



Spotlight

East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

January 2016

East High Alumni Heritage Hall Announces 2016 Inductees

The East High Alumni Heritage Hall Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of 16 distinguished alumni who will be officially inducted into the Hall at ceremonies to be held September 20, 2016.

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 2016 slate of inductees was chosen by the official selection committee, made up of former East High principals, faculty, and alumni. The committee worked from a list of more than 70 worthy nominees, and selected the final 16 on the basis of those nominees who best met the above criteria, and as a group, best represented the school's rich heritage of diversity of race, ethnicity, gender, field of achievement, and generation.

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 Sep-



Louisa Ward Arps, 1919



Lawrence Adler, 1953



James Blue, 1953



Linden Blue, 1954



Malcolm Boyd, 1940



Edward Costigan, 1892



Mabel Costigan, 1892



Larry Dunn, 1971



Philip Gilliam, 1925



Ruth Mosko Handler, 1934



Christopher Hart, 1965



John Lounsbury, 1930



Jerry Northern, 1958



Purnell Steen, 1959



David Stern, 1965



Spencer Titley, 1946

tember 2008, with gala induction ceremonies for the first 30 inaugural inductees. After subsequent inductions in 2010 and 2013, the Hall will now include an impressive total of 77 inductees!

1. Louisa Ward Arps (1901-1984), Class of 1919 — Author/Historian

Louisa spent her life enjoying the natural beauty and history of Colorado. A noted historian and librarian during her lifetime, she wrote the still-popular book: *Denver in Slices: A Historical Guide of the City*.

2. Lawrence Adler, Class of 1953 — Lawyer/Civic Leader

Larry has been a quiet but powerful force in building a prosperous, fair, and equitable community in Denver. He has contributed generously both his time and treasure to myriad community and non-profit institutions, while pursuing three highly successful careers simultaneously — the practice of law, restaurant ownership, and real estate development.

3. James Neal Blue, Class of 1953; Linden Stanley Blue, Class of 1954 — Aviation Executives

These two brothers went into

business together from a young age. Profitable businesses have led them both into the Fortune 500, and now they are the leading manufacturers of unmanned aircraft, known as "drones."

4. Reverend Malcolm Boyd, (1923-2015), Class of 1940 — Episcopal Priest/Social Activist

Malcolm Boyd began his career as a successful executive in Hollywood, but in 1955 he became an Episcopal priest, and joined the Civil Rights movement. He gained notoriety with his book on religion and justice, *Are You Running with Me Jesus*, and later as an advocate for gay rights.

5. Edward Prentiss Costigan (1874-1939), Class of 1892 — U.S. Senator; Mabel Cory Costigan (1873-1951), Class of 1892 — Educator, Women's Rights Leader

Edward Costigan was a United States Senator from Colorado during the 1930s, and was a leading progressive lawmaker supporting the New Deal in Colorado.

Mabel Costigan married her East High classmate Edward Costigan, and became a leading national women's rights advocate.

In 1928, she founded Colorado League of Women Voters and was its first President.

6. Larry Dunn, Class of 1971 — Earth, Wind and Fire Keyboardist/Songwriter

Larry's career began when he joined his East High friend Philip Bailey (Class of 1969, and 2008 Heritage Hall Inductee) in the infamous "Earth, Wind and Fire," and was the Grammy award-winning band's leading keyboardist and song writer from 1972-1983. He is an inductee into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

7. Honorable Philip Brewster Gilliam (1925-1975), Class of 1925 — Denver Juvenile Court Judge

Judge Philip Gilliam was Denver's beloved and effective juvenile court judge from 1940 until his

death in 1975. The city's juvenile detention center was named in his honor — the Philip B. Gilliam Youth Service Center.

8. Ruth Mosko Handler (1916-2002), Class of 1934 — Businesswoman/Barbie Doll Inventor

Ruth and her husband founded Mattel toy manufacturers. Her creation of the "Barbie Doll" became a world-wide sensation and cultural icon, which sold over a billion dolls in 250 countries. Handler later emerged as an advocate for breast cancer survivors.

9. Christopher Hart, Class of 1965 — Executive Director National Transportation Safety Board

Chris Hart combined aerospace engineering degrees, a Harvard law degree, and his love of flying into a remarkable career as a leading transportation safety expert. In 2009, he was nominated by president Obama to be the Executive Director of the National Transportation Safety Board, where he still serves with distinction.

