



Spotlight

East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

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East High Alumni Heritage Hall Announces 2020 Inductees



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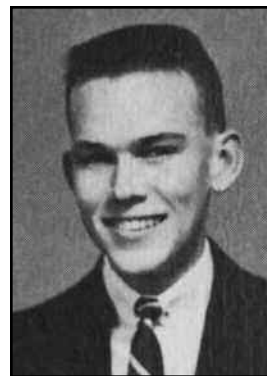
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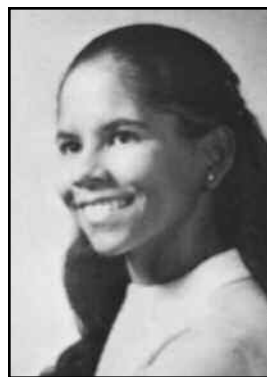
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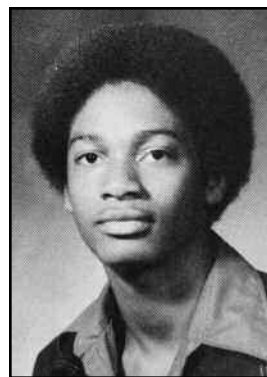
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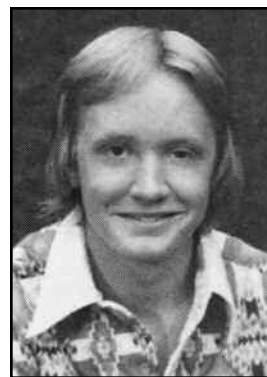
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Joe Barry Carroll, 1976



Christopher Herlinger, 1977



Jordan Casteel, 2007

by Marcia Tremmel Goldstein, Class of 1969, Heritage Hall Selection Committee Chair

The East High Alumni Heritage Hall Selection Committee is pleased to announce the final selection of 14 distinguished alumni who will be officially inducted into the Hall at ceremonies to be held on

Thursday, September 24, 2020.

The East High Alumni Heritage Hall honors alumni (living or deceased) who have, during their lifetimes: made significant and enduring contributions in their fields of endeavor; elevated the stature of East High School and its students; helped open new frontiers for East students and society in general; and inspired others by their example. The 2020 slate of inductees was chosen by the official selection committee, made up of former East High principals, faculty, and alumni.

Heritage Hall is an educational and motivational project sponsored by the East Angel Friends and Alumni Foundation. The Hall highlights the school's rich historical heritage, honors the achievements and diversity of East High alumni, and provides role models for today's students. The unveiling of the Hall took place in September 2008, with gala induction

ceremonies for the first 30 inaugural inductees. After subsequent inductions in 2010, 2013, and 2016, the Hall will now include an impressive total of 91 inductees!

The exhibit of inductee portraits and biographies is located on the third floor, outside the Robert Colwell Library. The elegant cases were built by a crew of East High students, under the direction of East's teacher and master carpenter Joel Noble, and funded by generous alumni supporters around the country and EAFAF.

Heritage Hall 2020 INDUCTEES

Ruth Humphries Brown (1921-2011), Class of 1939 — Pioneer Female Aviator/Philanthropist

Colorado native Ruth Humphries Brown joined the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs) during WWII, flying a target used for ground artillery training. She and her husband DRC Brown were founders of the Aspen Ski Corpor-

ation. A generous philanthropist, Brown spearheaded medical clinics, drug and alcohol treatment centers, ice rinks, ski program for blind skiers, and the country's first Outward Bound program.

Joe Barry Carroll (b. 1958), Class of 1976 — Professional Basketball Champion, Philanthropist, and Author

Seven-foot-tall Joe Barry Carroll played 10 seasons (1980-1991) in the National Basketball Association (NBA). After retiring from basketball, he founded the Carroll Group, a wealth advisory company located in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2014, Carroll won the Hank Aaron Champion for Justice award in recognition of his myriad ongoing philanthropic ventures. Carroll's acclaimed 2014 memoir *Growing Up... In Words and Images* contains paintings and stories of his "rags to riches" life growing up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Denver, his NBA career, and remarkable contributions to the community in retirement.

Jordan Casteel (b. 1989), Class of 2007 — Artist - Portrait Painter

Acclaimed young artist Jordan Casteel descends from national civil rights leaders Whitney and Margaret Buckner Young. After East High, she earned MFA from Yale University prior to moving to New York City's Harlem neighborhood to pursue her painting and teaching career. Using her own photographs as a source, Casteel paints life-size portraits of African-American men and women in domestic environments, street scenes and places of business. Her widely acclaimed 2019 exhibition at the Denver Art Museum, "Jordan Casteel: Returning

the Gaze" brought Casteel and her work unprecedented recognition in her hometown and the nation.

Dr. Renee Cousins King (b. 1952), Class of 1970 — Pediatrician and Philanthropist

Dr. Cousins completed medical school at the Mayo Clinic in 1981, and residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and the University of Colorado Medical School. She has practiced pediatrics in Denver for more than 36 years. Following in the footsteps of her grandfather and father, Dr. Cousins is now investing in the revitalization of Denver's historically Black Five Points neighborhood. She has donated funds to support Denver's Black American West Museum (the former home and office of "baby doctor" Dr. Justina Ford) and other community projects to preserve our city's vibrant multi-cultural history.

