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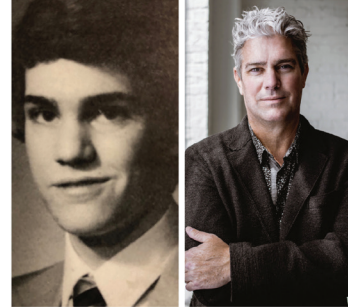
East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation



VIRTUAL CUP OF COFFEE

John Ronan '81

John Ronan '81 is the founding principal at John Ronan Architects in Chicago, which was named the #4 design firm in the United States by Architect Magazine, and was one of seven international finalists selected to design the Obama Presidential Library. John has lectured widely and his work has been exhibited internationally, including the Art Institute of Chicago and The Architectural League of New York's Urban Center. His firm has been the recipient of two AIA Institute National Honor Awards (for the Poetry Foundation and The Gary Comer Youth Center, both in Chicago). He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a recipient of the American Academy of Arts and Letters Architecture Award. John is the John & Jeanne Rowe Endowed Professor of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture, where he has taught since 1992. He lives in Chicago with his wife and two daughters.



What was your path from East Grand Rapids to where you are now in life?

After high school, I headed to the University of Michigan for a BS degree; after graduation, I worked in Chicago for a couple years before attending Harvard's Graduate School of Design, where I received my architecture degree. I headed back to Chicago and started my own architecture firm, John Ronan Architects, in 1997. I worked my way up from residential projects and small galleries to the work I do now—a wide variety of projects in type and scale, from houses to high rise office buildings, but mostly I do institutional work. In 2016, I was one of seven international architects selected to compete for the Obama Presidential Library.

What specific thing did you learn in East that has enabled you to be successful?

Don't let other people define you.

What were you like in school?

Shy and introverted. I drew all the time in class.

Did you have a favorite teacher or class?

My favorite teachers were Mr. Graham, Mrs. Mitchell and Mdm. Segard; my favorite class was Mechanical Drawing.

If you had to choose one moment in one location to serve as the signature moment of your East school experience, what would it be?

I remember a girl once asked me if I wanted a ride home, but because I lived on the poorest block in EGR, I was too ashamed to say "yes," because I didn't want her to know where I lived.

What do you know now that you wish you'd known then?

It doesn't matter where you live; it matters who you are.

Do you stay in touch with many people from East Grand Rapids?

I stay in touch with the guys I played poker with in high school and after: Andy Wolf, Brett Fisher, Tim Walker, Tim McDougal, Jim MacDonald, Norm Christiansen. We still get together for poker every few years, for old time's sake.

What advice do you have for young East alums who are just starting out?

Every place has its own DNA; find that place where your fundamental values are in sync with the place. For me, it was Chicago.

Who else would you like us to have a virtual cup of coffee with?

Andy Wolf '81, who started an internet company, and probably has fond memories of EGRHS.

Bonus question: What are you glad we didn't ask you about?

What varsity sports I played (none).

Want to read more?

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

We're All in This Together

For many of us, '18 is a big year. We graduate from high school. We leave home for the first time. We grow up.

For the Foundation, 2018 was a huge year. Although we've been around for more than 35 years, '18 was, in many ways, the year we grew up as well.

Last year, we introduced **Now&Forever** to the public. Now&Forever will grow the Foundation's endowment from \$4 million to \$12 million so the investment earnings from the endowment will be able to fund the vital school programs and enhancements our families expect and our students deserve.

It's a bold, innovative effort. When we started the Foundation, we were one of the first in Michigan dedicated to a public school district. With Now&Forever, we're making history again, striving to be the first district in Michigan—and one of the first in the country—to create a sustainable solution so whatever challenges the coming years present, we will be ready to meet them.

That's why we were so excited to introduce Now&Forever to our community in 2018. Though it had been in the works for nearly two years, most of that work had been in the planning stages. We didn't really know how our community would respond.

We do now. The response from the community has been absolutely overwhelming so far.

Since the beginning, our goal for Now&Forever has been to raise \$8.4 million, with \$2 million of that total in planned giving. That left \$6.4 million in pledges from our community. As I write this, thanks to the extraordinary support from the families, staff, neighbors, friends, and alumni near and far listed in this publication, we have over \$5.5 million already pledged. That leaves us with less than one million dollars to go.

Now it will take all of us, with a shared commitment, pledging what we can, to help ensure the East Grand Rapids tradition of excellence for generations to come.

