



The KIT

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ETHS names field house after Willie May

Over 200 people trudged through the deep snow the evening of February 9—snow that shuttered every school in the Chicago area that day—to attend the dedication of the newly named Willie May Field House at Evanston Township High School.

School and community members, friends and family came out to honor May, who passed away in 2012, and his legendary 45-year tenure at ETHS as an assistant and head track & field coach, assistant football coach, physical education teacher, and co-athletic director.



A celebrated athlete himself, May won the silver medal in the men's 110 m hurdles at the 1960 Rome Olympic games and was seven-time Big Ten champion hurdler for Indiana University.

As ETHS's head track coach from 1975-2006, he led the Wildkits to five state trophies including the 1979 state championship, 26 Central Suburban League championships including an amazing run of 24 consecutive titles, and he developed over 50 state medalists. For two years, he coached freshman football to an 8-1 season, and the next year he led the sophomore team to a 9-0 record.

May was inducted into four athletic Halls of Fame—by ETHS, Indiana University, the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association, as well as the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame.

Current ETHS Athletic Director (AD) Chris Livatino '91, who knew May as a teacher, coach, and AD, emceed a program

with speakers from several facets of May's career. He read a letter from Dick Fosbury, President of the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association, praising May's career, and introduced Evanston Mayor Stephen Hagerty, who proclaimed February 9 as Willie May Day.

Other speakers included Hayes Jones, May's Olympic track teammate and gold medalist in the 1964 Olympics; **Larry Axelrood '78**, Cook County Circuit Court Judge and former freshman and sophomore football player under May; **Don Michelin '69**, former track runner under May, former ETHS head cross country coach, and now head track coach; Shirley Nannini, ETHS head badminton coach, now retired, who worked with May as Co-AD to develop gender equity within ETHS athletics; and May's wife, retired ETHS English teacher, Norma May.

Each speaker highlighted the many qualities that defined Willie May—among them his “grace, humility and strength”; his high expectations coupled with support (“There's no shame in getting knocked down as long as you get up”); and his dedication to the kids (“Always err on the side of the student”). His soft-spoken leadership



Norma May, retired ETHS English teacher and Willie May's wife, was among six speakers who shared funny and heart-warming stories about Willie during the dedication ceremony.

and mentorship “inspired and elevated” both his student-athletes and ETHS coaches, summarized Livatino.

Every five years, coinciding with landmark ETHS anniversaries such as the school's 135th in 2018, a committee meets to look at naming parts of the facility after influential ETHS leaders. Any constituent group may submit names (alumni, community, faculty and staff, students, parents, etc.). A committee reviews the nominations and makes recommendations to the Superintendent, who makes a recommendation to the school

board, which makes the final decision.

Evaluation criteria include: contributions to ETHS and the Evanston community, awards/honors bestowed upon the individual, years of service to ETHS, and proof and demonstration that the individual possessed the highest degree of character and integrity. According to Supt. Eric Witherspoon, “the committee spent a great deal of time reviewing several nominations and recommended the ETHS Field House be named in honor of Willie May.”

Update your information for the New Alumni Directory

It's that time again. The last ETHS alumni directory was published in 2013. Staying with our 5-year cycle, we are again working with a company to gather information and to publish a directory. The former group we used, Harris Connect, has become part of PCI (Publishing Concepts).

You should have received a post card, phone call, or email from PCI asking

you to update your information. This information will be held in confidence by PCI and only used to prepare the directory. The directory will only be available to ETHS alumni and won't be sold for commercial purposes.

The ETHS Alumni Office does not share names or data other than to reunion committees for the purpose of connecting with classmates.

The completed directory will be available in both printed form and electronically. The goal is to publish the new directory in Fall 2018.

To verify your personal information, please call PCI at 877-303-0949 no later than July 10.

If you have questions, please contact the ETHS Alumni Association at alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

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Superintendent's Letter

ETHS Encourages Student Voice, Nurtures Civic Engagement

This year marks the 50th anniversaries of the assassinations of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, and escalating student activism and opposition to the war in Viet Nam. The year 1968 was a time when student voice was being heard across our nation. In 2018, we are increasingly hearing the voices of young people in our country.

The recent National Student Walkout on March 14th had echoes of generations before, and ETHS students, like students here before them, gave voice to their concerns. While the



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

walkout may have been a whole new experience at many high schools in the country that day, it was not a first-time occurrence at ETHS. Student activism probably sounds familiar to many of you ETHS alumni. Over the generations, ETHS students have found effective

ways to have their voices heard and be active participants in our democracy, sometimes in their collective public freedom of expression and sometimes in their individual essays, poetry, spoken word, visual arts, music compositions, films/videos, etc.

In recent years, for example, our students have been vocal about issues such as racial justice, the school dress code, sexual harassment, LGBTQIA rights, and gun violence in our community. They have organized programs, public forums, and sometimes demonstrations to raise awareness and address their concerns.

Alumni who have come before can appreciate that at ETHS you tested out your voices, matured in your thinking, and grew into adults who value civic engagement, critical thought, well-developed argumentation and debate, and reflective citizenship. I know that many of you can trace your historical perspectives, understand-

ing of our democracy, and your civic engagement back to your education and experiences at ETHS. This is not a school that demands conformity or discourages divergent thinking and diverse opinions. On the contrary, this is a school that welcomes students' ideas and gives them a safe place to "come of age" in a free society.

My wish is that all students in America could attend a high school like ETHS, a school that fosters intellectual curiosity, honors student voice, and nurtures students' freedom of expression to become highly productive citizens in a free and democratic country. Yes, it's a great day to be a Wildkit.

Alumni Association Executive Director Letter

ETHS Class Notes

Let your friends and former classmates know where you are and what you are doing.

Please provide your contact information (print clearly):

First name	(Maiden name)	Last name	Class year
Spouse's first name		(Maiden Name)	
Is spouse an ETHS alum? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, class year			
Street address		City, State	ZIP + 4 Home phone
Is this a new address? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
Home phone		Work phone	
Email address			
Job Title		Business name	
Business street address		City, State	ZIP + 4

When returning this form, please include a separate sheet providing additional information (marriage, children, awards, memberships, etc.) and a recent photo of yourself (we will return it unharmed if you ask us to).

Please return this form, additional information, and photo to:
ETHS Alumni Association
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA... The phrase from "America the Beautiful" jumped out at me as I crossed the country visiting with ETHS alumni over the past few months. Our 55,000+ living alums are scattered all over our nation (and the world). With the ETHS administration and our Educational Foundation, I have been privileged to travel and spend time with people who have strong, positive feelings about Evanston Township High School and seek to remain connected to us.

I recently visited with alumni at receptions on the Atlantic Coast (Greenwich, CT, and New York City) and overlooking the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco. Not only were these events well attended, the age span of alumni present ranged over eight decades.

People of all ages have fond memories of their high school days, and we are thrilled to reconnect them with ETHS and hear updates about current events at our school.

There is more written about these receptions inside the KIT; if you are interested in having an event in your area, please contact me.

Since the last issue of *The KIT*, we have hosted our annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. In addi-



David Futransky

tion to our five honorees this year, we also recognized two alumni with posthumous awards. We have identified a group of alums whose stories should be part of the legacy of ETHS, and we will be presenting posthumous recognition of their achievements as part of our ongoing celebrations.

If you know of anyone who you think deserves this prestigious award—either living or deceased—please complete and return the online nomination form.

For thousands of us old enough to have lived through the 1960s, 1968 was a landmark year. Fifty years ago the American landscape was changed with the assassinations of two major national figures, Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy.

It was a year of chaos at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the Viet Nam War. It was a year of continued struggle in the Civil Rights movement and an era of student involvement (as we are seeing again today) in the process of our discourse and civil behavior.

1968 was also the year that the ETHS boys' basketball team won the State Championship. The 2018 varsity team recently finished 3rd in State and looks to be positioned to try and win it all over the next few years. The 1968 team celebrated this 50th anniversary in February. More is written about a truly memorable day in the following pages.

We also are still working with an outside vendor (PCI) to update our database and alumni directory. If you have not yet responded to a postcard from them, please follow up so that we can make sure we are able to Keep In Touch.

We continue to have a lot to celebrate and many, many reasons to connect with ETHS and each other. I look forward to continued interaction with my fellow Wildkits in Evanston and across our country.

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What's New at ETHS?

ETHS students join thousands across country in National Student Walkout

On March 14, one month after the horrific school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, approximately 3,300 ETHS students (93% of the student body) marched across Church St. to the Lazier football stadium to add their voices to the thousands of teenagers, from Maine to Hawaii, in protest of gun violence.

Holding signs and chanting anti-NRA (National Rifle Assn.)/anti-gun slogans, the demonstrators were peaceful but invigorated to be collectively taking a public stand for meaningful gun reform.

This walkout, with plans communicated in advance to ETHS administration, was organized by the school's Student Senate. And while state law prohibits public school teachers and staff from participating in political activities during their workday, some provided supervision on the field and inside for students who chose not to



3,300 ETHS students filled the football stand on National Student Walkout Day on March 14.

join in. Evanston police, as well as a few alumni and parents, were outside to lend a hand, if needed.

The nationwide walkouts were supposed to last 17 minutes in honor of the 17 Parkland victims. But many of them lasted much longer. ETHS's

walkout lasted from 10-11am due to the large number of students that participated.

And lest you think they were just ditching classes, their appropriate enthusiasm and respectful responses to the six student speakers (rather than

yell loudly, they quietly snapped their fingers) put an end to any cynicism.

"This is what democracy looks like," said lead speaker Emma Stein, the student representative on the ETHS school board. "Everyone here has the ability to make a change," she said, adding, "Voices are strong when united."

Several speakers, all eloquent, talked about the number of schools—elementary through college—and school-related deaths since the violence at Columbine High School in 1999, how easy it is to buy a gun, the NRA's prevalence in thwarting gun reform, and the need to hold politicians accountable for their non-action on gun control.

Some remembered students and recent alums that died from guns. And bringing the issue home to ETHS, one speaker said: "We are the people who are victimized. We

must be unstoppable. We are in charge of our legacy."

