returning starter (**Rashawn Bost**) from a year ago, and whose only all-conference player was a transfer — senior **David Gieser** — into a stout defensive unit that kept the Wildkits in every game. A 69-53 loss to Glenbrook South in the sectional semifinals marked the third time in as many tries that the Titans whipped the Kits and ended their season, one that Ellis often described as a "roller coaster."

"It was a challenge, because a lot of our focus was just on trying to build solid habits," he said. "And at times we let some of those bad habits creep back in. That's why it was a roller coaster. I just hope the seniors, when they go to college, and the oth-

ers when they come back understood what they do off the floor is just as important as what they do on the floor. There's a definite carryover there.

"There were a lot of good moments for us this year. We didn't have one player who was selfish and I cherish the fact that every single one of them put the others on the team before themselves."

One season highlight came at Niles West, where the Wildkits tied a school record for 3-point baskets in a game by sinking 17 from long range. Senior captain **Aidan Maher**, who only started the game because of illness, canned all 6 of his 3-point attempts.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

A 44-37 overtime win over New Trier helped the Wildkit girls reach a program milestone in the last week of January. It marked Win No. 800 for the program since the 1973-74 season.

Evanston got a boost from two unexpected sources, senior **Ellie Oif** and sophomore **Kailey Starks**. Oif tossed in a team-high 14 points and Starks netted all 9 of her points in the last 10 minutes of the contest between the two rivals. The game was played at the New Trier West campus for the first time since the 1980s, due to construction at the usual New Trier site.

Oif's 7-point outburst in the third quarter of a game that was almost always a 1-possession battle kept the 'Kits alive, and Starks provided the finishing touch, mostly with 3 steals that led to a chance for her to convert 5 of 6 attempts at the free throw line.

Evanston fell 43-41 in the semifinals of the Glenbrook South sectional tournament when Maine South freshman Caitlin Leyden scored a layup just before the final buzzer sounded. Evanston finished 19-10 overall.

INDOOR TRACK

The ascension to the elite ranks of high jumpers in

the state of Illinois, in just over one calendar year since he took up the sport, has been mostly free of adversity for **Matt Cless** during that time.

But the Evanston senior learned something about rising to the occasion — and overcoming new challenges — on his way to the Class 3A high jump championship at the Illinois Prep Top Times meet at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Cless avoided his first defeat since placing 3rd at the state finals last spring, overcoming a couple of uncharacteristic missed jumps to rule at 2.02 meters and paced the Wildkit boys at what serves as an unofficial state indoor championship meet.

Evanston's girls captured meet titles in both the 800-meter and 1600-meter relays — with statement wins in both races — in a rare appearance at the competition.

Cless had to shake off some rust after spending spring break chilling on the beach in the Dominican Republic and going an entire week without practice. He missed two jumps at 6 feet, 6 inches and that

gave the edge to Normal West's Jonovan Findley on the basis of fewer misses at that height. But Findley couldn't clear the next height, and Cless soared over the bar on his second try to secure the victory.

"I was a little out of it today," Cless said. "My tendinitis in my knee was bothering me.. But the pain went away (after those two missed jumps) and after that, it was game over."

Evanston's girls ran away with relay titles in the 800 (1:44.36) and 1600 (an eye-catching 3:56.32). The wins weren't exactly unexpected, considering that a couple of top potential challengers chose not to enter the meet and the 'Kits already owned the top times in the state in both races coming into the competition.

Two runners who weren't in the lineup last year, junior **Abrielle Artley** and senior **Maidison Haradamon**, combined with **Rikki Gray** and **Jacklynn Okereke** to win the 1600 by a margin of 12 seconds over runnerup Whitney Young. And the foursome of Gray, Okereke, **Dystonae Clark** and **Dawson Wright** swept to top honors in the 800.

Wanted: ETHS team photos

Speaking of sports, internationally known basketball coach and sports broadcaster **Dan Peterson '53**, needs your help!

He says: "Wildkit Fans! I'm looking for TEAM photos of ETHS basketball teams for these years: 1907-08, 1912-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-18, and 1957 in particular. Would anyone out there have an ETHS yearbook going back

to one of those years? I'd only need a good scan of the team photo and the names of the players and coaches in the photo. If that's not possible, would anyone have an old scrapbook with those photos?, If that's not the case, would anyone have a suggestion where to look? Many thanks!"

Dan can be contacted through the ETHS alumni office.



