



Spotlight

East Angel
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Foundation

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Colorado Music Hall Of Fame Recognizes East High, Alums

The Paramount Theater was alive and rocking on the evening of November 28, 2017, and several East High star artists and East High School music programs were center stage. The event marked the fifth induction concert of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame.

This year the Hall featured the achievements of some of America's leading musicians and vocalists, most who called Denver their home. East alums inducted were Ron Miles (1981); Bill Frisell (1969); and Earth Wind and Fire members: Philip Bailey (1969), Andrew Woolfolk (1968) and Larry Dunn (1971). Non-East High alums inducted were Dianne Reeves and the legendary Charles Burrell Sr.

Every inductee paid tribute to their beginnings in Denver. They talked and sang about the value of community and family and the need for space and freedom to develop their musical craft. Denver provided those opportunities and all were quick to credit their success to such support.

The Committee singled out East High School for its long and storied history of excellence in music. Accepting the award for East were current instrumental teacher Keith Oxman and vocal teacher Will Taylor, both who are carrying on the legacy of music which started in the first East High building in 1874. Vocal music teacher Marion Padbury and instrumental music teacher Vincent Tagliavore were

also praised for their part in developing musical talent. This school award and the individual awards will be on display in the Colorado Music Hall of Fame museum at the Red Rocks Amphitheater.

The current East High Jazz Band started out the evening performing as the lead-in to the star-studded program to follow. Purnell Steen, class of 1959, led the popular Le Jazz Machine in several numbers. The jazz pianist was inducted into the East Alumni Heritage Hall in 2016.

The first inductee introduced was Charles Burrell, a classical and jazz performer who is most prominently known for being the first African American to play for a major American Symphony (San Francisco). He was often referred



Earth Wind and Fire rocked the house, bringing the crowd to its feet enjoying the music.

to as the "Jackie Robinson of classical music. Now 97 years of age and in poor health, he managed to make a brief appearance where

he received a rousing ovation.

Second on the evening's program were Ron Miles and Bill Frisell who joined together to exhibit

their incredible talents. Ron is a leading jazz artist in Denver and teaches at Metro State University. Bill is a Grammy award-winning jazz guitarist. The two have collaborated several times in the past. Ron was inducted into the East Alumni Heritage Hall in 2010 and Bill in 2013.

Next up was Dianne Reeves, a Grammy winner. She created a song special for the occasion which recalled many of the wonderful memories of Denver in a more simple time. Diane graduated from George Washington High School in 1974.

Earth Wind and Fire brought the evening to a close with an explosion of musical talent that had the crowd on its feet, swaying and clapping to the music. Larry Dunn, artist and song writer, and Philip Bailey, singer and recording artist, led this American phenomenon known as Earth Wind and Fire. Philip was inducted into the East Alumni Heritage Hall in 2008 and Larry in 2016.

Back in the early days of the 1920s, jazz was flourishing in Five Points, sometimes known as the "Harlem of the West." It was great to see that such a legacy has been advanced by the careers of these former Angels.

History Of East High Music Teachers VOCAL MUSIC

Nannie Dodge Smith	1874-1883
Frank Dormosch	1883-1904
Walter Arundel	1904-1911
Wilberforce Whiteman	1911-1924
Fareeda Moorhead	1924-1955
Violette McCarthy	1936-1960
Marion Padboy	1956-1975
June Sinnard	1966-1969
James Guinn	1975-1995
Will Taylor	1995-

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	
Wilberforce Whiteman	1904-1925
Melvin Payne	1925-1932
Kenneth Gorsline	1932-1942
Roland Roberts	1942-1960
Eugene Schaefer	1943-1945
Kay Shadwell	1960-1964
Vincent Tagliavore	1964-1969
Jack Bailey	1969-1976
Neil Bridge	1975-1976
Gerald Noonan	1977-1995
Scott Springer	1995-1997
Brian Whittle	1997-1998
Doug Bushnell	1997-2000
Keith Oxman	2000-



Teachers Keith Oxman and Will Taylor accepted the award for East High School's music programs.



Ron Miles and Bill Frisell performing.

East High Named Most Beautiful In Colorado

It never comes as a shock to find out that non-East community people also see East High School as a beautiful building. In the September 12, 2017, issue of *Architectural Digest*, East was selected as the most beautiful public high school building in Colorado.

Here is what the article had to say about this award: "For most students, summer has ended and schools across America are back in session. So what better time to take a closer look at the thousands of schools across the United States.

