

The KIT

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ETHS Alumni Association wins Excellence Award from State Education Office

The ETHS Alumni Association is among 54 individuals and teams of people from around Illinois to receive top honors from the Illinois State Board of Education for their outstanding contributions to education.

In addition, two ETHS alumni on the ETHS faculty—teacher **Leslie Wenzel, '72**, and social worker **Anthony King, '88**—are also recipients of awards in the Those Who Excel program sponsored by the state education office. Approximately 294 people or groups from around the state were nominated for the annual recognition awards by their local schools and communities.

The top three levels of awards in six recognition categories were presented at a special ceremony on April 17 in Springfield, IL. The ETHS Alumni Association and parent-volunteer Polly Hawkins were among the 54 individuals and

groups to receive the highest award, the Award of Excellence. Other winners received Awards of Meritorious Service (Wenzel) or Special Recognition (King). In addition, other nominees were given Certificates of Appreciation (Toni Fisher, ETHS Food Service Director). Superintendent Allan Alson nominated the ETHS candidates.

The Alumni Association, founded in 1994, was cited for emerging as "a robust organization" that has reconnected thousands of ETHS alums with each other and with their alma mater. Alson, in his nomination, said the Association "has added an exciting new dimension to ETHS because it has enabled us to validate the reputation of the school to alumni and present its past as living history for today's generation of students by involving alums in the lifeblood of the school."

Wenzel, deemed "extraordinary" by Alson, is a veteran special education teacher. She was lauded for coming to



Leslie Wenzel

ETHS in 1996, after working 17 years in another district, because she sought a new career chal-

lenge. In six years, under her care, the ETHS program for developmentally disabled students has more than doubled in size from a small handful of students to 16 thriving teenagers this year and from one teacher (Wenzel) to 2.5 teachers.



Anthony King

In his nomination, Alson praised King, who joined the faculty in 2001, for "immersing himself in the lifeblood of the school in a very

short time and developing a strong reputation as bright, caring and deeply committed advocate for students who are in crisis." He also was cited for assuming leadership roles in staff-development work with colleagues on such issues as race and achievement, civility, safety, and discipline, and for chairing a team that discusses interventions for at-risk students and their families.

ETHS web site brings back memories

Check out ETHS's informative Website: www.eths.k12.il.us! **Bernard Davis, '71**, did and it prompted him to write Sheldon Gray, ETHS's Webmaster: "I must say reviewing your site brought back such fond memories. It seems a lifetime and many worlds separated from Evanston and the simpler times of ETHS. I deeply thank you for the moment." Davis left ETHS in 1970, entered service, and graduated from the American High School in Numburgh, Germany.



From the President Jeanne Zimmer, '77

In 1993, Evanston Township High School laid the foundation for an alumni association. The school board set aside \$15,000 for start-up costs, and an ad hoc alumni committee developed bylaws and a formal structure for the ETHS Alumni Association at the time, one of a handful of associations for a public secondary school.

Since then the Association has grown into a thriving, worldwide organization, whose purpose is "to promote and support ETHS, and to foster a spirit of loyalty and friendship among the alumni." The Association mails semiannual newsletters to over 30,000 alums across the globe. In Evanston, ETHS alums are boosters, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, school-board members, and community leaders.

Along with adopting a dues structure to support alumni activities, the Association has engaged ETHS alums in a variety of projects, directly and indirectly benefiting the school and the students. Some of these projects include:

- The ETHS Authors' Bookshelf featuring over 600 works written by alumni and faculty;

- The Adopt-a-Student program which matches graduating seniors with willing alums who live in the communities where the students will attend college;
- The Class Reunion Handbook developed to help alumni organize class reunions; and
- The annual Winter Open House for all ETHS alums.

Recent projects include establishing a tax-exempt endowment fund to provide ongoing support for the ETHS Alumni Scholarship and certain other activities; launching the Distinguished Alumni Award Program; and funding teachers' proposals for mini-grants for school-related projects.

The Alumni Association has spurred others to support the school and has sustained the Cunningham Award for the outstanding senior boy. It has helped ETHS meet specific needs such as establishing a Nature Center. It has had both tangible and intangible effects on the school: framed class photos in the central corridor and the Alumni Art Gallery in the auditorium lobby, as well as hundreds of students who have heard Dialogue Series speakers,

Eligible veterans to receive diplomas

Evanston Township High School District 202 is looking for veterans of World War II and the Korean War who left high school before graduation to serve their country. A new state law allows Illinois school districts to issue diplomas to honorably discharged veterans who joined the Armed Services before they graduated from high school. Diplomas may be issued posthumously, and surviving family members are encouraged to apply.

ETHS wants to honor these eligible veterans, or the family members of veterans, with their diplomas on Sunday, June 13, when ETHS holds its graduation ceremony for the

and the 36 seniors who have received Association scholarships to date.

In 2003 the Alumni Association undertook its most significant project: The Distinguished Alumni Award program not only honors outstanding ETHS alumni, it does much more:

- Instills a sense of pride in students about the quality of their school and, it is hopeful, a drive to succeed;
- Provides a sense of accomplishment for the school's current and retired faculty, and
- Fosters similar feelings in all ETHS alumni.

It is important to note that the Alumni Association would not be the vital part of the school community without the support of Superintendent Allan Alson, the school board

Class of 2004. ETHS Veteran-diploma applications may be requested by contacting Marilyn Madden, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, ETHS, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204, or by calling her office at 847-424-7579. Interested people are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Veterans who attended high school in other Illinois communities should contact the school district where they attended school.

members (three of whom are alumni), and the faculty-staff (approximately 20% are alums).

The Alumni Association's contributions are greater than anyone can possibly appreciate. The Alumni Directory provides the database for the Association, but, more important, it brings old friends back together who have lost contact.

The Association has forged solid links among alumni and with the school community; created programs that enhance teaching and learning; and fostered ETHS's tradition of excellence by showcasing past successes to enrich the present.

Partnership for Future

ETHS is looking for local businesses to provide internships to students this summer. For the second year, ETHS is working with Partnership for the Future, a non-profit organization that helps motivated high-school students from diverse backgrounds develop meaningful connections with businesses and make a successful transition to college.

The target audience is students who do not have the resources to make these connections and go on to college without assistance. Students are paid for 40 hours a week, but their employers free up Fridays to allow them to attend training sessions focusing on lifestyle, job skills, and college placement. The internships are for three summers. The companies also contribute \$1,000 annually for the intern's college expenses.

The program started in Illinois last summer. Locally, seven ETHS sophomores were paired with sponsoring companies. Since the program's inception, 91% of the students have completed the program, and of them, 100% went to college.

Businesses interested in participating in Partnership for the Future should contact Jean Saballus at the PFF office (847-572-6059) or Ann Richard, Career Coordinator at ETHS (847-424-7163).

What's New at ETHS?

Minority Student Achievement Week

The 50th commemoration of Brown v. Board of Education, which banned segregation in the nation's schools, was the focus of Minority Student Achievement Week in March.

Two riveting speakers with history in the struggle for integrated education bracketed the week-long programming. Dr. James Anderson, History Professor and head of the Department of Educational Policy at the U of Illinois-Urbana, spoke about the implications of the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision.

Also, Carlotta Walls LaNier, the youngest member of the "Little Rock Nine," talked to students, faculty, and staff about her experience integrating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

Other programs that week also focused on education, including ETHS alumnus and

Evanston historian, **Dino Robinson, '85**, who chronicled the history of education and the role it continues to play in Evanston.

Critical Friends Visit

Every five years, ETHS is evaluated for accreditation purposes by the North Central Association and the Illinois State Board of Education. On March 15-17, ETHS hosted 16 individuals who conducted their review by visiting classrooms and meeting with students, parents, and faculty.

Dubbed ETHS's Critical Friends, the visitors included urban and suburban teachers and school administrators, consultants, university professors, applied researchers, business representatives, and professionals from educational foundations. Their report will provide the faculty and staff feedback about ETHS's school improvement efforts.

History teacher Aaron Becker was accepted to a Fulbright-Hays summer program in Morocco run by the American Forum for Global Education. The five-week program will focus on "Islam and the West" and the effects of colonialism.

English teacher Laura Horton is among 15 educators nationwide chosen to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities seminar. She will spend all of July in Avignon, France, studying Petrarch, the medieval philosopher and author who is considered the father of the poetic sonnet.



