



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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Spring 2020

23rd Annual Alumni Open House

Postponed until fall • Possibly Homecoming weekend, October 2 & 3 • Colts vs. Grand Prairie •
More details to follow via email, Facebook, and fall newsletter •

ANNOUNCING 2020 DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI

**Susie Einhaus Greenwood, '79, Chris Hightower, '90, Steve Morris, '80, Kay King, '62,
Hunter Pence, '01, Jim and Faye Snow Reeder, '65, Jim Risher, '60, Kirk Thomas, '72**

**If you do not have email and are not on Facebook, please ask a friend or relative
to inform you of the new date. It will be posted before fall newsletter arrives.**

From the President

Hello Spring and our Colt Alumni!
Our busy, fun and most inspiring season of the year is postponed due to COVID-19 and social distancing. Ordinarily, we would celebrate our wonderful AHS teachers in May with a luncheon and a chance to thank them for all they do for our young Colts! Did you know that 23 of our current teachers are AHS Alumni themselves? That shows how much we love our AHS roots. Our much anticipated, always fun annual Alumni Open House is tentively planned for Saturday, October 3. There you will be inspired by the careers and lives of our eight Distinguished Colts. We hope you can congratulate them in person!

Although by the fall our 2020 Alumni Scholars will be scattered, 51 applications were received and our ten recipients have been chosen. Due to the generosity of our members and the success of our efforts on North Texas Giving Day last September, we were able to increase the amount of each scholarship from \$1,250 to \$1,500! We are counting on you to continue to make that possible. No amount is too small to lend your support.

This year we had a little turnover in our Board of Directors. We are bidding a fond farewell to **Sharron Merrill** who faithfully held down the job of Membership Chairman for 15 years! Great work, Sharron! It's going to take two people to fill Sharron's shoes. We welcome **Dee Moorehead, '62**, and a co-chair to be named soon to the board. They will share this most important job! Our forever accurate **Verne Hargrave** is turning his treasurer's job over to **Marie Bosillo, '85**, who was one of Verne's accounting colleagues

before he retired. I was happy to turn my job as secretary over to AHS teacher **Suzy York, '81**, who teaches Special Education/Alegebra I. She also sponsors the Colt Kickers. We welcome **Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99**, as a new member-at-large and **Leila Rahimzadeh Perez, '01**, as new campus liaison.

We are now in May. School will not resume. We don't know how the rest of the siege will play out. We do know AHS is a place that beautifully influenced who we are as citizens of a great country, amazing state, supportive city and the best of the best high schools. I can't think of a better reason to be together at Open House and celebrate in October.

Sway to our Alma Mater and sing "Sons of the White and Green" as we "Triumph, Forge Ahead. Rah! Rah! Rah!"

Go, Colts!

Bonnie Beebe Watkins

Class of 1962



Bonnie with classmate Mike Farhat at Open House 2018

Milestones

Passings: Faye Austin Briggs, '42, March...Rebecca Farmer McKnight, circa '42, March...Jody Elliott Scott, '45, April... Louise Higdon Goodwin, '46, January...Bob Hester, '57, April...Bobbie Burch Munson, '58, March...Stacy Brown, '60, April...Sharon Moore Crowson, '60, September 2019...Ira Evers, '63, January...Janice Cooper, '64, April...John Armstrong, '66, April...Linda McMillen, '66, April...Frank Sandford '67, January...Lark Lands, '68, November...Larry Wine, '69, April... John Cocharo, '70, January...Scott Coffman, '79, February...Mike Moritz, '81, February...Neal Staton, '83, January...Sam Reynolds '21, February... Wendell Lackey, former coach and administrator, February



The **AHS Alumni Board** turned out big for the Arlington ISD Education Foundation grant presentation at Hill Elementary. First row: **Paul Swartz, Elizabeth Crosley, '27, Mark and Colton Crosley, '32, Emily Crosley, '29, Hank Taylor, '26.** Behind the twins is the awardee (see more below).

From far left: **Buddie Hrabal, Dee Moorehead, Mac Martin, Peggy Martin, Jo McGovern, Debbie Ericson, Bonnie Watkins, Kathy Einhaus, Kristina Randerson, Amy Bledsoe Wade, '76,** representing the Education Foundation, **Erin Chaney**—grandmother to the cuties! Former board member **Erica Chaney Crosley, '95,** in front of Erin.