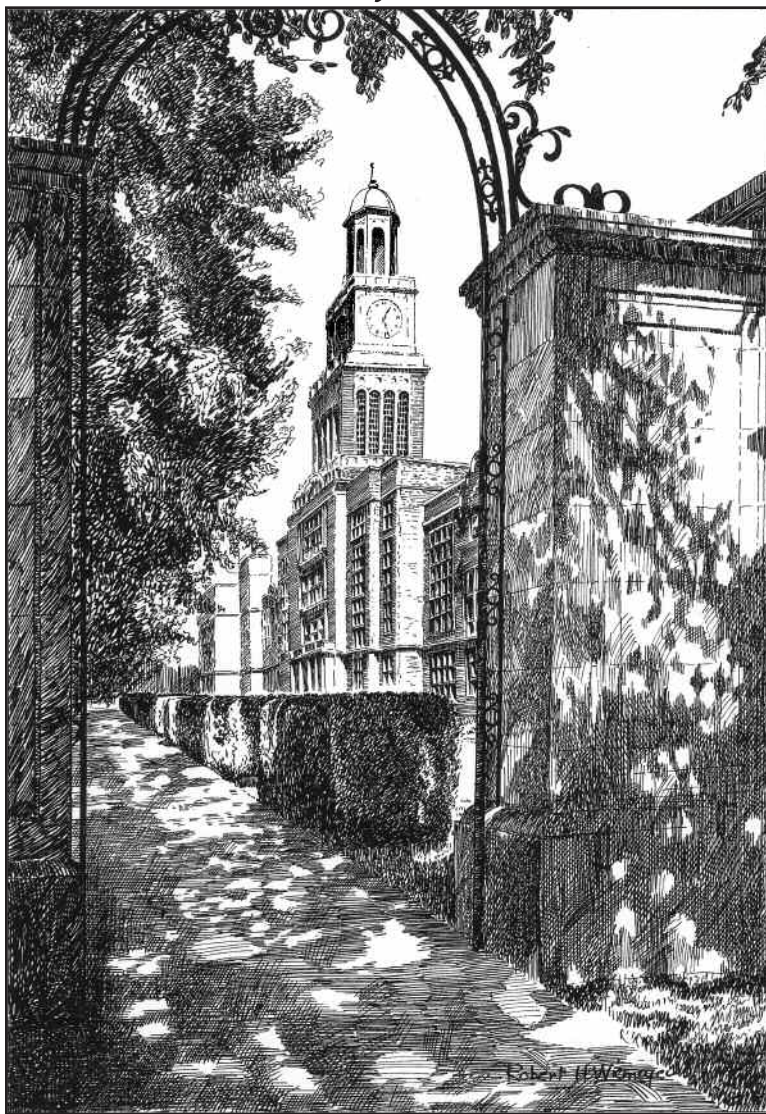
While many high school buildings might be rather bland from a design perspective, there are others that are veritable works of art — we wouldn't blame you for mistaking them for universities, private homes or even castles, in some cases.

Representing a vast range of architectural styles from Gothic to Art Deco, these structures both historic and modern often represent the pride of a community. Herein, we've selected the most beautiful public high school in each and every state."

Designed by George H. Williamson (1893 graduate of "Old East") the new East building on the Esplanade opened for business in the Fall of 1925. Williamson chose the Jacobean style, a neo-classical form of architecture popular in the early 17th century. The most notable structure then erected in this style was the Old Hall at Oxford. That building inspired both Independence Hall in Philadelphia and East High in Denver. Williamson also designed Smiley Junior High School.

We are very fortunate that the school was built prior to the Great Depression. School architecture took on a more utilitarian style following the depression.

To view each beautiful building in the other 49 states, google — The Most Beautiful Schools in America.



Pen and ink of East High School by Robert Wiemeyer, done for his wife Audree Fry, Class of 1933.

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From The Principal . . .

East High School Alumni and Friends,

Thank you for your dedicated and ongoing support of East High School and our Angels!

As alumni and current students, staff and parents, we all have a common bond because of our experience in and our commitment to our school. All of us know the power and importance of this school and, once again, the building itself is being appreciated on a national level.

Our East High building, an historic landmark in the City and County of Denver, has recently been named by *Architectural Digest* as one of the "Top 20 Most Beautiful High Schools in America." Our memories of and current views of our tower, our entryway, the classic foyer, and the steps worn by many years of Angels headed toward success, continue to be appreciated by us and others across the country.

While those of us who have been around the school awhile know the beauty of this edifice, we also understand that the true beauty in our school is represented in the spirit of our students, the strength of our staff, and the ongoing commitment of our parents, alumni and, community members. Together, we effectively support the success of every young person who walks our halls.