Dr. Robert Dupont, Class of 1954 — Psychiatrist and Public Health Advocate

Professor Robert Dupont is an American psychiatrist, known for his advocacy in the field of substance abuse in both the public and private sectors. He is current president of the Institute for Behavior and Health, a Maryland non-profit organization he founded in 1978 whose mission is "to reduce the use of illegal drugs and improve prevention and treatment." He was the second White House Drug Czar from 1973 to 1977 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, and has authored dozens of scientific articles, books, and monographs. In 2018 he authored, *Chemical Slavery: Understanding Addiction and Stopping the Drug Epidemic*.

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David Robinson, Class of 1955, visited East in October 2019 to donate this detailed architectural drawing of East High for display in the Social Room alongside historic photographs depicting both "Old East" and "New East." Alumni donations of photos, documents, yearbooks, and artifacts are always welcome additions to our Tower Museum displays and archives. If you have a donation, please contact Marcia Tremmel Goldstein, Class of 1969, at marciagold@msn.com.

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OPEN HOUSE

East High All School Show

Special Alumni invitation:

East Alumni are invited to attend the Sunday matinee performance of *Sister Act*, March 8, 2020, 2 p.m. Alumni who call ahead and leave their name and class will receive the student price — or "Forever Angel" price of \$8. Thanks to the East Drama Department!! Please call or email Beth Gower: mbgower44@gmail.com, 303-877-3563. The show runs from March 5-8; Adults \$15, Students \$8.

East will also be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on that Sunday, March 8, prior to the matinee performance. The school will be open from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for visitors to tour the school and visit the Tower Museum. A wonderful opportunity to roam the halls of beautiful East High.

President's Message

Greetings East friends and alumni. It has been a very busy year at East so far and we are barely halfway through. This year principal John Youngquist welcomes students back to a newly renovated Commons and a brand new school-based clinic—all thanks to a wonderful new partnership with Denver Health and the generosity of area foundations and individual donors.

EAFAF started the year by raising matching funds for a grant from the Denver Foundation to implement the "Road to Success" program at East. The new program is helping more than 180 low-income students succeed in AP and Honors classes this year.

In the fall, EAFAF's Faculty Grants committee made 26 grants to East faculty and staff, supporting everything from Model UN to ROTC and one for the win-win-win column, a grant to the Special Education department to purchase a coffee cart. The cart is a fun way for students to gain life skills with the added benefit of keeping faculty and staff well caffeinated.

Throughout the year, East's PTSA continues to bring parents and faculty together in fund and creative ways, including hosting parent-teacher potlucks and putting on informative "Angel Talks" on a wide range of important topics. This year's parents event got a chance to tour East's historic clock tower, spend time in the museum and learn firsthand about East's important role in the history of Denver. And speaking of history, visitors to the campus will notice that work has started on the restoration of the second Sullivan Gate. The west-side gate was completed last year and it is truly transformed.

As we do the rest of the year, EAFAF will continue to support Angels in need through programs like Angel Packs and the food pantry, as well as raise funds for an upgrade to the auditorium. Last year, we were able to partner with DOS on a complete overhaul of the sound system and this year we are setting our sights on a new screen and projector to support East's lecture series and to modernize theater productions.

And speaking of special, what all of these many initiatives have in common are the scores of volunteers and donors from the extended community — alumni, parents, faculty, staff and partnering foundations — whose lives were shaped in ways small and large by having spent time at East and who continue to "pay it back" year after year. And for all of that we can all be grateful.

Cameron Bertron
East High Angel Foundation President



2019-2020 Constitutional Scholars State Championship Team

East High Constitutional Scholars 'We the People ... The Citizen And The Constitution'

30 State Titles! National Champions 2019!

In April 2020 East will again be representing Colorado in the National "We the People" competition and trying to recapture the National Championship title. This dedicated 33 member team, once again, defeated Cherry Creek's Grandview High School to win the State Championship. East will compete for the 30th time as State champions.

The 2019-2020 team members are: Nolan Baker, Ava Barish, Lola Barish, Serena Barish, Blake Boyer, Olivia Burton, James Cobb, Teagan Crase, Rajha Davis, Sophia Dinn, Cooper Fallon, William Grawemeyer, Charles Grow, Grace Hall, Leo Kamin, Mia Kieling, Sophie Koenig, Tess Koenig, Kate Kundahl, Kendal Lee, Clay Lichtenwalter, Murphy MacDonald, Jade

Norris, Adam Pfeifer, Sydney Prottass, Haden Ringel, Riley Robinson, Isabella Sanchez, Lilia Scudamore, Talia Traskos-Hart, Vaughn Vial, Lucas Weiss, Charlotte Wolf. Susan McHugh and Matthew Fulford, once again, provide the teaching/coaching expertise.

The national competition is held in Leesburg, Virginia, at the National Conference Center. It is 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 current situations, events, and

issues are the norm.

In addition to the intellectual talents of Susan and Matt, East continues to appreciate the community members, and former East parents who each year contribute hours of their time and expertise to help prepare the new team.