Flyers were handed out listing the names and phone numbers of local Illinois state and federal politicians, as well as a template the students could use when talking to their legislators about the need for gun reform. Time was even set aside during the rally for students to try calling their elected officials.

History teacher Rick Cardis, a 10-year veteran at ETHS, later reflected on the student march, saying: "The students were purposeful and intentional. Within minutes after the rally, all of my students were diligently working in my classroom again. My students are focused, determined, hopeful, and a force to be reckoned with. I'm a proud teacher today."

Students use their art to protest

It is said that "art saves lives." According to the Art Saves Lives International charitable organization, "It can engage people by giving a voice to the unheard and by highlighting important issues globally." That being the case, many ETHS students are currently using art to express their views to educate the school community and create a welcoming climate at ETHS that promotes tolerance and inclusion for all.

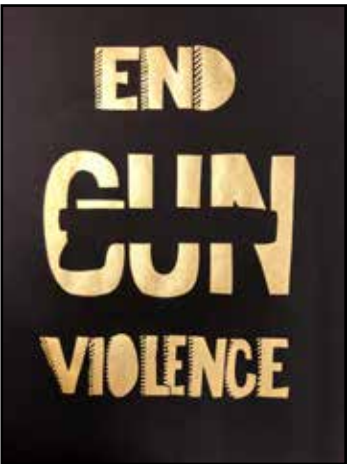
In particular, students taking Advanced Placement Studio Art and members of the Students Without Borders Club have joined forces to design and print posters, t-shirts, and buttons with messages "that address contemporary social and political topics, along with supportive text and image graphics that promote safety, respect for others, justice, and equal rights," according to art teacher Amy Moore, who is also the club advisor.

Social justice and safety have been in the forefront at ETHS this school year. In early September, the superintendent and school board officially declared

ETHS a Safe Haven School District to protect, to the fullest extent of the law, its undocumented students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination.

On March 14, 3,300 ETHS students participated in the National Student Walkout to protest against gun violence and take a public stand for meaningful gun reform.

Last fall, ETHS principal Marcus Campbell encouraged Moore to apply for a



Grace McHolland's gun violence posters, made before the Parkland, FL, shooting, were a riveting reminder during the March 14 walkout.

Teaching Tolerance Grant from the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil rights, anti-hate organization. He felt the grant reinforced the club's mission of promoting tolerance and anti-racism.

Originally called the Dreamers Club, the name was expanded to Students Without Borders to represent a broader group of undocumented students and support those who have visa and green-card status, and all students who have limited access to financial aid for college.

The grant (\$2,847) allowed ETHS to purchase screen-printing equipment and supplies to create posters and t-shirts, as well as button-making supplies, equipment that can be used to create a space for long-term production of art reflecting social justice and other contemporary issues. Three professional print-makers from the Evanston Art Center held an all-day screen-printing workshop in January to help jump-start the program and provide guidance to the student artists.

The messages on the posters, t-shirts, and buttons

are powerful, and the designs are not easily forgotten. "Build bridges not walls," "Justice knows no borders," "Stop gun violence," "Illegal immigration began in 1492," "Trans is beautiful," "Redefine feminine"...and many more.

"The [messages] aim to uplift groups who feel threatened based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, and immigration status," said Moore, adding, "We are creating a combination of critical art works that address contemporary social and political topics."

Many of the posters have been put up around the school, and the t-shirts are being readied for sale, as well as the posters and the buttons.

The proceeds will be used for ETHS Dreamers scholarships, awarded to several ETHS undocumented, visa, and green-card students who are not



Emma Estberg (at l.), AP Studio Art student, and Tseon Kassie, a member of Students Without Borders, together made posters saying "Oppressions are not isolated" to post around the school.

eligible for many types of college financial aid. Donations and purchases can be made online at [online at eths.revtrak.net/Student-Clubs/Dreamers-Club/#list](https://eths.revtrak.net/Student-Clubs/Dreamers-Club/#list).

ETHS a model school for public safety communication

For years, public safety communication at ETHS, within the 94-year-old building and outside to Evanston’s first responders, has been spotty depending on the location of the caller.

While cellular coverage in the school’s newer wings is fine, radio frequency penetration into the school’s central core (first-floor H-Corridor, in particular) has been iffy due to the original building materials. In a crisis situation, direct, universal communication to emergency help is of paramount importance.

Last summer, that all changed thanks to a consortium of business partners that installed a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) which tackles the problem of cell coverage in the older core of the school.

According to **Terrence Doby ’89**, ETHS Assis-

tant Director of Safety, “Now there is an antenna on the roof of ETHS that can capture unfettered radio communication on the Evanston Police and Fire spectrum (Public Safety), and redistributes the signal down to the first-floor using a series of ceiling-mounted antennas in H-Corridor and to surrounding hallways inside the school.”

The design and installation of the DAS was done at no cost to ETHS, with maintenance free for the first five years. Led by Cobham Wireless, participants in this showcase project, possibly the first hybrid installation in a public high school anywhere, include Radvisory 5G, RFS, Graybar, Chicago Communications, and Fullerton Engineering.

AT&T, which despite its cell tower on the ETHS football field still had problems with coverage in parts of the school

building, donated cellular and radio equipment to improve in-building connections. Given that staff and students would probably first turn to their cell phones in an emergency, improving overall cellular coverage was important.

According to Matt Johnson, VP of Sales for the Americas for Cobham, “The new DAS supports both UHF and VHF coverage for public safety, four common cellular bands, and is Band 14-ready.”

ETHS staff members involved in the DAS installation have been impressed with faster, clearer, and more accurate cellular coverage throughout the high school. “With this implementation, we’ve been able to surmount a number of wireless challenges as well as take steps to remain at the forefront of the best technology in public safety communications,” said Doby.

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Alums join Community Build Day



ETHS alums Michael Sultan ’65, Lakesha Lockett ’98, and Felipe Martinez ’97 donned the hard hats to help build the newest Geometry in Construction house.

ETHS hosts robotic competition for first time

As part of the Project Lead the Way engineering program, ETHS’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) department hosted its first VEX VRC Qualifying Tournament for middle school and high school students on January 20. Thirty teams from 14 different schools participated in the robotics competition, held in ETHS’s Willie May Field House.



During the VEX tournament, each team was judged on team interviews, engineering design notebooks, and overall sportsmanship. Teams were also presented awards for robot skills and overall tournament champions. The

ETHS engineering robotic students entered two robots into the competition, ranking 11th and 24th.

Sponsored by Evanston’s Ward Manufacturing and Nature’s Perspective Land-

scaping, the VEX competition was made possible by the partnerships with various ETHS departments Northwestern University, and the ETHS Boosters Club, as well as staff and community volunteers.

Staff, board members, and friends of the ETHS Alumni Association came out to volunteer for the Geometry in Construction Community Build Day in early March. Despite the chilly day, the sun was shining,

a spirit of giving back was in the air, and a great time was had by all. The house will be finished by students, staff, and professionals, and will later be moved to a designated location in the community.

“Slow down, you move too fast”



New softball grandstand in place thanks to donors



Last spring, ETHS added grandstand seating behind the backstop of the Varsity Softball field. Along with a winning season, the 140-seat grandstand provided family and fans a lot to cheer about. A generous donor made a \$25,000 gift to spearhead the effort with a challenge to raise the additional \$15,000 needed for the brand new complex. Alums, parents, coaches, and fans responded generously. Donations are still being accepted, and a plaque on the dugout will recognize donors to this campus improvement.

ETHS established a Meditation Studio for the 2017-18 school year to promote a school environment where self-awareness and social and emotional health are supported.

Currently, the Meditation Studio is designed for staff-led sessions on guided practices, meditation, and breath-training workshops.

The studio can also be used for class visits where teachers of all disciplines may bring their students to learn about the benefits

of mindfulness and silent communion with self.

The ETHS Meditation Studio is set up in Zen tradition with floor pillows (zabutons) and varieties of cushions (zafus and seizen benches) to accommodate different body types and sitting styles. Chairs are also available for those who aren’t drawn to a floor-sitting position. Storage cubbies for shoes, bags, coats, and other personal items enhance the climate of calm and stillness in the space.

Nominate someone for a Distinguished Alumni Award

ETHS and the ETHS Alumni Association are seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award. This program annually honors alumni who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others. These Distinguished Alumni are people who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at Evanston Township High School. The awardees will be recognized at a public ceremony in **December 2018**.

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 and fill out the online form listing the nominee’s “vitals” and explain—in 500 words or less—why this person should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Include your own contact information.

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

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

To nominate an ETHS alumna or alumnus for a Distinguished Alumni Award, please complete the online form (www.eths.k12.il.us/page/515). Deadline for submitting nominations is July 1, 2018.

Previous ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

- March 2003**
- George W. Ball, 1926, Undersec’y of State for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson
 - George Conn, 1951, advocate for disabled
 - Dr. John Bryson Eulenberg, 1960, Developed artificial-language technology for the disabled
 - Nancy Gustafson, 1974, Opera singer, philanthropist
 - Dr. Charles Johnson, 1966, Award-winning author, educator
 - Gordon Segal, 1956, Founder/CEO of Crate & Barrel
 - Dr. Charles R. Thomas, 1952, 1st ETHS Black educator, among 1990’s Top 100 School Executives

- December 2003**
- Dr. David Burge, 1947, Composer-pianist
 - Delores Petway Holmes, 1957, Co-founder, Family Focus
 - William H. Logan, Jr., 1951, Evanston Police Chief, founded Nat’l. Org. of Black Law Enforcement Executives
 - Dr. Robert M. Nerem, 1955, Expert in cellular/tissue bioengineering
 - John Edward Porter, 1953, Award-winning Congressman
 - Fredric N. 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 Wieczorowski, 1945, Investment banker, Executive Director of the World Bank

- December 2006**
- Dr. Michael Chamberlin, 1955, Biochemist, educator
 - David Cole, 1976, Attorney, civil rights defender
 - Gene Nora Stumbough 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

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

Seven alums honored in December



Honored last December were the following alumni (and their student hosts; l. to rt.): Skip Gage ’59, Joshua Rowzee ’18, Isabelle Bavis, ’18, Roberta Gassman ’66, Don Rubin ’61, Brooklyn Love ’18, Amie Wilkinson ’85, Sofia Garcia ’18, Ken Arlen ’71, and Joshua Graves ’19.

