



Spotlight

East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

February 2019

EHS Auditorium . . . Coming In LOUD AND CLEAR!

East High's historic auditorium is getting a new sound system.

Last year the East Angels Friends & Alumni Foundation hired a local architecture and audio-visual firm to assess East's auditorium and make recommendations for improvements. That analysis found conditions in the auditorium to be... um, well... unsound? (sorry, couldn't resist)

Coming as no surprise to anyone who has attended a performance or lecture in the auditorium of late,



East High's historic auditorium, circa 1933.

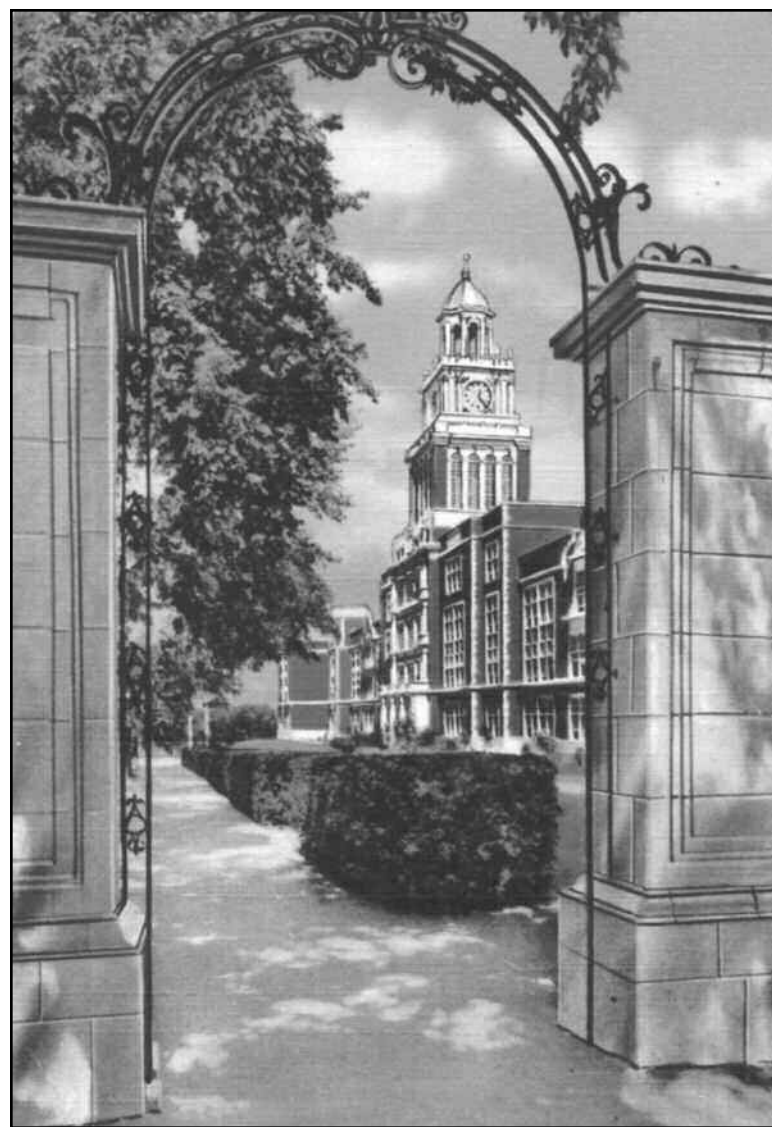
much of the circa 1980s audio-visual equipment currently in the auditorium is unusable and desperately needs to be replaced. While the price tag for a complete overhaul of the space far exceeds the funding available, the greatest need identified by staff, students, and parents is to upgrade the sound system.

Working with EHS staff and DPS during the summer of 2018, EAFAF developed a scope for a \$330,000 overhaul of the sound system including new speakers, amplifiers, signal processors, and mixing boards, as well as a new locking roll top desk, wireless microphone headsets, an intercom system between the front-of-house and stage managers' positions, and an ADA compliant assistive listening system (earphones for people with hearing disabilities).

Early on, DPS identified \$100,000 for the project and, thanks to the numerous and generous donations of many current and past East families, EAFAF successfully raised the additional \$230,000 to make the project a reality. Much needed electrical upgrades were installed over the winter break and the new sound equipment is scheduled to be installed over this coming spring break.

The new system will not only result in a vastly improved experience for students, presenters, and audience members alike, the new equipment will bring East's theater production into the 21st century — exposing our students to the latest equipment being used by the colleges and production companies many hope to work with in life after East.

The wonderful collaboration that brought about these long overdue changes would not have been possible without the many contributors to EAFAF's capital campaign — so a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated. And for those of you who didn't get the chance, it's not too late. Please visit the EAFAF website for more information on the project and how you can contribute.



Sullivan Gateway Restoration

Recent visitors to the East campus may have noticed that as part of constructing the new Carla Madison Rec Center on Colfax, the City of Denver completed a much-needed restoration of the western half of the historic Sullivan Gateway. The Gateway was originally constructed in 1917 along with the Esplanade as the grand entryway to City Park and is considered by many to be the crown jewel of Denver's participation in the City Beautiful Movement of the time.