Dee Ragalie, Health Ed teacher Health Education teacher Dee Ragalie competed for the US in the Triathlon World Championships, held in Queenstown, New Zealand. She came in 12th out of 43 competitors in the 50-54 age group. This is her third time competing in the world championships. Also, Ragalie was among 200 women athletes who finally received their varsity letters from the University of Illinois-Urbana. All of the women participated in collegiate sports before Title IX gave women equal access to sports opportunities. While at the U of I, Dee competed four

years in volleyball, two years in softball, and one year each in field hockey and golf.

Dema Sabbara is among 100 Illinois seniors named Golden Apple Scholars. These students agree to become teachers and teach in an Illinois school of need for five years. Scholars attend one of 56 universities that partner with the Golden Apple Foundation, receive financial aid during college, attend summer training institutes, and receive job-placement assistance.

Senior Erica Cherry was named to the 24-member US Physics Team and will attend a training camp in May to refine her problem-solving and laboratory skills. Ultimately, five students will be chosen to represent the US at the 35th International Physics Olympiad in July in South Korea. Four ETHS seniors, including Erica (Seth Flaxman, Steven McClennan, and Jack Scheff) were among 200 American physics students named Semifinalists, from whom the team was picked. Seth, Steve and Jack were semifinalists last year, as well.

Seth Flaxman was among 300 students (only four from Illinois) named Semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search, America's oldest and most prestigious pre-college science competition. His research concerned "Heat Conduction in a Body Subject to an Oscillating Heat Source."

In addition, Flaxman has won the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium with his research on heat flow, beating 15 other students from around the country. He wins \$12,000 in scholarships and is one of only eight students who will represent the US at the International Symposium later this spring in London, England. The International Symposium is not a competition but an exhibition where students from dozens of countries meet to hear about each other's work.

For the third consecutive year, ETHS senior Jack Scheff is among 250 American students to qualify for the 2004 U.S.A. Math Olympiad (USAMO), the third in a series of contests that lead to the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). Scheff qualified by earning an incredible score of 12 (average score was 2.19) on the American Invitational Math Exam. The USAMO is a six-question, two-day, 9-hour essay/proof exam. The 12 top-scoring students are invited to a two-day ceremony in Washington, DC. Six of these students will comprise the United States team that competes in the IMO.

Golden Apple picks two ETHS teachers for awards

On March 10, the Golden Apple Foundation named ETHS English teachers **Steven Newman, '86**, and Venessa Simmons-Woods as two of the 10 winners of the 2004 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in High School. A total of 681 Chicago-area teachers (18 from ETHS) were nominated for the award, which was first presented in 1986.

Newman, who has worked at ETHS since 1997, teaches English to juniors and in the Senior Studies program, which is team taught by Newman along with a history and a community service teacher.

Simmons-Woods is the lead teacher and coordinator of the AVID program, which equips average and below-average students with study and thinking skills to have success in honors and Advanced-Placement courses as well as college.



Steve Newman, '86, and Venessa Woods-Simmons, 2004 Golden Apple Award winners.

Each Golden Apple Award winner receives a tuition-free, fall-term sabbatical at Northwestern University, \$2,500, a personal computer from Apple, and induction into the Golden Apple Academy.

Two other ETHS teachers—Syd Lieberman in 1986, and Mark Larsen in 1995—both of whom taught English, were previous Golden Apple winners. Math teacher Janet Webb was a finalist in 1995.

NAACP honors ETHS alumni

The Evanston North Shore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People honored four outstanding members of the community at its annual Freedom Fund Banquet, and all of them are ETHS alumni. Honorees included **Denise Martin, '69**, ETHS Assistant Superintendent/Principal and former history teacher; **Charles M. May** (who left ETHS in 1941),



Denise Martin, '69 retired attorney and Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County; **Bennett J. Johnson, '46**, civil rights activist; and **John E. Fuller, '76**, an active NAACP volunteer.

ETHS track alumna keynotes Women in Sports Day luncheon

Pat Gregory, '77, was the keynote speaker at ETHS's 12th annual Women in Sports Day Luncheon on March 19. She was a state qualifier in track all four years at ETHS and anchored the 4x4 relay team that finished first in state her senior year. She ran track for two years on a full scholarship at the University of Illinois-Circle (now Chicago). She earned her B.A. from Northeastern in 1995 and finished two Master's degrees this past summer.

Currently a physical-education teacher in Evanston's elementary district, Gregory also serves as ETHS's girls'



Pat Gregory, '77 cross-country assistant coach and is Co-President of the Evanston-Skokie PTA Council.

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Five alums among those retiring from ETHS in June

Seventeen ETHS faculty and staff members will retire this June. They include:

Administrators

- Goldie Boldridge-Brown, Director of Adult/Continuing Education, 19 years
- **Janice S. Jones, ETHS '65**, Director of Human Resources, 32 years



Janice Jones

Faculty

- John Buchanan, Science Department Chair, 20 years
- Bonnie Camenisch, College Application Specialist, 15 years
- Katherine Fischer, Coordinator/teacher, Caribbean Academic Program
- Robin Hinderyckx, English teacher, 27 years

- Susan O'Brien, Special Education teacher, 4 years
- **Roslyn Pollack, ETHS '58**, Guidance counselor, 18 years
- June Smith, Fine Arts/Music teacher, 21 years

Support Staff

- **Susie Bailey, ETHS '59**, College-Career Center Clerk, 25 years
- Linda Farris, Teacher aide, 21 years
- Elroy Hill, Lead Custodian, 27 years
- **Philip Jones, ETHS '64**, Receiving Room Clerk, 38 years
- Shirley Page, Special Education secretary, 21 years
- Ruth Porikos, Operations & Purchasing secretary, 18 years
- **William Taylor, ETHS '62**, Night Campus Policeman, 27 years
- Harriet Tecktiel, Hiring-Recruiting specialist, 23 yrs.

Reunion Roundup

Winter Alumni Open House



Approximately 125 ETHS alums and friends attended the annual open house in December, sponsored by the ETHS Alumni Association. Featured speakers this year were noted painter Lars Birger-Sponberg, '38; Robert Heilberger, '58, life-long Evanstonian and active community volunteer; and Angela Rosemond, '80, producer at WVAQ-TV. Among those at the open house were (left photo) Byron H. Wilson Jr., '38, and Evanston Mayor Lorraine Morton. (Right photo) Association President Jeanne Zimmer, '77 (center), shared her ETHS memories with Marian Wanzenberg Johnston, '33 (at l.), and Birger-Sponberg.

(Photos by Elizabeth Wanzenberg Wightman, '48)

'54 donates scholarships

Two graduating seniors will benefit from the generosity of the Class of 1954. Wanting to honor their 50th reunion, which will be held in October, class members donated \$1,000 for two scholarships (\$500 each to a boy and a girl). The one-time Class of 1954 Commemorative Alumni Scholarships will be awarded at Senior Awards Night in May.

This is not the first class gift from 1954 alumni. Ten years ago, at its 40th, the class gave \$1,200 to ETHS to start a special library collection of books written by alumni. This project, administered by the Alumni Association (see p. 12), now has over 600 donated publications in general circulation. Class funds have been used to purchase bookshelves and supplies for the collection.

'53 benefits the Dialogue Series



The Class of 1953, which held its 50th reunion last September, donated \$940 to the ETHS Alumni Association to be used in ways the Association Board best feels will benefit students. Class representatives Jim Harper (at l.) and Bob Meyer presented the check to the Alumni Board of Directors. After discussing several options, the Board decided to use the funds to continue the ETHS Dialogue Series, a popular resource that helps teachers bring outside speakers into their classrooms to enrich their curriculum. Started by the ETHS Classes of '45 and '47, the funds provide honorariums for the speakers.

Alumni Association starts teacher mini-grant program

Books for reluctant readers, tutors for a math-science program, materials for a new Science Symposium—these are some of the projects ETHS alumni are helping to fund through a new program initiated this spring by the ETHS Alumni Association.

Seeking direct ways to enhance the school community, the Association Board decided this winter to begin a pilot program that helps underwrite school-related projects and activities through mini-grants. ETHS teachers and staff were asked to apply for grants of up to \$1,000, which the Board would review at its next bimonthly meeting.

Using money donated by alumni for "program" support, the Board approved \$3,050 to fund seven applications in March. While the Association's resources are growing, most grantees received less than they asked for.