1920 ETHS
Basketball
Team

Emory Williams Academy for Black Men

ETHS is partnering with Oakton Community College (OCC) to empower Black men to navigate college and achieve academic and career goals.

The new Emory Williams Academy for Black Men will open its doors in the fall 2022 to 25 students. The Academy is open to all first-year Oakton students who self-identify as male and as Black and live in Oakton's district.

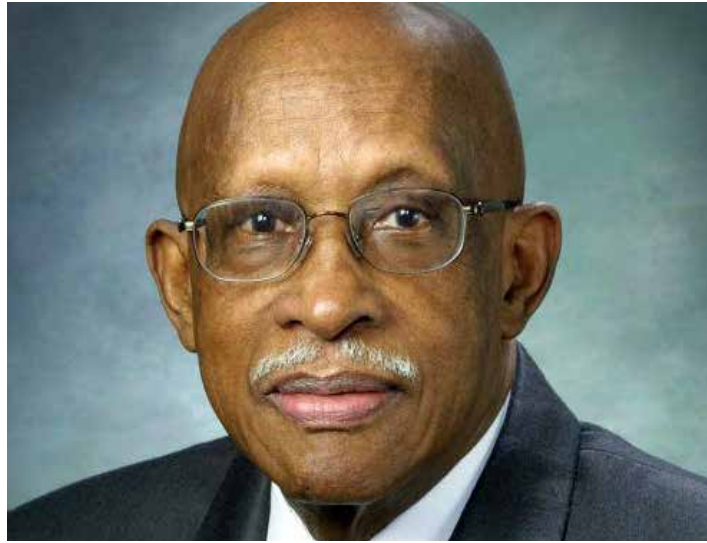
Information sessions for interested students were held in Evanston in April and May. **Registration is required.**

The academy is named after Emory Williams, who spent 27 years at ETHS as a vocational counselor, supervisor of vocational services, and as the director of the Cooperative Education Department, until retiring from the high school in 1994.

At Oakton, he served on the Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2009, holding the offices of secretary, vice chair, and chair during his six-year term.

According to information from OCC, the Emory Williams Academy Endowed Chair Mario Borha, a member of Oakton's Anti-Racism Team, will lead the Academy.

"It is important that Black students have someone



Emory Williams

at the College who helps them once they are enrolled; to check in regularly to provide support and guidance, as well as connecting them with resources," Borha said.

He continued: "The college aims to engage with students who have not had good educational experiences in high schools or other post-secondary institutions, and be mindful of the structures that we work within."

The Emory Williams Academy is designed to help Black males build resilience and a strong cultural identity with new skills and connections. It supports them with a diverse and dedicated community as they enter the college, navigate through classes, and transition to the next step.

During his years on the OCC Board of Trustees,

Williams played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for the anti-racist institution Oakton continues to build. He believed in the power of education to transform lives and was a passionate advocate for access and opportunity for all. The Academy is named in his honor as a leader who made an enormous impact both at Oakton and in the greater Evanston community.

Oakton's Anti-Racism Team comprises a racially diverse group of faculty, staff, and administrators who are committed to organizing and implementing institutional transformation for the benefit of all members of the Oakton community.

For more information about the Academy, contact Mario Borha, at oabm@oakton.edu.

15 to retire from ETHS in June 2022

Nine administration/faculty members and six exempt/staff members will retire from ETHS this coming June. They are:

Administration/ Faculty

Dr. Eric Witherspoon, 16 years, Superintendent

Toya Campbell, 19 years, Human Resources Director

Clare Delgado, 30 years, World Languages teacher

Dave Feeley, 23 years, Career/Technical Education teacher

Michelle "Shelley" Gates, 23 years, Career/Technical Education Department Chair

Jenny Neal, 17 years, World Languages/Bilingual teacher

Leah Piekarz, 21 years, Student Services Lead Counselor

Thomas Rees, 14 years, Special Education teacher

Winston Rose, 36 years, Special Education teacher

Exempt/ Support Staff

Brenda Aiden, 21 years, Student Services

Sue Dunmore, 8 years, Instruction/ Curriculum (retired 9/21)

Jose Guerrero, 23 years, Operations

Geri Helfand, 2 years, Special Education

Kimberly Henry, 26 years, Business Services

Lisa Neal, 28 years, Human Resources

Joseph Taylor, 31 years, Operations

Ruth Wheeler's special birthday!