We are happy to report that the third phase of restoration is underway and will see the eastern half of the Gateway ("the East half") restored this summer. A collaboration between the City, Colorado Preservation Inc., and Historic Denver, the project restores the wrought iron trellis and more than 600 feet of terra cotta walls and Doric columns, as well as the 40-foot tall statues sitting atop them. The statues honor Colorado's mining and agricultural history.



The East Angels Friends & Alumni Foundation donated \$1,000 to this important project on behalf of the East community.

THANK YOU!

Since the updating and beautification of the **East High Social Room** in 2011-2012, it has become the "first choice" gathering spot for group meetings, individual teacher work, committees, and all others who wish an appropriately charming and quiet atmosphere. Consequently, the room experiences significant use, with the resulting "wear and tear" of such use. There is currently no "budget" for maintenance and upkeep for this now lovely historical room. The Alumni committee is working on that issue! Members of the Alumni/Historical Committee oversaw the original redecorating of the room and hope to help East maintain this special place.

This past fall, September 2018, the Karastan rug in the Social Room was in desperate need of cleaning and one of the chairs had a broken leg. Fortunately for East, **Dr. Frank Eldridge, class of '58**, toured East during his class reunion and discovered the Social Room. He also learned his cousin **Bill Cook, class of '56**, (Howard Lorton Furniture) helped significantly with the original redecorating. Generously, and not to be outdone, these two alums repaired our room. Frank paid for the cleaning of the rug, and Bill had the chair repaired at no cost to East! We are truly grateful for these loyal and participating alums!

Editor's Note: This passage was found in the archives. It was a piece in a celebration program on the opening of the "New" East High School on the Esplanade in the fall of 1925.

"The thing of most value and joy that will take place here is the flow of human interest. It will be the spirit of the institution to be human in all of its activities. May the days spent here be filled to overflowing with scholastic achievement, courteous conduct, joy and happiness, so that as the rest of our journey progresses, each life shall abound with gladness and our high school days shall ever remain a happy memory."



National Museum of African American History and Culture

East Alum Supports African American Pioneer Project

In 2013, Robert Smith, a 1981 East High graduate, was inducted into the East High School Heritage Hall. Since then he continues to make news. Robert was the key story in a recent *Forbes* magazine edition where it was noted that he is America's richest black person with a net worth of \$4.4 billion.

He gave a significant amount of his worth to the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. The museum is part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His gift was earmarked for a massive project aimed at traveling the country and gathering photos, documents and artifacts of the lives and careers of African American people.

It makes sense then that the project's first stop was in Denver, Robert's hometown. Robert told a reporter in a recent story in *The Denver Post* that "he can never forget that my path was paved by my parents, grandparents and generations of African Americans whose names I will never know." According to the *Forbes* article,

Robert has pledged to contribute half of his net worth to philanthropic causes during his lifetime.

In early November, a large van pulled up in front of the Blair-Caldwell library in Five Points which houses Denver's Black West American History and Heritage Center. Many people came to the library to offer their personal and family photos and documents to be digitized and preserved for posterity. Robert hopes that this project will help tell the story of the Black experience in the west, a story that is poorly understood by the average Denver citizen.

"As a product of African-American migration to the central Plains, Denver is close to my heart."

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From The Principal . . .

Dear Alumni and Friends of East High School,

Every morning that I walk past the esplanade and up the steps through the doors of East High School, my heart fills with pride.

This is a pride that so many of you have felt over time and that each of the Angels of today feel as they climb up the steps, past the statue of the The David, and into their first period classes.

I recently felt that pride, also, from the members of the class of 1954, who had invited me to have lunch with them at a restaurant in Denver. As I listened to the memories pour out of my new friends and I shared notes about the current status of our beloved school, the bond that makes us Angels was alive in that room.

The 2018-19 school year is proving to be a special one for East High School. With over 2,500 students, over 200 staff members, and hundreds of parents and community members walking through our halls every day, the energy is vibrant and the momentum is strong. We know that a large part of our strength is derived from the history and the tradition of excellence that has evolved over time.

In listening to our alumni, I hear and know that our school has grown over time based on the interests and ambitions of our young people. Today, from Robotics to Constitutional Law, from the Football team to the heights of Advanced Placement Physics, our students are challenged to be creative, active, and to excel. Our school supports each to success.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in our shared experience as Angels and for your ongoing support of our students' efforts. We are strengthened by our alumni and we appreciate you.

Wishing you all the best,

Mr. John Youngquist, Principal



2018-2019 Constitutional Scholars

East High Constitutional Scholars 'We the People ... The Citizen And The Constitution' 29 State Titles!

In April 2019 East will again be representing Colorado in the National "We the People" competition. This dedicated 30 member team beat Cherry Creek's Grandview High School to win the State

Championship. East will participate for the 29th time as State Champions. In the 32-year history of the program East has lost the State title only twice - 2002 and 2014 (Idaho Springs and Grandview).

