



**ETHS**  
FOUNDATION

## 2017-2018 Annual Report



# Dear Friends,

We begin with gratitude to you -- our alumni, parents and community partners – for a wonderful year of support to the ETHS Foundation. We continue to be inspired by your generosity and ongoing commitment to our school and today's students.

## **YOU are OPENING NEW DOORS to CURRENT & FUTURE GENERATIONS of STUDENTS!**

**You opened doors** at the stunning Athletic Wing Entranceway:

- Students, athletes and fans alike can now pass through the covered entrance to the Willie May Field House and Beardsley Gym to watch Wildkit sporting events.
- The enclosed atrium features multi-tiered seating and provides students with a safe gathering space for lunch, homework and waiting to be picked up from practices.

**You opened doors** to state-of-the art Chem/Phys Labs and ETHS Research Center:

- Students now enjoy improvements both big and small, from new protective experiment hoods, lab stations, desks, and huge white boards, to more sinks, racks of glassware, and equipment enabling international video calls.

**You opened doors** to a new Engineering Lab:

- An additional Project Lead the Way lab accommodates the growing number of students in engineering classes and clubs, including our all-female Intro to Engineering and our National Society of Black Engineers.

On the Foundation's Horizon: Your generosity will soon transform the outdated weight room into the Wildkit Wellness & Performance Center to accommodate the fitness needs of every ETHS student and student athlete, including those with physical and learning disabilities.




Pictured (l to r) 2018-2019 Foundation Board President Karin Ruetzel, 2017-2018 President Yves Lassere, Executive Director Joanne Bertsche

Because of you, we are able to provide extraordinary learning spaces and enriching resources, allowing ETHS to remain one of the top schools in the country.

## **More importantly, our students are thriving!**

With Wildkit gratitude,

  
Yves Lassere, President 2017-18

  
Joanne Bertsche, Executive Director

# Guaranteeing Access to Excellence for All Students

## ETHS Foundation Mission:

To raise and distribute funds to the high school in order to complement, enhance and enrich beyond the means of conventional public funding, opportunities that further the educational mission of Evanston Township High School.

3,567 students enrolled

American Indian 0.3%

Asian 5.7%

Black or African American 27.8%

Hispanic/Latino 18.3%

Native Hawaiian 0.2%

Two or more races 2.5%

White 45.3%

41% of students come from low-income families



98%

ETHS is nationally ranked in the 98th percentile of high schools



73

Countries represented by ETHS students

43

Languages spoken by students at ETHS



89%

Percentage of teachers at ETHS with advanced degrees



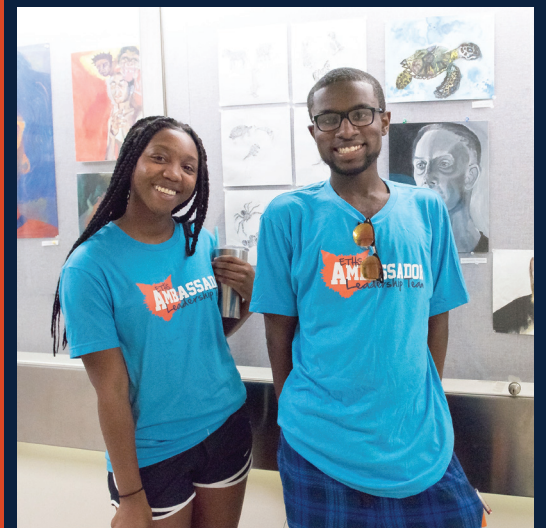
80%

Approximately 80% of students participate in an extracurricular activity



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Students logged 31,187 volunteer hours in 2017