Seven ETHS alumni received the school’s Distinguished Alumni Award at an induction ceremony on December 4. **Ken Arlen ’71, Edwin (Skip) Gage ’59, Roberta Gassman ’66, Donald Rubin ’61, and Amie Wilkinson ’85** were honored during the recognition program sponsored by the ETHS school board and the

ETHS Alumni Association. Two additional alums were honored posthumously—**Dr. Isabella Garnett and Elizabeth Wood Knapp ’60**. The ceremony was held at a senior-class assembly. Award winners visited classes during the afternoon, followed in the evening with a dinner for winners’ families and school representatives.

- December 2013**
- Dr. Iva Elaine Johnson Carruthers, 1963, Educator, educational software innovator, interdenominational social justice leader
 - The Hon. John M. Ferren, 1965, Sr. Appeals Court Judge, civil rights advocate
 - Jeremy Piven, 1983, Actor, philanthropist
 - Joseph Saunders, 1963, Retired CEO of VISA, Chair of Teach for All
 - Eric (Astro) Teller, 1988, Technology industry phenom, science/technology innovator

- January 2015**
- Cleopatra Bugelas Alexander, 1966, Community leader, philanthropist, arts/education advocate
 - Henry Engelhardt, 1975, Admiral Group CEO, UK insurance industry leader, Moondance Fdn. founder
 - David Epstein, 1998, Reporter/author focused on science/sports,
 - Willie Miller, 1971, Attorney, corporate/community leader with FAAM, ETHS school board member
 - Jack Rakove, 1964, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, constitutional law/American history expert
 - Neal Wolin, 1979, Corporate/government leader, served as Sec’y of U.S. Treasury

- December 2016**
- Steven Gilford, 1970, Attorney, Vice-Chair of IL State Board of Education, ETHS school board member

- Tanika Island. 1991, Managing Director at U of Chicago Urban Education Inst., education leader
- Gregory Klaiber, 1978, Retired Evanston Fire Chief, community leader, Northwestern U’s emergency mgmt. director
- Megan Twohey, 1994, Award-winning investigative journalist
- Lynne Williams Twist, 1963, Global visionary fighting hunger/poverty, social justice supporter

- December 2017**
- Ken Arlen, 1971, Internat’ly known saxophonist/band leader, philanthropist, music industry leader
 - Edwin (Skip) Gage, 1959, Marketing/travel/hospitality world leader
 - Roberta Gassman, 1966, Government labor leader at federal/state level, community leader
 - Donald Rubin, 1961, Noted Harvard U statistics professor, World-cited/prolific author
 - Amie Wilkinson, 1985, World-recognized math dynamical systems expert, U of Chicago math professor
 - Dr. Isabella Garnett, born in Evanston 1872, one of 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

Alumni mini-grants boost student learning

This fall and winter, the ETHS Alumni Association board approved a variety of mini-grants requested by teachers and staff to enhance their classroom curricula. In particular, World Language and Science teachers asked for help to buy materials and specialized equipment to enrich their students' learning.

Chinese, Spanish, French, and American Sign Language teachers applied for grants to equip their classrooms with non-text books (e.g., fiction) and materials to help expose their students to cultural experiences.

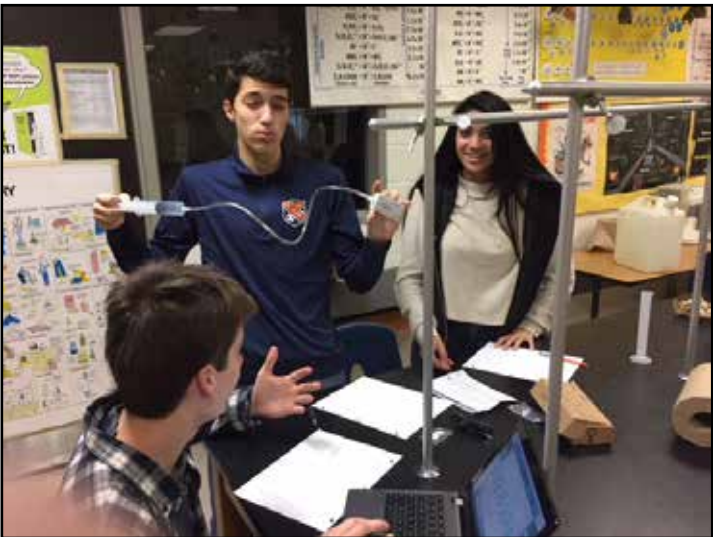
Biology, Chemistry, and Physics teachers asked for molecular kits, wireless gas pressure sensors, a strobo-scope, and Pasco probes for students to gather and analyze data, the essence of scientific thinking.

An English teacher received seed money to bring in three local storytellers to work with sophomores on developing and performing original personal narratives. The student Latino Summit, which this year focused on the history of Latinos in Evanston, received a grant for program support.

One mini-grant benefits both students and alumni. ETHS librarian **Traci Brown-Powell '90** is leading a project to bring the ETHS Authors' Bookshelf to life. Through an alumni mini-grant, the library purchased several shelves and will be rotating books from the collection, written and donated by



Students taking Chinese celebrated the Chinese New Year in a variety of ways thanks to an alumni mini-grant. For example, they wrote calligraphy and couplets to decorate their lockers; lead a lion parade and performed a “12 Zodiac Animal Race” play at ETHS; made dumplings; and learned how to play the zither.



Students (l. to rt.) Dylan Anderson, Teo Cook, and Remy Joseph in teacher Neil Reimer's science classroom use the wireless gas pressure sensors purchased with an alumni mini-grant.

ETHS authors, as well as featuring an ETHS author on a regular basis.

The mini-grants, each up to \$1,000, come from the Alumni Association's budget. While the association no longer collects

dues from ETHS alums, the board chose to use the fund balance to help support educational needs, particularly when academic budgets are stretched thin.

Authors' Bookshelf

Noted author and editor **James Atlas '67**, who has written biographies of authors and writers, has come out with a most interesting book, *The Shadow in the Garden: A Biographer's Tale*, about how a biographer creates a biography. Looking back to his childhood in Evanston, and going through his academic and professional career, this book is part memoir and part celebration of the work of telling the story of the life and times of some of our literary giants. Atlas looks at the lives and works of biographers from the Renaissance to modern day in a readable text.

Mary Zettleman Greer '59 has published two books of poetry. The first, *Cry in the Ears of Jerusalem and To the Horizon Always There*, which reflects the concerns of Jeremiah (Bible) and Homer's *Odyssey*, which inspired her writings. She has also written *Poems: Selected and New* with selections from 40 years of writing. Greer is retired from teaching English at Hudson (OH) High School, but she continues to teach, write, and work as an environmental activist in Northwestern Ohio. She lives near Kent, OH, and has four adult children and 10 grandchildren. She credits Malcolm Mosing and Clarence Hach with her success as a

teacher and writer, and like other alumni, she proudly remembers the academic opportunities and standards at ETHS.

Life after Welfare: Reform and the Persistence of Poverty by **Laura Lein '65** and Deanna T. Schexnayder with Karen Nanges Douglas and Daniel G. Schroeder. Laura Lein, the Katherine Reebel Collegiate Professor of Social Work, and Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan, is one of the authors of this study which looks at the lives of 179 families after leaving welfare. The stories of these families and their battle against poverty are detailed in a look at the failing safety net of basic human services as people attempt to sustain low-wage employment.

Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive Welfare and Low Wage Work by Kathryn Edin and **Laura Lein '65**. This study offers dramatic evidence that unskilled single mothers who hold jobs are frequently worse off than those on welfare and neither welfare nor low-wage employment alone will support a family at subsistence levels. Conclusions are based on interviews with over 400 mothers in four states over six years.

ETHS celebrates 1968 basketball state title

It was a great day to be a Wildkit! On February 3, ETHS celebrated the 50th anniversary of winning the 1968 Boys' State Championship basketball title.

This team not only set the standard for Wildkit teams to follow, but was also recognized as one of the great teams in Illinois basketball history. Noted for great defense and strong shooting, the 1967-68 team united the school and the community as it played through a magic 30-1 season.

To date, their state title came 51 years after Evanston won the First Annual Interscholastic Basketball Championship, awarded by the U of Chicago, March 16 & 17, 1917. Coinci-

dently, the 1916-17 team was elected to the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

Along with celebrating the 1967-68 state championship that evening, ETHS also honored other Wildkit teams that made it to the Elite Eight and Final Four: 1907-08, 1956-67, 1963-64, 1971-72, 1983-84 (State Runner-up), 1985-86, 1987-88, 2002-03 (4th place), 2006-07, 2007-08 (3rd place) 2011-12 and 2016-17.

Representing the 1968 team were captain **Walter "Pookie" Perrin** and his co-captain **Ron Cooper**. **Farrell Jones** was represented by his son Damon, and the late, great **Bob**

Lackey was honored by his daughter. Teammate **Alton Hill '69** was present as was the father of **Bill Batinus '71**.

The basketball alums spent the day watching the current teams practice, had lunch with 70 students and 10 coaches, and then watched ETHS win games on four levels against good teams from Oak Park-River Forest. All of the 1968 and Elite Eight teams were honored during the varsity game's half-time. The celebration continued with alumni from all years partying late into the night at Prairie Moon Restaurant in Evanston.



Members of all teams that went downstate over the years gathered for a photo and a luncheon with the 70+ students who are part of the current ETHS basketball teams. They spoke with the students about success in the classroom and beyond the basketball court. Seated at center in the front row are Alton Hill '69, Walter "Pookie" Perrin '68, and Ron Cooper '68, members of the championship team.

ETHS Kudos

Shot seen 'round the nation



On January 26 in Beardsley Gym, with 2.6 seconds left to go in the varsity basketball game against Maine South, ETHS freshman Blake Peters threw a full-court, buzzer-beating 3-pointer that put ETHS over the top 45-44. Videos of the “unbelievable” 80-foot shot went viral across the country, even replayed on all the national TV news shows. “I was there right behind him when he hurled that shot. I will never, ever forget that moment. Magical,” said ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon.