10. John Lounsbury (1911-1976), Class of 1930 — Artist/Walt Disney Animator

Lounsbury was one of "Disney's Old Men" — the original animators that made Walt Disney studios great. His cartoon films included *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Dumbo*, *Song of the South*, *Lady and the Tramp*, *Peter Pan*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*.

11. Dr. Jerry Northern, Class of 1958 — Audiologist/Humanitarian

Jerry co-founded the Colorado Hearing Foundation and taught for 26 years at University Hospital as a professor of audiology. He has traveled worldwide to offer pro bono assistance to the hearing-impaired.

12. Purnell Steen, Class of 1959 — Jazz Pianist/Civil Rights Advocate

Purnell Steen has been playing piano since age 4, and is now a fixture of the Denver Jazz scene as leader of Le Jazz Machine. Steen has long contributed to the cultural enrichment of the Denver community, as a musician and lifelong civil rights activist.

13. David Stern, Class of 1965 — CEO/Software Innovator

David Stern developed one of the top software designs in the history of NASA — a software program called Interactive Data Language (IDL) which was used in NASA's space probes Mariner Mars 7 and 9, and the Hubble Space Telescope. He later founded Kidstek, a non-profit dedicated to increasing science literacy in young people.

14. Dr. Spencer Titley, Class of 1946 — Mining And Economic Geologist, University Professor

Spencer Titley has been an internationally renowned professor of economic geology, specializing in porphyry copper deposits, the most economically important type of copper deposit in the world. Titley also has trained Apollo astronauts about the geology of the moon.

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Denver Art Museum
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6:30-9:30 p.m.
Information: mbgower44@gmail.com

President's Message

Time flies for Angels. With one of my "Angels" now a sophomore in college, one poised to graduate from East in May and a potential Angel (8th grader daughter) waiting in the "wings", one realizes how important it is to pause and appreciate the East High School experience. An important driver of that experience is the East High Angel Foundation – powered over many years by alumni, parents, faculty/staff and a host of community members. The Foundation is engaged in a host of wide-ranging activities with one goal: continue East High School's tradition of education excellence. We do this by supporting students, faculty/staff and Angel alumni in the following ways:

Academic/Student support

- By funding professional and classroom-related grant requests and through a dedicated discretionary fund for specific needs as identified by the principal.
- By funding academic support programs.
- Through scholarship funding and monetary support via the Student Assistance Fund.
- Through nutrition assistance and meal support in the Angel Packs and Food Pantry program.

This year we funded 35 teacher grants for approximately \$50,000 in 14 different areas for classroom and curricular enhancements including Speech & Debate, Theatre, Instrumental Music and Special Education; the December food pantry (open for two hours monthly) served 57 families and a host of students each week through the year.

Graduate support

- By facilitating strong alumni engagement through programs that connect alumni to East and to each other.

This fall we hosted alumni reunions, a homecoming-based alumni social and planning has commenced on our next Heritage Hall event, slated for September 20, 2016, where 16 distinguished East High alumni will be recognized.

East Angel Legacy Preservation

- Through capital development programs that seek to improve and maintain the East campus, which is a Denver Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

2015 saw us conclude the renovation of the \$450,000 Benson College and Guidance Counseling Center and we have embarked on evaluating what we can do to improve our much-loved and much-used auditorium — stay tuned!

Through your generous support during the year-end fundraising push, we achieved more than 80% of our \$125,000 goal for 2015-16 — many thanks and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016!

Sincerely,

Julie Bock

East High Angel Foundation President

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

In April 2016 East will once again be representing Colorado in the National "We the People" competition. This hard working 23 member team beat Cherry Creek's Grandview High School to win the State Championship. East will participate for the 26th time as State Champions. In the 29-year history of the program East has lost the State title only twice — 2002 and 2014.

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.

As with all East teams they underwent rigorous preparation with their coach and teacher Mark Thalhofer, along with hours of help from local attorneys. East is fortunate, and so grateful, to have loyal community members and former East parents who each year contribute their time and talents to help prepare the new team.



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

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!