Special thanks to: **Scott Barker, Dan Culhane, Melissa Hart, Jeff Pearson, Paige Romer, Judy Schulmann, Les Volpe, and John Walsh.**

If you wish to help the 2019-2020 Constitutional Scholars team travel to 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.**

Spotlight On East Alums

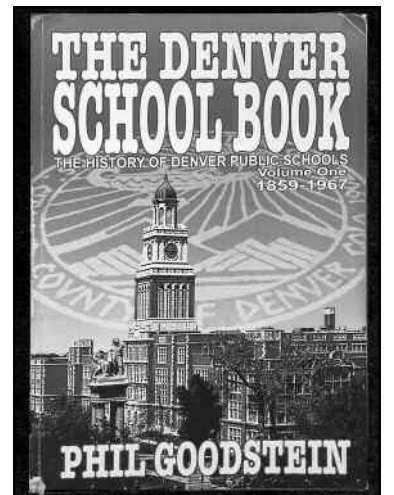
Jordan Casteel: Returning The Gaze

East grad Jordan Casteel had her first solo museum show at the Denver Art Museum where she visited as a young girl growing up in Denver. Casteel's show featured nearly 30 paintings. Using her own photographs, Casteel paints African men and women in domestic environments, street scenes and places of business. They are intimate portraits of often overlooked members of society. She has a deeply empathetic approach to portraiture.

Cissy Nuanes, retired East teacher and museum docent, gave seven tours of the Jordan Casteel exhibit. Cissy and her visitors found the colorful large-scale portraits captivating, many visitors returning for a second time. The exhibit seemed to encourage visitors to interact with one another and be more present in the space.

At the entrance to the exhibition, visitors were invited to take a small card with a detail of Jordan Casteel's work on one side and a prompt on the other. Prompts included: ask someone a question; make eye contact with someone and smile; take a second look and see something new; say hello to someone you don't know and be present and listen. The hope was to activate the gallery with application beyond the museum doors! Jordan Casteel and her work are engaging and thoughtful.

A solo show at the Denver Art Museum is historic, and at age 30! An "Angel" to watch.



Phil Goodstein, Denver's resident historian, has just released the 24th book he has written on some aspect of Denver's history. His new book: The Denver School Book: The history of Denver Public Schools 1958-1967, is a well researched account of the beginning of schooling of Denver's children up through 1967 when busing to achieve integration would radically change things. Phil will be inducted into the East High Alumni Heritage Hall this September. He will be honored for his invaluable preservation of Denver's past. He can be contacted at philgoldstein@gmail.com.



By the summer of 2020, the restoration of East High's 95-year-old wall will be completed. The wall has suffered the ravages of time, sunlight and human neglect. This is good news for all us for it means that when East High celebrates its 100 years on the Esplanade in September 2025, the wall will regain a semblance of its former glory.

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2019

Started in 1926, awards are based on specific qualifications, recommendations, written application, and an interview. Since 2011, and the creation of the East Angel & Alumni foundation (EAFAF), the scholarship program has been supported and funded by the Foundation. East alums also provide scholarships, often a specific class donates in honor of a classmate, or as part of a reunion celebration.

In May 2019, the **East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation**, the **Thomas W. Bean Foundation**, and the **Epstein-Smith family** generously provided scholarship dollars to 21 students totaling \$45,000.

Emily Harrison received the special \$6,000 Alumni & Friends Scholarship. Emily is described by her teachers as intellectually gifted, creative, an agile problem solver, hard-working, incredibly thoughtful and the epitome of a well-rounded student. Emily is a



Emily Harrison

talented piano player, who wrote and performed the musical score for the fall play, a valued member of the speech and debate team and the creator of "Angels Against Abuse." With all this achievement and zest for excellence, her peers find her incredibly easy to work

and communicate with.

Asked about the value of her East High education: "East taught me hard work, gave me a passion for service, taught me to check my privilege and value others' voices, taught me to listen — the hardest of lessons — and to help others."

Additional remarkable East seniors receiving EAFAF scholarships: **Sophia Antonopoulos, Elizabeth Bannister, Elizabeth Cory, Connor Doolan, Phoebe Faganello, Leia Harding, Piolet Jaech, Isabella Kircher, Katherine Lawton, Ann Longsdorf, Noelia Navarro, Mitchell Nelson, Cassidy Nicks, Lindsay Nisperos, Kayla Ro, Nina Ruiz, Frankie Trader, Ann Katherine Kralewski VanDenberg, Kyle Whitbeck, and Nolan Younoszai.**

In addition to the EAFAF scholarships, three other scholarships were awarded. Con Scholar team participants **Adrian Oteiza**, and **Robert Strong** each received a family scholarship in honor of 1992 Con Scholar **Ethan Wolf**, and **Vianne Schein** received a family scholarship in honor of 1996 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: cissy.nuanes@gmail.com; 303-564-7178.

Charlotte McClintock, University of Virginia — I'm currently finishing a Master's at the University of Virginia in quantitative research methods in psychology, using math and statistics to understand people with the hope of applying that work to designing systems around people and human behavior rather than coercing people to fit into existing systems. Outside of coursework, I'm working on some great community-based applied research projects in Charlottesville and beyond, rock climbing, and volunteering on a farm working with kids!