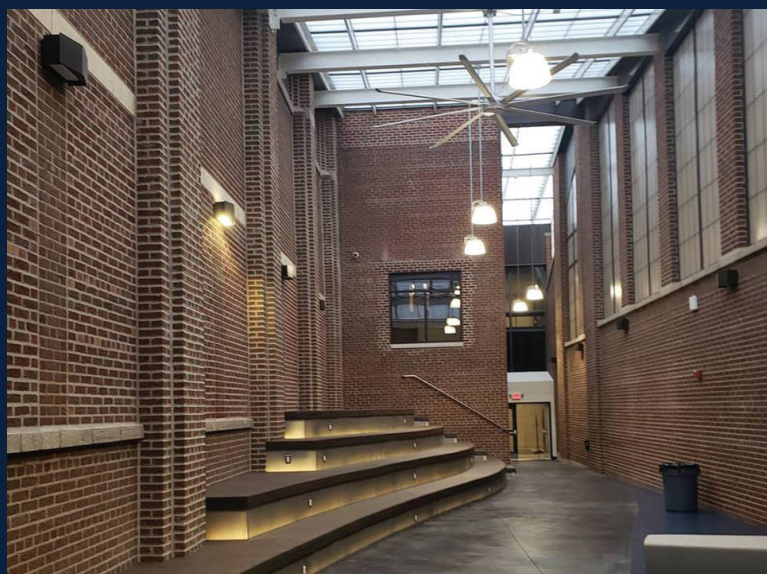




# Opening Doors for Students



Rafael (bottom r) and his teammates take a break between classes in the atrium



**"It doesn't look like a dark, empty alleyway anymore,"** ETHS Senior Rafael Salinas '19 raves about the school's new accessible, secure and welcoming entranceway to the athletic wing. As a team leader and varsity letter-winner in football, wrestling, and gymnastics, Rafael knows the entryway well. "It is more aesthetically pleasing with a vibrant look that conveys, this is where you're going to compete!" Now ETHS families and fans can pass through blue and orange décor and a stunning atrium to the Willie May Field House and Beardsley Gym to watch numerous Wildkit sports events. Accessibility to second floor gyms is now possible with an elevator.

Thanks in part to your support, ETHS underwent a comprehensive renovation last summer to enclose the previous open walkway and create a community gathering space. "It's a great improvement for all students and athletes," said Rafael. **"The safety staff at the entrance make the students feel safer. Before the covered entrance, I remember having to wait outside for a ride after practices - that wasn't fun in the middle of winter!"**

"There's a hominess to this part of the school that wasn't there before," Rafael beams. Students can hang-out on multi-tiered bench seating in the bright sky-lit common space. Handy charging ports make it easy for students to charge their Chromebooks and get homework done.

The entranceway is a new gateway to the school that inspires considerable Wildkit pride – another extraordinary enhancement thanks to you.

## New Entranceway to the Athletic Wing



# New Chem/Phys Labs & ETHS Research Center

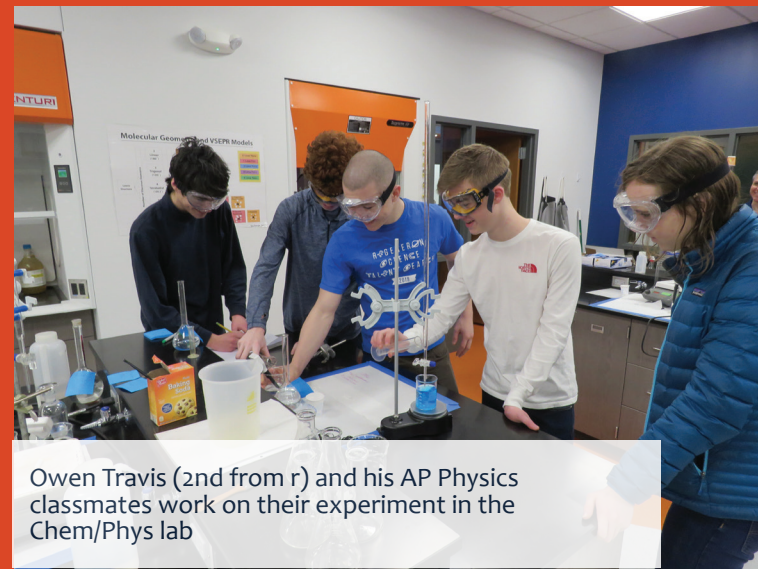
ETHS's celebrated Chem/Phys program took on a new dynamic with a \$1.6M renovation last summer. The rebuilt and re-equipped labs, along with a newly created ETHS Research Center, were made entirely possible through the generosity of ETHS Foundation supporters, including significant support from Leonard D. Schaeffer '63, Chem-Phys alumni and a 50th reunion gift from the Class of 1967.

