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President's Letter

Greetings, fellow Colts! First and foremost, I hope that everyone has been able to stay well and avoid getting COVID-19. The pandemic has been an experience we will never forget, and I hope we never have to re-live! We certainly missed getting to see you when we cancelled Alumni Open House in June. Although we missed the chance to introduce our ten 2020 Alumni Scholars, the Alumni Board did get to meet them on Zoom this summer. They all expressed their gratitude for the \$1,500 scholarships! They were happy to tell us about college plans and their future endeavors all made possible by the great start they got at AHS! They still feel the love and support of their former teachers and friends. Get to know them on **pages 5-7**. Meet our lineup of Distinguished Colts for 2020 on **pages 2-4**. They certainly deserve the honor for their noteworthy lives. We are proud of our fellow Colts! We must give Sharron Chapman Merrill a big thank you for 15 years of wonderful service as our Membership Chairman. Sharron is happy to turn her position over to **Judy Whitenight Northup, '69**. Her assistant Dee Butler Moorehead shares Judy's high expectations for a great future for the AHS Alumni Association. They will benefit from the Membership Updating Project undertaken by a huge group of volunteers during the coronavirus downtime. See page 7 for the results! Our future events are uncertain as they depend on schools being open and the virus more in check. Since the start of football season is delayed, at press time we don't know if or when Homecoming happens. We had hoped to make the weekend a lollapalooza by scheduling Open House the day after the game. For now too much is unknown to make any definite plans. Add our new email address ahscoltsforever@gmail.com to your contacts so any late-breaking announcements will reach you. Watch for announcements on our Facebook page. If we get a green light to hold Open House, it won't take us long to put on the show for you!



For the third year we will join North Texas Giving Day on September 17th. This could be our only fundraising opportunity before we award the next batch of scholarships in 2021. Big donations are awesome; every little bit helps. We wish you all good health! Triumph over COVID-19! Colts forever forge ahead!

Bonnie Beebe Watkins
Class of 1962

2020 Distinguished Colt Alumni

SUSIE EINHAUS GREENWOOD, CLASS OF 1979, is the first of two of honorees who have been named posthumously. “Mrs. Greenwood was my 3rd grade teacher. She was friendly and patient with always the time to give you a smile and a hug. This poem says it all about her: “Time is not measured by the years that you live/ But by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give/So what does it matter how long we may live/If as long as we live, we unselfishly give.” This tribute was written by sixth grader Marcus Smith on the establishment of the Susie Greenwood Award at Corey Elementary. Her short career at Corey, 1985 – 1988, made a lasting impression on all who knew Susie. That’s why in her memory this award has been granted every year to one third grade boy and one girl. In 2020, the plaque which hangs in Corey’s Hall of Fame displays 31 pairs of names. At AHS, Susie Einhaus got involved. She held offices: vice-president of the sophomore council, treasurer of the Student Council. Her peers voted her class favorite twice as well as Homecoming princess. As a teacher, her happy, loving, upbeat spirit created a classroom where learning was fun. She loved her students, and they knew it. She knew when one needed an extra push to keep them going to finish their task. She lit up her classroom with the encouragement every student needs one time or another. Although she taught as long as she could after her cancer diagnosis, she couldn’t finish the spring semester. Susie died in July 1988 at the age of 28. Her sister and nominator Kathy Einhaus, ‘68, says everything AHS stands for and instills in its students bloomed in Susie. The spirit of Arlington High School and what it means to be a Distinguished Colt lives at Corey Elementary through the Susie Greenwood Award.



CHRIS HIGHTOWER, CLASS OF 1990, was nominated by Brian and Lorie Hightower White, ‘84, for his personal and professional accomplishments. At AHS, Chris served as president of the Colt Band. Named outstanding senior boy, he added his name to the scroll of Fielder Award winners. Chris earned his BA in history with a minor in art history at TCU; went to University of Georgia for his masters where he was named Graduate Student of the Year for all state colleges and universities; returned to TCU for his PhD in University Administration where he currently serves as Director of Institutional Effectiveness and teaches assessment, accreditation and higher education public policy in the Higher Education Leadership program in



the College of Education. In 2013, Chris aided in developing a campus-wide assessment plan now in use: Discovering Global Citizenship. This program received the Institute of International Education Heiskell Award in 2015 and the Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award in 2017. He brought his skills home when volunteering as Executive Director for the Arlington Museum of Art and now serves as Board president. Chris is also a local realtor for which he received the Rookie of the Year award when he began that part of his professional life. Although Chris loved the enthusiasm of pep rally days and the teachers who made AHS home, he says of Arlington High, “Hands down the education was superior to that of others I have met along the way. This is a special honor for me. The entire Association should be proud of what has been built.”