Joining the school as principal in October of this school year I have found a strong school that, at 2,660 students, is now larger than it has been in quite some time. The community demand for East remains strong. We are the number one "choice" school in the City of Denver. Ours is a school that parents trust. Those that know our school continue to have a high degree of confidence that being an Angel means that you will be prepared well for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

As alumni of our great school, your support is appreciated in significant ways. Whether you are cheering on our Constitutional Scholars as they prepare for "nationals," providing for scholarships and building improvements through the East Angel Friends and Alumni Foundation, or joining us in the bleachers to support our athletes, we value you. You have provided a strong foundation, one that we build upon every day to ensure the ongoing success of the students we serve.

Once an Angel, always an Angel,

Mr. John Youngquist, Principal

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

In April 2018 East will be representing Colorado in the National "We the People" competition. This dedicated 32 member team, once again, beat Cherry Creek's Grandview High School to win the State Championship. East will participate for the 28th time as State Champions. In the 31 year history of the program East has lost the State title only twice — 2002 and 2014.

The 2017-2018 team members are: Michael Ankner, Austin Barish, Zoe Baumgartner, Olivia Buckmelter, Ethan Cordes, Robert Danahey, Owen Dehmier-Buckley, Emma Eckenhausen, Brett Ford, David Geldzahler, Laura Gottesfeld, Alex Hammerstein, Erin Johnson, Jessica Kendrick, Nitay Kenigsztein, Mary Kenney, Eleanor Kennicott, Angeline McCarty Lee, Jessie Miller, Hugh O'Bryan, Adrian Oteiza, Jackson Postal, Sophia Prendergast, Myah Roberts, Vianne Schein, Abigail Seman, Abigail Shikes, Robert Strong, William Strong, Riley Tennant, Uma Wahab, Ellie Wells.

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,



2017-2018 East High Con Scholars

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 fortunate, and so grateful, to have loyal community members and former East parents who each year contribute hours of their time and expertise to help teacher/coach Mark Thalhofer prepare the new team. Special thanks to: **Dan Culhane, Jeff Pearson, Judy Schulman, Betsy Schumaker, Thaddeus 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 2017-2018 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.

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2017

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 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 2017, 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 18 students totaling \$45,000.

William Schor received the special \$6,000 **Alumni & Friends Scholarship**. William's transcript shows that he's a remarkably outstanding student, one of the very

finest (GPA 5.2). But it doesn't tell the whole story. He maintained the quality of his work in all classes as he did intensive research for his role on the Constitutional Scholars team, (which placed second in the nation). Will participated in FBLA, DECA, math club, chess club, founded the investment club and played varsity baseball. A talented violinist, he played the violin in school musicals. Not to mention all his volunteer hours/work at El Sistema Colorado – a Colorado Nonprofit Development Center.

Teachers repeatedly describe Will as a gifted academic student, but add, "More importantly, Will is a delightful student to teach because he is an amazingly kind, genuine and all-around nice guy. He is one of the most humble and gentle people you may ever meet. Will is a great team member and is always willing to help out other students. He is not competitive with other students, and is compassionate to others in need. Will sees the good in everyone without prejudice." High praise from the East faculty!



William Schor

Asked about the value of his East High education, "It was a privilege to attend a school such as East with its diversity, intellectual intensity and invigorating spirit. I was able to explore many subjects in classes and in school sponsored clubs and competitions. East provided a range of experiences, bringing together a group of students with diverse backgrounds

into a cohesive group. My East experiences led to my decision to explore economics in college."

Additional remarkable East seniors receiving EAFAF scholarships: **Joseph Abiakam, Lydia Agyemang, Keita Aylesworth, Molly Cunningham, Gerardo Rafael Marmolejo-Daher, Santiago Jimenez Gaultero, Niat Geberkidane, Kaelynn Gomez, Mecca Hamlett, Augustos Kosmicki, Samantha Herrera-Madriral, Malea Mill, Imani Moore, Myikaila Moore, Gamaliel Ramirez, David Alfredo Cardoza Rodriquez, Gabriella Ruiz.**

In addition to the EAFAF scholarships, three other scholarships were awarded. Con Scholar team participant **Libby Strong** received a family scholarship in honor of Con Scholar **Ethan Wolf** and **The James E. Tracy** family awards continued to **Daniel Garcia** and **Angel Oaxaca**.

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.

Cleworth Leap Scholarship Recipients

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. Having no children of his own, and still 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.



Maya Younoszai

Maya Younoszai, Smith College '21

I am absolutely loving Smith so far, and am so glad that this is the place I ended up! I very much enjoyed my intro to anthropology class this fall and am a prospective anthropology major and public policy minor. Most of my time outside of class is spent at diving practice or doing research with a history professor. The research project is "A Family History of Jews and other Germans prior to WWII." We are looking at census data and other forms of personal records kept in German villages in the 1800s to track families across geography and religions. I have made lots of great friends on my team and in my house and couldn't have asked for a better place to spend the next four years.