The following mini-grants were approved:

- **Books 'R' Us Book Club** The grant provides books for this student club which meets biweekly after school to discuss books that interest teenagers. Started in 2000 by Media/Technology Aide **Traci Brown-Powell, '90**, the club has attracted a growing number of eager readers, many of whom disliked reading before this.
- **E-Town Tuners Car Club** Club members, generally students in the Automotive Tech program, are building a project car to show at car shows, race tracks, and in parades. The grant supports the project.
- **Science Symposium** This 1st-annual event in May

will feature the work that ETHS science students at all levels, including this year's Intel Semifinalist, are researching. Traditionally, students outside of the Chem-Phys program have not had this opportunity. The grant will pay for refreshments and materials.

- **Project Excite Tutoring Program**—Project Excite, now in its fourth year, is a joint effort of ETHS, District 65, and Northwestern University to increase enrollment of students of color in ETHS's highest-level math and science courses. Targeted in third grade, these students attend enrichment activities at ETHS and NU as they progress through school. They receive tutoring support from ETHS students when they reach middle school. This grant will pay the student tutors.
- **Latinas/Unidas** This ETHS group offers support services for Hispanic students. The grant will help provide speakers, opportunities for related conference attendance, cultural education activities, and a senior award breakfast.
- **Gay-Straight Alliance** This student club wants to bring the About Face Youth Theatre to ETHS next year. The theater group specializes in training adults and students on issues of safety in a diverse community. The grant will support this initiative.
- **Mock Trial Team** The grant will support ETHS's participation next year in the Illinois State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Program.

ETHS Class Reunion Schedule

REUNIONS IN 2004

Class of 1944 SW Reg'l Reunion

TBA—In planning stage
Contacts: Allen Van Cranbrook (Tucson, AZ, 520-742-2268), John Mance (Grenada Hills, CA, 818-368-4190)

Class of 1949 (45th) Reunion

October 1-2
Nancy Crowell, 345 Crescent Knoll; Libertyville, IL 60048, 847/918-7936; Elaine Wall, 847/328-7629

Class of 1954 (50th) Reunion

October 1-3 (tour, 10/2, 10am)
John Donohue, 2739 Lincoln, Evanston, IL 60201, 847/475-3330, johndkd@aol.com (preferred method of communication)

Class of 1959 (45th) Reunion

June 18-20 (Dinner Fri., June 18, at Valley-Lo Club, Glenview, IL); Pauline (Betz) Bentley, 2756 Central Park, Evanston 60201; p_bentley@northwestern.edu.

Class of 1964 (40th) Reunion

July 23-24 (Fri.: Kenilworth Club; Sat/Sun: Radisson Hotel)
Kathy Michls, 847/424-7515;

michls@eths.k12.il.us; Judy Anderson, 312/649-5958;

judithwarderson@msn.com
Pat Wanzenberg, 847/295-3297;
wanzen@msn.com
www.radisson.com/evanston64

Class of 1974 (30th) Reunion

July 3 (Hilton Garden Inn)
Kate Morand, 453 N. Baldwin, Madison, WI 53703, [kdkzme@earthlink.net](mailto:kdzkzme@earthlink.net); Deb Wasseman Netter, dnetter223@aol.com, 847/550-1855; John O'Connor, 619/283-5432, coofsc@aol.com; Sentimental Journey, Paula Levy and Alyse Buman, 847/657-3639, funreunion@aol.com

Class of 1979 (25th) Reunion

Saturday, October 16 (6-10pm+), Downtown Evanston: Prairie Moon Restaurant, 1502 Sherman, Evanston, IL, 847-864-8328)
eths1979@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1984 (20th) Reunion

July 2 (2pm, tour of ETHS; 7pm, informal party at Prairie Moon Restaurant, Evanston); July 3 (Maggiano's, Old Orchard)
Mary (Fifles) Collins, 847/733-1853, maryfiflescollins@yahoo.com

Jennifer Stone Gruger, 847/869-2129, jgruger@comcast.net

Class of 1994 (10th) Reunion

TBA
Robin Fernell-Rue, 1249 Judson, Evanston, IL 60202, 847/331-6938; Reunions Ltd., Liz Beck, 847/259-1130

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Class of 1955 (50th) Reunion Spring
Joanne McFadden Roosevelt, 214/369-8822, jmr@roosevelt.com

Class of 1975 (30th) Reunion

TBA
Alison Stewart Pieters, 5601 NW Highway 83, Waterford, WI 53185, 262/534-5532

REUNIONS IN 2006

Class of 1976
TBA
Barbara Simmons Taylor, 5139 S. Ellis, Chicago, IL 60615; 312-747-6487 (w), 773-955-9676 (h), sunshine70002002@yahoo.com

Call for nominations for 3rd Distinguished Alumni Awards

Evanston Township High School and the ETHS Alumni Association are seeking nominations for the 3rd Annual Distinguished Alumni Award. This program annually honors alumni who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others. These Distinguished Alumni are people who exemplify the tradition of excellence fostered at ETHS. The awardees will be recognized at a public ceremony in December 2004.

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. Using the accompanying form, please list the nominee's "vitals" and explain in 200 words or less why this person should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Include your own contact information.

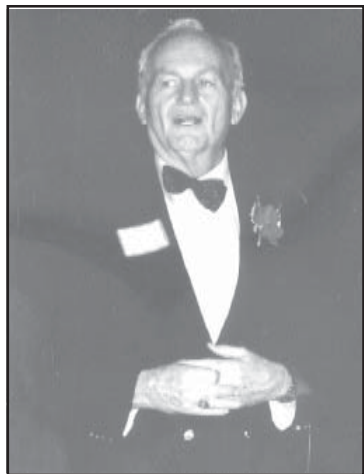
Once the nomination is received, the candidate will be asked to provide additional personal information. For multiple nominations, you must fill out a separate form for each candidate. Copy the attached form or obtain additional forms in ETHS Public/Alumni Relations.

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.

Deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, September 1, 2004.

Personal remembrance

On December 4, 2003, ETHS and the Alumni Association honored six alumni with Distinguished Alumni Awards: **Dr. David Burge, '47; Delores Petway Holmes, '57; William H. Logan, '51; Dr. Robert M. Norem, '55; John Edward Porter, '53; and Fredric N. Tulsy, '68.** John Donohue, '54, first President of the ETHS Alumni Association, has shepherded the Distinguished Alumni Award program since its inception, chairing both the Selection and Planning Committees.



John Donohue, '54 speeches. (Last year we almost ran over our allotted time, so this year we set a two-minute limit.) The five honorees, and David Porter for his father, John, were interesting and personal and elicited definite applause.

But, because their speeches were succinct, a different problem arose: the honorees were leaving us with 15 minutes to fill before the period ended! Associate Principal Bruce Romain approached the stage with a portable microphone and suggested we allow for student questions. A grand plan that worked to perfection. Thoughtful questions drew thought-provoking answers.

An absolute bonus occurred when one student asked **David Burge** if he would play something! Serendipitously, a grand piano was onstage, which the Superintendent and others moved into place. Dr. Burge said he recently composed a Ragtime Ballet for the San Diego Ballet and proceeded to play a portion of it. The students loved it! He finished with just about 80

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Criteria for Nomination for the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award:

- Alumni who have distinguished themselves through achievement, service, and/or contributions to society.
- The nominee must have graduated from or been enrolled at ETHS at least 10 years ago.

NOMINEE'S NAME _____ ETHS CLASS OF _____

MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NO. (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

Is this a posthumous nomination? _____

In 200 words or less, please explain why this person should receive the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award (attach a sheet if necessary, but please limit the word count to no more than 200):

Person Making This Nomination _____

If you are an ETHS alum, please list your class _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone No. (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

2004 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees honored

ETHS inducted three individuals and two teams into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame on March 24. This brings the number of Hall of Famers to 64 individuals and three teams since the inaugural class in 1995.

While the ETHS Alumni Association supports the program by helping to pay for the celebration dinner, the Athletic Hall of Fame was started and is administered by the ETHS Athletic Department.

Inductees into the ninth class included:

- **Brad Myers, '56**

All-State running back who led ETHS to the Suburban League football championship; member of relay team which finished 3rd at state track meet; at U of Michigan, set 40-year school record for passing; top Big Ten punter, 3rd nationally, and named to All-Big Ten Team; drafted by New York Titans, but was unable to recover from a knee injury.

- **Kevin Foster, '87**

All-conference 3rd baseman at ETHS; drafted by Montreal Expos and became a pitcher; 14 yrs. Playing pro ball, 7 with major leagues: Phillies, Chicago



Brad Myers, '56

Cubs, and Texas Rangers; overall record of 32-30 with 4.20 earned-run average; last year pitched for independent Class A St. Paul Pioneers.