The 2015-2016 team members are: Jordyn Abrams, Jack Cohen, Joseph Danahey, Eric Dellavalle,

William Donovan, Abigail Ellstrom, Elizabeth Golding, Jackson Harris, Ava Holle, Benjamin Krauss, Maria Passarelli, Caitlin Quinn, Daniel Sanderson, Madeline Scholtz, William Schor, Joseph Shuman, Kai Smith, James Squillante, Elizabeth Strong, Andrew Talley, Annika Witt, Clio Wohlgemant, Maya Younoszai.

If you wish to help the 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.



The 2015-2016 East High School Constitutional Scholars Team

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2015

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, the scholarship program has been supported and funded 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 2015, with the generosity of the East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation, Thomas W. Bean Foundation, the Epstein-Smith Family, and James Reece (1960), 17 students received a total of \$45,000.

Ashia Shakira Ajani received the special \$6,000 Alumni and Friends Scholarship. An East English teacher described Ashia as, "One of the most enlightened minds I have ever encountered in my classroom. Her curiosity is continual and concentrated, and she works harder than any student." Ashia is a multi-talented young woman. With all of her academic gifts and strengths, (writing, math and science) she has a deep love of music and is truly musically talented, participating in the East Jazz Combo and musical productions at East as a pianist for all four high school years. Ashia is also athletic, multi-lingual, and the more she knows, the more she knows she wants to know.



Ashia Ajani

When asked about the value of her East High education: "My East High education stems primarily from three facets: East is a microcosm for America; the rigor of the curriculum offered; and the teachers. I believe that East embodies the mindset that all people can be advanced with education. Seeing this inclusion has made me realize how important education is, and how education can be used to connect people from all facets of life. The diversity of East allows one to more clearly see how viewpoints can be influenced by upbringing and environment. Being a student at East has taught me the

importance of listening to other perspectives, as they may provide a common thread, or something completely new and equally important. The East environment, the rigorous curriculum, and the abilities of the teachers I have studied under have filled my time at East with discovery about myself, as well as the world around me. I am grateful I attended a school that embraces diversity, personal growth and engaged, active teachers."

Other remarkable and achieving East seniors receiving EAFAF scholarship recipients: Dureti Ahmed, Caroline Berzins, Don' Alya Bridges-Farrow, Janae Brown, RheaDawn Chiles, Chris Dudley, Madison Ferner, Jonathan Garcia, Grace Hancock, Andrea Ku, Emma Laub, Jessica Martinez, Kiaralexis Najera, Travonn Redding, Samuel Sachnoff, and Jade Thornton.

In addition to the EAFAF Scholarships, five other scholarships were awarded. Two students received a James E. Tracy scholarship. A scholarship established by family and friends of former East principal and alum, James E. Tracy. And three students, Con Law Team participants, received family scholarships in honor of former Con Law students Ethan Wolf and Emily L. Saslow. "Tracy" recipients were Daniel Garcia and Angel Oaxaca. Mackenzie Mathias, Dylan Salzman and Katherine Strong received the Wolf and Saslow awards.

To give a scholarship in your name, your family's name, or in honor of your graduating class, contact Cissy Nuances: cissynuances@gmail.com, 303-564-7178; or mbgower44@gmail.com.

We are always seeking tax-deductible donations for deserving students! These scholarships make a difference!

Obituaries

David Tate Peters (August 5, 1946-December 16, 2015) — David Peters, longtime East teacher, passed away following complications with surgery on December 16, 2015. Dave earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas University, a Masters from Columbia University and an MBS from Claremont Graduate School. He was also selected to study one summer at Oxford University, Exeter College.

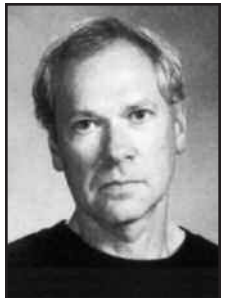
At East, he taught AP Economics and AP European History. He worked with the East High Constitutional Scholars program and started an East High School European Summer Excursion. He was nominated three times for the Colorado Economics Teacher of the Year Award. Dave also coached boys and girls track and cross country at East.

Deborah Bushnell (August 8, 1947-December 3, 2015) — Deborah Bushnell, longtime college counselor at East High School died December 3, 2015. Deborah was a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and became well known for her achievements in promoting college counseling at Denver East High School and Regis Jesuit High School.