Anna Martens, Bowdoin College '20

In my second year at Bowdoin, I have gotten to explore new interests and dig into ones I am passionate about. I decided that I will major in Hispanic Studies (Spanish) with a minor in Education Studies. Still, halfway through the semester I started down the path of pre-med as well; I will be taking science courses and volunteering in a hospital next semester! I also co-lead two student groups. One is Maine College Circle, a group affiliated with the local non-profit of the same name which works to raise aspirations of Maine elementary school students. The other is Bowdoin Healthy Relationships, a gender violence prevention group that encourages conversations about positive relationships and fights sexual violence. I am really enjoying being in the orchestra this year, and living in a house of all sophomores.



Anna Martens

Charlotte McClintock, University of Virginia '20

I'm deeply enjoying my second year, and I'm incredibly excited about opportunities in front of me. The best part of college is the expansive intellectual network and access to any sort of knowledge at any given time. This is the time in life where our only responsibility besides self-care is self-actualization and pursuing our passions, a wonderful and privileged place to be. I hope to take advantage of the resources around me to the fullest extent possible!



Charlotte McClintock

Classes Of The 1980s Honor Teachers

Every summer East High becomes the center of many alumni reunions. This past summer there was one reunion with a twist. The classes of the late '70s and early '80s hosted a reunion of teachers they had when they were at East.

The event was conceived by East alumni in an effort to let their teachers know how much they appreciated their positive impact on shaping their lives and preparing them for college and beyond. The idea was based on the understanding that teachers often don't get the credit they are due. These were their mentors in developing young minds as well as providing emotional support and friendship.

The event was held on August 5, 2017, and the program started in the morning at East High. The groups gathered in the auditorium for a slide show presentation. Later on the reunion was moved to the Denver Turnverein where dining and dancing took place.

The committee to organize the group included: Heidi Derr Quintana, Andrew Quintana, Robert Smith, Stuart Guinn, Sandy Stiers, and Staci Rowland Haggerty.

Those teachers in attendance were Jan Anderson, Jim Bloomfield, Madelyn Braverman, Gene Cisneros, Roger Craig, Bob Damashek, Catherine Davis, Claudia Deasy, Mack Fair, Pat Gatewood, Jim Hoops, Bob Hussey, John Jackson, Kay Logan, Eva Love, Linda Matarrese, Richard Nelson, Rick Schraeder and Junior Weed.



East teachers who attended the event.

PLANNING A REUNION?

The East High Alumni Committee is ready to help you with your reunion plans. We do not do the actual planning — that activity is the responsibility of the class.

Here are some things to consider:

1. **The months of June and August are best for reunions. School is closed in July.**
2. **Plan your trip to East for Saturday morning or afternoon. No Sundays.**
3. You must contact Denver Public Schools Building Use Committee. When you have satisfied their requirements, let us know and we will be ready to greet your class and offer you a guided tour of the building and tower.

Contact Charlotte Lee:
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO . . .

The Lives Of East Students Are Changed By WWI

World War I changed the face of Denver East Side High School. This war, known as "The Great War" or "The War to Save Democracy," also changed the fabric of the American family and caused young people to give up their innocence.

America was only involved in the war from April 1917 until Armistice Day in November 1918. However, 116,708 Americans lost their lives on the battlefields where the age of technology ushered in new weapons for mass destruction: tank warfare, the machine gun and mustard gas.

In 1918, every student at East High School was given a newly published periodical titled "Study of the Great War." Even as early as elementary education in Denver patriotic and pro-war lessons were instituted in the schools. It clearly was national propaganda.

It was a time when East High students were trying to figure out their role in society and how they could be of service. Organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls were influential in raising money for the war effort by encouraging people to buy Liberty Bonds and war stamps. The Red Cross Club was added to the extracurricular programs and ROTC took on a new interest.