- **Stacie Walton, '96**

Softball phenom, still ranks among the top 20 players in IL in five different categories: 5th in triples (19), 8th in career batting average (.538), and 8th in runs batted in (127); four time 1st-team selection on Pioneer Press All-Area Team; currently ETHS assistant softball coach.

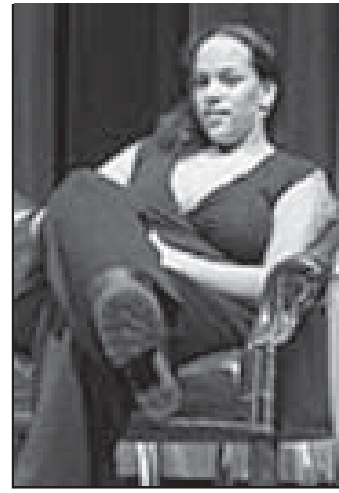
- **Girls' Track Team, '91**

First ETHS girls' state championship track team, breaking

nine-year reign of East St. Louis Lincoln; first of four ETHS state crowns under coach Fenton Gunter. Team members: **Nicole Roberts, Kelley King, Pollyanna Johns, Sherese Wideman, Rachel Burgess, Rachel Skolnik, Gabrielle Mead, Sophia Tasker, Stephanie Goodrich, Annette Denoyer, Melinda Hollingsworth, Consuela Davis, Gillian Pottinger, Maubra Foster, Renee Murphy, Laura Taylor.**

- **Football Team, 1968-69**

In fall of 1968, under varsity coach Murney Lazier, the team won its 6th consecutive Suburban League championship and their 3rd consecutive "mythical" State Championship with an 8-0 record, allowing only 20 points to be scored against it all season. Team members: **Mike Agase, Walter Anderson, Orestes Arrieta, Wilbur Askew, Kit Basler, Ronald Blumenfeld, Eugene Bost, Ben Bridges, Ed Bryant, Steven Carlberg, Brian Deans, Robert Elvert, Bruce Endo, John Epler, Kim Frankel, Peter Gram, Edward Haas, Bob Hatter,**



Stacie Walton, '96

Larry Houston, William Hoover, John Hull, Ronald Ipjian, Alvin Keith, Gerald Kendrick, Joseph King, Paul Lesziewicz, Steven Levin, Terry London, Carlos Matthews, Eric McGhie, Robert Nelson, Robert Oldeen, David Parker, Charles Peterson, Dennis Robak, William Royal, Timmothy Sweeney, Mark Wassennar, Rick Weiland, Sam While, Herbert Williams.

Letters...

DEERFIELD, IL—I was delighted to read in the current issue of *The KIT* that the History Department at ETHS has received a very appreciable government grant. I look back with great pleasure to the courses I took in history in high school, particularly World History and American History from Emma Rogers and Modern European History from Mr. Ulrey. Both of them were wonderful teachers.

Allen Debus, '44
Morris Fishbein Prof. Emeritus, History of Science and Medicine University of Chicago

ESCONDIDO, CA—Attention: Clark Gutman, Chair of the Class of 1938's 100th Reunion

I would like to join you in the celebration of the our class's 100th reunion. As the Chair, I'm sure you will have a lot of great ideas.

Why not line up the other members of the corporation? Bob Woods could run the track meet (football might be too much). Harry Simon could set up a choral arrangement of his class song (I think he better not solo; I know you have heard him sing and couldn't carry a tune in a bucket).

As for me, I'll be in charge of the California group. If they've been crazy enough to survive the fires and earthquakes, they'll make it to the 100th. We'll be out of water by 2038, so we better work on a suitable libation right away. Perhaps a California wine?

Paul Feld, '38

ETHS—On behalf of the entire Teacher Excellence Awards Committee, thank you for the donation of \$600 to Teacher Excellence Awards from the ETHS Alumni Association. The gesture was extremely generous and thoughtful. As you may imagine, teachers are deeply grateful for the support of former students in our efforts to provide current and future ETHS students with the highest quality of teaching.

Ronnie Jo Sokol
Special Education teacher

Alumni donations to Nature Center

The following alumni and community members have generously donated up to \$100 since the Fall 2003 issue of *The KIT* to help create the Nature Center.

Eleanor Paysour Hagnam, '46
William L. Hickman, '56
Mike Hillebrand, '60
Dennis G. Shaw, '61
Judy Meyerovitz Hillebrand, '68
Linda S. Buyer, '73
Mary and Larry Gavin

ETHS Nature Center to open this fall

Beginning in September, ETHS students will simply be able to cross Church St. to conduct outdoor science field study in the school's new Environmental Demonstration Center (a.k.a. Nature Center).

Located on two acres of unused, school-owned land just west of the football stadium, the Center will include a wet and dry prairie, a savannah, pond, wetland habitats, and a horticulture study plot. A forested area directly adjacent to the Nature Center is currently in use. The fenced-in facility will serve as an on-site, outdoor classroom where students from both ETHS and District 65 can pursue research and environmental studies.

Installation of the Nature Center has been phased in over two fiscal years. Last summer's

work focused on excavating the acreage, removing debris, and installing the sewer and water systems. A class platform for group instruction has recently been installed, as well as trails and a boardwalk for prairie and wetland access. Planting and other landscaping needs continue this spring and summer to ready the site for classroom use when school opens on August 30.

Funds for the Nature Center, which will cost over \$235,000 to install, have come from the school's Operations/Maintenance Fund and from outside donations.

Accepting a School Board challenge to the community to help pay for the Nature Center, a school-community committee began active fundraising. With the generous help of the



A boardwalk and established trails will provide students access to the various habitats. Just east of the Nature Center is the ETHS football stadium, seen in the background.

Evanston Community Foundation, ETHS alumni, several local family foundations, Sam's Club of Evanston, the Garden Club of Evanston, and other individual donors, \$54,420 has been raised to date.

In addition, the Chicago Community Trust granted ETHS \$25,000 to support teacher professional development and curriculum design for use in the outdoor science classroom.

The fund-raising committee continues its work. Approximately \$28,000 is needed to provide supplies, equipment, a storage shed, and specialized plantings to enhance students' learning as they use the center.

In addition, the school district would like to install an irrigation well (approximately \$75,000) to replenish evapo-

rated water in the two ponds and wetlands without having to rely on the City of Evanston.

At a time of extremely tight budgets due to tax caps and a depressed economy, anything received through donations and grants will free up District funds that can be applied to many other areas of school-district need.

ETHS alumni interested in helping to underwrite this unique nature-study center for ETHS students are invited to make tax-deductible contributions. Make checks payable to the "ETHS District Foundation" with "Nature Center" noted on the check memo. Please send your donations to the ETHS Public/Alumni Relations Office, ETHS, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204.



This recently installed class platform will be used for group instruction.

ETHS Alumni Class Notes

1935

Robert Wells wrote to us reminiscing about living on the same block as the late **Nelson Culver, '29**. Life for Robert after ETHS included a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Rochester and a graduate degree from Caltech, followed by a long, fascinating industrial career that took him and his family around the world. His jobs ranged from working on dynamics problems for the Navy, to jet-engine design in Missouri, to nuclear-power production in France and Yugoslavia. After 40 years at Westinghouse Electric, he is now retired and living in Kennett Square, PA.

1941

Alvin Cavinette, a retired ETHS math teacher, remains very busy as a Coordinator with the Northwestern University Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) program, and as an English-language tutor through the Community Council on International Relations at NU. Last spring he was pictured in the ILR News with his Chinese tutee, a Northwestern doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering. Al, who lives in Evanston, was showcased in a feature story ("Interview with Alvin Cavinette: A True Evanstonian") in the winter 2004 issue of *ILR News*.

1946

Marjorie (Ericksen) Yopp is living in Sun Lakes, AZ. She and her husband Lawrence have three children, Donna Bocox, Karen Tyndall, and Larry Yopp.

Ransom "Rance" English was featured in the Pensacola, FL, *News Journal* in January. Known as the Panhandle Troubadour, the lilting basso has rekindled his desire for a singing career and performs several times a month for various non-profit groups.

1948

Bill and **Marian (Walker) Brown** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2003 with a cruise in the Caribbean. They had a wonderful time and are "so thankful to be together and still happy."

