

# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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## President's Letter

Let's begin the New Year with a **"KICK 'EM, COLTS!"** That is indeed what 2015 proved to be for the Arlington High School Alumni Association! We definitely got our kicks in ending 2015 with over 1,000 households and 1,200 members! Keep on joining, folks! **WE NEED YOU!!!**

The Association presented seven scholarships—the most ever in one year—to deserving seniors. With the help from our Association friends and families, two new dedicated memorial scholarships were funded: the Captain William H. Nation Scholarship (See the Spring 2015 newsletter for more on this man who died just as World War II was ending.) and the John Webb Scholarship (named for our late principal). The Board of Directors of the Arlington High School Alumni Association thanks all those who supported these scholarships and who have donated to our scholarship fund. That is our goal—to give back to the students who love our Alma Mater today just as we did however long ago! Keep up the good work!

In January, we welcomed three new directors: Vice-President **Blake Wade, '06**, Treasurer **Verne Hargrave, '68**, Corresponding Secretary **Karen Giorgio Logos, '68**. Officers **DeeDee Mosby Winter, '62**, and **Rusty Ward, '69**, ended their exceptional service to the Association by signing the bylaws revision with **Debbie Ericson** and me.



By the way, special thanks

to **Mac Martin, Paul Swartz, Rusty, Debbie** and **Jim Tipton** for working with me on this project.

Our 19th Alumni Open House will be **Saturday, June 11**. Mark your calendars and save the date! If you've been to Open House before, you know how much fun it is. If you haven't been, come celebrate as true daughters and sons of the white and green. Meet, greet, mix and mingle with exes from many decades beginning at 9:00am. The program starts at 10:00 and finishes up around noon.

The **Class of 1966** will be the Golden Anniversary class—the eleventh year in a row for the 50th reunion class to be special guests at Alumni Open House. Other

reunion classes will join us as well while we enjoy the sounds of the Alumni Band. Contact **Tanya Terrell-Weideman** at [shadowlr@swbell.org](mailto:shadowlr@swbell.org) to play in a Colt Band again. To sing with the Alumni Choir meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 to rehearse our golden oldies: "The Halls of Ivy," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and, of course, the beloved "Arlington High, school of our praise..." Our **Class of 2016** scholarship recipients will be honored guests as will our 2016 Distinguished Colt Alumni. I guarantee a fun time will be had by all!

Here is a partial list of the Alumni Association's accomplishments during 2015:

- Awarded AHS math teacher Kim Buchmeyer with a \$2492.60 grant funded by us and given through the Arlington ISD Education Foundation
- Awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships at the Awards Assembly in May
- Donated \$3,000 to the AHS Band to help defray the cost of uniforms for the Flag Corps
- Provided and served the AHS staff a Christmas lunch in December

All of these events were made possible from new member dues, annual membership renewals, upgrades from annual to Life memberships, and donations. Please help us continue **your** Association's 20-year tradition of supporting the **Spirit, Pride, Tradition** of Arlington High School. The first— and still the best—high school in Arlington, Texas.

As much as we accomplished last year, let's kick it up a notch in 2016.

"Triumph! Forge ahead! Rah, Rah, Rah!"

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Ana F. Pettit,  
Class of 1974

## Alumni Scholar Update

Alumni Scholar **Lauren Beard, '15**, reports from the University of Texas at Austin that Arlington High School prepared her to succeed in college.

She says, "I love how AHS really wants students to talk to their counselors which allows students to be guided in the right direction. Mrs. Darst, was my absolutely awesome counselor. She was always notifying me of new scholarships that were available and was eager to help me gather all of the necessary items for my college application."



Collegian Lauren advises the **Class of 2016** to learn to network now.

"Networking is a huge part of the college experience not to mention setting yourself up for the future. Get out of your comfort zone and talk to people you might not normally talk to. Many smart people who have the 'whole package' have been unable to find work because they do not have the network of folks to write recommendation letters or enough experience working with people. The moral of the story is branch out and market yourself. You are a brand!"