Yes, '18 was the year the Foundation grew up and left the nest. But with your help, '19 is the year we're going to spread our wings and fly.

Amy Stuursma
Executive Director
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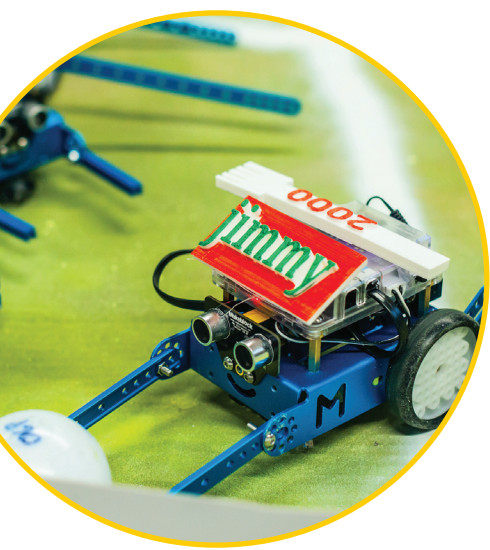
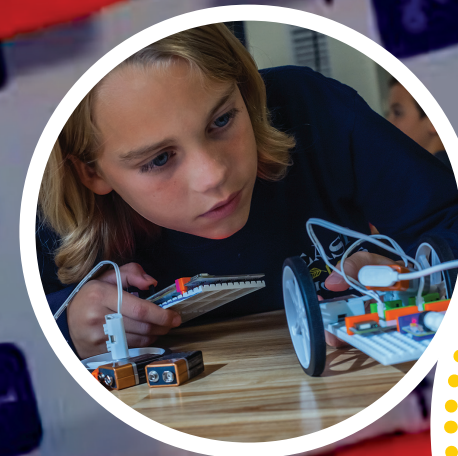
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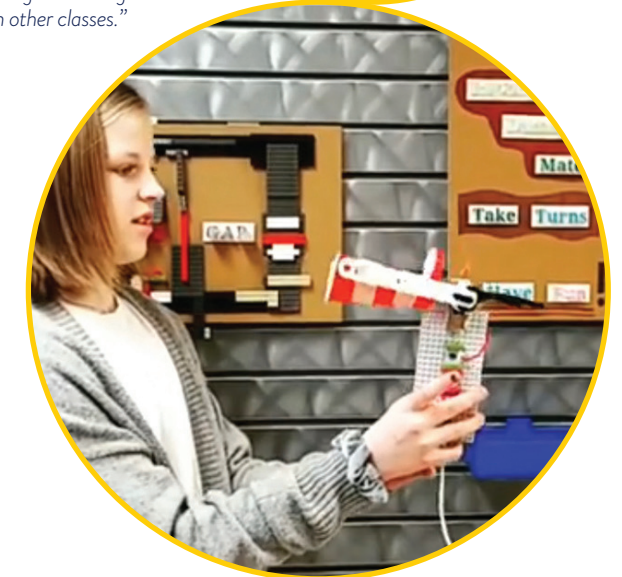
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The Middle School Innovation Lab started with a grant from the Foundation. In its first year, it served 54 students. This year? 491.

"I don't teach this class," says teacher Kevin Vance. "I facilitate it. The freedom that this class offers gives students confidence that can translate into them feeling better about their educational surroundings and doing better in other classes."



PIONEERING CREATIVITY



Did You Know?
 Last year, more than 71,000 people attended events at the district's Performing Arts Center. The Foundation has funded theater, art, and music programs at all three elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school. That includes management of the Performing Arts Center, uniforms for the marching band, indoor and outdoor murals, artist and author visits, the Harry Potter-themed Yule Ball, and the Ukulele Club.

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 Elementary School Instrument Introduction



PIONEERING EDUCATION

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ALUMNI NEWS | Reunions

Last year was the busiest year ever for the East Grand Rapids Alumni Association, with reunions, online alumni profiles, the Pioneer Post Alumni Newsletter, Class News on our website, the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, and Homecoming.

This year is already off to an active start. In March, Alumni Relations Coordinator Maria Allen joined alumni Lynne (Boyles) Marino and Kelly Davis in organizing an Alumni Happy Hour in Jupiter, Florida. The first-of-its-kind event gave Pioneers who live in southeast Florida—and some who were there soaking up the sun—a chance to reconnect and share memories of their time in East.