Janet Procter Lareau is completing her tenth year as president of Chicago Master Singers. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the chorus, they are performing Verdi's Requiem in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center this April. They are also going on their sixth European tour this June to Prague, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin.

1949



Conrad Okerwall was just voted the Number Two Fine Artist in the town of Payson, AZ. Living among many nationally famous artists, he considers this ranking by a local newspaper "quite an honor." C. M. Okerwall's western art is owned and enjoyed by many across the country. To view his art, go to www.paysonartleague.com or www.zanegreysws.org, or email him at cmo@cybertrails.com.

1952

Columbia College Chicago mounted an exhibition of abstract artist **Owen McHugh's** paintings and drawings in January and February. The show focused on his work from 1962-2002. McHugh earned his MFA at Northern Illinois U and has taught painting, drawing and two-dimensional design at Columbia for over 20 years.

1954

After 20 years at Signode Corporation, **Richard Stafford** has plenty of time for golf and his five grandkids (to date). He still lives in the area but in New Trier Township, which his three children attended.

1955

Bob Sieben enjoys a limited solo practice of neurology with no plans to retire. He went from ETHS to DePauw U (including a year in Germany) to Stanford Medical School to New York City, where he was certified in pediatrics and neurology. He beat the odds on cancer in 1991, recovering fully, and now lives in Oakland, CA, in a self-designed town house overlooking San Francisco Bay on a lot he bought after the 1991 Oakland Firestorm. The Oakland City Council honored his leadership efforts to prevent another firestorm. Earlier, he was named Citizen of the Year for helping to restore a 7-period day in the San Ramon Valley secondary schools. He remains an avid skier, trekker (including Kilimanjoro and the Mt. Blanc circuit route), and nature photographer.

1958



In April, **Ray Still**, solo oboist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for 40 years, visited the United Air Lines Maintenance Center as a guest of **Bill Benjamin** (pictured above with Still), one of his most accomplished students. At 84, Still is in the highest demand worldwide as an

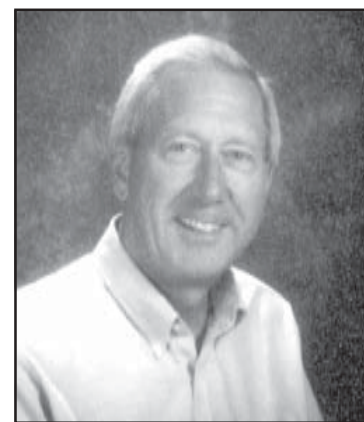
oboist and teacher. Prior to joining United as a machinist in 1989, and Tool Engineering soon after, Ray was a professional oboist for 20 years. He attended Roosevelt and Northwestern, where he studied with Still. During this time, he was oboist with Lyric Opera of Chicago and Grant Park Concerts while holding Principal Oboe in the Florida Symphony Orchestra in Orlando. Later in his career, he played First Oboe with the San Antonio and National Symphonies. Currently, as a member of Power Plant Engineering, Bill designs tooling and fixturing for air frame and engine maintenance at the MOC in San Francisco.

1960

Doug Sesterhenn writes, "My brother **Roger** (ETHS '63) and I really enjoy your annual Holiday Alumni party. Keep up the good work."

1961

Carey Marsh has retired from Lockheed, moved to the central coast of California, and is enjoying the "slo" life. He enjoys part-time programming, tennis and sailing, and asks, "any ETHS grads in the area?"



Building on a "solid foundation in swimming from Dobbie Burton," **Peter Andersen** (above) became a five-time All-American swimmer while earning BS and MS degrees at Indiana University. He coached and taught at Maine West before earning a PhD from the U of Toledo in 1974. He is a school superintendent in Paw Paw, IL, and lives with his

wife of 19 years, Marcy, and their daughter Kate in St. Charles, IL. He has five sons from a previous marriage, and holds several world records in Masters swimming.

1962

Gordon L. Peterson has completed the repetition of the Mantra of Red Tara, a long-life Tara, 1 million times, a practice which took 10 years to complete.

1963



Charles "Corky" Troy discovered his lifelong love for musicals as an ETHS freshman. In Fall 1962, he turned the student talent show YAMO into an original revue by writing most of the lyrics and sketches. After college, he went to New York, where he was a member of Lehman Engel's BMI Musical Theatre Workshop for aspiring composers and lyricists. For the past 14 years, he has been a self-taught, self-employed graphic designer and, as a recent sideline, has rekindled his passion for musicals by giving talks at North Shore organizations. He recently lectured on "Ragtime: How a Great Novel Became a Great Musical" at ETHS as a prelude to ETHS's production of "Ragtime: The Musical."

1964

The Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers, an 850-member trade association, elected **Terry Elivins** as its president in December 2003. He is the Senior Vice President of 1st Reverse Mortgage Store in Oak Brook, IL.

Brooke Whitted is an attorney in Northbrook,

IL, specializing in child welfare, mental health and other disability law, special education, and confidentiality of information. He earned his bachelor's degree in Oklahoma State and his law degree at John Marshall Law School. He has written many professional articles and sits on several Chicago-area boards including the Marx Memorial Fund, which he co-founded and which serves Cook County Juvenile Court. He and his wife Linda have two children (ages 9 and 12).

1965

On April 24, singer **Bill Quateman** celebrated a 25-year reunion of the legendary Evanston coffeehouse and nightclub Amazingrace. The sold-out concert reunited Bill with the original house band, Redwood Landing, and favorite Amazingracer Bonnie Koloc, and Megon McDonough.

1966

Priscilla Maltbie will have her first children's picture book, "Picasso and Minou," published by Charlesbridge Books next spring. The story focuses on young Picasso's years in Paris and his studio cat, Minou. She says: "The birth of this story would not be possible without the outstanding education I received from ETHS. And I am particularly grateful for those two years of Art History classes which sent me on the path to discover the stories behind the world's great works of art." Priscilla lives in Long Beach, CA.

Sandra Hill Gunner has been named President/CEO of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce. She holds a BA from the U of Illinois, a master's in political science from Southern University, and was a summer fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She has been small-business owner since 1980 specializing in new start-up operations, organizational develop-

ment, public relations-marketing, and development of model projects for city and federal agencies. She was Director of Manpower & Economic Development for New Orleans, turning a troubled CETA training program into a national model, and was named a board member of the US Conference of Mayors and National Alliance of Business.

1969

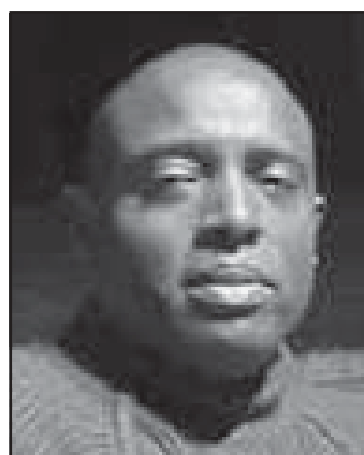
This past fall, **Michael Garfield** completed the Chicago and New York City Marathons. New York "was especially fun, as I caught up to P. Diddy in Harlem and had a chance to run with him for a while." He adds, "The EAP and work-life business at ComPsych continues to grow. We are now the second largest provider of these benefits in the world."

1972

The 17,000-member Hennepin County (MN) Bar Association honored **Lloyd Zimmerman** with the public service *pro bono* award for 2003. His chapter on hiring discrimination was also published in a new textbook, *Age Discrimination in Employment Law* (Oct. 2003, Bureau of National Affairs). Zimmerman is a Hennepin County District Court Judge.

1974

Fenton Gunter (below), ETHS's Head Girls' Track Coach, received the AA Girls' Track Coach of the Year Award from the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association. Fenton led the 2003 ETHS team to the state championship.



1975

David Sklan writes about his days on *The Evanstonian* under journalism teacher John Reque. "I still remember my W's from the second day of Journalism class." David lives alone with periodic help from some aides, and is a part-time computer operator and fileclerk.

1979



Eric Stromer is the host of the Learning Channel's new home-improvement show, "Clean Sweep" (weekdays at 6pm). Carpenter Eric pits husband against wife and boyfriend against girlfriend in the battle over space and decor. He worked his way through the U of Colorado as a carpenter, majoring in theater. Eric then moved to Los Angeles, worked stints on soaps and TV shows, and founded Big House Construction, remodeling homes for the rich and famous (Mel Gibson, Elijah Wood, etc). He is an accomplished singer/songwriter, and produced, scored, and starred in *The Acting Thing*, winning top honors at the Houston Film Festival for best comedy short. (*Eric isn't the only alum to host a home-improvement show. Jim Parks, '68, is a host on HGTV's "New Spaces."*)

1980

Joyce (Filusch) Purdy is celebrating her 20th anniversary with husband Jeff, who she met at Michigan State. They have two children—Charles, 10, and Helen, 8, and are living on an acre in suburban Portland, Oregon. The Purdys enjoy gardening in their spare time, and Joyce credits her Horticulture classes at ETHS for this lifelong passion!