Lauren has had a change of heart and a change of major

at UT. She went in as a Radio-Television-Film major and is now a government major. All of us in the Alumni Association wish Lauren the best at UT and beyond.

In the photo, Lauren, a non-scholarship walk-on player, makes a play for the NCAA national finalist Lady Longhorn volleyball team.

Does it make you proud to support AHS alumni who have moved on to college? Does it make you proud enough to want to bring in a new member from among our **75,000+ Arlington High grads** who are **not** currently members? We hope so. It's time to set our sights on **2,000** memberships. These 800 new memberships would add a minimum of **\$20,000** this year to support **our school, its students, its staff, its future**. Persuade a friend or family member to join, or give them a gift membership. It's only \$25 for a year. Once we get them into the corral, they will want to renew and take their places among us who know Arlington High is still the **"SCHOOL OF OUR PRAISE"** and the one we will be true to **"ALL OF OUR DAYS."**

**MEMO TO OUR 739 LIFE MEMBERS:** ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN A LIFE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 10 - 12 YEARS, YOU ARE COASTING ON YOUR INITIAL INVESTMENT. YOU GET THE NEWSLETTERS; ENJOY THE EVENTS. DON'T COAST! BRING IN ONE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP. **TODAY!!**

## Milestones

**Passings:** August 2015 - February 2016, unless otherwise noted.

**Mary Inez Moore Marshall, '36**, January...**Nancy Geer, '38**, August...**Henrietta Stewart Skaggs, '42**, August...**Helen Boyer Flippo, '43**, September...**Ernest "Zeke" Wilemon, '43**, August...**Jim Goodwin, '44**, August...**C.C. "Tincy" Hartley, '46**, January...**Curtis Gober, '47**, November...**Patsy Lawson Nation, '48**, January...**Tom Wright, '50**, September...**Frank Barnes, '51**, December...**Evelyn Smith Wray, '51**, December...**Frank Newby, '52**, October...**Tom Kilpatrick, '53**, January...**Mary Ann Smith Boshier, '54**, October...**Annette Workman Polk, '54**, September...**Gradalyn Morris Reeves, '54**, June...**Durwood Workman, '54**, October...**Maryetta Holley Ferguson, '55**, September...**Bill Meisner, '56**, September...**Sherry Crew Meisner, '56**, January...**Mary Cravens Wysong Haney, '57**, February...**Jerry Tucker, '58**, December, 2014...**Tommy Hirsch, '59**, December...**Larry Mickelson, '59**, October...**Gloria Powell Neal, '59**, December...**Don Pesnell, '59**, December...**Ben Whitten, '59**, February...**Rose Ann Lowry, '60**, September...**Chris Harris, '66**, December...**Randy Strickland, '68**, December...**Tommy Wheeler, '69**, January...**Denny Insell, '70**, October—after attending his 45th reunion in September...**Douglas Wood, '72**, September...**Gary Fitzgerald, '74**, December...**Melissa Tongier, '85**, December...**Griffin Roark, '00**, January...**Anthony Holland, '05**, December...**Ruth Gardner**, former teacher.

## Membership

### Welcome, New Members

Jana Ahmad, '15  
 Lauren Beard, '15  
 Vicki Duckworth, '65  
 Kayla Estes, '15  
 Bill & Mary Poston Gunn, '66/'67  
 Tommy & Karen Hantsche Foster, '68/'76  
 John Hopkins, '00  
 Tammy Ard House, '79  
 Michael Jimmerson, '15  
 Sarah Jones, '85  
 \*Christi Lawing Key, '80  
 Sandra Lerro, '85  
 Betty McQuay, CBC, '40  
 \*Jane Minyard Menger, '71  
 Christine Dawson Nally, '70

Linda Webb Peden, '62  
 Sandra Leazar Pippen, '56  
 Joanna Jones Pittman, '95  
 Ryley Shadix, '15  
 Danny Smith, '70  
 Emma Smith, '15  
 Gloria Sorrels, '74  
 Shirley Stewart, '70  
 Gary Stiff, '78  
 Ellie Thorne, '15  
 \*Bob Wegner, '70  
 Jason & Kelli White, '96/'96  
 Michelle Dearing, '?? (If you know her class, contact us.)