Harrison Scudamore, Columbia University — I'm currently majoring in astrophysics and am considering a minor in women's and gender studies. I'm still on the Columbia track and cross-country team.

Phoebe Faganello, University of Washington — I just finished my first quarter of college at the University of Washington in Seattle, and I have been loving every minute of it. I have been exploring the city as well as the many types of outdoor terrain that Washington offers such as canoeing, hiking and skiing. I enjoyed each of my classes, especially a seminar that allowed me to intern in a first-grade classroom in a Seattle Public School. My major is currently undeclared but I plan on choosing a subject in the social sciences. I'm looking forward to the rest of my time at UW and am eternally grateful for the Cleworth Scholarship that allowed me to attend this amazing school.

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.

Cleworth Scholarship Recipients

In 2016, East graduate Monty Cleworth '78 established the **Cleworth LEAP Scholarship** — a merit-based award of \$25,000 renewable annually for up to four years. It is intended to facilitate a student's LEAP to continued academic excellence at a postsecondary institution. The scholarship award is based on outstanding academic achievement as indicated by transcript, test scores and teacher recommendations. To date, there have been five Cleworth LEAP Scholarship recipients.

Anna Martens, Bowdoin College — I am now a senior at Bowdoin College and, after some last-minute changes, I am a Hispanic Studies and Education double major with a Biology minor. I really enjoy playing violin in the orchestra and a small chamber group. I keep busy by also co-leading two clubs and holding three on-campus jobs, but I love each of my activities. Sometimes I even find a moment to explore the beautiful state of Maine!

Maya Younoszai, Smith College — I am a junior at Smith College with a major in government and a minor in public policy. I have spent this semester studying public health and policy in Copenhagen, Denmark, and have used the opportunity to explore Europe! While at Smith I also enjoy competing for the swim and dive team (I dive) and leading tours for prospective students.

2020 Heritage Hall Inductees

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Adm. Edward Ellsberg (1891-1983), Class of 1909 — Navy Admiral, Military Historian

Rear Admiral Ned Ellsberg pioneered engineering techniques for rescuing and salvaging sunken ships during World War I and II, and became the U.S. Navy's most prolific writer, authoring 17 books. Ned graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1914. He also created the artificial harbors that were vital to the success of Allied ships at Normandy on D Day. His book *On the Bottom* was a national best seller and his book *Pigboats* was made into a successful movie — "Hell Below." He received 13 military decorations including the prestigious Navy Cross. **Gladys Caldwell Fisher (1887-1952), Class of 1926 — Sculptor and Art Educator**

Gladys Fisher studied at the Beaux-Arts Atelier, and in Paris at the Solon with Jose de Creft. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, she served as an artist in the Works Progress Administration, sculpting pieces in her favorite genre — animals carved from native stone. Her two Rocky Mountain Sheep stone sculptures, commissioned in 1936, still grace the front entrance of Denver's Byron White U.S. Courthouse (former U.S. Post Office). Her works can be found at the City and County Building, the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Public Library, and other public places in the western region.

Phil Goodstein (b. 1952), Class of 1970 — Author and Historian

Dr. Phil Goodstein is one of Denver's most prolific historians — authoring more than 20 books on our city's vibrant past. The "urban historian" has deep roots in the Jewish community in Denver and his native Capitol Hill neighborhood. He is noted for documenting controversial issues as the influence of the Ku Klux Klan in Denver politics, the 1970s police scandal, and the era of school integration and busing in the Denver schools. His latest book traces the history of the Denver Public Schools: *The Denver School Book, 1859-1967*.

Gerie Grimes (b. 1950), Class of

1968 — Community Activist

Gerie Grimes is President & CEO of Hope Center, where for 36 years she has led this Park Hill-based non-profit that enables children and adults to become productive members of their community. Grimes has also provided leadership to dozens of community health and empowerment organizations. Her decades of service have earned her the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award in 2013, the Minoru Yasui Community Service award in 2011, the Mary McLeod Bethune Award of Achievement in 2013, and induction into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2018.

Christopher Herlinger (b. 1959), Class of 1977 — Journalist and Author

Chris Herlinger's passion for journalism began as editor of the *East High Spotlight*. His endless thirst for learning took him to Macalester College, then to Union Seminary to earn a Master of Divinity, and M.A. in communications from Cambridge University (England.) After cutting his teeth in small town newspapers, Herlinger became the chief communications officer for Church World Service. He has written as an "imbedded" reporter in tense situations throughout Africa, Afghanistan, Haiti, Indonesia, and the Balkans. He is the author of three books: *Hope Remains Fragile in Afghanistan*, *Rubble Nation: Haiti's Pain and Haiti's Promise* and *When Mercy Fails: Darfur's Struggle*.

Alan Titus (b. 1945), Class of 1963 — International Opera Singer

Alan Titus showed talent performing on stage in East's production of "High Button Shoes." After pursuing opera at the Juilliard School, his career launched with his breakthrough performance in a leading role in Leonard Bernstein's "The MASS," in 1971. The acclaimed baritone enjoyed a 40-year career singing in prestigious opera houses in Milan, Paris, Vienna, Munich, Rome, London, and Japan. He was a regular at the New York City Opera and has recorded dozens of performances in audio and film. Titus earned the title "Kammersanger der Bayerischen Staatsoper Munchen" in 1994 and

has now retired in Germany.