**"The changes to the Chem/Phys classrooms are amazing,"** said Owen Travis '19, a senior headed to Princeton in the fall. Owen's passion for the sciences, kindled in middle school, has expanded with the rigorous inter-disciplined program and he speaks with deep appreciation for the enriched learning facility. "We have all the necessary resources to learn and I feel so lucky to be at a school where these resources are available." There are modular lab tables, generous amounts of cabinetry, pull-down electrical outlets from the ceiling and four chemical fume hoods with optimal viewing for demonstrations.

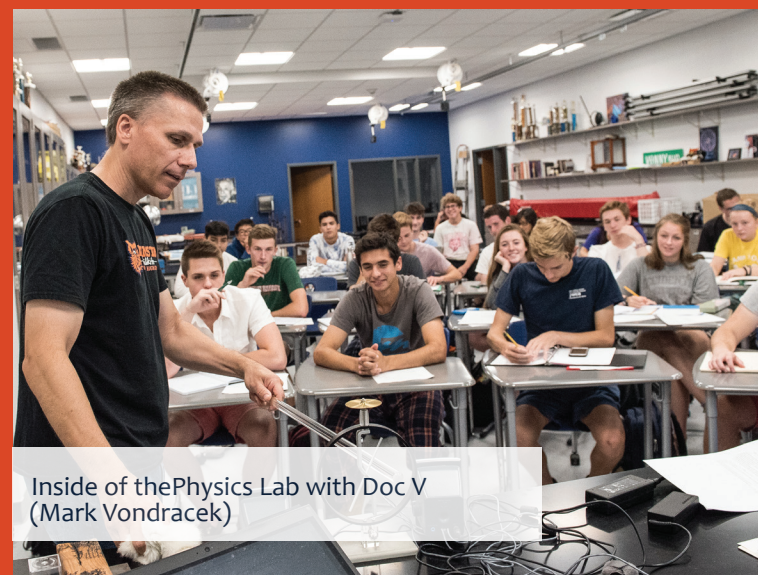
It's the ETHS Research Center that is the program's centerpiece, open to all students grades 9-12, who have scientific curiosity. The Research Center features space for physical experiments and huge walls of whiteboards for computational work that **"look right out of a college classroom – or a movie,"** said Owen. "There are even small improvements like a spout for distilled water available for experiments," he added with delight.

Physics teacher Dr. Mark Vondracek envisioned this as **"a facility for research and independent work where kids can get their hands dirty, prepare research for competitions and collaborate with people all around the world."** The exciting addition of teleconferencing technology allows students to connect their scientific inquiry to students around the world and strengthen their sense of global citizenship.

Because our students are the next generation of leaders and change-makers in our world, this advancement goes beyond science and gives them the tools they need to make a broader impact.



Owen Travis (2nd from r) and his AP Physics classmates work on their experiment in the Chem/Phys lab



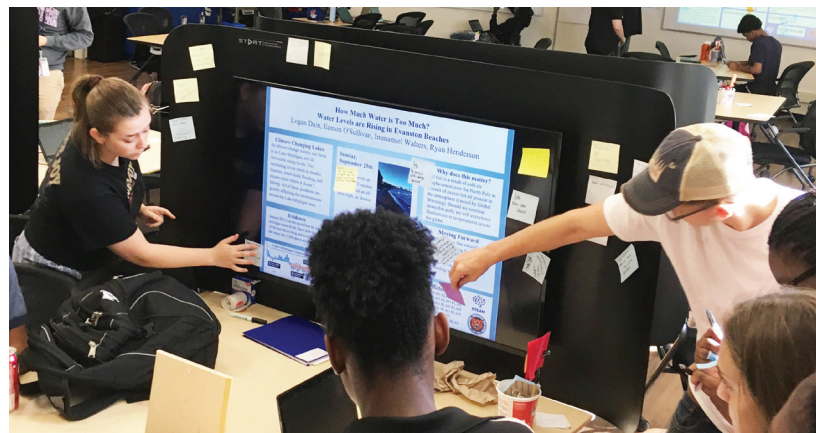
Inside of the Physics Lab with Doc V (Mark Vondracek)