Ruth Wheeler (at L), who served as Home Economics Department Chair for several years, turned 99 on March 9. Arlene Sabatino (center) and Peggy Weber, who also taught in the Home Economics department, organized a lunch at Ruth's home at Westminster Place in Evanston and invited their department secretary, Carol Townsend (at R). They all had a good time remembering what they did in those past years.

In Memory

1930s

Jane Ferguson Cameron, 1934, 2017

1940s

Lennart H Sponberg, 1940, 1/2/2021
Robert Christy, 1940, 6/16/2020
Joanne Kleinofen Murray, 1945, 3/10/2020
Barbara Ann Johnson Base, 1948, 2/2021
Margaret Hockett Ward, 1948, 11/16/20
Alan Kent MacDougall, 1949, 11/6/2021
Charles A Kelly, 1949, 8/10/2021

1950s

Charles Daniel Sprich, 1950, 5/4/2020
Robert Behr, 1951, 3/14/2021
James "Jim" Anderson, 1951, 2/4/2022
Bob Schmidt, 1952, 11/2/2021
John A. Keating, 1953, 3/12/2022
Patricia Pollock James, 1954, 10/27/2020
David Bowers, 1954, 3/8/2022
Justine Townsend Smith, 1954, June 2021
Tom Fell, 1955, 10/24/2020
Robert Montgomery, 1954, 1/20/2022
Mary Ann Chwastiak, 1955, 10/26/2021
John "Andy" Brinker, 1955, 11/16/2021
Judith Grover Collingwood, 1956, 12/21/2020
Allen White, 1957, 12/6/2022
Jim Hallstrom, 1957, 8/26/2021
Ann Berry Fitzgerald, 1957, 11/6/2021
Barbara Lynn Heinrichs Miller, 1958, 2/5/2020

1960s

Dr. Philip Kimball "Kim" Newman, 1960, 11/24/2021
Albert Dykas, 1960, 12/2021
Susan Ann Wallace Robinson, 1960, 4/18/2021
Orville Teising, 1960, 12/18/2018
Sherman Francis, 1961, 2021
Hal H Barber, 1961, 5/24/2020
William S Adams, 1961, 11/4/2020

Merilee LaPota Curtis, 1961, 7/15/2018
Kent Karres, 1962, 4/2/2020
Nancy Gallagher Mazzei, 1962, 2/7/2022
Kenneth Schuell, 1962, 12/5/2021
Diane Frances Haner Anderson, 1963, 12/11/2021
Bonnie MacDougall Beck, 1964, 10/19/2021
Stephen Carl Cohlmeier, 1964, 6/9/21
Carol Lee Sladek Lam, 1964, 11/8/2014
Laura Schmeihling Mack, 1964, 1/3/2022
William Roberts Broman, 1964, 3/12/2022
Barbara E. Weller, 1964, 9/2/2021
Judy Blasdell Bligh, 1965
John W Behrens, 1966, 5/27/2020
Connetia "Connie" Wade Duggard, 1966, 11/7/2021
Bert Iruk, 1967, 5/3/2019
Doris Golueke Bonifazi, 1967, 5/2/2020
Sally Fodor McIntyre, 1968, 10/16/2021
Bob Hatter, 1968, 8/31/2021
Rebecca Pruss, 1968, 7/15/2021
Dr. Carl Hill, 1968, 11/15/2021
George D. Econ, 1969, 6/9/2021

1970s

Orestes Arrieta, 1970, 3/15/2022
Michael Murphy, 1970, 10/17/2021
Joyce Hatter Lynch, 1970, 10/13/2020
David Arenberg, 1973, 5/6/2019
Elizabeth "Betsy" Reifler Insko, 1974, 9/6/2021
Paul Piotrowicz, 1978, 4/24/2014

1980s

Richard Kenner, 1980, 1/5/2022
Shanell Gaines, 1980, 11/1/2020
Greg Gibson, 1980, 9/2029
Barrie Hicks Jones, 1980, 10/16/2019
Steven C. Kiefer, 1982, 9/2019
Bryan Allen, 1984, 10/28/2021
Michele Tidwell White, 1984, 10/25/2021
Greg Waitley, 1985, 4/25/2022

Darryl L Cheeks, 1986, 1/8/2022
Stacy Leigh Kalish, 1989, 11/6/2021

1990s

Joshua Katz, 1991, January 2022

2000s

Noah Korman, 2010, 3/1/2021
David Clemens, 2013, 10/10/2021
Oliver Brown Leopold, 2021, 12/9/2021

FACULTY/STAFF

Thomas Olson, ETHS Social Worker Coordinator, died on October 12, 2020. He was 86 years old. He began work at ETHS in 1962 and retired in 1987.