The event was such a success that now the Alumni Association is looking for where to hold its next Alumni Happy Hour. Chicago? Denver? New York? San Francisco? LA? How about up north in Michigan in the summertime? If you'd like to connect with East alumni in your neck of the woods, contact Maria at mallen@egrps.org. Watch for details of our next event on Facebook and egrfsf.org.

There are also six class reunions scheduled for 2019, with more on the way!

- 1959** (9/27-28)
- 1964** (9/6-7)
- 1969** (7/25-27)
- 1979** (6/14-15)
- 1984** (9/27-28)
- 1989** (7/27)

Homecoming this fall will be another chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. On Friday, **September 27**, there will be an Alumni Tent at the football game with games, refreshments, East swag, and lots more. Join us!

Want to see more event photos? Visit egrfsf.org/alumni



1968



1978



1988



Former EGRPS Staff

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- 1942**
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Louis Wickman
- 1945**
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- 1946**
Robert Schmidt
- 1947**
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- 1948**
Robert Allaben
Michael Griffin
John Wall
- 1949**
Susan (Craig) Coons Slawson
Mary (Curley) McDougal
- 1950**
Jack Landman
Sally (Dorenbusch) Miner
- 1951**
Sylvia (Alexander) Logan
Marian (Whittier) Dowling
- 1954**
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- 1956**
R. Dale Berger, Jr.

ALUMNI NEWS | In Remembrance

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni and former EGRPS staff who died since our last publication. They will be greatly missed.

- 1939**
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- 1942**
James Thompson
- 1943**
Barbara (Birdsall) Friend
- 1945**
Michael Griffin
Dennis Spooner
- 1946**
John Little
- 1947**
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Robert Coveart
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- 1948**
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- 1949**
Maureen Cadey
Deborah Clark
- 1950**
David Dunning
- 1951**
David Edwards
- 1954**
James Spangler
Joel Swets
James Webb
- 1975**
Allison King
- 1976**
Mark Wigert
- 1977**
Bruce Johnson
Tobin McCarthy
- 1980**
Gail Emmert
- 1981**
Peter Weiblen, Jr.
- 1982**
Pamela Boland
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- 1988**
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After ten years of the annual spring Hurrah! fundraiser, we switched things up in 2018 with the first-ever Sip&Support. The party was in the EGR Community Center and it was truly a celebration of the partnership between our schools, our city, Gaslight businesses and our community as a whole. Leading up to the event, supporters dined and shopped at Gaslight businesses, many of whom donated a portion of their proceeds to the Foundation. Troll for Trout provided live music for the event, where hundreds of guests caught up with old friends and made new ones. The party kept going well after the time it was supposed to end, with the band keeping everyone on their feet until it finally was time to call it a night. The first Sip&Support was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without our generous sponsors. Thank you!

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Elizabeth Welch '88 has spent most of her adult life advocating for public education. She has fought against cuts to school funding and advocated for our students and schools as both a Trustee of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education and a concerned parent.

Dr. Henry "Fritz" Schaefer '62 received his B.S. in chemical physics from MIT and his Ph.D. from Stanford. For more than 30 years, he has been one of the most highly cited scientists in the world. He is the author of more than 1,500 scientific publications, and he's been listed by *The Best Schools* as one of "Seven Chemists who Deserve a Nobel Prize."



2018 DONOR ROLL CALL | 2018 Gerken Open Supporters

Every spring, the EGR Team Boosters and the Foundation join together for the Gerken Open at Thousand Oaks Golf Club. The Gerken Open supports the Boosters and the Jimmy Gerken Fund, which was established to remember Jimmy and ensure that athletics and co-curriculars—the activities Jimmy loved most—remain an integral part of our students' education. The Jimmy Gerken Fund also pays for student activities during Kabookie Week, keeping Jimmy's memory alive while encouraging students to continue to experience personal excellence, just as Jimmy would have wanted.

Thank you to all our 2018 sponsors! The **2019 Gerken Open** will be **Wednesday, June 12**, and it promises to be the best one yet. Register online to play or be a sponsor of the event at egrfsf.org.

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2018 DONOR ROLL CALL | Community Service & Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

The Foundation held the 11th Community Service and Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Thousand Oaks Golf Club. Before the two honorees spoke, guests were treated to a delicious dinner, an uplifting performance by middle school and high school singers, and a short video introducing the Foundation's Now&Forever campaign.

Two people are honored at the dinner every other year, one for Community Service and one as a Distinguished Alumni. The Community Service honoree does not need to be an East Grand Rapids alumni. To nominate someone for either award, please contact the Foundation at (616)235-3535 or egrfsf@egrps.org.

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