Sister Mary Luke Tobin (1908-2006), Class of 1926 — Sister of Loretto and Peace Activist

Sister Mary Luke Tobin joined the two centuries old order, Sisters of Loretto, while attending Loretto Heights College. Tobin was one of 15 nuns world-wide to attend the Second Vatican Council ("Vatican II") and was a persistent advocate of ordination of women as Catholic priests. As a follower of Trappist monk Thomas Merton, she committed her life to social activism and interfaith religious understanding. She joined protests and civil disobedience arrests at the Rocky Flats Weapons Plant demanding a stop to nuclear proliferation.

Wilcox, Philip, Jr., (b. 1937), Class of 1954 — Diplomat and United States Ambassador

Distinguished diplomat Philip Wilcox joined the foreign service in 1966, and served in U.S. Embassies in Laos, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and as Chief of Mission and U.S. General Counsel in Jerusalem, Israel. In the U.S. State Department, he served as Director for Israeli and Arab Israeli Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, and other posts. After retirement in 1997, Ambassador Wilcox served until 2014 as President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, devoted to fostering peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Andrew Woolfolk (b. 1950), Class of 1968 — Musician and Recording Artist: Earth, Wind & Fire

Andrew is an accomplished musician, specializing in flute, saxophone, and percussion. He was a long-serving member of the Grammy-award winning and prolific rhythm and blues band, Earth, Wind & Fire (EW&F) from 1973 to 1993. Woolfolk was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000 as a member of EW&F. He has performed on 63 different albums for EW&F and other artists including Deneice Williams, Stanley Turrentine, Phil Collins, and Philip Bailey. With EW&F he has 14 Grammy nominations and six wins.

keeping East in good condition. Lafayette Rockette is finishing his 20th year as head facility manager and has become the "true custodian" of East High School.

There is something about the building itself that fosters a desire to keep it in fine shape. It is a great example of one of Denver's prestigious historic buildings. Lafayette developed a love for the building and its history. Alumni, former staff members, and all present and former parents are deeply grateful for his care.

The Arapahoe School bell, located on the South grounds, is one of the few artifacts from "Old East" to have survived. The bell served as a clarion call to students to come to school from the years 1874-1880. In 1881, East Side High School was opened at 20th and California. The bell was saved before the razing of the Arapahoe School and would come to East in 1925.

Sometime in the early years at East, the bell was given a coat of aluminum paint. Lafayette took it upon himself to get the DPS grounds department involved and recently the bell was restored to its original look. A bronze plaque is attached to the pedestal to provide a history of the old bell.

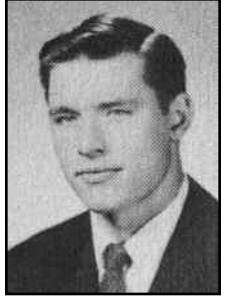
Thanks to Lafayette one crucial piece of East's history has been lovingly preserved. Thank you Lafayette for all you do in what can be a thankless job.

Flights Of Angels – Alumni

WILLIAM FROGGE III

Class of 1954

William was born in 1936 and passed away on October 20, 2019. While at East Bill played football under Coach Pat Panek. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a business degree.



William Frogge

SALLY ROBINSON GEIST

Class of 1954 • 1936-2015

Sally graduated from East High School in 1954. She graduated from Mills College in Oakland, California. She settled in Bellevue, Washington, where she established a successful recruiting firm. She married Carl Geist in 1984.

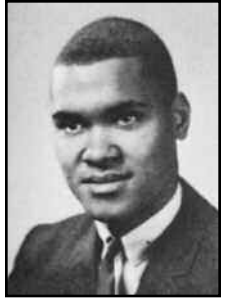


Sally Geist

DR. BERNARD GIPSON JR.

Class of 1966 • 1948-2019

Dr. Bernard Gipson Jr. was born Oct 1, 1948, and passed away on Nov. 21, 2019. He graduated from East High School in 1966. "Bernie" played basketball for East and was active in the choir and Angelaires. He attended Syracuse University on a basketball/academic scholarship. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy as the chief surgeon for the Blue Angels from 1974-1979. He spent his career as a medical physician at the Veterans Affairs in Panama City, Florida.



Bernard Gipson

JEANNINE (LAPERRIERE) GRAY

Class of 1949

Jeannine and her late husband Milton Gray lived in Lakewood for 44 years. She was active member of the Lakewood community and worked as a teacher's assistant in Jeffco elementary schools. She was an active artist and loved music and the arts. She was a regular at Central City and Santa Fe Operas.



Zinnette Moore

ZINNETTE SPORE MOORE

Class of 1940 • 1922-2019

"Zinny" was born in Boise, Idaho, but she moved to Denver and graduated from East High School in 1940 and she earned a BA degree from the University of Colorado. She married Dick Moore and in 1967 they moved to Aspen.