KAY KING, CLASS OF 1962, a lifelong resident of Arlington, has its first and best high school in her DNA. Her grandfather John Henry Pilant went to the one-room school way before there was a high school. His daughter Louise (Kay’s mother) graduated from Arlington High School in 1933. Kay’s daughters Audra Moore and Rachel Slosson were in the ‘88 and ‘02 classes. The Moore twins, Madison and Mallory, were in the ‘17 class, and Rachel’s sons, Luke and Levi, will hit the ‘32 and ‘34 cohorts. That’s a bloodline for Colt families to aspire to! Kay’s nominator Jo McGovern, 66, says Kay’s willingness to be involved in just about everything started with Colt cheerleading, National Honor Society, and as Kay says, “I was a member of so many clubs I had a charm bracelet made with all of my club pins.” Into adulthood, Kay was a charter member of the Arlington Junior Women’s Club. She has served as a precinct chair involving her with various candidates and many elections. She has served the Rotary Club of Arlington, receiving the Paul Harris Award three times; the United Way committee; the Alzheimers Association Organizing Committee. She has lent her natural talent in decorating to charity fundraisers and weddings, to the Arlington Library (refurbishing the Vandergriff Poinsettia Tree), the Arlington Art Museum, the Safe Haven of Tarrant County Legacy of Women Fundraiser. From that organization Kay received The Legacy of Women award. Currently Kay is on the board of the Arlington Historical Society. Memories of cheerleading and Miss Melba Roddy include the cookies she brought to every game for her seven cheerleaders. She also remembers speech teacher Sue Stinson who selected her for a lead in Our Town when Kay wasn’t even enrolled in speech. This woman with the heart of a true volunteer, however, admits a shadier effort from “back in the day” at Arlington High. She



confesses: “She and anonymous accomplices would pierce ears during school using needle and thread from home economics class, ice from the cafeteria, and a restroom pass.” Kay King – an involved, devoted volunteer from AHS and beyond!



Shortly after high school graduation, **STEVE MORRIS, CLASS OF 1980**, began ushering at Theatre Arlington. Throughout his time at the University of Texas at Arlington as a Theatre & Speech major, Steve performed and worked at that community theatre. Upon receiving his BA in Communications,

Steve began his 27-year career shaping students’ lives at Lamar High School. His goal was not to turn all his students into actors; his goal was to teach them how to be better human beings. He engendered love and compassion, kindness and intelligence, confidence and discipline. After retiring from Lamar, Steve returned as Executive Producer at Theatre Arlington. Until the current hiatus with the coronavirus, Steve’s short time after taking the reins had led to significant growth—in production quality, revenue, audience numbers and an improving relationship with the city of Arlington. He works tirelessly, putting in countless extra hours to get things done the right way. Steve always says yes to helping someone in need and gives his all in everything he does—all done with a smile and a positive attitude. About his AHS days, Steve’s treasured memories include his friends in the theatre program. He loved the traditions and the unbelievable energy in the gym during pep rallies. “My favorite pep rallies were when the teachers did their skits and his class chanted ‘We’re the best; we don’t mean maybe, Senior Class of 1980.’” To the Association and his nominator Micah Green, ‘01, Steve says, “It is humbling and rewarding to receive recognition for my contributions from the place that started my journey. I have always been proud to be an Arlington High School alumnus; I am so honored to be named a Distinguished Colt. Thank you.”

HUNTER PENCE, CLASS OF 2001, one of our most widely known Distinguished Colts, is a Major League Baseball star. Playing for UT Arlington, he was named Southland Conference player of the year in 2004 and later selected by the Houston Astros in the second round of the amateur draft.



According to his nomination by his brother Howard, ‘98, Hunter “flew through the minor league system of the Astros debuting in Houston in 2007.” He is a four-time All-Star, most recently, in 2019 for his hometown Texas Rangers. In addition, he has two World Series championships. In 2012, the Giants were champions at the expense of that same hometown team! His work off the field has also been inspiring to all who know him. He has run several camps in which all the proceeds went to build the Hunter Pence Baseball Academy. This academy has successfully placed well over 200 kids into college

baseball programs. He has collaborated with several charities over the years including Make a Wish Foundation, No Kid Hungry, and most recently, Texas Trees Foundation. Through that Foundation, Hunter and his wife Alexis planted 100 trees at Little Elementary in Arlington where Hunter went to grade school. His brother adds, “I don’t know a person with a bigger heart or more positive attitude. He is loved by MLB fans across the country as well as his former teammates. He genuinely loves the people he has played with, and those feelings are reciprocated. He has also been a great role model for my kids who believe he hung the moon. He has shown them that with hard work and dedication anything is possible!”