As in years past, the Arlington High School Alumni Association provided funds for a grant to a teacher for innovative curriculum. Our grants go to either AHS or one of our cluster schools. This year Hill Elementary teacher Cortney Roseberry, the SCE (State Compensatory Education) Support Interventionist, was awarded \$4,980 for the grant called Osmo Innovators. She describes her goal: to provide students with access to hands-on, innovative learning using the iPads and Osmos to enhance learning opportunities and inspire our learners to take risks and ownership of their own learning. The Osmo Genius Kit will increase rigor and higher-level thinking skills through literacy, numeracy, and problem solving while collaborating with others to help build a strong foundation in K-2 that is necessary for future learning.

Are so thankful for the Osmo Innovators grant! It will put more technology and learning opportunities right in the kids' hands. As the SCE Support Interventionist, I am a part of the leadership team helping teachers with any needs they have in order to reach our campus vision and goal. I plan and implement weekly Professional Learning Communities for our teachers, monitor and help teachers address needed interventions based on individual student needs, and serve as an instructional coach for our teachers. This grant will put iPads and Osmos into the hands of all our K-2 learners because the teachers will share the technology during their Intervention and Enrichment time. We cannot thank you enough!

Historical footnote: At the request of then AISD Superintendent Lynn Hale, all city high schools were asked to organize an alumni association. These associations would be a part of the AISD Education Foundation. AHS Principal **James Adams** recruited **Cathy Bontley Brown, '63,** to organize just such an association in 1996. An organizing committee came up with the plan that is now ours. For three years, the Arlington High School Alumni Association functioned under the bylaws of the Education Foundation. Its primary function was to raise

money for grants to innovative teachers via the Foundation. Consequently, our alumni have been supporting this effort since that time. In 1999, our Association separated from the Foundation and began to function under its own bylaws. Our support of the grants program continued, however, with our donations being earmarked either for Arlington High or the junior highs and elementary schools whose students eventually go to AHS. We are proud to support the creative teachers who want the best for current and future Colts.

\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

AHS Alumni Association 2020 Budget

Revenues:			
Memberships		\$ 5,000	
Contributions		22,500	
Product Sales		1,000	
Interest Income		100	
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Total Revenues		\$28,600	
Expenditures:			
Gifts to Organizations: 5,000			
Newsletter			
Postage	550		
Printing	3,500	4,050	
Special Events			
4th of July	350		
DCA	525		
December Teacher Luncheon	1,500		
May Teacher Luncheon	1,900		
Open House	750		
Tail-gate	350	5,375	
Scholarships	12,500		
Merchandise	600		
Supporting Services			
Fundraising	250		
Rent	360		
Paypal fees	95		
Office Supplies	200		
Postage	150		
Constant Contact	600		
Website and Social Media	225	2,240	
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Total Expenditures		\$32,265	
Surplus (Deficit)		(\$ 3,665)	

Since 1996, the Arlington High School Alumni Association has given in support of AHS, its students and staff, over

\$188,000

This once-in-a-lifetime school year slammed the door on some of our traditions! No spring teacher luncheon, no awarding of our scholarships at an Awards Assembly, no June Alumni Open House. What we will continue to do, however, is award our 2020 seniors scholarships with the highest stipend ever of \$1,500. Because we plan to award ten this year, by graduation 2020 the Arlington High School Alumni Association will have given over \$188,000 to Arlington High School students, staff, organizations. How's that for Spirit, Pride, Tradition? For a group of people who just happened to graduate from the same high school to love that school enough to support it years after their graduation—*that's Spirit!* To have done so to the tune of \$188,000—*that's Pride!* From our founding in 1996 through today means a 24-year record of support—*that's Tradition!* Thank you to our members, our donors, our colleagues on the AHS staff, and to today's students who felt what we felt, walked where we walked, and cheered how we cheered. As the Alma Mater says:

**WE'LL E'ER BE TRUE TO YOU
ALL OF OUR DAYS.
WE'LL ALWAYS CHEER
THE GREEN AND WHITE...**

All of us will always be daughters and sons of the white and green!