She was named to the Hall of Fame of the Colorado Council on High School-College Relations and in 2001 received the Life-time Achievement Award from the same organization.

Gary Owen Henson (1940-2015) — Gary Henson was a scholar athlete at East High School and graduated with the class of 1958. He was a stellar athlete (football), a marine, and a NFL football player with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Denver Broncos. He was a graduate of the University of Colorado.

He was elected into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame.



David Peters



Deborah Bushnell



Gary Henson

East Teacher In The News: New Northeast Campus Named After East High Teacher

The Denver Public School board voted unanimously to name the new Far Northeast Campus in honor of the late Regis Groff who taught history at Smiley, Lake Junior High and East High School. Regis was also a state lawmaker from 1974-1994. Regis passed away in 2014.

The Regis Groff Campus, located at 18250 East 51st Avenue in the Green Valley area, houses two schools: KIPP High School and Strive Prep Rise High School.

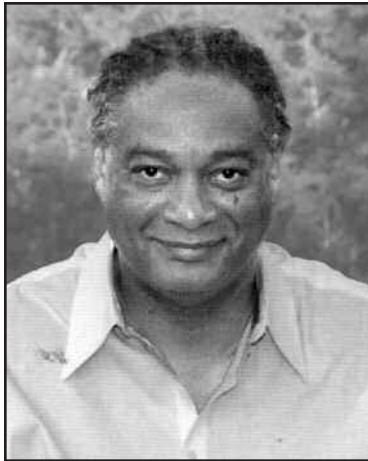
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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.

Joe Carroll — Role Model

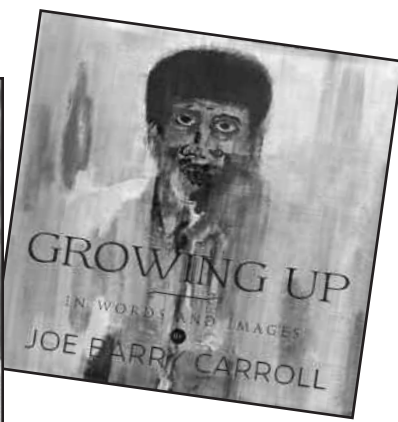
During the years of 1974-1976, Joe Barry Carroll was literally the “big man on campus.” As a gangly 6’10” teenager, J.B. would begin perfecting his craft as a basketball player which would lead to a NBA career, but more importantly to a world where he would be recognized as more than an athlete.

Joseph Barry Carroll was born July 24, 1958, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas as the 10th child in a family of 13 children. He was the product of hard working, underpaid parents. “Pine Bluff was a port city and the waterway for such traffic as cotton, timber and slaves. When all of those industries dried up the town took on hard times. The maladies of poverty and decay caused serious problems of hunger, poor healthcare, under-education and race and class tensions. I remember one of the most important persons I met in Pine Bluff told me ‘do not become one of that congregation of men who just spend time collecting corners.’” Joe Barry would work hard to overcome his



Joe Barry Carroll

past but not to forget or reject it. In 2013 he would publish his biography, *Growing Up: In Words and Images*. It would be history told in his own words and images. After a brilliant college and professional basketball career, Joe Barry would have the resources and experiences to begin his second life, a life that lay dormant for many years. He would carve out the pro-



fessional resume of an investment adviser, writer, artist, social activist and philanthropist.

When he was 13, the Carroll family moved to Denver. “We arrived in Denver with nothing more than a desire for a better life.” His two young sisters enrolled at Whittier Elementary and Joe Barry entered Morey Junior High. He graduated from East High School in 1976. Joe Barry’s high school basketball career was curtailed a bit for two reasons: he was still trying to gain control over an ever changing body and secondly, there was at that time a no-dunking rule in high school ball. This took away his best game. He played basketball under Coach Rick Schraeder and he earned All State honors.

He was given a full-ride scholarship to Purdue University. Named to All Big 10 and All American teams, he became the first pick in the NBA draft and spent 10 years as a professional player, mostly with the Golden State Warriors. He earned All-Pro status and played in the NBA All-Star game. He finished his career scoring 12,455 points and 5,404 rebounds. More importantly, his degree in economics would lead to a successful career in life after basketball.