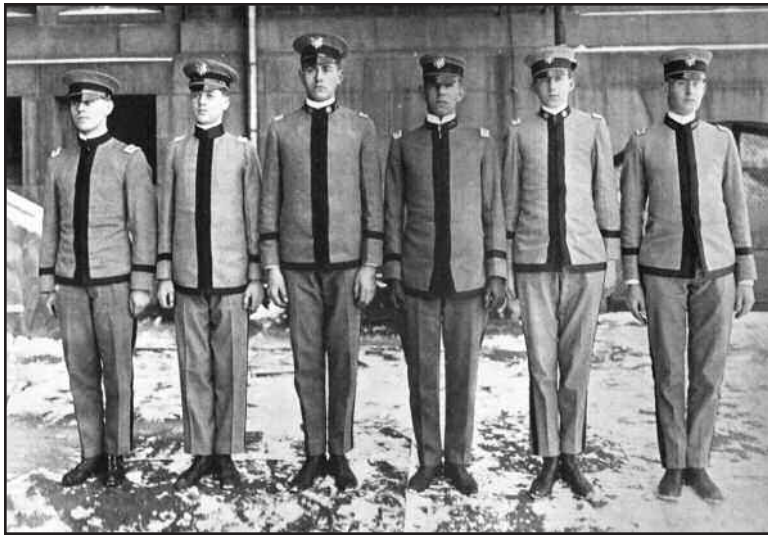
With so many men off to war, American women left their expected singular role of homemaker to take up the labor void in the factories. For their patriotic participation in the war effort, women would soon realize a long held dream — the right to vote. But the American family was beginning to change.

Influenza:

A Second War Front (1918 & 1919)

One of the tragic consequences of the war was the fast spreading plague of Influenza (Spanish Flu) believed to have been brought to America by returning veterans.

The war would affect the athletic program in the Denver schools



1918 ROTC Cadets

in 1918. The football teams would play only one game before the rest of the fall season was cancelled. Schools, churches and places of amusements were ordered closed. However, because people needed

to work, the street cars remained operational. Nearly a half million people in the United States died with Colorado suffering 3,783 deaths. Nearly 1,500 were citizens of Denver.

A MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN 1919 East Annual Dedication

TO THOSE MEN

MEN OF OUR SCHOOL,

WHO SO WILLINGLY

GAVE THEIR LIVES

IN UPHOLDING

THE SWORD OF LIBERTY,

WE HUMBLY

DEDICATE THIS BOOK

HUGH EDWARD BARRETT
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JOHN GRAY
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MORRIS SOBOL
JOHN MORTON WALKER

"These are the graduates of East Side High School who have made the supreme sacrifice. They are precious offerings on the altar of justice. Each was a life lived for others and each teaches us, in this troubled time, the magnificent life of Service."

IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Gladys Croft (1919), a close friend of Hugh Edward Barrett who was the first East High boy to die in World War I.

O, what a hard, hard sacrifice, what a loss it is to me!
But over in France stands a little cross, it stands for Victory.
Fly back, fly back, sweet bird, fleet bird, and say to his soul for me.
That I will fight as he has fought until the world is free.
Then I shall sing as you do, my notes will be clear and strong.
For out of the deepest sacrifice is born the greatest song.

2017 East Faculty, Staff, Alumni Breakfast

Hosted by East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation

On Thursday, December 21, 2017, 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.

Julie Bock, President of EAF, 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. "Each student who is lucky enough to have the East experience, takes a part of East with them forever." The breakfast provides an opportunity for the current keepers of the East legacy to converse with alums who have shared the traditions of East, benefited 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 45 prizes. Committee members Beth Gower, Traci Groff Jones and Cary Lyford Self created fun and excitement giving out a total of \$1,600 in various gift cards to restaurants, coffee shops,



Faculty, staff and alumni enjoyed the food, visiting and prizes.



bookstores, department stores, and a few cash awards! The prizes were compliments of the East parent community, the alumni committee and alum Mark Leonard! A real tribute to the faculty and staff!

December 21 was one of those bitter cold, and icy December mornings with intimidating traffic reports! Hardy East friends and alums braved the elements for East. Former East principals Rick Arthur and Kathy Callum (class of '68) were in attendance. Long-time alum supporters, Bill Robin-

son (1947), John Dikeou (1953), Joe Blake (1954), Judith Berg (1954), Clint Wood (1959), Mark Leonard (1961), Beth Woodard (1968), Marcia Goldstein (1969), John Sawyer (1978), Annie Cordova (1984), Dan Culhane (1985), James Mejia (1985), Sarah Burgamy (1996) and forever friend and former East parent Jim McCotter, 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!!

EAST ANGEL FRIENDS & ALUMNI FOUNDATION

President's Message

Dear East High School Alumni, Faculty and Friends,

Happy 2018! This is my third and last letter as Foundation President and I hope a personal observation is appropriate. I recently attended the faculty appreciation breakfast which, for more than a decade, has evolved into a wonderful biennial tradition put on by the Foundation — a truly festive salute right at the mid-year holiday break honoring the entire faculty and East's proud alumni heritage. It's held in the foyer around the staircase and in the presence of the whole faculty; one can't help but also feel the presence of the thousands of East students who have moved through that space "under the clock" — so well-served by the enthusiasm and commitment of our faculty. A number of distinguished alumni, retired faculty, and principals attended as well (including the organizational force behind the scenes, Beth Gower and alumni chairs Traci Jones '81 and Cary Lyford '81) — signifying the steadfast support and continuity of the East High community over the decades.