Louise Stein, who worked at ETHS from 1980 to 1998, passed away on November 3, 2021. She worked as a secretary in the Music Department, for the Associate Principal Grades 10-11, in Personnel, in the Michael counseling office, and for the National Honor Society.

Barbara Zimmer, ETHS Community Service Coordinator and longtime community activist, passed away on December 13, 2021.

Zimmer worked at ETHS from August 1991 until she retired in June 2008. Barbara served on the ETHS

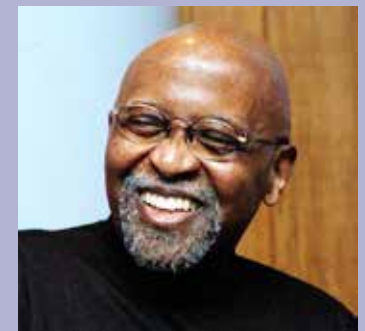


District 202 school board from 1977 to 1985, four of those years as Board President (1979-1981, and again in 1983). During her ETHS tenure, she was the Community Service Club Sponsor and a school board policy consultant.

Donations may be made to the Barbara Zimmer Fund at Evanston Township High School via the ETHS Foundation, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL, 60201, or online at www.supporteths.org. The fund will be used to support efforts related to Barbara's deepest passion: students and community service.

Legendary jazz pianist **Julian "Junior" Mance '45**, who grew up in Evanston, died in New York on Jan. 17, 2021, at the age of 92. In 2004, Mance was named a winner of an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award for his storied career in music.

Mance began his love for music by listening to his father play stride piano and to big bands on the radio, and on the juke box when his parents had rent parties. As a young boy he entertained guests at his parents' house parties and at age 10 at house parties on the North Shore. He played his first true gig as a substitute pianist at a road house. His father slept in the car while the young man played and learned chorus changes on the bandstand.



He played with numerous jazz greats during his career, including Gene Ammons, Lester Young, Dinah Washington, Joe Williams, Dizzy Gillespie, and Cannonball Adderley, among many others. During his career he performed in Japan, Austria, France, Germany, Israel, and other locations. He was a member of 100 Gold Fingers, a jazz band made up of 10 pianists that performed throughout Japan.

In 2015, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Jazz Institute in New York City, where he performed to an enthusiastic crowd of fans and friends.



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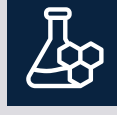
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\$550,000
New ETHS Literacy Lab



\$185,000
Student Technology-Hotspots, Chromebooks, Repair Fund



\$97,000
Chem/Phys Labs & ETHS Research Lab



\$35,000
STEAM Capstone Program



\$27,031
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\$75,000
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\$55,738
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\$12,582
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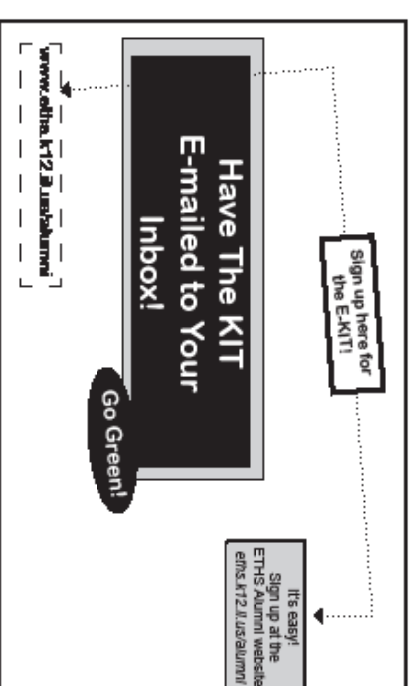


Wild for ETHS, the ETHS Foundation's annual benefit, was back in person on Saturday, April 2 at Evanston's new Robert Crown Community Center. Over 300 alumni and parents gathered to raise \$175,000 of vital funds for ETHS. Attendees were treated to music by Ken Arlen '71 and his Evolution Band. Retiring Supt. Dr. Eric Witherspoon was honored and presented with the inaugural "Crystal Spoon" award, inscribed "with gratitude for championing a stronger and more impactful ETHS Foundation and inspiring alumni and the wider community to transform the ETHS campus." The Foundation will continue to raise funds for the Witherspoon Fund to advance arts and innovation at ETHS.



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