The 2018-2019 team members are: Samuel Anderson, Grant Austin, Kennedy Austin, Jack Beardshear, Maxim Boubin, Rebecca Chapman, Hayden Christopher, Henry Fox, Jessica Freedberg, Aidan Glennie, Sophie Goldberg, Alexa Goldstein, Ethan Gutterman, Benjamin Hamik, Anja Hutson, Marco Jimenez, Alden Kahn, Ballard Kauffman, Madison Moore, Margaret Morrison, Matthew Nekritz, Amelia Nugent, Madeleine Parker, Isabella Sanders, Abigail Schuman, Lucienne Scully, Gabriela Snyder, Katherine Tanner, Elena Thoman, Walker Young.

The national competition is not in any way a "quiz bowl" type of competition. It is an oral questioning and discussion by demanding judges who are college professors, government policy makers, justices and judges from state and federal offices. Historical knowledge combined with understanding, supportive evidence, and the ability to make application to modern day situations, events and issues are the norm.

East is truly fortunate, and grateful, to have experienced faculty members Susan McHugh and Matthew Fulford taking over the teaching/coaching role of the Constitutional Scholars for retiring teacher Mark Thalhofer. The team is in expert hands! We continue to appreciate the loyal community members and former East parents



who each year contribute hours of their time and expertise to help prepare the new team. We are proud of all the East participants for their hard work and all those adults who engage and help make this level of learning possible.

Special thanks to: Tom Buescher, Dan Culhane, Greg Goldberg, Jim Mann, Jeff Pearson, Judy Schulman, Betsy Schumaker, Barry Schwartz, Dan Taubman, Adrienne Tecza, Thad Tecza, John Walsh, Lorraine Weissman and Edward Volpe.

The "We the People" competition, as it is now known, started the school year of 1987-1988 as part of the National Bicentennial Celebration of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. Team members, past and present, consider Con Scholars to be one of the most difficult and time-consuming undertakings of their high school career — and one of the most rewarding.

If you wish to help the 2018-2019 Constitutional Scholars Team travel to Washington D.C. to compete, please make a tax-deductible donation payable to: East High School- Con Scholars; Mail to: Beth Gower, East High School, 1600 City Park Esplanade, Denver, CO 80206.

East's First Head Boy And Head Girl

One hundred and 10 years ago, the position of Head Boy and Head Girl became a part of East High history. The following is a description found in the 1909 East High yearbook, which at that time was titled *The Annual*.

"Two new officers, Head Boy and Head Girl, were introduced into the school at the suggestion of Roy Kester, a longtime coach and teacher. "The requirements for these offices are many as the Head Boy and Head Girl are expected to set an example for the rest of the school. They must have the qualities that make the right kind of man and woman. They must be the right kind of citizens and do good class work. They must stand for honesty in school and in school work and they must be popular with their classmates." Homer Griffin and Alma Melzer were chosen by their schoolmates as the first to occupy these offices.

"If succeeding Head Boys and



Homer Griffin



Alma Melzer

Head Girls come up to the high standard set by these first two officers, this office will certainly become a fixed institution of the school." This has certainly been true as the school elected its 110th head boy and head girl last spring.

High school sports had increas-

ed by this time and it seems that participation in sports was almost a requirement for running for these offices. Homer Griffin was a four sport athlete. He was All City and All State in baseball, All City in basketball, captain of the track squad and All State in tennis. He was inducted into the first East High Athletic Hall of Fame. Alma Melzer participated in basketball and tennis and was president of the Minerva literary club for girls. Girls who were admitted to the club had to be in the top level of academic achievement and deportment.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

We encourage you to visit the East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation website at eastangelfriends.org. This will allow you to keep up with events at East. It will also allow you to volunteer your time for one or more of the many committees we have to offer. There is opportunity provided to donate to a worthy East cause of your choosing and a chance to keep up to date about upcoming class reunions.

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2018

Started in 1926, awards are based on specific qualifications, recommendations, written application, and an interview. Since 2011, and the creation of the East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation (EAFAF), the scholarship program has been supported and funded

Cleworth Leap Scholarship Recipient

East High alum Monty Cleworth (1978) said, "East gave me more than I could ever give back." With that heartfelt belief, Monty started the Cleworth Leap Scholarship.

Wanting to help educate younger generations, he established the Leap Scholarship to help students bridge the gap between academic ability to be accepted at rigorous colleges and the financial inability to support that choice. These generous scholarships allow qualified students to attend academic institutions of choice without complete dependence on family finances. Monty is one of East's fiercely loyal and generous alums. He has a long history of support and involvement with East. For decades Monty has been a Con Scholar Team donor, a Heritage Hall supporter and in every way a participating East grad!



Harrison Scudamore

scholarship help from the Cleworth Scholarship.