Today, Joe Barry lives outside Atlanta, Georgia. He is an adviser to people of wealth. Many of his clients are professional athletes who are given advice on how to handle new found wealth. “I tell these athletes basically three rules: pay your taxes, set a modest lifestyle for yourself and limit your financial investments to publicly traded stocks and bond funds.” He also turned to his real love: music, art and writing. He has been inspired by such writers as Nikki Giovanni and was moved by her poem: “Nikki Rosa.” Nikki said, “Everyone has a story and each of us is responsible to tell it like it is. What is too painful to remember we must choose not to forget.”

Joe Barry has been a role model during his adult career and was honored with the Hank Aaron Champion for Justice Award. He founded the Broadview Foundation which champions the cause of the under-educated and underserved. The program provides after school and day care programs as well as scholarships.

Katherine Bruderlin Crisp 1891-1974, Class Of 1909

Katherine was born Katrina Bruderlin in Switzerland. Her family immigrated to the United States where Katherine attended Denver Public Schools. She earned valedictorian honors at East High School in 1909 when “Old East” was downtown at 19th and Stout.

She earned a B.A. and M.A. degree from CU and returned to Denver East High School to teach botany and biology. She taught 39 years in the DPS and six more in Brighton and Loveland.

In 1922, she married Dr. William Crisp an ophthalmologist and faculty member of the University of Colorado Medical Center. When he died, she established a scholarship trust in his name to be given to a top CU graduate each year. The investment was so financially sound that it is still given today. The scholarships are awarded by

Ethan Wolf’s Legacy

Early in middle school, Ethan Cassidy Wolf determined that he wanted to attend East High School. Never deviating from that desire, he navigated through his first two years there with a fairly unremarkable academic record, preferring to spend his free time playing Dungeons and Dragons, reading mystery novels, working with his dad in the woodshop, and writing science fiction stories.

That changed, however, when as a junior in the 1991-92 school year, he signed up for the **Bicentennial Scholars** (which later became known as the, We The People ... program, Constitutional Scholars, AP Comparative Government/Politics). The experience ignited his intellect, reason, curiosity, wit and drive in a way previously unseen. Day after day, night after night, he and his fellow scholars would have study sessions to prepare for upcoming questions, rehearsals, and competitions.

In May 1992 the Bicentennial team went “all the way” to win the **first of four National Championship** titles East would win through the years in Washington, D.C., bringing great pride and celebration to East and all of Denver. Upon being announced as the champions in Washington D.C., Ethan euphorically observed that this might just be the high point of his entire life. His parents hastened to assure him he would likely go on to live many more happy and triumphant moments in what would hopefully be a long and fulfilling life.

Not sure whether he was more interested in pursuing studies in law or in electronics, Ethan decided to take a year off before applying for college. He went to work with his stepfather installing and servicing satellite dishes in and around rural and suburban areas southeast of Denver. He was excited by being an integral part of a small business, thriving on the everyday technical puzzles as well as the customer relations challenges he encountered in his work. He invented tools to make the work easier and more efficient, and also loved conversing with customers about politics and current affairs.

On April 23, 1996, Ethan was heading to a customer’s house in a new development along the two-lane hilly road that is the dividing line between Elbert and Douglas counties and was hit by an 18-year-old young man with a history of drug and alcohol abuse and reckless driving. The car was traveling at such a high rate of speed that, when it impacted Ethan’s truck, the force catapulted the truck down the hill for a distance equivalent to the length of a football field. Ethan died sever-



Ethan Wolf, Class of 1993

al hours later. Through a series of coincidences, the criminal case associated with Ethan’s death garnered local and then national attention due, in part, to the string of legal violations associated with the young driver of the car. A first trial ended in a hung jury. The second trial found the driver guilty of criminally negligent homicide for which he was sentenced to six years in prison. That trial was covered by *Court TV*. *Dateline NBC* later recorded and televised a double-length story describing the incident and interviewing the people involved.

Ethan’s mother Marsha felt compelled to write a book detailing the experience of having lost her son to such a senseless act. Her creative-non-fiction novel, *The Ethan Chronicles: Requiem for a Life Stolen*, (which is in the East library) became a training primer used by law enforcement, victim advocates, grief counselors, and non-profit organizations.

