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EMPOWERING EVERY PATH

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT — FY2025

THE START OF THE NEXT CHAPTER: Reimagining What Is Possible for All Students

This fiscal year marked the beginning of an extraordinary new chapter for Evanston Township High School, one defined by bold vision, unprecedented support, and transformative possibility. The launch of our comprehensive capital campaign, “Evanston to Everywhere”, has energized our community and demonstrated the profound belief stakeholders have in ETHS students and their limitless potential.

Rooted in the belief that place shapes possibility, “Evanston to Everywhere” is the campaign to reimagine arts and career spaces that fuel creativity, collaboration, and real-world learning for all students, wherever their path may lead next. When you invest in Evanston to Everywhere, you’re ensuring students graduate with more than knowledge; they leave with the power to think, create, and do.

**EVANSTON
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Empowering Every Path | The Campaign for ETHS

This \$48 million campaign, the most significant building initiative in nearly 60 years, has already raised \$23.5 million during the silent phase of fundraising, reflecting the extraordinary generosity and belief of ETHS alumni and community partners.

ETHS stands at a critical juncture. As Dr. Marcus Campbell, Superintendent of ETHS, explains: “This project is about building futures and reimagining what’s possible in public education.”

The campus transformation will feature a 250-seat multifunctional studio theater and renovated music practice rooms with professional lighting and modern sound systems. State-of-the-art culinary kitchens, expanded sculpture and fashion

studios, and flexible engineering labs will help students move from concept to prototype, testing ideas and solving real-world problems. Essential educational improvements like these cannot be funded through traditional means without burdening our community through increased taxes and debt constraints that make external funding essential. Through donor support, the Foundation bridges the gap between educational needs and fiscal realities. Without supporters’ generosity, these transformative changes simply would not occur.

Two extraordinary gifts exemplify the profound impact of visionary philanthropy. This year, long-time supporter Leonard Schaeffer’s remarkable \$7 million commitment to the campaign was historic, the largest gift in ETHS and Foundation history. His generosity will be recognized through the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for the Performing Arts, featuring updates and new seating in the ETHS Auditorium. In addition, a generous \$2.5 million contribution from the Lewis-Sebring Family Foundation will be honored through The Lewis-Sebring Gallery, a flexible new gallery space providing students with room to take creative risks and showcase their talents with the community.

These incredible leadership gifts represent more than financial support; they reflect a shared conviction that ETHS students deserve facilities and opportunities that prepare them to excel anywhere their dreams may take them.

The increased support we’ve received reflects genuine excitement about ETHS’s future. Our community understands that investing in our only high school means investing in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers. With “Evanston to Everywhere” as our guiding vision, we are building a launching pad for dreams that truly reach from Evanston to every corner of the world.





SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT:

Shared values, shared vision

Casey Lewis Varella understands that investing in students today shapes the Evanston of tomorrow. As a member of the class of 1992, Casey experienced firsthand the transformative power of ETHS. From athletic teams to engaging classes, she found a sense of belonging that shaped her future. She now works to ensure that ETHS is a school where all Evanston students can thrive.

The connection between Casey's values and ETHS's mission created a natural partnership when she joined the Foundation in 2019. As a parent, Casey saw how her two students (Class of 2023 and 2025) became inspired by Geometry in Construction, a Foundation supported program. She also recognized that this experience isn't universal for all students. **Casey acknowledges that "in order to best engage all Evanston students and**

prepare them for their futures, ETHS has to provide a broad range of opportunities and evolve to meet the needs of 21st century learning experiences and career pathways."

As the former Chair of the ETHS Foundation and Chair of the Evanston to Everywhere Capital Campaign, Casey is guiding fundraising efforts and campus investments that will benefit our dynamic student body and ensure students have the resources and spaces to reach their full potential.