The 2018 recipient of the Cleworth Leap Scholarship was Harrison Scudamore, Class of '22. "I've had a wonderful time at Columbia this first semester. I love the combination of strong academics while living in NYC. My classes have been very challenging with a lot of work but I've learned so much. The Core at Columbia has allowed me to explore books and plays I wouldn't normally pick up to read, as well as explore sciences that I hadn't given much thought to. I'm so grateful to Mr. Cleworth for giving me the opportunity to be at such a great school." Harrison is one of four East students currently receiving

by the Foundation. East alums also provide scholarships, a specific class in honor of a classmate, or as part of a reunion celebration.

In May 2018, the East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation, the Thomas W. Bean Foundation, the Epstein-Smith family and

alum James Reece (1960) generously provided scholarship dollars for 20 students totaling \$45,000.

Leah Harris received the special \$6,000 Alumni & Friends Scholarship. Leah's transcript shows that she's a remarkably outstanding student, but it does not reveal her deep love of learning, her true level of scholarly intellect or leadership skills. Teachers repeatedly describe Leah as doing it all (from cheerleader to speech and debate) and having it all, meaning the passion and work ethic to apply her intellectual maturity. Leah's AP Calculus teacher says of her, "Leah loves to be challenged academically. She often takes on the leadership and motivator role. Students feel at ease working with her." Other teacher descriptors, "an intrinsically motivated individual and mentor, a natural leader, potential to change lives, world leader, open-minded, thoughtful in learning about and understanding differing opinions without losing her own voice."

Asked about the value of her East High education: "My East High education and experience is invaluable. I have discovered my interest in history, a love of math, and my style of learning. Those things are important, but my expe-



Leah Harris

periences have shaped me and my goals for the future. I learned the power of discomfort. I found a passion I will continue throughout college. In many of my classes I have been one of a few students of color. This is not a problem unique to East, one that plagues the nation. I joined Angels for AP Excellence, a club dedicated to promoting equality in the classroom and increasing the population of underrepresented students in higher level classes. My definition of diversity changed at East, it does not just mean a variety of races, but genders, sexualities, socioeco-

omic statues, personalities and experiences." East is filled with diversity in every way! I learned the value of a diverse environment.

Additional remarkable East seniors receiving EAFAF scholarships: William Allstetter, Penn Beldock, Kyla Colman, Molly Cooper, Emma Aragon-Combs, Padmakshy Dahal, Lilly Davis, Anna Eastwood, Cornelius Foxworth, Isobel Frankel, Izzabella Gonzales, Cooper McCleary, Audry McGlothlen, Christopher Gonzalez-Millan, Eleanor Noble, Ester Pai, Bryan Solis -Garcia, Maggie Stewart, and J'Lynn Terroade.

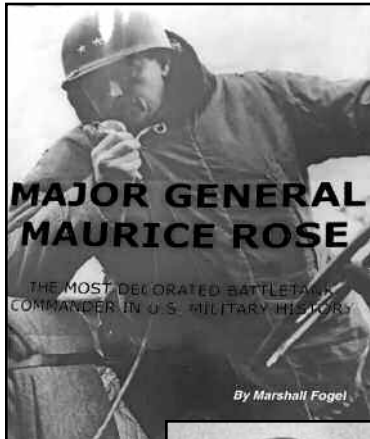
In addition to the EAFAF scholarships, four other scholarships were awarded. Con Scholar team participants Daisy Davis and Bridget Sidwell each received a family scholarship in honor of Con Scholar Ethan Wolf and Nell Salzman and Kelly Wulf each received a family scholarship in honor of Con Scholar Emily L. Saslow.

To give a scholarship in your name, on behalf of your family, or in honor of your graduating class, contact Cissy Nuanes: cissynuanes@gmail.com (303-564-7178) or mbgower44@gmail.com.

Spotlight On East Alums

New Books Written By East Graduates

Marshall Fogel, a 1958 East graduate has recently published *Major General Maurice Rose: The Most Decorated Battletank Commander in U.S. Military History (Federic Printing)*. It is a well-documented and complete history of the life and career of Major General Maurice Rose. This has been one of many "bucket list" projects that Marshall has completed. He wanted to clear the air about some controversial and misrepresentations of Rose's life. He was able to verify through East High records that Gen. Rose did attend East but that he did not graduate. Instead he left school to join the military.



Marshall earned a B.A. from the University of Colorado and his JD from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He was admitted to the Colorado bar in 1965 and was admitted to practice law before the 10th Circuit Federal Court, the Colorado Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a former Denver Deputy District attorney and then specialized in workmen's compensation law with the office of BurgSimpson.



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Rodney Frey, a 1968 East High graduate has recently published *Carry Forth The Stories: An Ethnographer's Journey Into Native Oral Tradition (Washington State University Press)*. Rodney is a professor of ethnography and Distinguished Humanities professor at the University of Idaho. His new book was awarded the Handcart Book Award.

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. degree from Colorado State University in 1972 and a M.A. degree from the same university in 1974. In 1976 he earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Colorado.