# Opening Doors to Innovation

## Foundation Funds New Engineering Lab and Makerspace

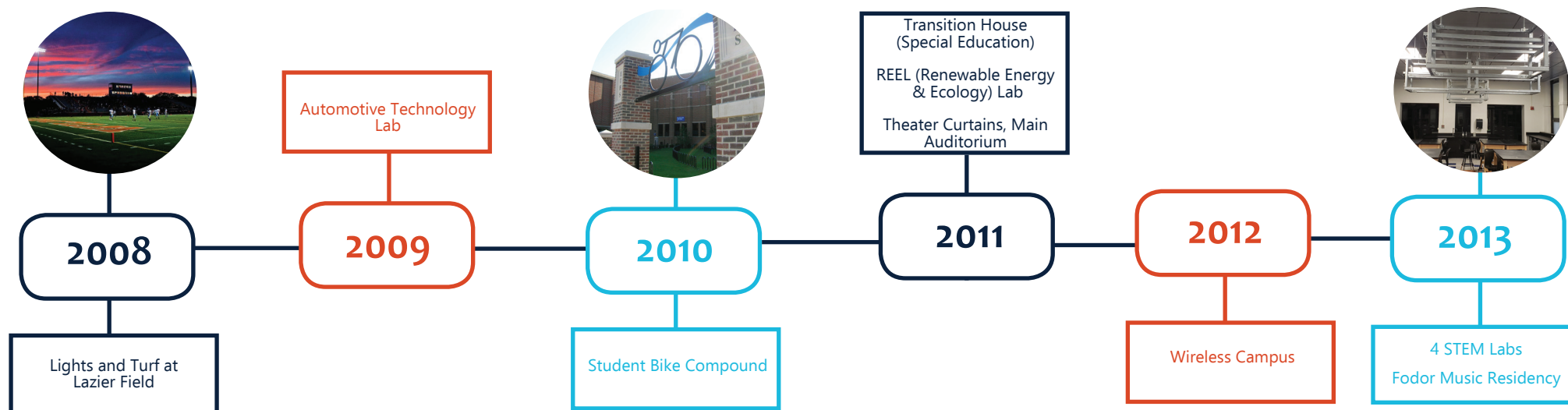
With an increased interest in engineering and technical education, the award-winning Project Lead the Way classes have grown in recent years. This year, donors of the ETHS Foundation provided \$65,000 to create a new engineering lab and makerspace to meet this need. In courses like Principle of Engineering and Civil Engineering and Architecture, students work in teams and use 3D software, exploring hands-on activities and projects to design solutions. An adjoining makerspace offers the students more opportunity with independent projects.



## STEAM Course Gets Grant

Where can you find some of the most creative, curious and determined math students developing a new way of thinking at ETHS? The new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Design Thinking & Innovation class is an interdisciplinary problem-solving senior capstone course that places motivated students in the driver's seat. With teacher facilitation, students collaborate and use a variety of methods to find innovative solutions to real world problems. Students discover passion and purpose while developing critical skills they will use far beyond their days at ETHS. The Segal Family Foundation generously funds a teaching fellow for this program.