FAYE SNOW REEDER, CLASS OF 1965, is half of a power

couple both of whose expertise as professionals and as volunteers has benefitted Arlington over the depth and breadth of city life. Faye spent 20 years with the *Star-Telegram* as Community Relations Director and columnist. She managed over 150 sponsorships of local charitable organizations throughout the city. She handled award ceremonies and luncheons, city parades, programs honoring high school athletes and top high school graduates in the city. She has directed Arlington’s legion of volunteers, served as Executive Director of the River Legacy Foundation, and held countless leadership positions in many local organizations. She has been on the receiving end of awards programs, too, throughout the city as well as Tarrant County. Looking back on her days at AHS, Faye says, “I was blessed to be taught by many outstanding educators, but standouts in my world were Ms. Elizabeth Amos, Ms. Melba Roddy and Mrs. Ann Stockton. Since writing became my career, I credit these women with teaching me how to become an acceptable writer. They were encouragers and expert language technicians gifted with the ability to motivate their students to learn. Because my professional career and my volunteer work were totally local experiences, being a graduate of Arlington High was an impressive credential that gave me a background and historical perspective to do my jobs with credibility and a depth of knowledge about our community. I never hesitated to name drop that I was a product of Arlington schools and a proud graduate of Arlington High.”



Nominating both Faye and **JIM REEDER, CLASS OF 1965**, Jo McGovern wrote that Jim’s days at AHS led to Baylor University and to military service as a U.S. Navy Officer. He has put his BBA in Marketing and Finance to use as President/Owner of J&B Sales Sporting Goods Manufacturer’s Representative Firm and Promarx USA, Girls Sports Accessory

Company. He has served Arlington Life Shelter as their Capital Campaign Manager and is currently Chief Operation Officer

of Development and Finance. On volunteer fields he has taught Sunday School for 18 years, served as Big Brother in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, been on the board of Arlington Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and given 22 years on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Arlington including two years as president. He has also chaired the North Texas Area Council of that organization. At Mission Arlington he has led Adult Bible Study in Apartment Church ministry, co-founded their youth baseball program, coached in the youth basketball program. He has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas, too. As for his AHS days, he remembers “the many bus trips to Wichita Falls to play. At that time in our lives a 135-mile trip was a BIG DEAL! Being a Colt created in me the joy of being a part of something bigger than me.” And one last story: “Former AHS principal Jerry McCullough and I started a baseball academy for kids from Mission Arlington churches. We invited coaches and players from the Arlington Colt baseball teams each year to help us teach the kids. Last year at the Colt Alumni versus the Colt varsity game, I asked Coach Brian Womack to thank the team for their help as a former Colt shortstop. I closed by telling them to enjoy life because this is what a Colt shortstop looks like 55 years from now!”

Classmate and nominator Tom Cravens described **JIM RISHER, CLASS OF 1960**, as a double threat in high school—a strong student and a talented athlete. At Arlington High School, he participated in basketball, baseball, boxing and football. Jim, named Tom Vandergriff MVP for the 1959 Colts, eventually played football on scholarship at Tulane when it was a powerhouse in the Southeast Conference. He fondly recalled sacking a young quarterback at Alabama named Joe Namath! Jim went on to get his Master’s in Economics and Statistics from the University of Texas at Austin which was followed by an illustrious career in top tier companies: IBM where he advanced to leadership positions in sales and marketing, to Wang Labs as head of U.S. Sales and Marketing. Later came Motorola and in 1988 President and CEO of Exide Electronics in Raleigh, North Carolina. He led that company to unprecedented growth, job creation and an



IPO in 1998. He also served as CEO of Del Medical in Chicago and held advisory positions for several companies. Until his death, he was acting chairman of the Raleigh non-profit, Better Homes. Jim died in 2019 after a long and hard-fought battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Tom is sure Jim is taking a few laps in heaven, pacing himself, but enjoying the thrill of running again.