Since the mid '70s he has partnered with tribal communities including the Crow, Couer d'Alene, Nez Perce and Warm Springs. Other books include *Landscape Traveled by Coyote and Crane, The World of the Crow Indians and Yellowtail and other Elders*.

While a student at East, Rodney starred in track where he earned All City, All Metro and All-State honors.

JORDAN CASTEEL Denver Art Museum February 2 -May 26, 2019

We're proud to announce East grad, artist Jordan Casteel, who is now based in Harlem, will be showcasing about 30 paintings in her first major museum exhibition — **Jordan Casteel: Returning the Gaze**.

East Drama Student Wins Top Award

Reagan Linton, a 1999 graduate of East High School has always had a dream for the stage. Upon graduation she enrolled at UCLA but while there she was involved in a car accident that has left her paralyzed with a spinal cord injury. But she was not one to allow her disability to stop her following her passion for acting. She was accepted in the theater program at the University of California at San Diego.

In 2017, Reagan was True West Award's Colorado Theatre Person of the Year. Eventually she would earn her master's in Social Work at the University of Denver.

In 2017 she became the artistic director and acting executive di-



Regan Linton on stage.

rector in the Phamaly Theatre Company, a program offered to person's with disabilities. She starred as Laura Winfield in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* where she stunned the audience. She has also won other awards,

among them: The Hal O'Leary Award and the Spirit of Craig Award for her work with Craig Hospital in Colorado. She has also acted in the Shakespeare Festival in Oregon and was cast in a major role in *The Man of La Mancha*.

Reagan started her dream on the stage at East but her best role has been her resolve to be who she is despite life challenges.

East Alum Wins Oscar

Brian Fogel, a 1990 graduate of East High School, won the Oscar for best feature-length documentary at the Academy Awards 90th ceremony March 4, 2018. He graduated from the University of Colorado before starting his career as a producer, director and playwright.

Brian directed and Dan Cogan produced the award-winning documentary "Icarus" which blew the lid off the state-sponsored doping program in Russia. This was the



Brian Fogel

first Oscar for Netflix and was influential in the International Olympic Committee's decision to banish Russia from the 2018 winter games, although the committee did allow over 100 Russian athletes to compete under the banner of "Olympic Athletes from Russia."

Brian was also a co-author of the book *Jewtopia*, which later became a smash hit play.

Flights Of Angels – Alumni

Gary Antonoff

Class of 1954 • 1936-2018

Gary graduated from the University of Colorado in 1958. In 1962 he entered into a partnership with his father's real estate company and became one of Denver's leading developers. He campaigned for the annexation of land for Denver International Airport, co-chaired the committee to build Coors Field, served on the Colorado Baseball Commission and served as chair of the Denver Nugget's board. He served on several boards including the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Rose Medical Center and the Anti-Defamation League. He was well known for his philanthropy to worthy causes.



Gary Antonoff

Arthur Fine

Class of 1950 • 1932-2018

Arthur was a third-generation Coloradan. He came from a pioneering Jewish Colorado family. His grandfather Louis Fine immigrated to Colorado in 1895 and was director of the Jewish agricultural community in Atwood. Art graduated from the University of Denver and the Harvard Law School.



Arthur Fine

He practiced law in Denver and was a Denver County Court judge. He was active in Colorado and religious congregations.

Millicent Sue (McAndries) Grant

Class of 1950 • 1932-2018

Millie came from a long line of early Colorado pioneers. Her paternal great grandfather struck it rich in the California gold rush and later opened the first woolen mill in Colorado in 1870. Her maternal grandfather was mayor of Ouray. She was a proud member of the Territorial Daughters of Colorado. She was a medical assistant and was active in the Colorado Medical Association of Medical Assistants, the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, the National Western Stock Show and St. John's Episcopal Cathedral.



Millicent McAndries

Duval Edward Harvey

Class of 1947 • 1930-2018

Always known as "Putter," Duval grew up in Denver and attended Park Hill Elementary and Smiley Junior High before coming to East. He graduated from Colorado College and the University of Colorado Medical School. He served in the Air Force during the Korean war and returned to Denver to set up a practice in obstetrics and gynecology in 1957. He served at St. Joseph's, Presbyterian/St. Luke's and Rose hospitals. He was a doctor to multiple generations and was beloved by his patients and their offspring alike.



Duval Harvey

Felton Johnson

Class of 1969 • 1951-2018

Felton was a "world class" All Around gymnast at East and was named All State in 1969. He was actively recruited by Denver University and Arizona State and was a leading candidate for the 1972 Olympics Gymnastic Team headed for Munich, Germany. A serious rotator cuff injury would end his Olympic dream. He was successful in his computer career and in his work with Smart Technologies in Silicon Valley. Felton was voted into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.