**Upgrade to Life**

Carl & Anita Long, '58/'61

### MEMORIAL MEMBERS

Jim Goodwin, '44,  
 by Cathy Brown  
 Mary Ann Smith Boshier  
 Annette Workman Polk  
 Anna Jo Tillery Pounds  
 Gradalyn Morris Reeves  
 Durwood Workman  
 Rose Ann Lowry, '60,  
 by Sharron Merrill  
 Ricky Rivers, '61, by John  
 Lawler  
 Barbara Keating Syptak Tapp, '60, by Richard Coats, ✱  
 Judy Johnson, Kay Naughton  
 Judy Dotson Whiteside, '62,  
 Pat Myrick

} All Class of 1954,  
 given by Class of '54

### Donations to the Scholarship Fund and the General Fund

✱The \$2,500 gift from Richard Coats in memory of **Barbara Tapp** will fund AHS Alumni scholarships in her name. Our biggest benefactor—known to us as **Mr. Anonymous**—contributed \$3,000 last summer to our General Fund through the Community Foundation of North Texas. Thank you for your amazing solid gold support of AHS over the years. **Bill Murchison, '61**, also gave to the General Fund.



### AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL**

Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal

Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

**LIFE**

Individual = \$125 paid once

Household = \$175 paid once

**MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED**

\$35 paid once

Payable To: AHS ALUMNI \* P.O. Box 152578 \* Arlington, Texas 76015 \* 817.879.7162 \* [ahs\\_alumni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (FIRST) (LAST) (MAIDEN)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (PHONE)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment:  CASH  CHECK

Check your preference:  Newsletter by U.S. Mail  by email notification

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Membership \$35: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)





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A packed gym, Colt Band, balloons, Horse, Fight Song, Alma Mater, StuCo Exes reception = **AHS Homecoming!**



Above: **Barbara Adams, Jill Juroshek Cates, '95, Whitney Coker Terrell, '95, former Principal James Adams**

Left: **Ashley Dawson, Nadine Abdelnour, Nisrine Gal, Nathan Hubble, Shelby Fletcher**





Top Row: **Matt Brown, '95, Cathy Bontley Brown, '63; Elaine Rushing Penny, '71, Wally Penny, '70; Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64,** surrounded by future Colt grands; the Tailgate crowd; Row 2: **Leslie Cox Recine, '81, Dean Recine; Molly Lovell Dalton, '48,** with children **Jeff, '80, Dinah Dalton Menger, '77; Kurt Schultz, Jill Cooley Strehl, Dale Barnett, all '70; Shirley Strain Soto, '70,** with future Colt grandsons

*Colts  
Coming  
Home  
2015*

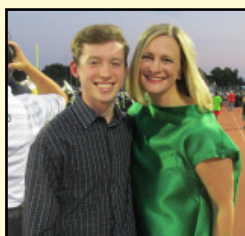
Row 3: **Ken Ozee, '90,** AISD athletic director; **Josie Bird O'Quinn, '56, Carla Robinson, '64; Erica Chaney Crosley, '95, Sarah Oatman Eysen, '95; Vicki Smith, Denny Insell, '70, Justin Boyd, '70, Ned Webster, Mary Pickle Webster, '70;** Row 4: **Ron Spain, Wanda Reasoner Bryant, Wayne Bryant, all '61; DCA Ross Menger, '67 and brother Chris, '71; Robert Miles, Paula Richey Crossman, both '57, DCA Jennifer Hilton Sampson, '88**