The day after **KIRK THOMAS, CLASS OF 1972**, AFJROTC Drill Team and Colt Band member, graduated from Arlington High, he graduated from flight school! He began his naval aviation career when commissioned Navy of the United States while at Texas A&M. As a helicopter pilot, he flew anti-submarine warfare and in Hawaii rescued a forest service worker. As Officer of the Deck on the USS Missouri, he wrote the recommissioning ceremony during the ship’s world tour. After transferring to the US Navy Reserves, retiring at the rank of Commander USNR, he saw action in Desert Storm with the 1st Marine Regiment. While clearing a bunker near Kuwait City, he rescued two young sisters who had witnessed their parents’ deaths, safeguarding them until a female cousin arrived. Kirk transitioned his over-water flying skills to Petroleum Helicopter Incorporated in numerous oil rig hurricane evacuations. Before retiring, he started flying Pilots & Paws, flying rescue dogs to foster homes. He still flies Angel Flights and Veterans Airlift Command taking veterans to hospitals for critical care. His brother and nominator Kim Thomas says Kirk, who has selflessly risked his life for others, has honored Arlington High School and its alumni. Kirk tells a story in slightly more humble terms. Although he admits to not reading aloud well, he remembers in Mrs. Stalcup’s sophomore English class reading the lead in Shakespeare’s play. He “frustrated the daylights out of the young lady reading the female lead. Apparently, she forgave me because she became my wife six years later!” He does proudly recount his being named A Flight Commander as part of the AFJROTC Drill Team. He credits “the well-rounded education from AHS for preparing me well for my future.”



Milestones

Passings: **Florene Hutcheson Ducharme, '35**, 2010...**Thomas Champion, '40**, May...**Claude Horan, '45***, July...**Charlie Beard, '46**, July...**Evelyn Smith Wray, '51**, 2015...**Jack Womble, '51**, 2017...**Raymond Glasgow, '52**, July...**John 'Jake' Dews, '56**, 2019...**Joe Forbes, '57**, 2016...**Abe Bush, '60**, August...**Sandra Baize Flores, '61**, June...**Janet Spence Johnson, '61**, July...**Thomas Avon Whitworth, '61**, 2018...**Bill Pierson, '62**, 2019...**Travis Bearden, '63**, May...**Jack McGrath, '63**, 2018...**Bob Russell, '63**, April...**Gary Phillips, '64**, 2019...**Bill Huff, '65**, May...**Larry Porter, '65**, June...**Martha Williams Green, '67**, May...**Elaine McAlister Vaughn, '70**, May...**Randy Cornelius, '71**, 2017...**Gary Devereaux, '71**, 2019...**Stephan Garmon, '71**, April...**Steve Higgins, '71**, June...**Debbie Hildebrand Hounshell, '71**, February...**Lisa Phillips, '71**, July...**Art Pierard, '71**, February...**Robert Rau, '71**, 2019...**Letta Young King Wilkerson, '71**, June...**Pamela Sue Demases, '72**, June...**Linda Motley Livingston, '74**, August...**Angela Humphrey Hansen, '76**, July...**Karl Winter, '76**, June...**Brad Cox, '78**, August...**John Muzyka, '88**, June...
*Drafted before graduation Claude got his diploma in 2002. Thanks for this tidbit to Claude’s sister Ann and Jannette Workman.

2020 Alumni Scholars ~ In their Own Words



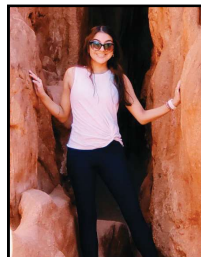
FARAH AHMAD

University of Texas at Arlington
Industrial Engineering

While I knew Arlington High was “first here,” I never grasped that it was “best here” until I experienced the community, spirit and tradition that comes with all AHS football games. At my first game I was anxious about feeling uncomfortable in such a large, loud crowd. I left my first football game asking when the next one was. Despite never having gone to a football game before, I automatically felt accepted and included in all the festivities and celebrations. I learned that acceptance and inclusion are common to AHS events. Even though my four older sisters had experienced Colt Football, I finally experienced the amazing night with my friends cheering on some of the hardest-working students at AHS. There is an unbridled sense of joy in Colt Country. I am so lucky to have been a part of it.