MORTON PEPPER

Class of 1948 • 1930-2020

Morton Pepper passed away on January 22, 2020, in Overland Park, Kansas. He was a proud third generation Coloradan. His grandfather pioneered in the late 1800s. While attending East High he was an outstanding track competitor and was an All-State winner in the 1948 state track meet in high jump. He served his country in the Korean War and returned to earn a degree in Geology from Tulane University in 1952.



Morton Pepper

JOAN (FRAZIER) VERNER

Class of 1949

Joan was born on December 15, 1931, and passed away on November 19, 2019. She graduated from East High School in 1949. Shortly thereafter, she met and married someone who would be her soul mate, Jack Verner.



Joan Frazier

LEE E. SCHLESSMAN: DENVER PHILANTHROPIST
Class of 1944

b. November 29, 1926 • d. March 3, 2019

Lee Schlessman graduated from East High School in 1944. After graduation, he served two years in the Navy Air Corps. In 1950, he earned a B.A. degree in Business Administration from Colorado College. He became one of Colorado's leading businessmen. He found his career as president and chairman of the board of Greeley Gas Co. He would later merge this company into Atmos Energy Co. in Dallas, Texas, and would serve on the board.

In 1956 Lee would serve as the president and chairman of the Board of Schlessman Family Foundation. Since its inception, this foundation has granted 54 million dollars to over 800 charities. The mission of the foundation was to support programs that would contribute to the enrichment and sustainability of the Denver community. The philanthropy centered on children, families, seniors, immigrants, refugees and people with disabilities. In November 2019, the Schlessman Family Foundation received the Outstanding Foundation Award at the National Philanthropy Day Colorado Event.

While at East, Lee was a member of the golf team. He would continue his life-long interest in recreational activities and became a leader in the YMCA movement in Denver. A YMCA center located in University Hills was named in his honor in 1984. He would earn YMCA Hall of Fame Honors in 1984 and he would be named Layman of the Year in 1983.

Flights – Faculty

JOHN JACKSON

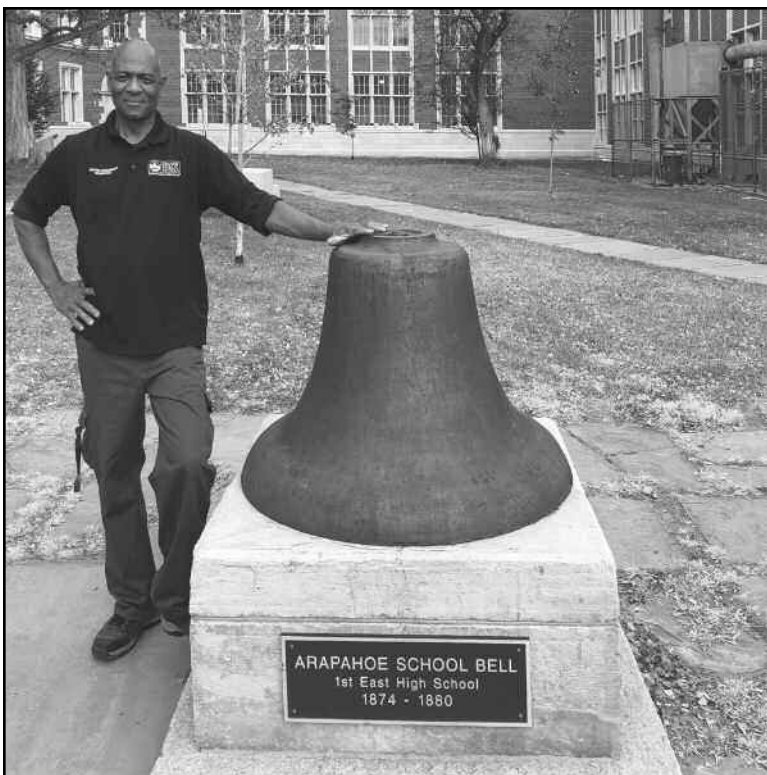
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John was a teacher and librarian for the Denver Public Schools. The majority of those years were spent as the librarian at East High School.

HAL WOODS

B. 1925, D. August 13, 2018

Hal Woods was a renowned physics teacher at East High School in the 1980s and 1990s. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" He was raised on a farm in Kansas, graduated from Wichita State University and served as a U.S. Marine in World War II and Korea.



Lafayette Rockette stands by the original Arapahoe School Bell. He spearheaded a project to have the bell restored to its original look.

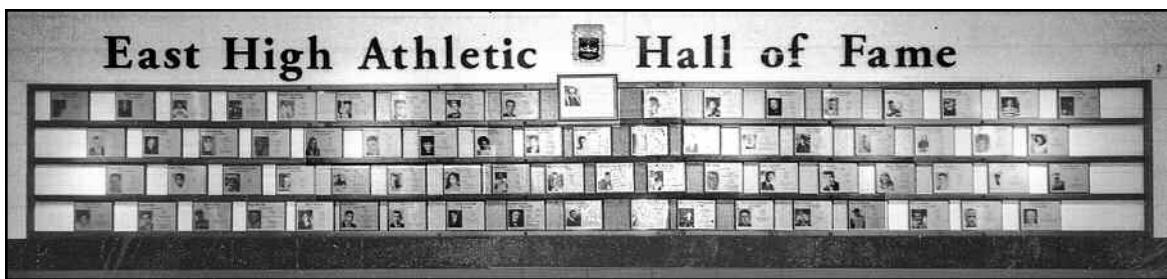
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Help us to keep track of you when you move.