Casey's commitment demonstrates how shared values between donors and institutions create lasting impact. Her support is an investment in ensuring every student has the opportunity to discover their potential. **"The focus is not just supporting students while they are in school," she highlights, "but it is helping them prepare for what lies ahead."**

EXPANDING STUDENT EXPERIENCE: ETHS Students Journey to Namibia

What is the value of traveling to the other side of the world as a student? A meaningful investment in education encompasses the full spectrum of student opportunities that prepare and empower Wildkits for their next chapter. We are honored to share just one of the experiences that thoughtful donor support enabled this year.

Through the generous support of the Unterman Fund and the Moondance Foundation, this summer, students embarked on a remarkable educational journey to Namibia as part of the Youth Technology Corp Global Learning Center at ETHS. Under the leadership of Dr. Marla Isaacs, ETHS biology teacher and Director of the YTC, this was the YTC's 19th trip taking high school students to destinations across the country and abroad. This experience provided an irreplicable educational opportunity and left a lasting impression.

Highlights of the nearly two-week trip included an off-road expedition through Sandwich Harbour's dramatic dunes, a visit to OPEN

DOORS Education Centre (ODEC) a local educational organization in Swakopmund, interaction with locals and exploring Namibian cuisine, and a safari experience at N/a'an ku sê Wildlife Sanctuary. **Throughout their time in Namibia, students engaged in meaningful cultural exchanges, gained perspective on global education challenges, and discovered how shared passions like robotics can unite students across different cultures.**

The Unterman Fund was established in memory of Dr. Martin D. Unterman by his children to provide financial assistance for educational and enrichment opportunities. Similarly, the generosity of the Moondance Foundation creates access to vital resources and pivotal experiences for students who need financial support. These transformative opportunities would not be possible without donors who understand that student success takes many forms and should be available to all. These investments prepare students not just for their studies, but for life.



FUNDING IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS:

Grants to ETHS FY 2025

\$1,500,000

Evanston to Everywhere Capital Campaign Contributions

\$185,000

Student Technology

\$81,419

Curriculum Grants & Student Assistance

\$52,625

Athletics

\$48,710

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\$40,100

Geometry in Construction

\$18,000

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\$16,320

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Revenues, Gains and Other Support Contributions

Contributions	\$ 11,132,625
WILD for ETHS Benefit	\$ 139,879
Contributions In-Kind	\$ 309,128
Investment Income (Scholarship funds)	\$ 750,309

Total Revenue \$ **12,331,941**

Expenses

Grants & Scholarships to ETHS	\$ 2,242,541
Supporting Services Management & General	\$ 436,970
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 376,115

Total Expenses \$ **3,055,626**

Change in Net Assets	\$ 9,276,315
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 8,147,387
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 17,423,702



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MISSION & VISION

The Foundation raises funds to enhance educational opportunities for all ETHS students beyond conventional public funding. We support equity and excellence through innovative learning spaces, curriculum resources, and student assistance.

Your generosity provides critical funding that invests in student capabilities and their future possibilities.

DEAR ETHS FOUNDATION FRIENDS

On behalf of the ETHS Foundation and our Board of Directors, we are pleased to share our Annual Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2025. This has been a revolutionary year for our organization, our school, and our students.

This fiscal year was marked by tremendous success towards our \$48 million capital campaign that will transform arts and career and technical education spaces, creating opportunities for all students to prepare them for an evolving world. This will be the most significant update to our campus in nearly 60 years. ***“Evanston to Everywhere: The Campaign for ETHS”*** is inspired by the journeys ETHS Wildkits take - from Evanston to

every corner of the world. As of the end of the fiscal year, the campaign has raised \$23.5 million, a testament to our community’s belief in ETHS students and their limitless potential. We’ve been humbled by visionary donors like Leonard Schaeffer, whose historic \$7 million gift will create the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for the Performing Arts, and the Lewis-Sebring Family Foundation’s \$2.5 million contribution for The Lewis-Sebring Gallery.

Beyond facility improvements, your support has enabled remarkable student experiences—from educational travel to Namibia to ensuring 101 students could attend prom without financial barriers.

As you explore this report, you’ll see how we’re building a launching pad for futures that reach from Evanston to everywhere. Together, we’re investing in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

Thank you for being an essential part of student success.

Jeff Hammock, Parent '21, '22, '25
CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER
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