GABRIELLA BENITEZ

University of Texas at Arlington
Criminal Justice



Memories flood my mind when I think of the Green and White. The Sound of Springtown Marching Band Competition, October 7, 2017 made a memory that rises above the rest. As a sophomore I was a new marcher trying to figure out the whole high school band thing and whether it was worth all the sweat. First the two-hour bus ride, then the hours of warming up, the infrequent water breaks, and finally came the preliminary competition. When we heard we advanced to the finals the adrenaline pumped through my veins, and I knew it was showtime. We scarfed down sandwiches; warmed up too long; stretched too much; listened to the pep talk. The wait for the final results was unbearable. One band after another was announced. Then: “In first place, the grand champion of the Springtown marching contest is—the Arlington High School Colt Band.” By Monday the band hallways were decorated with “Congrats” posters handmade by Student Council. Everyone was so unified and filled with school pride. Winning the competition and connecting with all the students created my favorite memory of my days at AHS.

JAKE BUTLER

Jane Robin Ellis Memorial Scholarship
University of Texas at Arlington
Engineering

Second year physics got off to a terrible start. I had all AP (Advanced Placement) classes and one IB (International Baccalaureate) class. I was working at Starbucks and got elected president of the Colt Band. When tasks began piling up, I didn’t study for a physics quiz which I failed. The humiliation didn’t come from the grade, but rather the look in Mr. Roark’s eyes. After class he asked what had happened. I admitted I had neglected my business in his class for the sake of other duties. I doubt he remembers this conversation, but I got seriously emotional after I left class. Disappointing my favorite teacher fueled an inferno which has not stopped burning in me since. I am scared of failure and letting down those who believe in me. I upheld my office of Band president, made National Honor Society, and had good grades. As Mr. Roark advised, I have learned to “manage my time so I would not miss this opportunity.”

GISELLE GLASS

Accepted to UT Austin
COVID changed plans to UT Arlington
Interdisciplinary Studies focusing on
Spanish, Anthropology, Law



Three words come to my mind to describe AHS: Community, comfort, fun! After I chose the IB path, I was nervous I—a kid who would be the first person in her family to go to college—wouldn’t fit with classmates who were creative, brilliant, with viewpoints I never imagined. Instead I found my people; I established my niche; I launched my passion amongst these genius kids I belonged with. This community within the AHS community opened doors, ignited academic and social growth, challenged my opinions, tested my limits and gave me some of the coolest, closest friends I have ever had. I found comfort within the very walls of AHS. It was a safe space for me to be who I am and to be encouraged to be the best version of myself. And then there was the fun at games surrounded by all my friends and classmates outside of the learning environment—free to let go and just have fun with each other. These lifetime memories of pure fun and friendship will never be forgotten.

SETH JAMES

Class of 1969 Scholarship
UTA
Business Finance

My teachers motivated me to be the most successful student I could be. My counselor motivated me to make the best decisions for my future. My coach motivated me to give my best effort. At AHS, I was motivated.

My counselor Mrs. Perez helped me decide on the elective course “Principles of Business and Marketing” taught by Coach Laswell. (I wanted to get on his good side.) My number one priority as a freshman was to join the cross country team. I soon realized I was the fastest runner which, contrary to popular belief, is not a good thing! The reputation of the team rested on endless stories of how bad it was. Coach Keith promised, “We are going to turn this program around.” By my junior year, we missed our goal of making regionals by two points. Instead of feeling bad, Coach Keith said we would celebrate. He brought his grill up to Arlington High and cooked burgers where I realized the most important thing that season was the joy we shared as a team and the memories we have for the rest of our lives!

CELIA-SANDRA LYONGA

Captain William Nation Scholarship
Stephen F. Austin University
Social Work

Celia-Sandra is part of the first generation of her family to attend college, joining her brother Francis and sister Kelly. As an ROTC student, Celia-Sandra was chosen as the recipient of the Nation scholarship. Five years ago the Nation family—with innumerable Colt graduates, honor grads, Fielder Award winners, and a 2013 Alumni Scholar—gathered in memory of William Nation, AHS Class of 1936. In memory of his service in World War II and on the 70th anniversary of his death in Belgium, they joined resources to fund a scholarship in his name for an ROTC student. Every year since then, one of the AHS Alumni Association scholarships has been underwritten by this family. For more information, go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org to access the Spring 2015 newsletter with the article about the Nation family.



JANISE OWENS

Accepted to Texas State
COVID changed plans to
Tarrant County College
Education/English

I am an aspiring teacher; I believe I always have been. I took the class “Ready, Set, Teach” which allows juniors and seniors to become interns in a “student teacher” set up. I created lesson plans, bulletin boards, attended conferences with principals and staff. My first semester I interned with a male-dominated 5th grade English class. One day a quiet student walks up and say, “Miss Owens, do you know Jahari Rogers?” Of course, I knew Jahari but not because he was a star football player. I had classes with him. He asked me to give Jahari a letter. I did plus I planned for him to actually

meet his idol. My student said meeting Jahari “changed my life” and was one of the top three things of his life. My mentoring teacher was a Colt which showed me no matter where I am a little piece of AHS always follows. The sense of community at AHS kept me from going unnoticed. On my first day, sitting alone at lunch, a senior guy walks up and says, “You look scared. It’s ok. I’ll be your friend.” Community support eventually led me to journalism and, as a senior, I was editor-in-chief of *The Colt*.