## Distinguished Colt Roll Call ~ 1997 - 2015

James Adams, CBC	Jane Robin Ellis, CBC	Doland Maner, '40	Jennifer Hilton Sampson, '88
Alan Austin, '69	Mike Enger, '74	<i>Charles Marshall, '51</i>	Anne Ross Berg Seldon, '53
<i>Margie Austin, CBC</i>	*Robert Fielder, '25	Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49	<i>Phillip Stork, '49</i>
Jim Ball, '59	Randy Ford, '67	Gary Martin, '53	<i>Gene Schrickel, '44</i>
<i>Bill Bardin, '24</i>	<i>Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51</i>	Mac Martin, '61	<i>Frank Smith, '43</i>
James "Brad" Bradley, '39	Greg Friess, '71	Peggy Wood Martin, '66	Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51
Cathy Bontley Brown, '63	Jane Crews Friess, '71	Don Mebus, '62	Paul Swartz, '59
Tillie Lester Burgin, '54	John Gardner, '57	Dinah Dalton Menger, '77	<i>Barton Thompson, '51</i>
Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64	Stevie Campbell Hansen, '62	Ross Menger, '67	Mike Wade, '76
Kent Cherry, '52	Bowie Hogg, '96	Robert Miles, '57	<i>John Webb, CBC</i>
<i>William Connor, '36</i>	Buddie Hrabal, '64	Geraldine Nash Mills, '59	Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81
Cari Fitzgerald Cook, '70	<i>Bill Hughes, '48</i>	*Lt. Perry Mills, '59	<i>Ernest Wilemon, '43</i>
*Dean Corey, CBC	<i>Owen Ivie, '43</i>	Alvin Moseley, '65	Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55
Tom Craven, '60	Fran Ditto Jennings, '48	Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66	Jannette Workman, '54
Jeff Dalton, '80	*Col. Neel Kearby, '28	<i>Natalee Davis Parr, '28</i>	<i>Tom Vandergriff, '43</i>
Tom DeFrank, '63	*Charlie Key, '59	Ben Pierce, '72	<i>AnnaWaynette Smith</i>
James Ditto, '48	Barbara Nash Kight, '57	Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49	<i>Vandergriff, '44</i>
<i>Michael Ditto, '55</i>	Carl Knox, '40	Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48	

\* awarded posthumously

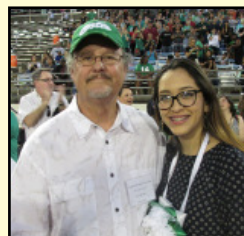
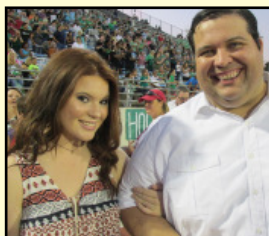
*Italics indicate Alumni who died after receiving this honor*

Student Council escorts, clockwise from top: Grayson Ross, '16, Madeleine Stokes, '17, Morgan Elam, '17, Jessica Olvera, '17

### 2015 HONOREES AT TAILGATE AND PRE-GAME CEREMONIES



~ 2015 DCA HONOREES ~  
**BOWIE HOGG, '96, JENNIFER HILTON SAMPSON, '88, RANDY FORD, '67, ROSS MENGER, '67**



### Nominations Open for 2016

Honorees are alumni who typify the spirit, pride and tradition of Arlington High School through tireless efforts to "give back" to our school or are those who have brought honor to Arlington High through their significant career accomplishments. **Attention Nominators:** Remember that the Alumni Board members who select the honorees may not know your nominees. Be specific in listing the ways your nominees have supported AHS or have burnished the reputation of AHS throughout their professional lives.

***Use nomination form on website or send to our PO Box. WRITE TO IMPRESS!***

**DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2016**



## Reunion Rodeo



The **Class of 2005** combined their celebration with service at Mission Arlington. At right, **Chloe Beth Adams Addudell** celebrates with **Paul Nilrach** and **Zach Dominguez** on Friday night. At right, **Tillie Lester Burgin, '54**, is flanked by these folks who gave some time to others on Saturday of reunion weekend.