Student and Staff Kudos

In February, 28 ETHS students competed in the Illinois **DECA** Career Development Conference. Fifteen of them placed in the top three in their business-related category at state competition, and two were chosen to compete

at the International DECA Competition in April. In addition, **Jenny Weber**, their DECA advisor and ETHS Career & Technical Education teacher, was named the 2018 Illinois DECA Marketing Educator of the Year.

Maryjoy Heineman, ETHS Mathematics teacher, was named Illinois’s 2017 finalist in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) competition. The PAEMST are the highest honors bestowed by the U.S. government for K-12 mathematics and science teaching. Established by Congress in 1983, the award annually recognizes



exemplary teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. Heineman was recognized based on excellence throughout her mathematics career. She has taught the cutting-edge Geometry in Construction course for the past five years and has worked to spread the course throughout Illinois and the Midwest. Retired ETHS math teachers **John Benson** and **Peter DeCraene** are previous Illinois finalists.

Recently retired ETHS journalism teacher **Rodney Lowe** was named one of 12 winners of lifetime achievement awards from the Journalism Education Association. Lowe, who served as advisor to *The Evanstonian*, the ETHS student newspaper, for 31

years. He was honored at the annual meeting of the national group for student newspaper advisors in April in San Francisco. Lowe was nominated for the award by ETHS board member Jonathan Baum, who says that from the experience of his own

ETHS CTE Dept. best in Illinois



Career & Technical Education Department staff (from left): Tom Sprengelmeyer, Jonathan Lawrence, Jeff Totsch, Shelley Gates, Gary Haller, Cindy Curtis, and Matt Kaiser.

Last October, The Career & Technical Education Department (CTE) at ETHS won the 2017 High School Program of the Year Award from the Technology Education Association of Illinois (TEAI), an annual award that recognizes programs and individuals that are making significant contributions to the field of technology education.

Students who take CTE classes at ETHS gain the critical skills and education

needed for successful careers in a variety of industrial technology areas, such as automotive, construction, welding, manufacturing, architecture, and engineering. They have access to a variety of state-of-the-art equipment and dedicated lab space.

Students also gain valuable work experience through CTE programs by completing technology-related internships while still in high school.

Wind Symphony plays inaugural concert for music educators



The ETHS Wind Symphony, led by Band Director Matthew Bufis, performed downtown at Chicago’s Symphony Center last December.

This January, the 52-member ETHS Wind Symphony, the school’s top of three curricular concert bands, was chosen for the first time to perform at the annual Illinois Music Educators Conference (IMEC) held in Peoria, IL.

The band was chosen through a blind, refereed process requiring submission of two recordings from last year, two recommendations from other

band directors, and copies of the band’s concert programs from the last several years. Only a small handful of Illinois high school concert bands are chosen each year to perform at the conference.

Matthew Bufis, ETHS Director of Bands, selected five pieces that showcase the band’s prowess and reflect Evanston’s and, particularly ETHS’s, commitment to social justice

and tackling issues in our world that must be addressed—issues such as global warming, the political de-emphasis on science, and struggles over race and gender.

Along with their IMEC performance, the Wind Symphony has also played at multiple invitational performances at the University of Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival, another first-time honor.

Sports Fall-Winter Summary

2017 FALL SPORTS

Individual accomplishments in girls' cross country and girls' tennis, and a record, third-straight Elite Eight appearance for the boys' soccer program provided the highlights for the Evanston athletic program during the fall of 2017.

Girls' Cross Country

Enyaeva Michelin's rise to near the top of the pack in girls' cross country was nothing short of remarkable. Already an accomplished runner, but at distances much shorter than the 3-mile test in cross country, Michelin worked her way from 117th-place at the Class 3A state finals as a junior all the way to state runner-up as a senior 8 seconds behind defending champ Katelynne Hart of Glenbard W and joined Stephanie Goodrich (10th in 1991) as the only ETHS female runners to score a top 10 finish in the history of the IHSA (IL State High School) meet, which dates back to 1979.

Girls' Tennis



Stories about come-backs don't always have happy

endings, and the scoreboard said Evanston senior Anastasia Goncharova was on the wrong end of a 3-set singles finale at the Class 2A state tournament. But Goncharova felt like a winner after placing 2nd in the state of Illinois for the 2nd straight year, especially after working feverishly on rehabilitating her right knee following surgery the previous spring. Her accomplishments as a senior include a single-season school record—at 24-2 she broke the record she shared with **Brigit Larson '07** with 21. She also is the first ETHS player to reach the state championship match in back-to-back seasons, and was also the first to claim Central Suburban League South division and sectional championships.

Boys' Soccer



Just about any Illinois high school soccer program would be happy to trade places with Evanston's boys, considering the Wild-

kits reached the Elite Eight for the third year in a row. But reaching the Final Four remained an elusive goal for coach **Franz Calixte '89's** squad as their season ended—again—at the Class 3A Supersectional to unbeaten Libertyville, ranked 4th in the nation by one website. Evanston's third-straight Elite Eight appearance was a first in program history, and the Wildkits again had the toughest path to try to reach the Final Four, including back-to-back sectional wins over New Trier and Glenbrook N, two teams seeded ahead of the 'Kits.

Girls' Swimming/Diving

In her first year as a diver, sophomore Jamie Otwell cracked the top 16 and scored a surprising trip to the semifinals before she was eliminated. But, she saved her best for last, outscoring four other divers she trailed at the sectional the previous week, a remarkable finish for someone who never stepped onto a diving board before the start of the high school season. A gymnast by trade, she transitioned smoothly to the sport of diving, especially at pike dives, and climbed from

2018 WINTER SPORTS

Evanston head basketball coaches Mike Ellis and Brittany Johnson both refused to use the word "rebuilding" regarding their respective prospects for the 2017-18 season, but others felt the label should apply considering that both the boys' and girls' programs lost one of the most talented classes in program history to graduation the previous year. Still, Ellis and Johnson, picked up the pieces and led their squads to 20-win seasons again this year, capped by the boys' first trip to the Final Four since 2008.

Boys' Basketball

At the Class 4A state finals in Peoria, Ellis' team relied on juniors



who played like seniors, freshmen who played like seniors, and a senior, Matt Hall, who saved his best for last. Evanston bounced back from a semifinal loss to Whitney Young and clipped Elgin Larkin by 61-49 to claim the 3rd-place trophy. That effort

matched the 3rd-place finish by the last ETHS team to reach the state finals back in 2008.

Evanston's journey to the Final Four helped the returning players escape the large shadow cast by last year's star-studded squad, and the Wildkits earned their way to Peoria by sharing the championship in the toughest conference in the state (four CSL South teams won at least 20 games) and then capturing the title in the toughest sectional field in Class 4A.

Girls' Basketball

An injury to forward SyAnn Holmes with the game still within reach in the 3rd quarter led to a season-ending 47-31 loss to Loyola Academy in the championship game of the Regional tourney and left ETHS with a final record of 20-9. But that 20-win season included a tie for the Central Suburban League South division championship, and the Wildkits were one of the best teams in the state over the second half of the season, just as Johnston predicted they would be in her second year as head coach. Despite team injuries and the loss of Johnson's mother during the season, the seniors stepped up and emerged as unbelievable leaders.

Boys' Swimming/Diving



Evanston won the first Combined Team State Championship awarded by the IHSA, with team points accumulated from Athletes With Disabilities standout Aaron Holzmüller, divers Harel Anolick and Trevor Nelson, and distance star Aidan Dillon. Holzmüller contributed 3rd place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke in his fourth trip to the IHSA finals in the AWD division, and Anolick and Nelson added a 2-4 finish in their specialty, Evanston's best State showing in diving since 1969.

Wrestling

Given a choice, Ramin Abraham's idea of making history for Evanston athletics would be to lead the Wildkits to a state soccer championship as the team's starting goalie. But Abraham, a junior, made

his mark in another sport in February, with a 5th-place finish in the Class 3A 220-pound weight class at the state wrestling meet. He became only the third ETHS grappler to earn a state medal since 1989 and the first since Jeffrey Brown won the state heavyweight championship in 2010. Abraham won 4 of his 6 matches at State and climaxed a 26-3 season. He also claimed a gold medal at the Central Suburban League tournament at 220 pounds for third year in a row and won the regional for the second straight season.

Boys' Bowling

ETHS senior Jacob Rubin wrote his name in the school record book as the first Evanston bowler to advance to the state finals after finishing with a school-record score of 1,352 for a six-game series during sectional qualifying at Habetler Bowl in Chicago, including a high game of 269. He finished 3rd overall in the sectional field. After a pep talk with Evanston coach **Harold Bailey '83**, all of his scores went up. Rubin responded to that talk with a championship effort adding games of 220, 216, 232, 269 and 202 to secure the Downstate trip. He rolled 8 straight strikes on his way to that 269 game.

Girls' Indoor Track

Enyaeva Michelin broke her own school record in the 1600-meter race



three weeks in a row at the end of the indoor season, and also wiped out the school mark in the 800 at the Prep Top Times Invitational. She scored a

triumph in the Class AAA 1600 at a meet that serves as an unofficial indoor state meet, with a time of 4:54.30, against some of the elite runners in Illinois after also placing 2nd in the 800 earlier in the day in 2:11.67. She broke the previous (outdoor) ETHS record in the 800, held by **Jahnell Horton '12** and set in 2010 at 2:12.20. There was no catching her in the longer race, where she posted a wire-to-wire victory and lowered her own school mark from 4:59.10 to 4:54.30.

Boys' Indoor Track

Evanston's track & field team swept to victories in 11 of the 16 events and won its 11th straight indoor Central Suburban League South division title, outscoring runner-up New Trier by 177-85. Coach **Don Michelin Sr.'s '69** team swept to 1st place in all 3 relays. In the 3200, the team of Joe Eovaldi, Nick Baumann, Matt Bates, and Alex Tokmakoff won in 8:30.37. In the 800, the quartet of Sacrad Michelin, Jonathan Wilburn, Isaac Hunter, and Marquis Rivera ruled in 1:35.34, and the 'Kits capped the sweep in the 1600 when Wilburn, Bates, Will McMichael, and Ayoub El-Ashmawi combined for a winning time of 3:36.60. Individual champs for ETHS were Davis Patterson, 11-0 in the pole vault; Gabe Cheeks, 20-9.75 in the long jump; Trey Dawkins, 51-9.5 in the shot put; Wilburn, 44-11.75 in the triple jump; Sacrad Michelin, 6.85 in the 55 and 23.66 in the 200; Julion Michelin, 52.62 in the 400; and Logan Singer, 2:00.25 in the 800.