The East Angel Friends and Alumni Foundation, via both human and financial resources, is privileged to support longstanding traditions like this event, foster new initiatives through faculty grant requests and the guidance of the administration, and especially to engage in activities which help foster success for all students across a broad range of needs during their time at East.

None of this would be possible without you — parents, current students, alumni, past and present faculty, and the greater community. Thanks for your continued passion for East High School, in the Foundation's activities and for being a *Spotlight* subscriber — your support is critical to the achievement of our mission to support East High School!

Julie Bock

East High Angel Foundation President

Spotlight On East Alums

Peter Andreas, Class Of 1983

Peter Andreas, a graduate of East High School in 1983, has given the East High Museum a copy of his most recent book: *Rebel Mother: My Childhood Chasing the Revolution* (Simon & Schuster 2013).

Author Stephen Kinzer wrote of Peter's latest writing: "This is a book which tells a story about American life during the wild 1970s and 1980s. It's the classic story of a boy's coming of age ... and becoming caught up in a mother's radical dreams."

He attended Lincoln Elementary and Baker Junior High before coming to East. Peter was active in the Angelaires, the *East High Spotlight* and the East Soccer team. Upon graduation Peter attended Swarthmore College where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science. Later he earned M.A. and PhD degrees, both at Cornell College.

Currently he is a John Hay professor of International Studies at Brown University, where he holds a joint appointment between the Department of Political Science and the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He has been an academy scholar at Harvard and a research fellow at the Brookings Institute. He has authored or co-authored 10 books and has written numerous articles for *The New Republic*, *Harpers*, *The Nation* and *the Guardian*, *the Boston Globe*, *Washington Post* and *the New York Times*.

His book: *Smuggler Nation How Illicit Trade Made America* (Simon & Schuster 2013) was on the best seller list for some time. His most recent book: *Killer High: A History of War In Six Drugs* is currently under contract with Oxford Press.

Edwina Hume Fallis, Class Of 1895

The family of noted kindergarten Denver teacher Edwina Hume Fallis has donated items to the East High museum. Most notable is a copy of Edwina's book, "When Denver and I Were Young: A Teacher Textbook of A Child and Things."

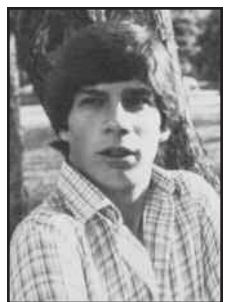
Melissa Hart, Class Of 1987

Melissa Hart, class of 1987 was recently appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court. Before her appointment, she was a professor at the University of Colorado Law school. Her expertise is in Constitutional Law and she spearheaded the Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law.

While at East Melissa was active in competitive speech. She won the Wolcott medal for sight reading and was a member of the top 10 scholars at East. From East, Melissa moved on to Harvard where she earned her undergraduate degree and her law degree.

Upon graduation, Melissa clerked for United State Supreme Court Judge Paul Stevens and later worked as a trial lawyer for the Justice Department in Washington, D.C.

She has proved to be an strong advocate for equity in legal protection. Her focus was on ensuring that the poor and moderate income citizens could find legal services they could afford.



Peter Andreas



Edwina Hume Fallis



Melissa Hart

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.

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.

2017 Athletic Hall Of Fame Inductees Honored

The quaint and historic "old gym" at East was the scene of a large gathering assembled to pay honor to the recent induction of new members to the East High Athletic Hall of Fame.

On October 7, 2017, a total of 177 inductees, families and guests were in attendance as 15 former East athletes were inducted into the Hall along with recognition of two past state championship teams. Ten male athletes were honored as were five female athletes. This brings the total inductees to 236 members: 161 boys, 48 girls and 27 coaches.

Those male athletes honored this year were:

1929 – Fletcher Birney	Track
1931 – Tom Harper	Tennis
1949 – Jack Patten	Swimming
1954 – Kent Orchard	Wrestling
1963 – Walt Oliver	Football
1976 – Mitch Monismith	Track
1985 – Tom Wenzel	Lacrosse
1995 – Brian Phelan	Baseball
1996 – Kaneil Dickens	Basketball
2010 – Zach Bolden	Soccer

Those female athletes honored this year were:

1973 – Lori Brown	Track
1981 – Julie Cox	Volleyball
1996 – Sara Burgamy	Swimming
2001 – Lindsay Barnes	Softball
2010 – Shae Kelly	Basketball

As an added feature, the committee invited former coaches to return and do the honors of presenting the inductee they coached. Those in attendance were: Larry Tarver, football; Tom Severtson,



Teammates from the East 1962 State Football Championship Team

baseball; Mack Fair, volleyball; Jon Barocas, lacrosse; Junior Weed, girls' track; Scott Lessard, girls' swimming; and Dwight Berry, girls' basketball.