Felton Johnson

Elizabeth (Snider) Masterson

Class of 1965 • 1946-2017

Music was always an integral of Elizabeth's life. In 1981 she formed a band called the Cactus Crooners. Her career as an internationally known country western singer would last 36 years. She performed at the Kennedy Center in D.C., and the Lincoln Center in New York City. She shared the stage with Dale Evans, Rex Allen and The Riders in the Sky. She was a founding member of the Western Music Association. She received the Western Music Association's Female Performer of the Year, as well as the Will Rogers Award. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2012. Her final album, "The Hills of Early Morn" was released in January 2018 just a few days after she passed. She became



Elizabeth Snider

affectionately known in country western circles as "The Songbird of the Sage."

Herbert (Jimmy) Newcomb Jr.

Class of 1945 • 1927-2018

Jim was an outstanding student/athlete at East High School in the mid '40s. He was an All-State wrestler for the Angels and later was an outstanding wrestler for the University of Denver.

Dr. Robert Bruce Sawyer

Class of 1951 • 1933-2018



Robert Sawyer

Dr. Sawyer was a 1951 graduate of East High School. Following in his father's footsteps Robert became a general surgeon in Denver. His father passed in 1977. Robert raised a large family of seven children. One son, Michael (class of 1988), is also a doctor in Denver.

Patsy Ruth (Glanville) Shanahan

Class of 1944 • 1927-2018

Patsy came up through the Denver Public Schools, attending Ashley Elementary, Smiley Junior High and East High School. She graduated from the University of Colorado and was a life-long member of Delta Gamma Sorority. She was an exceptional artist and was talented in oil and water color mediums and in sculpting.



Jimmy Newcomb



Patsy Glanville

Robert Silverberg

Class of 1953 • 1935-2018

Robert grew up in the Denver Public Schools and eventually enrolled at Tulane University and then transferred to the University of Colorado to earn his degree. He was the founder of Silco Oil Co. He was active in many civic and charitable organizations, including: President-AMC Cancer Research, President-Rose Medical Center, Chairman-Jewish Colorado, Co-Founder Denver Rustlers, and was a member of Temple Emanuel.



Robert Silverberg

Flights – Teachers

Judith Fruland • 1937-2018

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived her early years in Virginia. Received her bachelor and master's degrees from the College of William and Mary. She was a competitive swimmer and golfer. Came to East High School and taught English and was a student advisor for 31 years.

She was always positive, non-judgmental and had a zest for life. Among her many messages of condolence was one from former Head Girl Patty Reagan (1967) who wrote that Judy taught social problems classes and was one of the most open and loving teachers she had at East.



Judith Fruland

Lewis Greenlee • 1939-2018

Lew came from a family of educators. His namesake was his great grandfather who was the first superintendent of DPS and has a school (Greenlee Elementary in West Denver) named after him. After graduating from East High School in 1957, Lew received his bachelor and master's degrees from Western State College in Gunnison. He returned to his alma mater in 1967 and was a much sought-after teacher in the history department. He was an avid cyclist and loved riding his bike to school whenever he could.

Stanley Garcia • 1949-2018

Stan taught physical education at East and was involved in coaching junior varsity girls basketball, and wrestling from 1989 to 1998. He finished his DPS career at Abraham Lincoln High School.

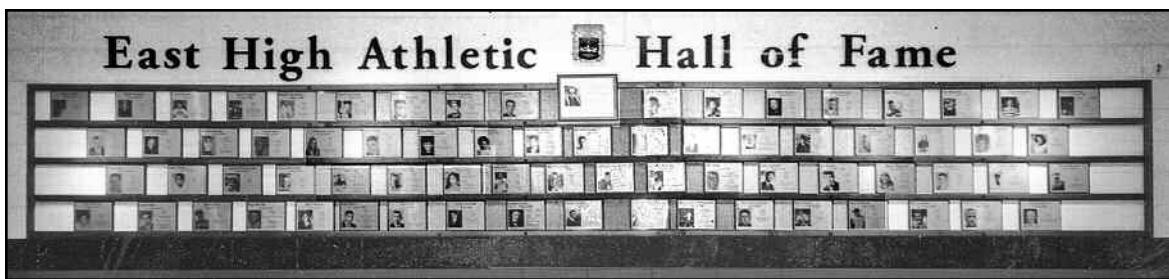
Change Of Address

Help us to keep track of you when you move. We can then be confident that alumni materials will continue to be sent to you.

To report address changes, please go to

www.eastangelfriends.org

and click on "Contact" to update your information.



Athletic Hall Of Fame To Induct New Class

The 7th edition of the East High Athletic Hall of Fame will be added in the Fall of 2019. Among the inductees will be 12 male athletes, eight female athletes and two coaches. The new additions will increase the Hall to 256 members: 173 boys, 54 girls and 29 coaches. All athletes were outstanding during their time at East and were selected to All City and All State teams.

The first class was inducted in 2007. The ceremony is always held in the original gymnasium at the school and plaques are displayed in the foyer of the new Pat Panek Gym. The exact time has not been determined as it will be necessary to work around potential conflicts next fall. The information will be posted on the East Foundation website before school is over this next spring.

Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Boys
1939 Irving Shwayder Baseball

1941 Gus Hughes Wrestling
1942 George Hughes Wrestling
1952 Tom Flugstad Football
1954 Kenjie Yabe Swimming
1957 Bob Wynne Tennis
1965 Brad Moses Gymnastics
1966 Keith Rausch Basketball
1974 Keefe Perkins Baseball
1993 Ryan Short Soccer/Lax
2008 Dominic Roberts Track
2014 Dominique Collier Basketball
Girls
1984 Felicia Williams Track
2002 Mollie Maxfield Gymnastics
2007 Nellie Hayes Lacrosse
2007 Kayla Roper Volleyball
2010 Hailey Jenkins Field Hockey
2010 Sammy Sanders Basketball
2014 Natalia Dellavalle Tennis
2015 Kenya Lindstrom Softball
Coaches

Boys Soccer — Beth Hinz
2 State titles — 1998, 2011
Football/Baseball — John Adams
This will be the third year we have also recognized state championship teams.

Class of 2014
1964 Boys Basketball
1964 Boys Track
1984 Girls Track
1994 Boys Soccer
1994 Boys Baseball
Class of 2017
1962 Boys Football
1983 Girls Soccer
Class of 2019
1996 Boys Basketball
2008 Boys Soccer
2010 Girls Basketball

Rudy Carey Attains Legendary Status

After achieving great success in the '50s and '60s, the East basketball program started to falter. When Rudy Carey returned home to his alma mater in 1994, East basketball would become one of the great lights in city and state history. One example of how far East has come happened in early December when Rudy notched his 800th career win.

sport in state schools. It should be noted that most of the "minor" sports such as golf, tennis, soccer, swimming, and lacrosse started out as club teams and later became state recognized teams under the state organization. At the present time 30 teams play rugby in Colorado.

Rugby first emerged in Colorado high schools in 1985, but it was not officially organized at East until 1988. One of the founders, Paul Hoskins Sr.(class of 1979) was a standout soccer player and is still involved in a limited fashion as a sort of "elder statesman." In 1990 Bill Baer took over as head coach and will enter his 29th year this spring. The program has grown with East sporting varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams.

There are critics who claim that club athletes are not held to standards of academic eligibility and good behavior, Coach Baer said that he has sat down with principal John Youngquist and the athletic director and they have worked out a program where his athletes are held to the same standards of academic performance and sportsmanship that are required of all East athletes.

Look for this program to continue to thrive as it is one of the fastest growing sports in Colorado. Most of his coaching staff are alums of East High and the East rugby program who have come back on a volunteer basis to help with this program.

Angel Athletes In The News

Dr. Jack Klapper, 1957

Jack will be enshrined in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Hall of Fame this year. While a student at East Denver, he won the #1 Singles state tennis championship all three years and led his team to state championships in 1955, 1956, and 1957. Earlier Jack was elected into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame and joined Alan Loeb (1964) and Larry Loeb (1970). These are the only East tennis players to be three-time state champions.

Francesca Sally, 2013

Francesca was All-City in two sports: basketball and soccer. She was a center on the basketball team and was named to second

team All-State honors. She was also All-City in soccer and was the goalie for the Angels. She was an all conference basketball player at Northwestern University and graduated in 2017 with a degree in electrical engineering.

Dominique Collier, 2014

Dom is the only East High basketball player to play varsity and to letter all four years. He was named to the All City team three times and was named All-State twice. His greatest honor was being named All-Colorado in his junior and senior years. His skilled leadership as a point guard led the Angels to a State championship in 2014. He entered the University of Colorado and was on the varsity squad all four years.

This achievement makes him one of only two Colorado coaches to have reached this pinnacle. He trails Dick Katte, legendary coach at Denver Christian High School, who earned 876 wins in his career. What is most remarkable is that Rudy has been able to achieve success in a DPS league which always has four or five good teams, plus the suburb teams which have flexed a lot of muscle.

Rudy was a standout guard at East and earned All City and All-State honors and went on to star at Colorado State University. His first head coaching job was at Manual where his teams won three state titles. Moving over to East in 1994, Rudy as won 15 city titles and his Angels have captured six state titles (1996, 1999, 2004,

2007, 2008 and 2014). He is tied with nine state titles with Ron Vaslin who coached at Merino, Arapahoe and Littleton high schools.

Under his leadership, many individual players have earned high honors: David Carey, JB Bickerstaff, Kaneil Dickens, CJ Chapman, Stan King, Ross Schraeder, Antonio Porch Sean Ogirri, Donnell Wells, Jamiko Verner, Pierre Curtis, Dominique Collier, Ronnie Harrell, Brian Carey, Daylean Kountz and Kwan Marble to name only a few.

For Rudy to become the number one coach will be a difficult task and would require a few more years. Whatever happens, East can be proud of the way Rudy Carey brought East basketball back to prominence.