By Dennis Mahoney

ETHS Sports Information Director



Boys’ basketball coaching staff all bleed orange and blue

Editor’s Note: Dennis Mahoney, ETHS’s Sports Information Director, wrote this article for the Evanston Now online newspaper. Given ETHS’s trip to the Final Four this spring, we thought you’d like to know more about how it happened. – K. Miehl

When Mike Ellis came in from Peoria Richwoods to take over the Evanston Township basketball program, his first order of business was to make sure Evanston’s homegrown players remained in the ETHS program.

Three players who lived in Evanston competed for other schools in the sectional tournament after the Wildkits were eliminated that first postseason, and Ellis vowed not to let that happen again.

So he dug deep into the grassroots of Evanston’s basketball community — and found leaders and teachers and role models who helped lay the foundation for this year’s run to the Illinois High School Association Final Four.

Call it a perfect storm — that’s what Ellis called the opportunity to build a staff of assistants who have one thing in common. They all wore the Wildkit uniform during their own high school playing careers. It’s rare for any one program at any high school to count on a large staff made up completely of alumni, but that’s one reason for Evanston’s success on and off the court.

Varsity assistants **Necus Mayne ’02** and **Rudy Meo ’05**, along with lower level coaches **Stacey Moragne ’02**, **Scott Horne ’01**, and **Travis Ransom ’94** (all five from ETHS) and Jetter Gibson, who graduated in 2001 from Glenbrook South, have all played key roles on a staff that has had zero turnover over the past five seasons.

Unlike college coaches who switch jobs whenever the grass is greener elsewhere, high school coaches moving onto another program don’t have the luxury of bringing assistants with them — unless there’s a faculty job available at the new school. So Ellis was on his own when it came to adjusting to the Evanston basketball community, and inherited all of his assistants from departed coach Bobby Locke.

“I was fortunate that I had the opportunity to spend (the late) **Bob Bost’s ’64** last year here with him,” said Ellis. “He stuck around to help and I owe him a huge debt of gratitude. He introduced me to the Central Suburban League gyms and the foundation was really laid with his input.

“My No. 1 goal became to keep Evanston kids home, and I thought what better way than to get help from those who bleed Orange and Blue? I sought out people who’d had anything to do with Evanston basketball. I was fortunate because I knew (then ETHS assistant) Steve Turner from Peoria and he was the one who had a relationship with these guys.

“A position opened up for Steve in the school business office and that meant the two of us could share our vision with the new coaches as they came along. We wanted coaches who would teach and educate the children of the great families I found in Evanston.”

Mayne, who has become the head coach’s right-hand man, was a key “get” for Ellis.

“Necus was running the feeder program for Niles North the first time I met him, but you could feel the passion and the energy he had for Evanston basketball,” said the head coach. “His vision and his goals were perfectly aligned with mine. All of the coaches have the same values on our staff. They’re not in it for the fame or the money, they’re all in it for the kids, and they all put in a lot of time. I think the kids understand that they all have the same agenda, to help you as much as we can.

“Travis and Jetter do a great job of laying the foundation and the freshmen coaches probably put in more hours than anyone. They do an outstanding job of teaching and they’re great disciplinarians, too. They’re the ones who foster relationships with the younger kids in middle schools, at camps and at open gyms,” he added.

“I think having Stacey and Scott together (on the sophomore level) makes for a great pairing. They played here during the program’s glory days and together they can bring a history that I can’t teach myself. I think the tradition

here should be important to the players because a lot of great players have walked these halls.

“Rudy and Necus were gym rats growing up and they’re always in the gym now, too. Necus focuses a lot on our defense and he’s the closest thing to a defensive coordinator that we have. As a head coach, you want assistants who you think will be loyal and not have a personal agenda, and the second thing is their style and knowledge of the game. Would you want to put your son or daughter in their hands? I would LOVE to have each and every one of them coach my children.

“To see the pride these guys have in competing for Evanston is really something I admire and respect. You see their eyes glow every time they step into Beardsley Gym.”

Here’s a closer look at one of the state’s best coaching staffs.

RUDY MEO

“I never imagined I’d be a coach,” said Meo, who is an accountant for ETHS. “Five years ago I would have told Coach Ellis no. I was in California when he reached out to me...I was a volunteer my first year and I did coach some youth basketball when I was in San Diego. I found I really liked it.”

Meo played for Coach Paul Pryma and was a two-year varsity starter at ETHS, before moving on to play Division I basketball at Cal-Riverside.

“This is where I was taught and grew up. It’s never been a job for me, it’s more of a passion. I’m an Orange and Blue guy.

“When I went to school you wouldn’t see the varsity assistant coach watching the freshmen play. The coaches on the lower levels use the same concepts and terminology that we use on the varsity, and since they’re teaching the same things we are, we don’t have to teach things all over again at the varsity level. This is really similar to a college program, and I think the players are getting a college-level experience here.”

NECUS MAYNE

During his playing days at ETHS, Mayne sometimes saw classmates slip through the cracks due to outside influences or poor grades. That’s a lesson

that stuck with him and prompted him to join the Wildkit staff after getting his feet wet as a coach at his alma mater (UMass-Lowell) and Niles North.

“I didn’t move here (from Chicago) until I was in fourth grade. When I got to high school Coach Pryma taught us so many lessons about life. He taught me how to be a man, and that’s something I’ll never forget. It’s something I wanted to give back.”

Mayne is a full-time member of the ETHS Safety staff and helps maintain the halls where ‘Kit legends walked in the past.

“I know the landscape here. I loved coaching at Niles North, but when the opportunity to come back here presented itself, that was a no-brainer. When you look at the history of this program that was something I wanted to be a part of again.”

STACEY MORAGNE

Moragne had the most accomplished playing career among the Wildkit aides, as a two-time All-American at UMass-Lowell and he played professionally for six years before returning to Evanston. He works as a 1-on-1 aide for the school’s special education department and was prompted to join the coaching ranks after the tragic shooting death of Dajae Coleman back in 2012.

“This is a unique place and I know how much basketball means to this community. The hard part about coaching is that a lot of these kids are stars in FAAM (Fellowship of African-Americans) and other leagues and some of them are just given everything at a young age. What I try to teach them is a winning mentality, but winning the RIGHT way. I was in their shoes not so long ago and I try to motivate them the best way I can.

SCOTT HORNE

As the program supervisor for Evanston’s Chandler-Newberger Community Center, Horne runs the basketball leagues for boys and girls in 4th and 5th grade in District 65. So he gets an early look at future standouts and thinks it’s important that they wear an ETHS uniform when they get to be teenagers.

Horne was ETHS’s Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior and joined the ETHS staff back in 2010.

“I’m a part of this community and for me this is bigger than basketball. There’s a certain amount of pride being part of this program in the community I grew up in.

“My first couple of years there were two or three really good players from here who went to other schools, and it was frustrating seeing Evanston kids who did not want to play for Evanston. Then Nojel Eastern came in and put our program on his back and the younger kids looked up to him like he’s Michael Jordan. He’s an even better person than he is a player.

TRAVIS RANSOM

Basketball certainly wasn’t the end game for Ransom after he finished school. He didn’t play basketball in college and already had a successful career as an IT manager for a real estate company before deciding he wanted to get back in the game around 2010.

“When Coach Ellis came in he was trying to get a feel for the community and I was helping my Dad coach at FAAM. I got a call from Coach asking me to come coach, but initially I told him no. I didn’t think I’d have time, but eventually I worked it out with my employer.

“I thought I’d only do it for one year, but once you’re on the inside of the program your perspective changes. I’m in a field that I enjoy immensely but basketball is just as important to me. And Coach Ellis is so great to work with. He promotes the idea of speaking your mind and he wants your opinion 100 percent of the time.

Working with the youngest players in the program, along with Jetter Gibson, Ransom’s role is different trying to prepare them for the high expectations by the time they mature to the varsity level.

“Coach Jetter and I are the bad guys,” he laughed. “We’re responsible for weeding out the kids who aren’t serious about basketball. We give them a hard-core view of what four years of basketball in our program will look like. We want kids who want to play, but at the same time we can’t give them the impression that it will always be fun. This is nothing like middle school basketball and that’s something they have to learn.”

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Reunion Roundup

Class of 1968 ready for its 50th this September

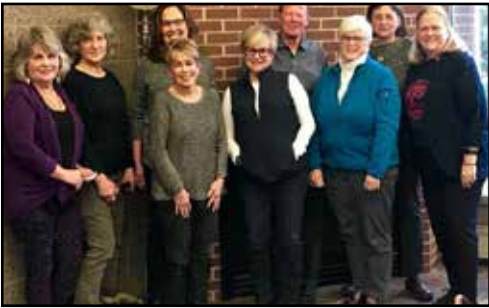
Save the dates of September 14 and 15, 2018, for our 50th class reunion!

- **Friday Night Live**
Sept. 14, 6-11pm, at the Evanston Levy Center
- **ETHS Experience**
Sept. 15, 10am – 3pm at ETHS: Lunch, tours, presentations, and jam sessions
- **The Grand Event**
Sept. 15, 6pm to midnight, Doubletree by Hilton, Skokie

GET THE WORD OUT!
Register on our reunion website (www.eths68.my-event.com) to get current information, make reservations, purchase tickets... and pass this information along to fellow grads. This could be the only way to contact them. Also, if you are aware of classmates who have passed away please add them to the memorial page of the website or send their name to **David Wells** (eths68@comcast.net or phone 512-799-8770).

VOLUNTEER!