Ethan’s family created The Ethan Foundation with money from insurance and book sales. Much of those funds went to support sober prom nights for high schools around the country, academic scholarships, the **Constitutional Scholars program at East**, and the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA).

COVA is the foremost provider of statewide training to victim advocates, law enforcement officers, and others in relation to Colorado’s Victim Rights Amendment. COVA also teaches ways to interact effectively with people experiencing trauma, to engage community resources, and to otherwise serve crime victims. In 2013 COVA named their classroom facility the **Ethan Wolf Training Center**.

Through subsequent interactions with various organizations working to assist crime victims, Ethan’s mom became increasingly involved in their core activities. She began speaking to offenders in juvenile facilities, jails and prisons throughout Colorado in conjunction with the Department of Corrections’ pre-release victim empathy programs, showing the *Dateline* documentary and talking about Ethan’s life.

After years of working on traffic safety issues, Ethan’s father Doug Wolf honors Ethan’s memory through small acts of kindness to young people. “I keep Ethan present in my life. I believe somehow his death has made me a better person.”

In recognition of how much the East High School Constitutional Scholars program meant to Ethan, the Ethan Foundation has financed one team member every year the East team traveled to the National competition. In 2013, the foundation disbanded and donated its remaining funds to The Ethan Wolf Memorial Fund in ongoing support of East’s program.

His legacy continues at East and far beyond!

Melody Duggan Retires



Photo by John Moore

Melody Duggan, center, and former East student Lynn Andrews with Wil Taylor’s choir class at East High School.

Over East’s long 141 year history, great teachers became legends. What is a teacher-legend? They were teachers who exhibited great knowledge of their subject, who were dynamic practitioners of the craft of teaching and who impacted the lives of young people. Melody Duggan, who retired at the end of the 2015 school year, fits all of these descriptions. She follows in the footsteps of a former legend, Genevieve Kriener (1930-1967).

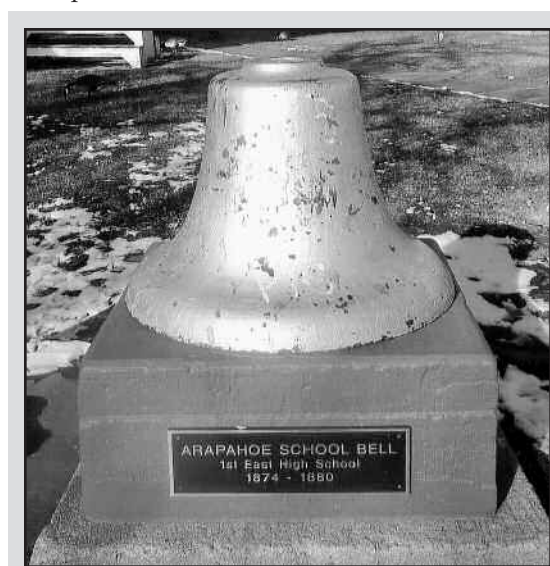
Melody spent 23 years leading and directing East students in developing the craft of acting. Her All-School shows became legendary and her former students continue to shower her with compliments. “You have to love kids and your greatest goal has to be to help them find their own voices. Former students who have gone on to work on the stage include: Lynn Andrews, T.J. Miller, Regan Linton and her own daughter Bell Duggan.

Melody had dreams of the stage in her own life. She attended St. Johns the Evangelist elementary school and St. Francis De Salles High School. On to the University of Denver, she immersed herself in the stage. She even went to New York and became, in her own words, “a famous waitress.” But the experience was invaluable and

in 1992 principal Pia Smith brought Melody to East and the rest is history.

Now after 23 All School Shows and just as many or more dramatic productions, she finally decided it was time to enjoy her grandchildren. “My life at East controlled almost all of my spare time. I do not however, regret a moment of my time at East.” East is an amazing place, it is a gorgeous building, it has such a vital history and it has always been in the hands of great teachers. When you see the success of vocal music, instrumental music, competitive speech, yearbook, newspaper and constitutional scholars, why would you not want everyone to be given the privilege of an East High experience?”

“One of my joys at East was that often as I was walking these historic halls, I would remember my mother, Harriet Anderson (1930) who started at East but had to leave to help the family carve out a living in the depression. I am so glad I was able to leave the drama department in such good hands with Matt Murphy, a young compassionate and dynamic teacher. I am sure he will continue that thread of effective teachers. I know that some people think that drama education is a soft subject, but it takes engagement and passion. It is not for the faint of heart.”