### Reunion Rodeo ~ 2016

- Class of 1956** June 11, Open House weekend
- Class of 1961** June 11
- Class of 1966** June 11 · Open House/Ladies' Lunch/ Tierra Verde for all · Jo McGovern: 817.888.2194
- Class of 1971** Homecoming weekend TBD · Jerrell Womble: jwwomble@tx.rr.com/817.946.9939 · Gera Banks Winchester: gerawinchester@aol.com/ 817.504.0314
- Class of 1996** – Homecoming weekend

**Class of 1970's** 45th reunion started at Homecoming pep rally. Afterwards the class was turned loose to roam the halls of AHS. Early evening was the tailgate party sponsored by the Alumni Association (**THANK YOU!**), and many of us stayed for the game... **Colts** kicked 'em, 50 - 7! Next morning 60 of us played softball at Veterans Park. We thought we would need walkers, but we went gangbusters and did without. Barbeque at the park then JGilligans that night for 135 folks. We had a visit from **Little Arlie**, karaoke, and dancing. **IT WAS GREAT!!!** Can't wait for the next one!

~ Penny Morris, '70



At left, Mark Korolevich and Penny Morris.

Below, the junior high split— Carter, left, Ousley, right!



**Class of 1985** couldn't have a reunion without a selfie! See **Michelle Collins, Tina Schmidt McLoughlin** below.



At the pep rally, **Sarah Jones, Beth Hentze Owens, Von McClure, Scott Wiese, Stuart Brooks, Chris Murzin, Billy Buhrkuhl.**

**Von McClure, Kemper McKim Richardson, Tammy Mason Yeager**



'95ers having fun at their 20th

**Class of 1995**  
20th Reunion

**Tony & Danielle Chen Casagrande, Scott & Rachel Hill Spain, Matt & Megan Brown, Brandy Taylor**



**Suzy Weber Landrum, Jade King, Trinie Richter Rinehart**







Class of 1970



Class of 1970



Class of 1970



Class of 2005

**Alumni Open House, June 11**  
**Renewals Due Upon Receipt of Invoice**  
**Renew today to receive your Spring newsletter**  
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Class of 2005



2015 ~ Distinguished Colt Alumni



## Alumni Association Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

- President: Ana Pettit, '74
- Vice-President: Blake Wade, '06
- Secretary: Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68
- Treasurer: Verne Hargrave, '68

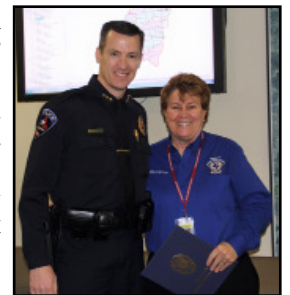
### CHAIRPERSONS

- Membership: Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61
- Corresponding Secretary: Karen Giorgio Logos, '68
- Webmaster: Mac Martin, '61
- Growth & Development: Heather McMillen, '90
- Product Sales: Paul Swartz, '59
  - Assistant: Linda Garner Gipson, '61
- Reunions: Doris Collard Whitlock, '59
- Distinguished Colts: Jerrell Womble, '71
- Special Events: Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64
- Newsletter: Michelle Barlen, CBC
  - Editor: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63
- Scholarship: Peggy Martin, '66
- July 4th Parade: Kathy Einhaus, '68
- Archives: Leslie Cox Recine, '81
- Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell-Weidemann, '81
- Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74

Kudos to our president **Ana Pettit** who recently received the Volunteer of the Month recognition from the Arlington Police Department. Her citation said she is one of the most active of their Community Watch Group volunteers. In November, when she was alerted that a suspect had set fire to a house and was last seen riding a bicycle, Ana continued to observe the partially burned house.



She eventually saw the suspect sitting in the front yard. Ana called 911 and officers apprehended the suspect. In addition, she asked her neighbors to cover the damage enough so that the disabled mother of the suspect could return to the house. The citation says that Ana went "above and beyond" and through her "diligence and determination a suspect is off the streets."



Ana holds her award and is shown with Chief of Police Will Johnson at the presentation.