We can then be confident that alumni materials will continue to be sent to you.

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and click on "Contact" to update your information.



East High Athletic Hall Adds New Inductees

On October 5, 2019, East alums came together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of athletics at East High School and to recognize the 22 athletes being inducted into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame.

This was the seventh ceremony of the Hall, which was started in 2007 to recognize special athletes in East's long history. With this new class, the Hall has honored a total of 259 athletes and coaches. The list includes 175 male athletes, 56 female athletes and 28 coaches. Send nominations to Richard

Nelson, dick_n_jan@yahoo.com, or to the East High Athletic Director at terita_berry@dpsk12.org.

The 2019 East High Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees

Male Inductees

1911 James Holland Track
1939 Irving Shwayder Football
1940 John Adams Baseball
1941 Gus Hughes Wrestling
1942 George Hughes Wrestling
1952 Tom Flugstad Football
1957 Bob Wynne Tennis
1965 Brad Moses Gymnastics
1966 Keith Rausch Basketball

1974 Keefe Perkins Baseball
1993 Jay Veau Basketball
1993 Ryan Short Soccer

2014 Dominique Collier Basketball
Female Inductees

2002 Mollie Maxfield Soccer
2007 Nellie Hayes Lacrosse
2007 Kayla Roper Volleyball
2010 Samantha Sanders Basketball
2013 Francesca Sally Basketball
2014 Natalia Dellavalle Tennis
2014 Haley Jenkins Field Hockey
2015 Kenya Lindstrom Softball
Coach
Beth Hinz Soccer

A LOOK BACK

Paul Whiteman – The 'King Of Swing'

Editors Note: East High has long claimed Paul Whiteman as one of its most noteworthy alumni. Although there seems to be no conclusive evidence that Paul graduated from East, we do know that he attended East and was a member of his father's (Wilberforce Whiteman) orchestra. Max Flanagan wrote a story in The Denver Post in 1983. A portion of that

long article is repeated in this story.

The humorless J. Wilberforce Whiteman arrived in Denver in 1887 as music supervisor of the Denver Public Schools. Ruling with an iron hand, he would hold that job for 32 years and would spread his gifts to all of the five Denver High Schools.

Paul was born March 28, 1890.



Paul Whiteman

From the beginning, Wilberforce tried to instill in his son a love of rhythm and harmony. He was unsuccessful in getting his young son to take to the violin but eventually Paul tried the viola and a feeling of relief filled the Whiteman household. Paul, when he was a student at East High School would become the principal viola player for the Denver Symphony Orchestra. To earn extra money, Paul could be seen playing piano for the "talkies" in many of Denver's movie houses.

Following a tour of duty with the Navy in World War I, Paul headed west for California. He would attain the controversial title of the "King of Jazz." He was cranking out music that resembled jazz, but with strings and sweet tunes. This would be far removed from what was going on in New Orleans and Harlem nightclubs.

After making a European tour and signing a hefty contract with Victor Talking Machines, Whiteman set the music world on its ear with his greatest concert at New York's Aeolian Hall on February 12, 1924. Leading classical artists — Heifetz, Stokowski, Stravinsky and Rachmaninoff — sat in the audience. At the piano sat an unknown 24-year old pianist/composer Whiteman had found teaching songs to vaudevillians in a publishing house. White raised his Baton, and George Gershwin launched into the premiere of "Rhapsody in Blue."

A Blast From The Past

The Magic Behind The Strapless Corsage

Written by Denver Post writer Bettie I. Lopez, Spring 1954

Several months ago, Dominic Zarlengo, physics teacher at East Denver High School, was working in his laboratory after class when two girls approached him with a problem.



Mr. Zarlengo

way and that until he came up with the design. The circular part of the device slips inside the bra. Above the rounded section is a pair of jaws which clamp the corsage into place at the bodice line of the dress ... the holder is concealed...

Zarlengo was never surprised by the usual frustrated questions about molecular physics. He had to take a few moments to steady himself when the girls asked him if he could work out a way they could wear corsages on their strapless dresses (the prom was nearing).

Zarlengo who had several patented inventions to his credit went to work... He toyed around with plastic rods, shaping them this

After applying for a patent on his "Floral Bra," Zarlengo manufactured 400 samples of the holder. He distributed these among high school and college girls who tested them... Florists were also delighted with Zarlengo's invention, and took over the distribution.

In the photo, Carolyn Reese, Marilyn Epstein, Judy Goldstein, Barbara Gregg and Judee Haipern model the corsages.



East High Open House Draws Alumni And Memories

A Look Back In East History (30th Anniversary of the East Tower Museum)

by Elizabeth Washburn (1990)

East High Spotlight reporter

The East High Gala Open House on October 22 was tagged a "big experiment by coordinator Beth Gower, a former East teacher and a member of the committee that established the museum. The event was actually a great success as over 300 alumni and friends flowed through the doorway between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on "Broncos Sunday" November 5, 1989.

Inside the door, East students from Student Council, National Honor Society, yearbook and newspaper staffs and cheerleaders were present to lead guests up to the newly renovated tower. There, people read old newspapers and looked at old photos and memorabilia housed in newly built cases.