A new bronze plate has been affixed to the pedestal of the bell from the first East High building and resides in the south lawn area. The history section of the East Foundation is responsible for identifying historic items around the school. This bell is our oldest artifact.

East High School Traces Its Sports Roots Back To 1894

Following the Civil War, great numbers of Americans were on the move West in order to leave behind the great sacrifice of life and property and to find their futures in the newly developed midsection of America. Among the social activities that became popular were several athletic competitions (baseball, football, basketball and track).

Baseball began with first game being played by the New York Knickerbockers in 1845. The first

football game was in 1869 between Princeton and Rutgers and in 1891 James Naismith, looking for a sport that could be played inside during harsh New England winters, developed the game of basketball. Soon these sports spread to America's high schools. East, North, West and Manual played their first seasons of these sports in 1894. At the time Denver East Side High School was located at 19th and Welton downtown.

Having no playing fields of their own, the Angels would play their first football and baseball games at Union Field.

Union Field was located between Colfax and 16th Street and Broadway and Lincoln. Just across the street sat the Colorado State Capitol building. East also played their first football games there and since the school also had no basketball court; the first games in 1984 were played in the original Denver YMCA building.

Union Field (1894-1898) was razed and a new field, Broadway Park (1899-1921), opened on the west side of the creek at Acoma and Sixth Avenue. This field lasted until Merchants Park (1922-1948) was opened in south Denver at South Broadway and Alameda. Not only were DPS baseball games played there but the park became famous for its hosting of "barnstorming" games where the likes of Satchel Paige, Buck Owens, Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth and Bob Feller showcased their games. Old timers from Denver: Bruno Konopka and Art Unger from Manual, Roy Byers of North and Coburn Jones and Don Carlson from East, also played at Merchants Park.

In 1979, All City Field opened and many DPS games have been played there as well as the 5A state championship series for the past several years. The field sits on the old grounds of South High baseball. All DPS schools have baseball fields at their home sites.



Union Field was the first venue for East High School football and baseball competition, built in 1894. This photo was taken from the Colorado State Capitol building looking north-northwest.



Merchants Park at South Broadway and Alameda was the site of East High Baseball in the 1920s through the 1940s.

Chuck Williams Honored By CHSAA

Chuck Williams, star athlete from the class of 1964, will be inducted into the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Athletic Hall of Fame late in January.

He becomes the ninth East athlete or coach to be so honored. Others were, Athletes: Jerome Biffle ('46), Ron Shavlik ('52), Chris Babbs ('60) and Rich Tate ('63). Coaches honored were Adolph "Adolph "Pat" Panek, Bill Weimar, Gregg Browning and Betsy Allen.

Chuck was an all-state basketball player and an all-state football player. He played on the 1964 state championship basketball team, arguably the best team to play for the Angels. He starred in basketball at the University of Colorado and had a short stint in the National Basketball Association (NBA).



Chuck Williams

100 Best High School Basketball Players In Colorado Named

Colorado High School Sports Magazine has recently announced their list of the 100 best high school basketball players in Colorado. The years considered started with 1940 and ended with the year 2015.

Manual with 19, and East with 15 players selected, were the most DPS players honored from any one school. This seems fitting since East and Manual have each won 11 state titles, far more than any other Denver team. The selections will no doubt generate discussion and disagreement.

First team selections:

1950-1959
Ron Shavlik

1960-1969

J.R. Craig
Rich Tate
Chuck Williams

1970-1979

Rudy Carey
Joe Barry Carroll

1990-1999

J.B. Bickerstaff

Kaneil Dickens

2000-2009

Stan King
Antonio Porch
Sean Ogirri
Davaughn Thornton

2010-2015

Dominique Collier
Ronnie Harrell
Brian Carey

Lynn Andrews Grew Her Acting Wings At East



Lynn Andrews in Annie.

One of the advantages of being on tour is that you might be afforded the opportunity to come home again. Lynn Andrews will bring her award-winning portrayal of Miss Hannigan to her hometown when the show *Annie* tours to Denver this spring.