In 2018, our donation to the AISD Education Foundation resulted in a grant for Arlington High School. Pictured here: AHS librarian Mary Jane Beene, Principal Shaveer Dhalla

Welcome, New Association Directors

Dee Butler Moorehead, Class of 1962, remembers AHS fondly because of her friends, the slumber parties, the excitement and fun of Homecoming, and a since abandoned event called Flag Night. Her friend and classmate Bonnie Watkins asked her to join the Board of Directors. Because Bonnie asked and Dee thought it would be fun to meet “new Colts,” she said yes. For herself, she sees this as a way to be a more outgoing person. She hopes to add people to our membership list and already has added two. Dee’s family has a long line of Colts: 18 people in her family graduated from Arlington High, including her father, aunt, many cousins. One cousin is Distinguished Colt Alumna Dinah Dalton Menger, ’77. Her two aunts were stalwarts in the departments of math and history—Miss Nora and Miss Pearl Butler, respectively. In addition, her mother served as secretary to Principal James Crouch. That’s a line which stretches about six decades. Thanks, Dee, for bringing that spirit, pride and tradition with you to our Board.



Suzy York, Class of 1981, loved being on the Colt Kicker Drill Team. Drill team events, such as, camps, pep rallies, games, parades, competitions were all so memorable. “It was all a great time to spend time with some terrific young women.” Right up there with the Kickers was the French Club. This group offered her the chance to travel to France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. “Oui, je parle français!! Merci, Madame Phemister.” She joined the board as secretary because, like so many of us, she bleeds green. “I love the Spirit, Pride and Tradition of AHS; plus I teach there now.” Coming home again can work out right! Suzy expects her increased involvement will connect her even more to our alumni because it’s so special to make more friends who share parts of history. She plans to be a reliable connection between the AHS staff and the Alumni Association by encouraging more staff involvement, and possibly establishing an Alumni Drill Team! Her last words in this interview: “Kick ‘em.”



Marie Bosillo, Class of 1985, admits that her great memories of her days at AHS did not happen in the classroom. Her passion was for playing volleyball. Marie was watching when the 1982 varsity volleyball team won the State Championship. From that perspective her fondest memories include “the honor and pride I felt every time I put on the AHS uniform and competed for our school.” Marie agreed to serve as our treasurer because of her respect for our previous treasurer Verne Hargrave, a business colleague of hers, who asked her to serve. She sees this as an opportunity to give back to the school she loves. She sees her term of service as a means to meet fellow alumni, to develop new friendships and to reconnect with Arlington High School. She plans to continue Verne’s work of building a solid financial foundation for the Association with sound policies, procedures and internal controls. As



our membership grows and donor contributions increase, we will have the right structure in place to handle it.

Stay tuned for interviews with new board members, Kristina and Leila.

Membership Shoutout

Class of 1995 adds four new members and one upgrade to a Life membership. That’s out of only 10 new members since Homecoming. We thank the Class of ‘95 for their outstanding support. Keep spreading the word! This class has more members of the Association than any other class from the 1990s! And here they are:

Matt Brown	Angelina Duckworth McFadden
Chelsea Taylor Carter	Rachel Hill Spain
Spencer Cearnal	Scott Spain
Nikki Chriesman-Green	Kim Tipton Spencer
Erica Chaney Crosley	Chase Tenney
Tyler Crosley-CBC	Whitney Coker Terrell
Daniel Horner	Andi Warner Vaughn
Heather Lee	

Membership

MEMBERSHIP QUIZ

1. Who can claim to be an alumnus or alumna of Arlington High School?
2. Who can claim membership in the AHS Alumni Association?
3. What kind of records are kept at AHS or the Arlington ISD about alumni?
4. Who has information about people in **YOUR** class?
5. What public Facebook page can be accessed by anyone interested in Arlington High?
6. Where can you find an official list of your classmates?
7. Where can you find any kind of organized list of people who went to Arlington High School?
8. Do we sell our database of members to any vendors?
9. Do we ever give your contact information out?

WHY IS ANY OF THIS IMPORTANT?