The East Jazz Band performed in the auditorium and the Angelaires sang in the main lobby. Beth Gower and other alumni who work on the newly

organized Alumni and Friends of East were on hand to interpret the history of East High and to reveal a lot of historical memorabilia, much of it donated by East High Alumni.

Also on hand was Jack Smith who would become the first curator of the new museum and Ed Nichols (class of 1939) who donated his father's diploma from the class of 1897 with the signatures of William Smiley, East principal, and Aaron Gove, superintendent of Denver Schools.

Ilene Stein of the class of 1914 donated one of her paintings and was on hand to view its debut. Bill Garrison of the class of 1937 sat with his wife reminiscing about the switch from the old building downtown to the new school on the Esplanade.

The open house brought the richness of the past together with the vitality of the present and the potential of the future.

Editors Note: Mark your calendars for September 2025, when the present school building will be 100 years old. Keep in touch over the next five years for information on any festivities to be planned.

East Alumni Happenings

'COMING TOGETHER'

Class Of 1969 50th Reunion A Success

On a sunny Saturday September afternoon this year, 117 classmates entered East High, some for the first time in 50 years.

They started the reunion celebration with a tour of East High School, which was followed by a class picture on the front steps and conversations over box lunches. The festivities continued in the evening at the Soiled Dove Underground below The Tavern Lowry. Classmates and their 40 guests entered into the vibe of the '60s and '70s, elaborate table decorations of fresh flowers and floating candles, and a rolling slideshow of yearbook pictures and a video of a 1968 football game.

Names of Fallen Angels were displayed in a lighted showcase. An after dinner trivia competition was held before a program that paid tribute to 14 veterans from the class of 1969. The dance floor was cleared of tables and the dancing began. Classmate John Standley commented on the reunion saying, "It made the impossible possible — time travel. Fifty years melted away in a matter of moments and stayed away for one glorious day and night."

The class of 1969 made a gift of \$4,100 to the East Angels Friends and Alumni Foundation. One half of the gift will go toward the EAFAF student assistance fund and the other half toward the purchase of a better sound system in the auditorium.

SPECIAL EVENT – ALUMNI MATINEE

The Diary Of Anne Frank Fall Play In The Black Box

Fifty East alums attended the November 2, 2019, matinee performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The Alumni/History Committee of EAFAF extended the invitation and organized the gathering. The alums gathered an hour prior to the performance and had a great time socializing. The performance received rave reviews from attending alumni; they found the performance and the creativity of the production inspiring and emotional.

Jack Adler, a well known Holocaust survivor, was unable to attend this special matinee. Fortunately, the cast and crew of *The Diary of Anne Frank* were able to spend time with Jack prior to the start of their play rehearsals.

Drama teacher Matt Murphy said, "One of the highlights of my teaching career was sitting on the stage with the cast, crew, and Flo Wagner, listening to Jack speak to the students on the power of love and the gift in believing. People are good, choose love over hate and forgive."

Jack's words and story found a special place in the hearts of all those listening, especially when they realized Jack and Anne Frank were only miles apart at nearby camps — similar ages and sentiments on life. As Jack was leaving, Matt asked if there was something he should include in the theater production. Jack said, "Just tell the story, the story matters."



EAST FACULTY/STAFF/ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Hosted By East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

On Monday, January 6, 2020, the gracious East lobby was the scene of a gathering of teachers, staff, former principals, alumni and friends of East. The Alumni/History Committee of the East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation organized the breakfast. The biennial breakfast recognizes, rewards and celebrates the teachers and staff for their standard of excellence. It also provides an opportunity to mingle with alumni and friends of East.

Cameron Bertrom, President of EAFAF, and proud former East parent, told the group of 200 the breakfast tradition started in 2006 as a thank you to the outstanding East faculty and staff, and as a reminder of the long and significant history of East. The breakfast provides an opportunity for the current keepers of the East legacy to converse with alums who have shared the traditions of East, benefitted from them, and continue to enrich East. Principal John Youngquist was the official master of ceremonies.

Along with a catered breakfast, by Toque Blanche, there was a drawing for 55 prizes. Committee members, Beth Gower, Cary Lyford Self (1983), and Sheila MacDonald (1983), created fun and excitement giving out a total of \$1,600 in various gift cards to restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, department stores, and a four one hundred dollar bills! The prizes were compliments of EAFAF, the East parent community and alumni committee members. A real tribute to the faculty and staff!

Former East principals, Rick Arthur, Kathy Callum (class of '68) and Andy Mendelsberg were in attendance. Longtime alum supporters, Judith Berg (1954), Joe Blake (1954) Dennis Blum (1969), Stephanie Cross (1987), Dan Culhane (1985), Claudia R. Hill (1953), Marcia Goldstein (1969), Brenda Owen (1961), Bill Robinson (1947), David Stern (1965), Vonnie Wheeler (1956), former East teacher, and forever volunteer, Richard Nelson, and longtime volunteer, and former East parent Edward Volpe, shared their time and history. East students continue to be enriched and benefit from our generous friends and alumni — we are grateful for their loyal interest and participation!!