Contact David Wells to volunteer for tasks that need to be completed. Some of our classmates including athletes, journalists, veterans, actors, musicians, and anyone with a good story to tell, are putting together small groups to enliven our Saturday at the high school. If you want information about these events or would like to participate, contact Susan Moore Gobel (sgobel@sbcglobal.net).



Committee Planners (l. to rt.): Helene Nelson Full, Carolyn Kanagy, Sharri Green Marcin, Judy Wolf, Joy Murphy, David Wells, Penny Paine Nichols, Susan Moore Gobel, Nancy Jones Freeman

who might need some assistance. All contacts are confidential.

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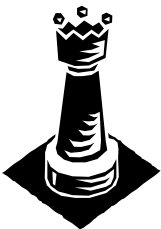
This is a program that's set up to assist classmates who may be unable to attend the reunion because of cost. Please share your interest in receiving help with the cost by writing a short email or by calling (ethsclassof68@gmail.com or phone 520-668-8204). You may also share the name of a classmate

GIVE BACK!

And don't forget our '68 Class Gift! As part of our 50th Reunion, we're planning a once-in-our-lifetime gift to the ETHS Educational Foundation to honor our terrific high school and to support the students of today. To join the giving team, see the Class Gift page on our website.

Chess alums to play current team

Next October 27, the ETHS Chess Team and alumni from past teams will compete in match play to celebrate 50 years of Wildkit participation in national and state chess competitions. Proceeds from the event will help the team compete in future national tournaments.



The team's focus began to shift from national to state competition after the State Team Chess Championship began in 1975 and became one of the world's largest team chess competitions. ETHS has won the state championship six times, most recently in 2005, when Ken Lewandowski was head coach and the players were **Nick Berry, Elliott Damashek, David Singham, Robert Flax, Todd Summers, Jake Bialer, Andrew Day, Matthew Schiffman** and **Noah Lieberman**.

After a lapse of several years, ETHS returned to national high school competition in 2018 in Columbus, OH, and intends to compete in the 2019 national event to be held in Schaumburg, IL.

ETHS's history of excellence in team chess began with help from businessman and philanthropist W. Clement Stone, who sponsored the Wildkits' trip to New York for the inaugural National High School Chess Championship in 1969. The foursome of **Harold Boas, Philip Wong '69, Jay Adler** and **Sidney Levin** finished third that year, and the 'Kits won four more National team medals, including consecutive first-place finishes in 1972-1974.

Class of 1958 celebrates 60th this summer

The Class of 1958 is planning four great days of "Fun, Frolic and Friends" on August 16-20. Starting with a Welcome reception on Thursday evening at the Hyatt in Evanston, the headquarters hotel, we'll then gather on Friday evening for Happy Hour (or 2 or 3) at The Farmhouse restaurant in the Orrington hotel. Saturday will be a final gala dinner at the Skokie Country Club, and on Sunday morning many will linger just a little bit longer over breakfast.

During the days there will be lots to do—golf, walk-about in Evanston, bocce, race track, a picnic by the lake...or venture on your own into Chicago to enjoy museums, the zoo, shopping, river tours, or leisurely visits with old friends. We've arranged a special group rate at the Hyatt hotel. The Hyatt's Hospitality Suite will be available for meeting, greeting, hanging out, and just catching up.

It's going to be a wonderful time and perhaps our last BIG Reunion. We're SO excited about our 60th and



Reunion Committee: (from the left) Geoff Wilson, Marilyn Thomas Adams, Pete Otterstrom, Bill Bregar, Barbara Page Lamm, Sandy Gay Wolf, Sue Hemb Alt, Tom Mullen

- can't wait to see everyone in August!!
- Class of 1958 Reunion Committee**
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1978 going to Pinstripes for 40th

On Saturday, June 30, the ETHS Class of 1978 will gather for 40 years of reconnection, recollections, dinner and dancing at PINSTripES, 1150 Willow Rd. Northbrook, IL. Start time is 7pm. A more casual get-together is also being planned for Friday, June 29. For the latest event/registration information, go to www.eths1978.com or on Facebook at "ETHS Class of 1978."

Questions? Email the committee at eths1978@comcast.net.

The ETHS Class of 1978 40th Reunion Committee includes: **Maria (Agnes) Bohacsik, Carolyn Brandt Broughton, Theresa Devold-Downing, Greg Klaiber, Sue Goldberg Leoni, Monique Petan, Christine Seiler Melton**, and **Sheila Tanner Egan**.

1951's 67th this fall in San Francisco

ETHS's Class of 1951 will meet in San Francisco, CA, to celebrate its 67th reunion. Plan to meet for lunch at 1pm, on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Water Front Hotel. To receive more information about the reunion, you must RSVP by October 1. If you'd like to attend, please email **Ann Ewing Hardy** at ann@hardygroup.com or **Wes Harris** at wharriswes@att.net.

1974 is planning its 45th reunion

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

kate@eths1974.com

Class of 1970/Lincolnwood 1964

After the 30th reunion in 2000, several members of the Class of '70 were inspired to set out on a mission to locate all of their classmates from the Lincolnwood Elementary School 6th grade class of 1964. For the last 15 years, following a kick-off 50th birthday event, they have enjoyed reunions large and small, going down memory lane together. Here's a photo of one such gathering that included a tour of Lincolnwood School. News flash: it hasn't changed much.



Pictured from left: Chris Calm Albers, Kris Jones, Susie Dorsett Mazaheri, Jeff Willemain, Sue Weiss Boundy, Joe DeLapp, Beth Friskey Swan, Jim Westfall.

Class of 1959 to celebrate its 59th reunion



Some members of the reunion committee are shown visiting the Glenview Park District Golf Club venue in the adjacent photo. Seated (l. to rt.): Mary Gratz Wadsworth, Sharon Harloff Dillon, Denise Bowles, Maggie Leuth Lovaas, Della Rae Melin Moore; Standing (l. to rt.): Lou Cain, Annalee Brownold Fjellberg, Allan Feldman, Margaret Amidon Olk, Pauline Betz Bentley

The Class of 1959 will celebrate its 59th Reunion this summer on the weekend of July 20-22.

The headquarters hotel will be the Sheraton in Northbrook, where a get-together is planned for Friday night, July 20, in the hotel's first-floor lounge beginning at 7pm.

Saturday night's dinner will be held at The Café of the Glenview Park District Golf Club (roughly 4 miles south of the hotel). Cocktails will begin at 6pm with the dinner buffet opening around 7:15.

The class did not book a separate room for Sunday morning, but everyone is

encouraged to consider coming to the Sheraton for its normal Sunday breakfast/brunch.

Further details can be obtained from **Pauline Betz Bentley** via e-mail (p-bentley@northwestern.edu) or snail-mail (2756 Central Park Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201).

1964 mini-reunion in sunny Arizona



The '64 Classmates: (l. to rt.) Fred Brostoff, Mark Goldman, Barry Bedrick, Jill Soren Forst, Jay Siegall, Babs Drew Spero, Phil Kaplan, Hank Gideon

A brief trip by **Jay Siegall** '64 to Phoenix this spring was all the incentive needed to gather Arizona-based 1964 classmates for a mini-reunion. **Mark** and **Dale Goldman** generously offered to host this event and put out a fabulous spread of appetizers, dinner, and dessert at their beautiful home in Cave Creek, Arizona (at the northern

end of the Phoenix metro area). The Goldman home offered a comfortable and quiet venue where classmates could renew acquaintances, some having been separated since high school. Great food, good conversation, and a relaxed atmosphere made it a wonderful night in the desert.

Foundation travels east, west

Recently, regional alumni receptions were held in New York City, San Francisco and Greenwich, CT. They were hosted by alums **Rodney Williams '79** at the Moët Hennessy Headquarters, **Lynne Williams Twist '63** at her lovely home, and **Hannah Strasser '78** at the quaint Crew restaurant. Camaraderie filled the air each evening as alums from across the decades bonded around their love of ETHS. Guests enjoyed hearing updates from Supt. Eric Witherspoon on the East Coast and Principal Marcus Campbell in San Francisco. It is clear no matter where you go, alums always carry a little piece of ETHS with them. If you are interested in hosting a reception in your area, contact Joanne Bertsche, ETHS Foundation Executive Director, at 847/424-7158.



Supt. Eric Witherspoon (above, at center) met with the East Coast alums, while ETHS Principal Marcus Campbell met with alums on the West Coast: Pictured here are Campbell (below, center) with '02 alums (l. to rt.) Derrick Hayes, LaJon Survillion, David Phillips, Samantha Epstein, and Emmanuel Bellegarde.



Class of '98 hosts "Red Carpet Event"

ETHS Class of 1998 Reunion Committee is hosting a
1990-1999 All-Class Reunion on August 3-4, 2018,
5300 Touhy Ave., Skokie, IL.
August 3rd – 8pm – Class of 1998 Meet & Greet
August 4th – 6:30pm-12:30am – Comedy Show & Main Event
Dinner, premium open bar, Live and DJ entertainment, raffles, and more!
For more information please go to: www.classof1998.myevent.com

Class Notes

1940s

David Johnson '40, who lives in Vernon Hills, IL, writes: "Is any one still alive from that year? I was 96 in December. At ETHS, I was on the track team, ran the mile, and qualified to go to the state meet in 1940. Here's my email address: dljfkj@comcast.net."

1950s

Charles Loebbaka '55, reported: "I retired in 2009 after 27 years as director of media relations at Northwestern University. Since then I have written three detective mystery novels and three historical fiction novels. Before NU, I was editor of the Glenview Announcements and Evanston Review, executive editor of all Hollister Newspapers. After that and before NU, I was campaign manager for Bill Scott for Attorney General in 1968 and campaign press secretary for Gov. Dick Ogilvie in 1972. I have three sons and five grandchildren. I have been widowed since 2006." He lives in Glenview, IL charlesloebbaka@comcast.net

Dan Peterson '53 is among 15 people nominated as an International Candidate to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Peterson, a former American professional basketball coach, went to Italy and served as the legendary head coach of Olimpia Milano. Dan is a member of the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame and has received the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award, as well.