Joanne Gilbert's

book, "Performing Marginality: Humor, Gender, and Cultural Critique," was published by Wayne State University Press and released last month. An Associate Professor of Communications and co-director of Women's Studies at Alma College, Joanne won the college's Posey Award for Faculty Excellence. She has a daughter, Wren, 5, and stepdaughter, Sarah, 11.

1982

Stephan Zwick is the founding architect of Ztecture PC in Philadelphia, PA, which specializes in food service and entertainment-related projects. His firm's latest venture caters to the international traveler by creating upscale bistros and lounge bars in the Philadelphia Airport and a stylish sushi bar and lounge at La Guardia Airport in New York.

1984

Alicia Bjornson is site historian at historic Hancock House in Philadelphia, where in March volunteers commemorated the 226th anniversary of the Hancock House Massacre by staging a Revolutionary War re-enactment event.

1987

Now in his second year of graduate school, **Bryan Smith** hopes to move in to project management at Hewitt Associates, where he is a systems administrator. He has been back in Evanston since April 2003.

1989

Shannyn Gillespie is Executive Director of the Evanston-based Black Kats Wrestling Club. He hopes to initiate a new project, "Beat the Streets Through Wrestling," which would target 100 middle-school students of color and get them involved in a wrestling program after school. Check him out at www.eteamz.com/bkwc.

1991

Lea Pinsky returned to Chicago five years ago after acting in New York. She earned her MA in Performance Studies from Northwestern U. While she sporadically performs in theater and music, more time is spent working as an arts educator at Jenner School for Columbia College's Office of Community Arts Partnerships; Young Artist Program, a summer arts camp for teens she founded; and with Art Encounter and After School Matters. She is planning a reading-discussion group on education issues with other ETHS alums turned educators. Contact her at leapinsky@aol.com.

1993

After receiving her BA in Wildlife Science from the U of Washington, **Christina Erica (Briese) Marbet** went on the get her MS in Forest Hydrology from Oregon State. She is now working as a contract hydrologist on water quality issues associated with industrial forest management. She and her husband, Craig, were expecting their first child last month.

1997

Brett Friedmann received his BLS degree in Theater at the U of Miami in Coral Gables, FL, in May 2003. Brett also received the Emil Gould 2003 Best Performance Award.

In February, **Lauren Swedlow** had her paintings and drawings exhibited at Chicago's Uptown Lounge gallery.

1998

One month after graduating magna cum laude from Barnard College of Columbia U, **Rachel (Slutsky) Kaplowitz** married William, originally from East Lansing, MI. They have spent this academic year studying and traveling in Israel, and will return to the States in Spring 2004. She plans to teach elementary school next year while her husband attends law school.

Alumni Association Endowment

In 2000, the ETHS Alumni Association asked all alums to help establish a tax-exempt endowment fund. Since that time, hundreds of alums have helped the Association surpass its initial goal of \$100,000!

The Association board sincerely thanks everyone who has donated to this huge undertaking.

However, says board Finance Chair **Jim Ossyra, '74**, the endowment drive needs to continue. "Alumni fund raising is an important part of what we do," said Ossyra. "It provides us the increased ability and flexibility to contribute to the special needs of the faculty and high-school programs that are not

funded by tax revenue, as well as to improve on the scholarships we provide."

Using the cut-out coupon on this page, make your tax-exempt donation to the "ETHS District Foundation," noting the Alumni Association on the check-memo line, and return it to the ETHS Alumni Association, ETHS, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204.

The following ETHS alumni have donated to the Endowment Fund since the Fall 2003 edition of the KIT and as of press time. Additional donors will be listed in the Fall 2004 newsletter.

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Anonymous	1973	Pamela Higley Cushing	1962	Kathleen Miller Haines	1956	
		Diana Lang Holman	1962	Roger D. Bolgard	1957	
\$251-\$500	James K. Holman	1962	Frank Wrenick	1957		
Robert W. Christy	1940	Donald J. Friedman	1963	John L. Neuman	1958	
Walter Derlacki	1942	Mark B. Nelson	1965	Elizabeth Scholz	1959	
Gene Van Dyke	1945	Barbara B. Crane	1966	Thomas R. Hopkins	1960	
Brooke Garber Neidich	1968	Robert J. Finger	1966	Ann Goldenberg Krone	1960	
Patrick S. Herwood	1969	James Love	1966	Anonymous	1960	
Christopher Hamick	1986	Ed Abrahamson	1967	Gail Steinitz Shulman	1960	
		William C. Whiting	1969	Christopher N. May	1961	
\$101-\$250	Jeff Edman	1970	Andrew T. L. Armstrong	1962		
Carroll D. Little	1939	Harry Spellman	1972	Jeffrey Liebman	1964	
Helen Poeppel Dalzell	1947	Rachel Cohen	1973	Harriet Dehlinger	1965	
Kenneth J. James	1950	Ross M. Johnston	1973	Laura Lein	1965	
Stephen Degot	1953	Marilyn Rose	1973	Lynne Lundeen	1965	
Timothy G. Dalton, Jr.	1956	Bruce Strahlman	1974	Carla V. Lindenmann	1966	
James Hedrich	1957	Jeanne Zimmer	1977	William Tompkins	1966	
David V. Milligan	1958	Lee B. Cohn	1979	Anonymous	1968	
Judith A. Buntain	1960	Jonathan Greenwood	1980	Robert G. Byron	1969	
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John A. Klayman	1963	Lane A. Albanese	1982	Linda Baez Bendorf	1972	
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John M. Pratt	1974	Deborah G. Sobel	1983	Lonnie Pomerantz Ross	1975	
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		Peter M. Ouchi	1985	Letitia Carlson	1977	
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Jacquelyn A. Myrlard	1938	Luke DeCock	1992	Micki Johnson Fayhee	1985	
Harry D. Simon	1938	Erica McAuliffe Esrick	1994	Kenneth J. Schaeffle	1986	
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Frank Hoover	1941	\$26-\$50		\$1-\$25		
John Robert Anderson	1942	William G. Blackman	1936	Lucille Jacobsen Odell	1932	
James Leisner	1942	Anonymous	1937	Charles Henry Weber	1933	
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Virginia A. Currey	1943	Anonymous	1940	Francis Smith	1934	
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Mary Jaquelin N. Hatch	1943	Ben H. Gross	1941	Thomas D. Allen	1938	
James Scatliff	1944	Robert W. Schilpp	1941	Anonymous	1940	
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William Logan	1951	Alan W. Grantham	1943	Virginia A. Mattes	1941	
Richard P. Mason	1953	Ellsworth G. Stanton III	1944	Matt J. Tracz	1941	
Anonymous	1953	Beverly Burch Grover	1945	Suzanne Smith Browne	1942	
Anonymous	1953	Ward C. Pierson	1945	Sally M. Buckmaster	1942	
Anonymous	1953	Lois Nuckols Kaufman	1946	James A. Stallwood	1943	
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Arthur McZier	1954	John R. Benson	1947	Ann Lavery Tyson	1944	
Richard W. Stafford Jr.	1954	James O. Banks	1948	H.H. Cobb Jr.	1945	
Robert L. Friedlander	1955	Janet Procter Lareau	1948	Charles Holloway	1945	
Robert M. Nerem	1955	David N. Keightley	1949	Donald Hudson	1945	
Gary Schieneman	1955	Roger Fisher	1952	Hattie Gartner Walling	1945	
Marcia Barksdale Logan	1957	Ann Turner Cleaver	1954	Muir C. Ferguson	1946	

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Robert Donigan	1950	Edward D. Feigenbaum	1975
Anonymous	1951	J. Greg Palmer	1975
Megan Williams Higgs	1951	Arda Hovnanian	1977
Shirley W. Klinka	1951	Anonymous	1978
William H. Cooley Jr.	1952	Anonymous	1978
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Jack C. Strasser	1952	Stansbury	1979
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David A. Jones	1967		
Marsie Hartman Frawley	1971		
Gary Paul	1971		

ETHS holds 1st annual jazz fest

In February, ETHS hosted 16 Chicago-area, high-school jazz groups (representing 12 schools) for the First Annual Evanston Jazz Festival. Students performed throughout the day and attended clinics and workshops on topics such as combo coaching, rhythm sections, improvisation skills, and more. The festival was topped off by a special evening concert by the Chicago Jazz Ensemble with noted saxophonist Joe Lovano.