"It will be rewarding to come back to where it all began." Lynn began her acting and singing career at East High School where she credits her choir teacher, Wil Taylor, and her drama teacher, Melody Duggan, as the reason she is doing what she is today. "I was constantly surrounded by fabulous singing and acting talent at East, but Mr. Taylor taught me how to discipline my voice and Melody gave me the courage to risk new roles on stage. She was the kindest teacher I have known."

Lynn began playing the role of Miss Hannigan in 2007, and has performed the role over 1,000 times. She is currently on a tour of Boston, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. She will swing into Denver on April 29, and her tour will exit Denver after the finale

on May 10. All performances will be at the Buell Theater.

Lynn comes from strong stock. Growing up in City Park West, she was blessed with a strong role model. Her father, Irving Piper Andrews, was a successful civil rights lawyer, who Martin Luther King called the best civil rights lawyer he worked with. "My father had a beautiful baritone voice. I know he would have been successful in that line of work if he had chosen to follow that path."

"I love playing the role of this iconic, mean-spirited drunk. But more than that I love the show and its message. When I see how congress is so dysfunctional, I wonder what would happen if we would send that little girl Annie to Washington to tell them to give cooperation a chance. We all have the choice between being miserable or being optimistic. We can change our circumstances."

"What I learned most at East High School was that you can dig deep and find your true self. I know when I set foot inside East High School that I will truly be home."

East Rugby Team Captures Five State Titles

One of the more popular sports at East over the past 25 years has been Rugby. The sport is currently a club sport which means it does not have Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) endorsement as an official high school sport. However, most "minor sports" started out as club sports but conducted state competitions: swimming, gymnastics, soccer, lacrosse and golf.

Although the sport draws away potential athletes from the traditional sports such as football, track and baseball, it does offer East students an extra option. Many of these players have gone on to play Rugby in college and several have been members of U.S. National teams

and professional Rugby teams.

Started by Paul Hoskins Sr., the sport has grown to be one of the dominant sports in Colorado. The East team was founded in 1988 and has won state championships in 1997, 2002, 2004, 2009 and 2015. The team finished in second place six years: 1994, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Paul was a soccer player at East and would serve as the first coach of the East team. Bill Baer succeeded Paul and coached for nine years. His teams won the first four state championships and he finished his career with a 315-90 win-loss record.

The East High School Rugby Hall of Fame was established in 1997. The team has inducted nine

men into their Hall of Fame:

- 2000 – Paul Hoskins Jr.: Assistant coach
- 2003 – Bill Baer: Head coach
- 2007 – Paul Hoskins Sr.: Head coach/founder
- 2008 – Luke Wilfley: Class of 1997
- 2009 – Connor O'Brien: Class of 2004
- 2009 – John Falkenberg Sr.: Parent/volunteer
- 2011 – Jeff Colson: Class of 1994
- 2012 – Mark Calhoun: coach/teacher
- 2015 – Dan Bludeau

Four players have been inducted into the hall of fame: Jeff Colson (1994), Lynn Wilfley (1997), John Falkenberg (2002), and Connor O'Brien (2004).

East Faculty/Staff/Alumni Breakfast Hosted By East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

On Monday, January 4, 2016, the spacious 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 Welcome Back breakfast. The breakfast recognizes, rewards and celebrates the teachers and staff as they begin the second semester of the year. It also provides an opportunity to mingle with alumni.

Julie Bock, President of EAFAP told the group of 200 the second semester 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 that have shared the traditions of East, benefitted from them, and continue to enrich East. Jason Maclin, principal in residence, 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, Traci Groff Jones and Cary Lyford Self, created some real excitement giving out a total of \$2,200 in various gift cards to restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, department stores, and a couple of cash awards. The prizes were compliments of the East parent community and the alumni committee. A tribute to the faculty and staff!

Former East principals Rick Arthur and Kathy Callum (class of '69) were in attendance.

Kathy said, "I love the breakfast, acknowledging the rich legacy and hearing how the staff is working to support the students."

EAFAP President Julie Bock added, "The school spirit and camaraderie in the room was wonderful."

Longtime alum supporters, Eddie Robinson (1950), Judith Berg (1954), Monty Cleworth (1978), Rev. Leon Kelly (1971), and forever friend and former parent Sheryl Overton shared their time and history. East students continue to be enriched and benefit from our generous alumni — we are grateful for their loyal interest and participation!!

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