A highlight of the evening was the honoring of two past state championship teams. Ad Lopez was the featured speaker as he introduced the 11 former teammates who were in attendance. East captured the 1962 state football title in an upset of favored Lakewood High School. This would mark the final state title for legendary coach Adolph "Pat" Panek.

Sheila MacDonald, captain of the 1983 state soccer championship team, introduced her 13 teammates and spoke about how special it was to be the first girls' athletic team in the history of Denver Public schools to win a state title.

Past state championship teams



Teammates from the East 1983 State Soccer Championship Team

honored were: Boys Basketball 1964, Boys Track 1964, Girls Track 1984, Boys Soccer 1994, and Baseball 1994. All the inductee plaques can be viewed in the lobby of the Panek Gym.

The committee has started a pool of potential nominees and would welcome your ideas and nominations for future recognition. Send materials to Richard Nelson at dick_n_jan@yahoo.com or mail nominations to Richard at 112 South Eaton Court, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Flights Of Angels

George Haller,
1930-2017 • Class Of 1948

George Haller was born on November 16, 1930, and passed away on December 17, 2017. Born in Chicago, his family moved to Denver where George attended Park Hill Elementary School, Smiley Junior High School and East High School.

He graduated from the University of Colorado with degrees in Architectural Engineering and Business. He joined with his friend Dayl Larson and together they launched Haller and Larson Architects. Dayl also graduated from East in 1948.

George was an outstanding member of the Angel track team, competing in the hurdles and the sprints. He earned All-City and All-State honors.



George Haller

Philip Serafini,
1920-2017 • Class Of 1939

Philip Serafini graduated from East in 1939 and after World War II, he returned to Denver to teach, coach, and serve as an administrator at East High School. He died on April 10, 2017. He was born in Denver in 1920, (the youngest of 10 children) to Italian immigrants who came to Denver in 1900.

After graduating from East, Phil attended the University of Colorado, but his college career was interrupted by World War II. He would become a trainer of pilots. His love of planes was sparked by a significant event. When he was 7, he attended a parade in downtown Denver and watched as Charles Lindbergh flew his "Spirit of St. Louis" over Denver during a celebratory tour of Lindbergh's crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 1927.

Following the war, he enrolled at CU and eventually earned a degree in education. He turned down a high paying job as a private pilot for an oil company and chose to become an educator. In 1949 he joined the staff at East High School, where he taught science and social studies.

Phil would coach the East baseball team from 1951-1955 and in that time his teams would win two city championships and the first state title in baseball in 1951. The most notable player he coached was Stan Williams who would star in the majors for 19 years. Phil played on the East baseball team as a student. He also coached swimming.

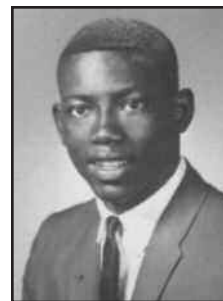
He would serve out his career as an assistant principal at East and George Washington high schools and was principal at Swansea/Elyria Elementary and Cole Junior High School.

His family claims that his induction into the East High Coaches Hall of Fame in 2008 was his proudest moment.

Delbert Smith,
1949-2017 • Class Of 1967

Delbert was born in 1949 and passed away on December 18, 2017, following an automobile accident. He was a track star under the coaching of legendary Jack Moulton. He earned All-City and All-Metro honors in track. He also was an All-City football player and lettered in basketball as well. He would be among the last of the three-sport athletes to attend East High School.

He graduated from the University of Wyoming where he played basketball and ran track.



Delbert Smith

John Strobel,
1928-2017 • Class Of 1946

John was an outstanding multiple-sport athlete at East High School. He started as the quarterback in coach Pat Panek's single-wing formation and was an outstanding baseball star. He was an All-City and All-State athlete and was recently inducted into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame. He was born in 1928 and passed away June 4, 2017.

John earned two letters in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. He was All-City in all three sports and All-State in football and baseball. He led the Angels to the city football title in 1945 and led the DPS in batting in 1946.

After graduation, John attended the University of Colorado where he lettered all-four years in the Dal Ward coaching era. He played in the last CU vs DU football game. The game was played at Hilltop Stadium on the DU campus. Interestingly, that was the venue where he played his high school football games for East High.