ETHS combos and big bands have entertained jazz lovers around the world over the last 10 years. In 1995, the ETHS jazz combo "Giant Steps" was invited to perform at the All-Japan Cultural Arts

Festival in Niigata City, one of only three international groups at the festival. The next summer, the ETHS Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble played in Germany and Austria.

In summer 2000, the ETHS combo "The Mellotones" was accepted to perform in Switzerland and at the Montreaux Jazz Festival and in Italy at the Umbria Jazz Festival. In North America, ETHS jazz groups have performed in Toronto, Washington, DC, Orlando, and New Orleans. ETHS jazz groups have been invited to perform for numerous international, national, regional, and state conferences in the past decade.

Junior Kate Coney is one of five students in Illinois and 62 in the US to earn a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the ACT exam given nationally in February.

Senior Geoffrey Cabbage is state debate champion in the Lincoln-Douglas division and was also named to the All-State Debate Team. While ETHS has won several state championships in policy debate, this is the school's first-ever title in Lincoln-Douglas.

National Merit Corporation named 19 ETHS seniors as Finalists in its Merit Scholarship program and one additional senior as a Finalist in its Achievement Scholarship program.

An ETHS team earned one of eight National Outstanding Awards, the highest honor possible, in a 36-hour mathematical modeling contest. Three hundred teams from around the world were asked to solve one of two large, open-

ended situations (e.g., design a "fair" baseball field). A second ETHS team won a Meritorious Award, ranking them in the top third of all contestants.

As part of an entrepreneurial unit, the 6th-period Business Management class, taught by Seong Ha, raised \$400 by selling holiday candy and donated the proceeds to charity. After researching a variety of possibilities, the 16-student class selected Chai Lifeline Midwest as the beneficiary of its business venture. Chai Lifeline offers free, year-round services to families with children who have life-threatening or lifelong illnesses.

The Evanstonian, ETHS's student newspaper, received a first-place ranking in the annual national contest for scholastic yearbooks, magazines, and newspapers sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association. Newspapers are judged on page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, advertising placement, and photography. This is ETHS's second entry in this prestigious contest. In 2001, *The Evanstonian* received a second-place rating.

In state competition, ETHS teams earned 2nd- and 4th-place varsity rankings and 3rd- and 6th-place jr.-varsity rankings in

the Junior Engineering and Technical Society (JETS) academic competition. ETHS is the defending state and national varsity champion. Nationally, the ETHS JETS Varsity A team placed 6th, the Varsity B team placed 14th, and the JV-A team placed 4th. ETHS was the only school to qualify two teams for varsity rankings.

Sophomore Alex Harris-Hertel won a three-week educational trip to Germany this summer by earning a perfect score on the National German Exam. Twelve candidates from the Chicago suburbs were interviewed; Alex won one of the two available trips.

Five ETHS students won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the music composition contest sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

The Rotary Club of Evanston started a Junior Rotarians Program to encourage current or emerging ETHS student leaders by providing them the opportunity to participate in Rotary. From September through May, two seniors per month, nominated by ETHS faculty and staff, attended two Rotary meetings to meet and talk with club members.

Three ETHS seniors won Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for their outstanding volunteer service: Russell Perkins for his work with the ETHS Dimensions of Learning Program, and Matthew Silverman and Robert Sellke for their preservation and restoration work at the North Park Nature in Chicago.

AND IN SPORTS...

ETHS teams played hard and well during the winter months.

The Boys' Swim Team placed 5th in the state meet.

The varsity girls' basketball team finished 20-10 overall, their second-best season in nine years, and were regional champions. The sophomore girls' team finished 19-1 overall and were conference champs.

The varsity boys' basketball team (23-5 overall) were undefeated conference champs (10-0), and regional champs for the fourth-consecutive year. The freshman "B" team went undefeated 19-0, and the frosh "A" team finished 16-3.

Varsity wrestlers earned 1st place the regional tournament after placing first in conference.

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ETHS senior Ariel Rogers (at rt.) was student host for concert pianist-composer Dr. David Burge, '47, one of this year's awardees.

seconds to go in the period.

I used the time to note that **Bob Morgan, '54**, reminded me of an earlier ETHS concert given by Dr. Burge almost 50 years ago, and how I was sure similar moments were still occurring in ETHS's theaters, classrooms, and cafe-terias-daily exposure to present, or potential, excellence.

When the period ended, many students came up to ask the honorees questions and get their autographs. In a case of misplaced zeal, one young lady

asked for my autograph!

Honorees then went on a tour of ETHS, and we met up for lunch in the Faculty Dining Room. Following that, they participated in various classes around the building, an endeavor they later related as inspiring and rewarding.

The evening event for school and community adults can only be described as "Magic." The reception was warm and friendly. The dinner was a touch of class: service, presentation, taste, and variety

make me wish commercial establishments could match the level of professionalism of our Food Service staff.

Given more than two minutes to talk, the honorees were again eloquent and passionate as they spoke of their feelings for their alma mater, the awards, and their

lives as they had been affected by their time at ETHS. If my table was any indication, the local conversations were delicious courses in and of themselves. It was with reluctance that I finally thanked everyone for attending. Most people stayed a while longer.

As Jeannie Zimmer has stated, this program is one of the greatest things the Alumni Association has done—and thanks must continually go to Bob Morgan for conceiving and pushing it to fruition.



Student hosts, who also served on the Distinguished Alumni Award Planning and/or Selection Committees were (back row, from l.) Elly Deutsch, Nicole Summers, Scott Maxwell '84 (who coached the students on their speaker introductions), (front row, from l.) Ariel Rogers, Ravi Randhava, Robyn Richardson, and Aurelia Clunie. All of the students involved this year were seniors.

Seniors get ready to leave: Where was your graduation held?

It's almost June, and that means ETHS and the Class of 2004 are gearing up for GRADUATION. Final grades are being calculated, diplomas and programs are being readied for printing, and students soon pick up their gowns and mortar-board caps (with orange and blue tassels).

Many ETHS alumni have fond memories of graduation, but depending on your class, your memories of where it was held may differ. Since its founding in 1883, ETHS has used a variety of venues for graduation over the years. Here's a rundown.

The graduation archive, mostly class lists in the early years, only hints at where graduation was held when the school was located at Elmwood Ave. and Dempster St. It seems the "Congregational Church" was the site up until 1906, when the venue is listed as "First Congregational Church" from that year through 1920. From 1921-24, commencement was held at the "First Methodist Episcopal Church."

The "new" school building at Church St. and Dodge Ave. opened for business in summer of 1924, but it wasn't until June



Eleanor (Bennett) Buckmaster (2nd row, 7th from right) and her senior classmates from the Class of 1917 attended ETHS when it was located at Elmwood Ave. and Dempster St. Their graduation ceremony was held off-site at the First Congregational Church.



Supt. Robert Goldman oversaw graduation ceremonies in the football stadium from 1987-91. From there commencement move to Northwestern University's McGaw Hall.



The ETHS Auditorium, built in 1958, was the site of graduation from 1969-1980. Senior classes were so large during those years that no venue held everyone and multiple ceremonies had to be held.

1925 that the "ETHS Gymnasium" was used for graduation. In 1926, that gymnasium became "Beardsley Gymnasium" (named for the school principal, Wilfred E. Beardsley), and ceremonies were held there through 1968.

In 1969-70, ETHS's enrollment peaked at 5,157—the height of the Baby Boom. Four administrative "schools" (Bacon, Boltwood, Beardsley, Michael) were created to manage the huge student body. No ETHS venue, however, was large enough to house graduation for the 992 seniors in the Class of 1969 and their fami-

lies, so four graduations were held that year over two days in the school's Auditorium (which seats 1,500 people), a wise plan since the Class of 1970 was even bigger (1,049).

The two-day, four-session graduation format continued through 1976, when decreased enrollment allowed ETHS to hold only two ceremonies on just one day in the Auditorium. This continued through 1980.

From 1981-86, graduation went back to one ceremony in Beardsley Gym, which seats over 3,000 in the bleachers.