In March this year, as businesses began shutting down and lockdowns occurred, we realized we would need to be able to contact members quickly for news of the new date of Alumni Open House. Many of you have been members so long you didn't even have email addresses when you joined. Our first drive for members in 1996 meant landlines and answering machines were all we had. Since then many folks—even us old geezers—have closed out our landlines. Since you are reading this print newsletter in May 2020, we have a correct street address for you—unless your mail is being forwarded. If so, **contact us before you forget!** We don't know unless you tell us. Consequently, **WE** have a project and **YOU** play a part. Please send us your name(s), grad year(s), street address, preferred phone number, email address to: ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net. To be informed about Open House, please send **TODAY!**

Accurate membership information is the nuts and bolts in the operation of this Association. Please understand how important it is to this organization and its support of Arlington High. Now STOP reading and SEND in your specs! Thanks so much, all you forever Colts!

ANSWERS

1. Anyone who ever attended for any amount of time can make that claim.
2. Persons who have joined by paying dues can claim membership in the AHS Alumni Association.
3. No records on alumni are kept at AHS or the Arlington ISD.
4. Only other classmates or the AHS Alumni Association
5. The Arlington High School Alumni Association Facebook page is the place.
6. Nowhere after a class graduates.
7. Membership Roster on <http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org/> under the MEMBERSHIP TAB, listed by class.
8. Never!
9. Never! Not even to a long-lost friend. We will contact **you** to give you contact information from the seeker.

No email address??? Then send form below to AHS Alumni PO Box 152578 Arlington TX 76015.

In space provided for email address, ask a friend or relative if you can use their email address whereby they can inform you of notifications from the Arlington High School Alumni Association

First Name(s): _____

Maiden: _____ Last: _____

Street: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Main phone: _____

Email: _____

Anything else we need to know: _____

Alumni Scholar Update

David Mexquitic, Class of 2019, received a scholarship this semester when one of our 2019 scholarships was not claimed. David is a freshman at UTA. He reports in his own words: My first semester at UTA was splendid. I took part in multiple organizations while creating many relationships along the way. As I started my journey through university life, I decided to focus not only on academics but also on Maverick spirit. I joined The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Society of Professional Engineers, Freshmen Leaders on Campus. I took part in the Leadership Honors program. These organizations helped me transition from high school to college. At the end of my first semester last fall, I was invited to join Alpha Lambda Delta—a national honors society for first-year students. Arlington High School smoothed the transition for me. The math and physics courses at AHS along with the high standards of my teachers put me at an advantage on my aerospace engineering track. In addition to learning the material, my teachers gave me lifelong lessons which continue to benefit me. I did have one surprise in store—the level of difficulty! Although I did my homework in high school, I never studied more than I needed to. That doesn't work at this level. Chemistry for Engineers—an accelerated course designed to include all the chemistry an engineer would require—taught me to manage my time better which allowed time to study for exams and quizzes. Not only am I fortunate enough to have been part of Colt Country, I am blessed to be the recipient of this truly amazing scholarship.



Caroline Cave, Class of 2016, reporting from TCU: I am still working on my undergrad degree. I am currently student teaching at North Ridge Middle School and Richland High School. I will graduate in May with a degree in Instrumental Music Education I just began applying for jobs all over DFW (including AISD!) to be a middle school band



director! AHS Alumni, thank you so much again for your generous donation and investment in me! (editor's query: How does the school shutdown affect Caroline's path to certification?)

Ellie Thorne, Class of 2015, reports: I graduated from Baylor University this past May with a BFA in Studio art, concentration in photography. As of now, I live and work in Florence, Italy as an English teacher and photographer. Kind regards and Kick 'em, Colts!



Rebekah Tate, Class of 2014, now teaches Algebra I, IB math and sponsors Math UIL Number Sense at Arlington High! She writes: I am a proud third generation Arlington High School Colt alum who loves participating in the spirit, pride and tradition of AHS as a teacher! Kick 'em Colts! I absolutely love teaching math and encouraging students to have confidence in their math skills. Being separated from them and my colleagues during this lockdown has been hard. Still I believe everyone can succeed in math and am here to help students do just that! I love collecting quotes, especially quotes which are math related!



“Without mathematics there's nothing you can do.
Everything around you is mathematics.
Everything around you is numbers.”
-Shakuntala Dev

To see short bios of past Alumni Scholars, readers can go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org. Click on the fall issue of past editions to read about these wonderful Colts who are realizing their promise and potential. There you will discover that Rebekah was salutatorian and Fielder Award recipient; that when Ellie sang at Carnegie Hall with the Chamber Choir she sensed the history of AHS—a school which had “been touching people's lives for over a century;” that drum major Caroline knew she was part of AHS forever when she sang. “Hearts that are brave and true, loyal and eager, too. Shoulder to shoulder fight and win. Sons of the white and green!”