1960s

John O'Boyle '64 wrote to say that his "Easter Mysteries," a musical feature film that "journeys into the passion of Christ's death and resurrection through the lens of his disciples and followers," had its premier academic appearance at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, this past November. The screening was followed by an interfaith discussion. John was involved in classes in religion, musical theater, composition, and scriptwriting. "I hope this is the first of many," he says. John, a Tony Award-winning Broadway produc-

er, wrote the music, lyrics, and libretto for "Easter Mysteries." The film was also shown on NBC this Easter Sunday.



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently awarded **Scott Sherer '69** its highest pilot award. Seen in the photo is Scott (above, at l.) and received the acclaimed Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from FAA Milwaukee, WI, Flight Safety District Office Representative Jurg Grossenbacher.



Thomas Fambro '63 (above), who is disabled, sent a picture of himself and let us know he is an advocate for the disabled.

Art collector **Preston Cook '64** recently donated over 20,000+ works of eagle items to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN. Fifty pieces from his collection will soon be exhibited at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona, MN. The show, "Eagles Over the Water: A Preview of the National Eagle Center's Collection of Eagles in American Culture," runs from June 1 to October 14. The exhibition will feature a wide range of eagle-related art, ephemera, and historic items from the collections of Preston and the National Eagle Center, and the Minnesota Marine Art Museum ranging from works by John Audubon to Andy Warhol, and from the Civil War to the present day.

Last December, **Stephanie Misaki Whiting '65** competed in her 75th power-lifting competition in the USA Power-lifting American Open in Anaheim, CA. She completed the day by pulling a double bodyweight deadlift of 204 lbs. In January, Stephanie

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ETHS talent featured on film and TV

2017-18 has been a big calendar year for several ETHS alumni who have hit it big in films and on TV.

First the women: **Laura Harrier '08**, **Alicia Goranson '92**, and **Lena Waithe '02**.



Laura Harrier '08

Harrier landed her major film debut last July playing Liz Allen, Peter Parker's (a.k.a. Spider Man) girlfriend in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. Following a brief career in modeling after ETHS, she attended William Esper Studio Acting School in NYC, where she now lives. From 2013 to now, she appeared in the soap opera *One Life to Live*; movies *The Last Five Years*, *Galyntine*, and *4th Man Out*; and in 2018 will portray Millie Montag in HBO's film adaptation of *Fahrenheit 451*.



Alicia Goranson '92

This March, Goranson went back to the future in the reboot of the acclaimed 1990s sitcom *The Roseanne Barr Show*. She joined the original cast in the nine-episode revival re-playing her role of Roseanne's daughter Becky Connor, which she

played for five seasons. She left the show in 1992 to attend Vassar College, and returned part-time in the show's eighth season. Since then, Goranson has been in several films and has guest-starred in *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Sex and the City*, and *Fringe*.



Lena Waithe '02

Master of None's Waithe made history at the 69th Emmy Awards last October, becoming the first black woman ever to win as well as be nominated as Writer for a Comedy Series and. Waithe, who plays Denise in the Netflix series, co-wrote two episodes. She is a writer, actress, and producer known for *Bones* (2005), *Hello Cupid* (2013) and *Save Me* (2011), as the creator, producer, and writer of Showtime's series *The Chi* about life in a Chicago South Side neighborhood, which was renewed for a second season, and she appears in Steven Spielberg's new film *Ready Player One*.

ETHS males are also making news in film and TV this year. Three ETHS grads were pivotal to the success of *Shot in the Dark*, the recently released documentary about Chicago's Orr Academy basketball team's tough rise to the top—director **Dustin Nakao Haider '07**, cinematographer **Ben Vogel '07**, and producer **Daniel J. Poneman '09**.



Dustin Nakao Haider '07

For 2-1/2 years the three filmmakers embedded themselves with the team and shot nearly 1,000 hours of footage. Chance the Rapper and Dwyane Wade, both Chicago born, joined the ETHS alums as executive producers. Released in February, the film received critical praise from the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Village Voice*.



Anders Holm '99

Two more alums—**Zach Gilford '00** and **Anders Holm '99**—are featured on two NBC-TV shows this season. Gilford plays a recurring role as on the new crime comedy-drama *Good Girls*, and Holm is the producer and main character in the new comedy *Champions*.



Zach Gilford '00

An actor and producer, Gilford has appeared in a number of TV series and movies and is best known for his role as Matt Saracen in *Friday Night Lights* from 2006-11. After ETHS, Holm helped create the comedy collective Mail Order Comedy. Best known as a star (producer and co-writer) on *Workaholics* on Comedy Central for seven seasons, he has now switched to network TV for *Champions*, for which he is also a producer.



Stephanie Misaki Whiting '65

was in Houston as faculty for the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, training human-service staff who work with people affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Center for Mind-Body Medicine, headquartered in Washington, DC, provides programming for populations affected by psychological trauma and stress. Earlier in the year, Stephanie helped to train the staffs of the Northern California Veterans Administration.



1963 ETHS classmates **Corky Troy** (above, center) and **Vicki de Lissovoy** (at rt.), on the piano, performed together (along with Vicki's friend, singer Rebecca Renfro) in Corky's multimedia presentation "The Just-Too-Marvelous Johnny Mercer" in mid-January at the Longboat Key Education Center on Florida's west coast. Corky has been making a January tour of Florida with his presentations on musical theatre subjects for the last five years.

1970s

Michael L. Stewart '72 let us know he had retired.

1990s

Last December, award-winning investigative journalist **Megan Twohey '94** and her *New York Times* colleague Jodi Cantor were featured on the cover and in an article in *Variety* about how they broke the story last fall about Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's sexual misconduct. This interview covers a lot of the issues they faced in bringing his



Megan Twohey '94

misdeeds to light. On April 23, Megan was among three honorees to win the inaugural Matrix Incite Award for their ability to incite change through writing and reporting. Megan received an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016. In mid-April, the *New York Times* and *The New Yorker* won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for breaking the Harvey Weinstein scandal with reporting that galvanized the #MeToo movement and set off a worldwide reckoning over sexual misconduct in the workplace.

2000s

David Baskin '08, CEO of Ani Shlishi ("I'm Third"), funds scholarships and school supplies through his Tel Aviv-based non-profit that supports at-risk children. He founded Ani Shlishi after serving time in the Israeli Defense Forces, where he was startled to see the amount of excess goods the soldiers had accumulated once they finished their service. He began to collect and give the clothes and goods to people in need. The project grew from there, and Second Hand for Second Chance thrift stores opened all over the country. Baskin says "I'm Third" was inspired by his ETHS baseball coach Ross Freeland, who passed away a few years ago. Freeland's creed, said Baskin, was "First comes the greater good, others come second, and I'm third." "His selflessness and responsibility to help others deeply affected me," and he tapped into himself and into other retired Israeli soldiers to help people in poverty.

In April, actress **Jessie Mueller '01** opened in the Broadway revival of the musical *Carousel* to rave reviews! Mueller, who won a Tony Award for her performance in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, plays the show's female lead, Julie Jordan.



Jessie Mueller '01

In March, **Zeke Spector '09**, produced a piece for VICE News, where he is a film editor and producer. It deals with restorative justice in the Penobscot nation. See it here: https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/59knjz/a-native-american-tribe-is-using-traditional-culture-to-fight-addiction.

Seun Adigun '05 led the Nigerian bobsled team in the 2018 Winter Olympics. A Nigerian-American track and field athlete who specializes in the 100-metre hurdles, she competed at the 2012 Summer Olympics, but did not qualify from her heat. In 2016, she founded the Nigerian bobsled team. The two-woman team did not win a medal but made history as Africa's first-ever Olympians in the event.



JETTER GIBSON

Jetter Gibson's dissatisfaction with the ETHS program led him to transfer to Glenbrook South following his freshman year. He played for the Wildkit sophomore team as a talented first-year player, but balked at the notion of remaining at the sophomore level the next season the way former varsity head coach Conte Stamas wanted him to.

Plagued by injuries as a junior and a senior, Gibson wound up seeing little action for the Titans. He eventually found his way back to Evanston, and now his son Jaylin is a key member of the ETHS varsity as a freshman.

Gibson is currently a financial analyst for Advocate Medical Group but has never lost his passion for the game of basketball.

"I knew what the FAAM program meant to me as I was growing up, and that was a chance for me to give back," Gibson recalled. "I also coached

some AAU ball. I worked the next two years in the feeder program, and joined the high school staff in 2012.

"I understood the game and I always wanted to be part of it, and when Jaylin came along I thought, who can best teach your son but you, yourself? It's always good when you can see your child be successful and be a part of it. I've had Jaylin and Blake Peters (current varsity starter) since they were in 3rd grade (in his Hoop Avenue Elite AAU program).

"Even with four freshmen on the varsity this year, we still had winning records on the A and B levels for the first time I can remember. That Class of 2021 sees those four freshmen on the varsity and that makes them work even harder. They see where they need to go, and I'm constantly getting texts asking me for more open gyms. I really think this will be a special class."

ETHS 1971 football team among top 32 in Illinois



Last November 16, the Chicago Tribune ran an online story about "The Best 32 high school football teams in Illinois History." Among them, was ETHS's team of 1971. Here's what they wrote:

Evanston 1971

Record: 8-0.

Coach: Murney Lazier.

Why the Wildkits were great: Even without superb RB Howard Jones, who missed the season with a broken arm, the Wildkits were unbeatable. Future Bear TE Emery Moorehead helped pick up the slack with RB Kevin Keith. They avenged their only 1970 loss with a 45-24 win against Hinsdale Central in the 1971 opener, and they outscored their remaining seven opponents 289-14. The team averaged 10.7 per rushing attempt, with four backs averaging 100 or more yards per game behind a huge offensive line led by Keith Bruns, Joe Pieper and Gary Stajduhar. Their six Division I players included QB Shawn Lazier, the coach's son.