In 1986, a new superintendent, Dr. Robert Goldman, thought an outdoor venue for graduation might be nice, so from 1987-91, commencement was held on the football field across the street from the school. While it never rained, the threat of showers, the summer heat, and the overtime costs logged in setting up graduation outside convinced the administration to find another (indoor) site.

That venue became the Welsh-Ryan Arena of McGaw Hall, and, since 1992, ETHS graduates, and seniors from many other area high schools, have received their diplomas at the home of Northwestern University basketball.



Eleanor (Bennett) Buckmaster celebrated her 100th birthday on August 13, 1998. Mrs. Buckmaster died in 2002 at the age of 103.



For several years, Senior Courtyard was the site for summer graduation ceremonies. Now they are held in the air-conditioned ETHS Auditorium.

In Memory

1930s

Loucinda (Hardman) Clark, 1930 (1/2/04)
 Charles H. Reed, 1933 (10/14/03)
 Ruth (Whiteside) Reynolds, 1934 (3/15/04)
 Donald M. Davis, 1935 (2/4/04)
 Sallye Ruth Haith, 1936 (11/18/03)
 Collin F. Allen, 1938 (6/7/03)
 Edward J. Atchison, 1938 (1/23/03)
 Leslie W. Gleason, Jr., 1939 (late 2003)
 Geraldine (McEnery) Bridges, 1939 (11/20/03)
 Jack R. DeNood, 1939 (5/3/03)

Janet (Bigelow) Glass, 1943 (2/29/04)
 Kenneth Aagaard, 1944 (11/13/03)
 Dorothy (Etapa) Gran, 1944 (11/2/03)
 Katharine "Kay" (Kassel) Young, 1944 (11/7/03)
 Marilyn (Quinn) Zeis, 1944 (9/23/02)
 Warren W. Browning, 1945 (2/5/04)
 Erick G. Johnson, 1945 (1/13/04)
 Donald W. Bennett, 1946 (9/4/03)
 H. Duane Pierson, 1946 (7/16/03)
 Eunice (Anderson) Roche, 1947 (10/03)

1960s

Frank Stringer, Jr., 1960 (12/28/03)
 David C. Abernathy, 1968 (2/24/04)
 George Raymond, 1968 (1/9/04)

1970s

Michael Ferguson, 1971 (3/14/04)
 Patricia A. Wilson-Fowler, 1975 (2/11/04)
 Marla Beth Kochin, 1979 (3/2/04)

1980s

Robert R. Kennedy, 1985 (2/5/04)
 Robert L. Banks, III, 1987 (2/3/04)

1990s

Matthew Freeman, 1996 (12/13/02)

1940s

Evelyn (Rosenquist) Bensch, 1940 (12/5/03)
 Lois (Taylor) Richards, 1941 (1/15/04)
 Edward S. Sayad, 1941, (12/20/03)
 Janet (Baker) Smithson, 1941 (8/22/03)

1950s

Roy C. Robinson, 1950 (12/21/03)
 John A. Sloan, 1950 (1/24/04)
 James Hardin, Jr., 1957 (11/28/03)
 David S. Sher, 1959 (12/15/03)

ETHS teachers remembered

Two retired ETHS teachers passed away this spring.



Liliane Durham, an ETHS French teacher for 16 years, died in March. Born in Alsace, France, she earned a degree in French Literature at the Sorbonne. After serving as a teaching assistant at Middlebury College and the U of Wisconsin, she returned home in 1939 only to leave again September 5 on the last ship allowed back to the United States. In 1941, she became a US citizen.

In 1967, Mrs. Durham began teaching French at ETHS in Bacon School and traveled back to the Alsace region many years with the French Exchange program, which she continued to run after her retirement in 1983.

A memorial fund has been set up in Mrs. Durham's name to send a deserving ETHS student to France. Checks made out to "ETHS" can be sent to Kathy Pino, World

Languages Department, ETHS, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204. Please include a note that the check is for the Lilliane Durham Memorial Award.



Daryl Nichols, former Distributive Education teacher for 13 years, also died in March. He earned his bachelor and master's degrees at Emporia State University, served in World War II, and returned to Kansas to teach in high school. He came to ETHS in 1953 and pioneered in teaching Distributive Education courses. In 1966, Mr. Nichols became an education program specialist with the US Department of Education in Chicago, was transferred to Washington, DC, in 1978, and retired in 1985.

Rosewall Scholarship still accepting donations



When **Dr. Richard B. Rosewall**, ETHS Music Department Chair from 1963-82, died two years ago, a scholarship was established in his name for graduating seniors who have made significant contributions to the music program and who plan to continue musical study in college. The first scholarship was awarded in 2003.

Contributions to underwrite this scholarship are still being sought. Any ETHS alumni who wish to donate to this scholarship should send a check, payable to ETHS with Rosewall Scholarship noted on the memo line, to the ETHS Business Office, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204.

ETHS Class Notes

Let your friends and former classmates know where you are and what you're doing. Mail news to: ETHS Alumni Assn., c/o Public/Alumni Relations, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204-3494

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ETHS Authors' Bookshelf

We continue to get a wonderfully diverse selection of material authored by ETHS alumni and, in this edition, two ETHS faculty members as well. Thanks to all the folks who so generously participated in our collection efforts.

Woods Walk, co-authored by **Henry W. (Hank) Art '62**, is an informative and playful book for children which focuses on the experience of walking in the woods throughout the seasons. (Hank is the son of **Kay Art '36**, former Chair of the ETHS Authors' Bookshelf!)

Allison Burnett '76, sent DVDs of his (yes, his) films and his debut novel. He was screenwriter for the touching love story *Autumn in New York* which starred Richard Gere and Winona Ryder. He also wrote and directed *Red Meat*, a film about three guys sitting around talking about women! Allison's novel, *Christopher: a tale of seduction*, is an outrageous yet heartwarming story of a young man trying to find himself in 1980s New York City, told through the eyes of

his neighbor who would like nothing more than to seduce him.

Another member of the class of 1976, **David Cole**, sent his book *Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism*, a timely book which posits that the U.S. government has imposed measures on foreigners that would not be tolerated if they were applied more broadly throughout society.

Barbara Harned Dorsett '42 contributed her newest book, *The Man in the Attic*, a romantic ghost story.

In Praise of Lost Souls, another book by prolific author, **Rabbi Niles Goldstein '84**, tells stories of real men and women interwoven with biblical tales to bring hope to those who feel lonely and afraid in their daily lives.

Noreene Schwanbeck Janus '60 co-authored *Media Power in Central America*, which provides a detailed picture of how the media is used and abused to further political agendas in Central America.

Following the global theme, **Dan Lefkowitz '92** co-authored *The Kimchi Matters: Global Business and Local Politics in a Crisis-Driven World*, which presents 15 principles to understand the local political dynamics in countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe.

Wanda Mitchell, Speech Arts Department Chair for over 30 years, provided a charming memoir *Stories We Can't Forget* that she co-authored with her sister, Kathleen. Mitchell retired in 1972. Current ETHS English teacher, **Molly Moynahan**, sent her recent, well-received novel *Stone Garden*, which introduces a candid, young narrator struggling to cope with the sudden death of her life-long friend.

Chicago is a great place to explore, and **Lynn Shnaiberg '87** gives us locals, and those from far away, good advice in her guidebook to the city *Urban Adventure: Chicago*.

Jerilyn Watson '58 submitted her collection of non-fiction vignettes characterized as "slices of an eccentric woman's life" and a reading

play, *Welcome to Bedlam*.

Stephen Beal '56, a longtime editor who has only recently turned to poetry, sent us his recent collection *Suddenly Speaking Babylonian*, which will be published by Hanging Loose Press next April.

Michelle Gaussein Nold '85 shared her book *Ten Steps to Effective Recognition*, which draws on her experience with corporate employee-recognition programs and makes valuable suggestions about how to implement the principles she outlines.

The ETHS Authors' Bookshelf collection reflects the diverse interests and talents of alumni who have chosen to share their expertise and creativity with us through published material. The Bookshelf is not a museum, but a circulating collection that can be accessed in person during school hours or online through the North Suburban Library System catalog LIAISON (www.nslsilus.org). Resumes and photos of contributors are displayed in notebooks adja-

cent to the books.

We welcome new contributions and information about alumni authors. Please contact Jennie Berkson, 2430 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL 60201, (847) 733-0978, jeberkson@comcast.net.



Jennie Berkson, '72