East Teacher Leaves Indelible Mark On East High School

When Mark Thalhofer packed up his history classroom for the last time and walked away from East High School, he joined a long list of special teachers who have served the East community and its youth well. After 33 years teaching Ancient history and AP American History, Mark retired from the Denver Public Schools. He will not be completely separated from East, as he remains the head coach of the boys' tennis team, a position he had held for the past 32 years.

A Boettcher Scholar, Mark is one of those "Renaissance" teachers who is well read, enthusiastic about his teaching, highly respected by his students and the East community and who is effective in motivating students toward true learning. His influence on the hundreds of students he has taught and coached is immeasurable and is why he fits the following quote completely: "A teacher affects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops." (Henry Brooks Adams—historian and educator)

He entered East High School in the fall of 1985, after teaching one semester at Grant Junior High. One of the true legends had just recently retired, Price Smith. Mark stepped into these large shoes and began to carve out his own legend in the process. He became good friends with another East High teaching legend Ron Miller (history teacher) and David Rivera (English teacher). He has lost all of these colleagues far too early but is grateful for their friendship and the inspiration from watching them teach.

There is another teacher who was important in his growth and success. When he became the



Mark Thalhofer

teacher of the high-powered Constitutional Scholars program in 2008, he quickly established himself as a true leader. "I would never have been able to do what we have done without the friendship, guidance and behind the scenes work of Beth Gower."

In the 10 years he has been with the program, his young constitutional scholars have won the state completion every year but one and his teams have made the finals each year in national competition. The highlight was winning the national championship once and placing 2nd and 3rd in other competitions.

Mark's tennis teams have been city champions 22 times in his tenure as head coach (1985-2018). What is most remarkable is that in a time when suburban and private schools have dominated the tennis scene, Mark's teams have been the sole bright light in DPS tennis. Although his teams never won a state championship, many of his players have earned individual honors.

Every teaching career happens within a special historical and cultural time frame. Mark commented that the events that made the most impact on him and he believes on his students as well, was the moon landing, Columbine, 911 and the election of Barack Obama, America's first African-American president.

If a country is to become a nation of beautiful minds, three people make the greatest difference: the father, the mother and the teacher. The East High community salutes Mark for the gifts of intellect, leadership professionalism and service he has given to East High School.

Rugby: A Dominant Sport At East

Six State Titles

A new sport at East High School emerged in 1988 and has become a dominant force on the state level. In the spring of 2018, East rugby defeated Regis Jesuit rugby 17-14 to capture the Angel's sixth state rugby championship. East now has six state titles in 20 years with other titles coming in 1997, 2002, 2004, 2009 and 2015.

East is in a league with Regis Jesuit, Monarch, Palmer (Colorado Springs) Dakota Ridge, PAC Misfits (Evergreen) Aurora Saracen, Arapahoe High and Colorado Springs Grizzlies. An unfair criticism has been leveled at the Rugby program in that it has players who are not East High students. However, under the No Child Left Behind legislation, if the school you are attending does not have a specific sports program you can go to the school nearest you. Coach Baer points out that the majority of his team is East students.

Rugby is currently a club sport and is not under the Colorado



High School Activities Association. It has its own governing body. There is some controversy with officially recognized state teams like football, basketball and track which in the past brought numerous state titles back to East. Currently soccer has had its banner years of state competition, but Rugby has fast become a popular

Class Of 1968 Gathers For 50th Reunion!

by Beth Fisher Woodard

We had a great tagline: You're turning 68, you're the class of '68 and for \$68.00 you can attend all 3 celebratory events for our fiftieth reunion. The reunion was held on the weekend of September 7-8, 2018. We came away from the gatherings with a renewed sense of the fine education we received at East and the diverse associations we established.

We had a good time at Syrup on Friday night where the class photo was taken. On Saturday morning we met at East High for a tour which featured the historical highlights of East, given by former teacher, Dick Nelson. Saturday night we were at the View House for dinner and dancing and more reminiscing. (the View House was a great substitute venue, as our original destination closed its doors shortly before our reunion!)

One-hundred-fifty people attended the reunion, which was remarkable. We mourn those who have died and regret we could not locate all of our classmates. The hardest job of all is finding people! We decided to save money by not

printing and mailing invitations. We used email invitations. The good news is our treasurer, Bill Wright, says our account is in the black and we have "seed" money for our 70th Birthday Celebration in August of 2020.

We encourage all of our classmates to stay connected to East. You don't have to use pay sites to keep current on alumni news. We recommend the free East website: eastangelfriends.org. You can stay informed and update your contact information. If you are not currently receiving the *Alumni Spotlight*, please go to the website and add your name!

Pat Abe Self did a magnificent job of putting together our 50th Reunion Memory Book. We still have a few copies should any '68 grad want one. Roz Barki Nigbur at roz99@comcast.net will update your profile if needed. Stay connected!

Kudos to the reunion committee. There is nothing like a dedicated group of classmates who volunteer to serve. Good bonding, a limited time commitment, and life skills all contributed to an action oriented experience.

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Tour of East Saturday morning

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