In Memory

1930s

Betty Fiske, 1936, 2007

David A. Gibson, 1936, 8/22/2013

Dorothy Donlen Shepard, 1938, 3/10/2015

Warren Grover Hamer, 1938, 1/9/2018

Roberts H. Burton, 1939, 8/25/2016

Ruth Harriet Willens Berger, 1939, 7/28/2017

1940s

Betty Stuart Rodgers Jeffreys, 1940, 2/23/2018

Ruth Pitosky Gutt, 1940, 3/3/2017

Barbara Brewer Brown, 1941, 12/4/2017

William Schmidt, 1941, 3/10/2017

Florence Anne Fletcher, 1942, 2/12/2018

John R. Barney, 1943, 3/16/2017

Clara Louella Eddy Berkeley, 1943, 11/1/2016

C. Robert Ploger, 1943, 11/24/2017

Robert Winkle, 1943, 6/4/2017

Louis Quarterman, 1944, 3/9/2016

Ruth Herman Fentress, 1945, 2/17/2018

Nancy Helen Thomsen Palmer, 1946, 2/14/2017

Peter L. Randlev, 1946, 10/4/2017

Margaret Mertz Forman, 1947

Carolyn Ploger Skillman, 1947, 1/13/2003

Robert Osbourne, 1947

John Gordon Maltby, Jr., 1947, 2/25/2018

Elizabeth Jonnes Borgenson-Berent, 1948, 11/5/2017

Nancy Dillman Crowell, 1949, 11/6/2017

John Tatge, 1949, 7/25/2014

1950s

Douglas A. Fuchs, 1950, February 2017

Nancy Ann Obenchain, 1950, 3/5/2018

Charles M. Walsh, 1950, 2/2/2018

Willie Grant, 1951

Brooks W. Hull, 1952, 11/20/2017

Marion Van Zelst Boning, 1952, 4/7/2018

Sue Hanson, 1953, 12/9/2016

Hal Karsten, 1953, 12/3/2013

Susan Geist Morgan, 1953, 7/14/2017

John (Pat) Wilcox, 1953, May 2017

Joseph Lamy, 1954, 10/3/2014

Frank “Bud” Paschen, 1954, 12/12/2016

Sherman L. Carson, 1954, 2/14/2015

Donald F. Hoos, 1954, February 2018

Arthur McZier, 1954, 10/20/2017

Stanley Broten, 1955, 6/8/2016

Robert C. Pond, 1955, 9/3/2017

Richard D. Peterson, 1956, January 2017

K. Tom Tierney, Jr., 1956, 1/13/2018

Lilburn Dawson, 1957, 7/28/2014

John Baxter, 1958 March 2017

Susie Howland Bailey, 1959, 2009

1960s

Louise Neederlander Fraier, 1960, 3/4/2018

Eddie Stevens III, 1960, 3/16/2018

Bill Kearney, 1961, 12/6/2017

James T. Perrin, 1961, 9/21/2017

Cornell Champion, 1962, 2/2/2009

Jonathan Hancock, 1962, died in 2014

Robert J. Pickens, 1962, 4/12/2018

Tennie Robbins Triplett, 1962, 11/14/2017

Susan Burrows, 1963, August 2017

Stephen McGuirk, 1963, 5/2/2017

Gary Schuetz, 1963, 10/22/2017

Marilyn Szczepaniak Alcobra, 1964, 10/28/16

Gregory French, 1964, 3/26/2018

Vicki Van Ness, 1965, 1/18/18

Don Zeikel, 1965, 10/11/2017

Barbara McCall Arnoux, 1965, February 2018

Emily Brooks Roane, 1966, 12/26/2017

Dennis Elwood Harris, 1966, 11/4/2015

Thomas F. Graber, 1966, 2/28/2018

Katherine “Kathy” O’Neil, 1966, 12/17/2017

Sharon Lee Woltman Irizarry, 1966, 6/18/2014

Paul Hertel, 1968, 3/2/2018

Jim Roberts, 1968, 1/8/2018

Barbara Nelson Haswell, 1969, 11/13/2017

Willie Charles Hatter, 1969, 9/29/2017

1970s

John McPheron, 1970, 8/16/2017

William Battinus, 1971, 11/15/2002

Leslie Anne Nickels, 1971, 11/27/2017

Lawrence Replogle, 1971, 11/9/2017

Suzanne Ehrenberg, 1972, 9/26/17

Keith Ellis, 1972, December 2017

Catherine Roddy Skinder, 1972, 5/21/2017

Dan T. Stinchcomb, 1972, February 2018

Rick VandenBrook, 1974, 9/16/2017

Phillip Dover, 1975, November 2017

Carl Lee Edwards, 1976, 7/27/2017

Doria Dee Johnson, 1979, 2/14/2018

1980s

Colleen Riley, 1981, March 2013

Mary M Mauney, 1983, 3/3/2017

Stephanie Hollingshead Cefola, 1985, 10/22/2017

1990s

Andrew Forbes, 1998, 10/30/2016

2010s

Richard Kyle Peach, 2010, 2/9/2018

Yakez Semark, 2015, 2/8/2018

ETHS Faculty Members

Eddie Stevens III, who held many positions at ETHS, died March 16, 2018, in Nebraska. A 1960 ETHS graduate, he played football and ran track, and earned a football scholarship from the U of North Dakota. He later returned to ETHS where he served as an educational leader in various roles as a teacher, coordinator of the AAA program, coordinator of Evening School, tennis coach, and Dean of Students. Stevens retired from ETHS in 2003 after 33 years of service.



Karl Plath, who coached football at ETHS for nine seasons, the last seven as head coach, died January 19 at the age of 90. He compiled a career record at ETHS of 46-9-1, including two 8-0 seasons, three 7-1 seasons, and one 6-2 year. His teams won conference championships two times and were co-champions once. Twice his teams were voted Honorary State Champs. He was also an outstanding basketball coach at ETHS, taking the 1951-52 sophomores to a 15-1 record, losing the final game at New Trier.

Thomas F. Allen, who taught mathematics and coached football and baseball for nine years at ETHS in the late 1950s-early 1960s, died January 7, 2018, at age 84-years-old.



Leo Benson, an economics teacher at ETHS, passed away March 28. He took early retirement in the late 1980s and moved to his ranch in Wyoming. He held non-traditional views about teaching and promoted lively discussions with his students and teaching colleagues.

Alumni are WILD about today's KITS

Class of '68 to make 50th reunion impactful for students



CELEBRATE As part of its 50th reunion this fall, the Class of 1968 is continuing the new tradition of raising a significant class gift in conjunction with their milestone reunion. Last year, **Ron Harris '67** and **Nancy Berry Thompson '67** launched a campaign that resulted in a reunion gift of over \$100,000 to ETHS. Ron passed the Class Gift baton to **Susan Moore Gobel '68**, a buddy from chem-phys, who believes, "This is a perfect moment in our lives to give a gift from the entire class, to the school that brought us all together 50 years ago."

REFLECT Many '68 classmates thought ETHS was pretty cool at the time, but now they appreciate just how extraordinary their education was. Witness **Greg Cook '68**, (at l.) in faraway Alaska, who kick-started the reunion gift campaign with a donation in honor of his French teacher, M. Roland Dubosq, "For me, he was the single, best teacher I ever had in any subject at any level in any of the schools I ever attended. No words can express my gratitude."



REDISCOVER During reunion tours of the campus, returning classmates are charmed by the things they recognize (the fireplace in the lobby, Little Theater, Central Library) and astounded by innovative new labs and facilities. **Mimi Martin Iams '68**, returning to the school for the first time since graduation, remarked, "It was wonderful to come back and visit ETHS. I am overwhelmed by what half a century of progress has meant for the students."



Alum pledges \$1.2M for science center



Leonard Schaeffer '63 (second from rt.) tours the school's new Ceramic Arts Studio while students **Lisa Grimsted '20**, far left, and **Isaiah Braithwaite '18**, far rt., work in the renovated 2,400 sq. ft. space. Supporters **Leslie Sevcik**, second from left and **Karin Ruetzel**, center, also look on. Photo credit: Heidi Randhava

The ETHS Educational Foundation celebrated 10 years of giving with an Evening of Appreciation on March 7 to thank alumni, parents and friends.

More than 100 guests had the opportunity to experience their investment during guided tours where students worked on projects in the new ceramics studio and rehearsed in the four music rooms (choir, orchestra, band and jazz) with new sound-panels for enhanced acoustics.

Supt. Eric Witherspoon marked the occasion with the announcement of a \$1.2 million gift from **Leonard Schaeffer '63**, targeted for a new Chem-Phys Center, including state-of-the-art labs and a Theory "Research" Center. This is in addition to the \$225,000 already raised from ETHS alumni. Henry and **Laurie Wiss Latimer '81** had sparked the initial campaign with a challenge gift to chem/phys enthusiasts.

According to a 2016 study by the Caruthers Institute, the ETHS Educational Foundation ranks in the Top 20 of all K-12 Educational Foundations in the USA, having provided over \$4.5 million in support for capital projects and scholarships in the past decade.

Alumnus Bowie on supporting ETHS

Terry Bowie has lived a remarkable life in the years since he graduated from ETHS in 1969. But, he's never lost sight of the great foundation that ETHS helped him build, even if he did not realize it during his four years as a student. "I don't think I really appreciated what I learned from an academic perspective until after I left high school. It took a while for me to realize I had received a great education from ETHS. I learned things I didn't recognize I was learning," and the learning extended beyond the classroom and onto the wrestling mat.

"Wrestling head coach Elias George taught us to never give up, try hard, be disciplined, and plan. I took that with me and it helped me think about how I could influence the outcome of many situations.

It helped me in my career as an executive and in other facets of my life." Since retiring from NASA, Terry formed Bowie Associates, a Washington, DC, firm that provides financial management and operations services.

"I know somewhere along the line, people have given back in a way that afforded me opportunities I would not have had otherwise. My giving to ETHS is one of the ways I can give back long distance. When I look at some of the alumni and what they have accomplished, clearly it is a place that has given back to the world."

What impact does Terry hope his gifts will make?

"I just hope ETHS continues its long tradition of



Distinguished Alumni Award winner Terry Bowie '69 (rt.) with fellow awardee Donald Michelin '69.

providing quality education for its students and that, as a result of this education, they will be citizens who contribute to the world in a positive manner. To the extent they can, I would encourage ETHS alumni to make ETHS part of their annual giving because it makes a real difference for the school and the students."

For information on how you can make a gift, dedicate a brick or bench, or leave a bequest to ETHS:

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