## Enhancing ETHS through the years

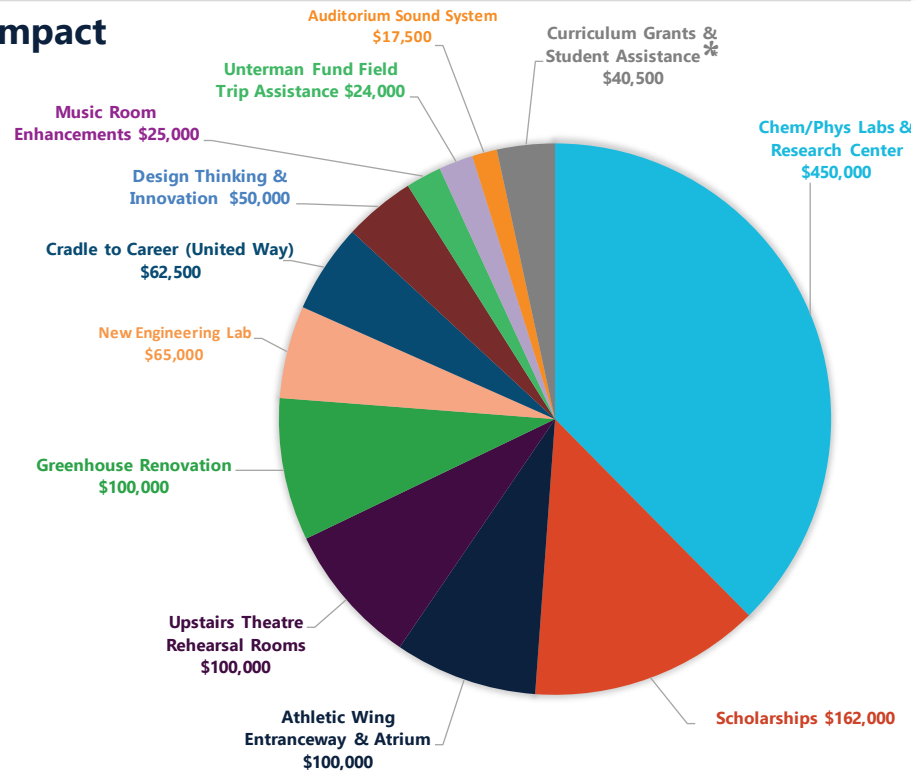




# Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2017-2018

## Funding Impact



## Revenues, Gains and Other Support

Contributions	\$839,858
Cradle to Career (United Way Grant)	\$ 62,505
Contributions In-Kind	\$158,000
Fundraising Events & Reunion Gifts	\$257,164
Investment Income	\$312,833
Misc.	\$605
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,630,965</b>

## Expenses

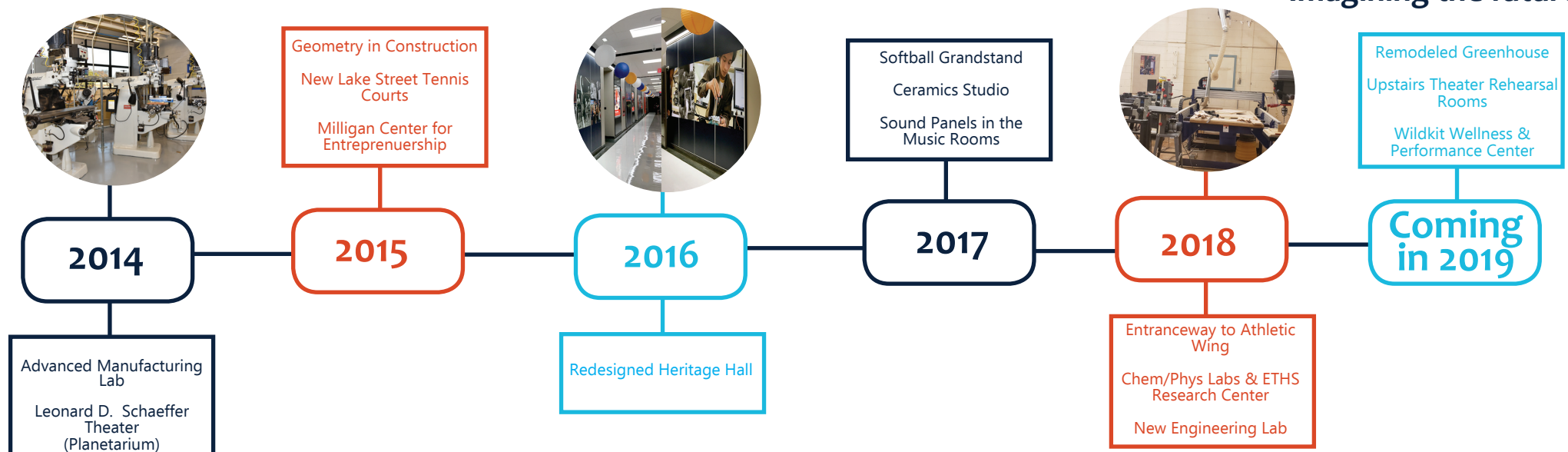
Grants & Scholarships to ETHS	\$1,200,292
Supporting Services	
Management & General	\$205,859
Fundraising Expenses	\$54,913
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,461,064</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$169,901</b>

<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$4,249,133</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$4,419,034</b>

As of June 30, 2018, the Foundation's net assets included \$4.4M in donor restricted scholarship endowment funds.

\*Curriculum Grants and Student Assistance includes: Alumni Association Mini Grants • Algebra in Entrepreneurship • Fodor Music Residency • College Admission Support • Registration Fee Support

## Imagining the future





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