John served in the United States Navy on a cruiser during the Korean War, rising to the level of lieutenant.

John was fiercely proud of his alma maters. He was on the CU athletic foundation and for years he organized gatherings at Lakewood Country Club for men who graduated from East in the 1940s and 1950s.

Edward Divine White,
1924-1917 • Class of 1942

Edward White literally left his mark on the city of Denver. The legendary architect was renowned for his work in the preservation of historic landmarks in Denver. His preservation projects included: Four Mile House, Central City Opera House, Molly Brown House, Boettcher Mansion, United States Post Office, Customs House, Lace House in Black Hawk, the tropical conservatory at the Botanic Gardens and the Carnegie Library in Boulder.

He helped establish the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission in 1966 and served on the board for 27 years. In 2003 History Colorado honored him with the Stephen H. Hart award for his work in preservation.

While a student at East, Ed was an all-state swimmer. He graduated in 1942 and entered Columbia University but left to join the Navy where he served in Naval Intelligence. He returned to Columbia and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1948. He would return to Columbia to earn an advanced degree in architecture.



Edward White

East Alums Gather For 1940s Reunion

by Betty Shreeve

On October 7, East High honored a special group of East alums! The entrance was filled with 1940s and a sprinkling of early 1950s folks. They mingled and reminisced with old friends and made some new ones. At noon they all enjoyed a wonderful catered lunch.

Following lunch, Richard Nelson, our expert on all things "East" gave a great tour and answered questions about happenings at East in the many years since they walked the halls. They visited the library and East Alumni Heritage Hall. Those who were able went all the way up to the tower to enjoy the many memories it houses.

In the library, several guests were interviewed and their stories recorded. Not surprisingly, many of the gentlemen spoke about their service to our country during WWII. Many of the boys were not able to receive their diplomas because they were drafted at 17! However, in time, most did receive diplomas. It was amazing to find that most men were still so patriotic and proud of what they had sacrificed. It should be noted



1940s alumni gather for reunion at East.

that a woman or two also served. One gentleman, Walter Ohmart, received an honor in December 2013 for serving in the Philippines. I'm sure there were many other medals given to this brave group of folks.

This was one of the most fun reunions we have hosted and we thank all of the attendees for coming and sharing a very special part of their lives. The following is a list of names and graduation years of the folks that responded to our invitation. If you would like more information, please contact me at 303-955-0994 or Bettyshreeve@live.com.

1940 – Anthony Romero
1943 – Denny Liggitt

1944 – Bill McDougall
1945 – Walter Ohmart
1945 – Merle Shirley
1945 – Jack Struthers
1945 – Wilson Wimpler
1947 – Carl Cerveny
1947 – Bill Robinson
1948 – Herb Delaney
1948 – Don Goe
1948 – Jerry Losey
1949 – Florence "Puddy" Northcutt
1949 – John Shaddock
1950 – Ted Holm
1950 – Harry Taggart
Edith Peters Acsell
Mrs. Jerry Losey
Reeves McDonald
Peggy Swanson

East Coach Nearing Milestone

Rudy Carey is arguably Mr. Basketball in the state of Colorado. His 23 Conference titles and nine State titles are evidence of his coaching ability. He is approaching a milestone in his career. He is seeking his 800th win and his 10th State title in 2017-18. As of January 20, 2018, his record stands at 788 wins and 199 losses. He has 10 games remaining and if his team can run deep in the playoffs, he has an outside chance of reaching 800.

Rudy graduated from East as an All-State player in 1970. Eventually he was named head coach at Manual where his teams earned three State championships. He would find himself back at his alma mater in 1994 and would go on to win six state titles. Rudy is in his 43rd year of coaching.

Retiring Barber Treasures East Connection

When a man walks into a barbershop, he is usually looking for a haircut, a conversation and a connection. In October 2018, Dick Anderson will close the doors on an East High connection that goes back to 1953.



At the age of 19, Dick Anderson started working at O'Brien's Tonsorial Parlor at 4324 8th Avenue. In 1992 he bought the business from the family of Dick O'Brien. Sixty-one years of cutting "Angel" hair will come to a close.

"I have fond memories of the many young men from East High and South High. Many of them continued coming long after their high school graduation. I like to think my store was part of the East High family."

"In the 1950s crew cuts were the rage and I specialized in flat tops. One of my prize achievements was cutting the hair of Bob Linnenberger (Class of 1955). He had the perfect head shape for a flat top. You could land a plane on that runway."

Dick's business has fallen victim to changing times. High priced real estate has forced out the small businessman. "I enjoyed talking with the young East men. We had great conversations and I kept up with many of their adult careers. This is the part I will miss the most."