Reunions

CLASS OF 1970 POSTPONES 50TH REUNION FROM APRIL 17 & 18 TO LATER IN THE YEAR.

THE BUMMED TRUTH: I not only want to see y'all in April, but I want to see you next year, and the year after that, and the year after that. In order for most of those things to happen, it looks like I'm going to have to sacrifice seeing you guys in April. This announcement is being made to let you know that we are POSTPONING our high school reunion. We are simply not going to bring 150 old people into a room to hug on each other or even elbow bump (what fun is there in that?). We are going to save that precious moment until this crisis in our country is over. We are following the #CancelEverythingMovement in order to make our world a safer place for ourselves and those we love.

We will look to reschedule later this year. In the

meantime, our venues will work with us to reschedule. So cancel all your travel plans. Cancel your hotel room. Hopefully you can cancel flights or use them for another date. I promise I won't run off with your money since travel is being banned anyway. If, after we set another date, someone who has paid cannot come, we will of course give refunds at that time. If this presents a hardship for anyone, please contact me. T-shirts ordered and paid for will still be shipped out when they arrive. Please get the word out. Not everyone is on Facebook, [Arlington High School Class of 1970](#). Call me if you have any questions. Penny 817-975-1287 · Fxn2@att.net, or penny.morris@kellyhart.com.

—Penny Morris, 50th Reunion

Class of 1960

Postponed for now
Possibly October 3

Facebook: [AHS Class Of '60](#)

Marcia Jacobs Bumgardner
majorb4@gmail.com

Class of 1990

October 2 & 3 · Friday: Colt Football
Saturday: Cartel Taco Bar · 7:00 p

Facebook: [Arlington High School Senior Class of 1990](#)

Contact: Holli Harry Brett · hbrett1996@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1995

October 2 & 3 · Homecoming

Facebook: [Arlington High School Class of 1995 - Arlington, Texas](#)

Class of 1971

Saturday, June 5, **2021** · Rolling Hills Country Club ·
Finger food buffet · Cash Bar · \$40/person · Send to

AHS Class of 1971 - 50th Reunion

P.O. Box 121662

Arlington, TX 76012

Jerrell Womble · 817.946.9399 ·

jwwomble@tx.rr.com

All classes thinking about scheduling their reunions for Homecoming weekend, plan to make Alumni Open House your Saturday daytime event. It will be double fun as we telescope our major events of the year into one big Colt Party! Check our Facebook page for all updates. [The Arlington High School Alumni Association](#).

AHS/SHHS CLASS OF 1965—REUNION #55

The **Class of 1965** was the first class in Arlington to split into two schools. After their sophomore year at **AHS**, one group of juniors opened **Sam Houston High School**. The other stayed at AHS. They celebrated together on March 6, just under the wire.



Joe and
Pam Williams
Miller, '67

Janice McLellan
Osborne, Bill Snider,
Jan Johnson Davidson,
Cherie Turney Hayes





Jim Ball, '59, sent this great shot of his grandson Ethan with Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame photographer and Distinguished Colt Alumnus **James "Brad" Bradley, '39**, at the Big Play Luncheon in December.



Class of 1965—getting ready to party at their 55th in!

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Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell-Weidemann, '81

Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74

Member-at-large: Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99

Campus Liaison: Leila Rahimzadeh Perez, '01



Late-Breaking News!

Micah Green, '01, theater teacher and director, is moving into AISD administration. He will be Coordinator of Theater and Dance with an office at the new Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Although AHS and our board will miss him, we get to welcome another 2001 grad, **Leila Perez**, a counselor at AHS, as our new campus liaison.

Sustainers are with us at events time after time after time. We can't thank them enough for their help and support for both the board and for AHS!

Volunteer to be a sustainer by contacting a board member to be added to our list.

Alan Austin, '69
David Bailey, '61
Carol Boring, '56
Linda Chaney, '68
Judy Northup, '69
Betty Swartz
DeeDee Winter, '62
Jane Wright, '68