CAMBRIA PIERCE

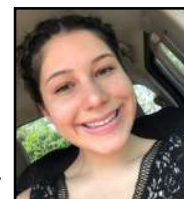
University of North Texas
Education/Theater



My overall high school experience was based on acceptance. On my first day, I felt completely lost. Trying (very poorly) to find my class before the tardy bell, a girl from elementary school recognized me. She helped me to my class and offered to walk me to my next class. Despite being on a campus with hundreds of other kids, I was noticed. That set the tone for the rest of my time at AHS. I decided to give every kid this sense of belonging because of my time in the AHS theatre department. Theatre became my immediate home, thanks to my directors Mr. Green and Mrs. Varelans. As a theatre teacher I will give students a sense of family when they feel like they don’t fit in anywhere else. No matter what type of kid walks into AHS, there is a place—whether it be in a certain academic setting or an after school activity. All the different groups create a student body where students interact with people who have different opinions, backgrounds, and abilities. The diversity allows all students to benefit by expanding their horizons.

IRISA REYES

Cathy Bontley Brown Scholarship
United States Air Force Academy
Biochemistry



College life tests students. If you care, you go to class, turn in assignments on time, get help when you need it. College sifts out the quitters and pushes those who remain past their limits. When my grandfather came to the United States, he knew limited English and could write only in Vietnamese. His culture expected children to work to provide for the family. My grandfather juggled two part-time jobs and still showed up to class every single day prepared. It paid off in the end. He earned his engineering degree. His story inspires me because it proves anything is possible. Although every single factor worked against him, his fascination for math and science motivated him to not give up in English and history. College is for the hard-

working and devoted. While I learned the basics of health care in high school, I want to learn more. I want to be an oncologist, working to cure cancer patients and to encourage them to never give up hope. I will tell them their strength will be tested, but to never stop fighting to achieve their ultimate goal.



BO WITCHER

Dallas Baptist University/
Baylor School of Nursing
Biology/Nursing

Arlington High School is truly the best around because AHS life is all about Family. From the football field, to the classroom, through the halls, the campus culture brings intentional, generous empathy. Last October, my dad passed away. At this moment, I was heartbroken. I could not fathom my life without him. Within the hour, two friends came over to be with me. All my friends from AHS were true family as texts,

phone calls, visitations continued to roll in to support me. I went back to school two days later. I wouldn't have returned so quickly if it wasn't for my brothers and sisters in the Green and White. I hadn't realized that the people on campus would share the tragedy they helped me go through. The support in gifts, resources and words makes me sure that the classes coming through these halls in the future will have the same support I received. The memories will forever be held close to my heart—**COLTS ARE FAMILY FOREVER!**

The 2020 Alumni Scholars typify the 101 students who have received our awards since 2003. If you want us to continue awarding ten scholarships to Colts like these, you **WILL** donate on North Texas Giving Day. A widespread response by **YOU** and the other **ALUMNI** you inform will make up for our inability to hold our fundraising events. We need all Colts to step up September 1 - 17 and support another ten Colt seniors who love Arlington High School just like we did!

Membership Report ~ the "Lost" ~ the "Finders" ~ the "New"

HELP COLT ALUMNI CONTACT THESE LIFE MEMBERS

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| John Derr, '66 | Pati Morris Mitchell, '71 |
| Sonja Hinshaw Green, '57 | Bettie Jo Williams Roeber, '65 |
| W. Michael Greene, '71 | Caitlin Shaw, '13 |
| Ruth Meador Harris, '56 | Julia Strange, '08 |
| Michael "Sean" Humphrey, '04 | Virginia Williams Terrell, '60 |
| Joyce Alford McCrary, '56 | Phyllis Hubbard Wilson, '58 |

This newsletter is the last one those of you listed above will receive until you confirm your street address. You remain members, but until we know for sure we have your current street address, we can't send you newsletters by mail. Since we don't have your email address, we can't send your newsletter electronically. As soon as you confirm your street address and update your phone # and email (if you have one), back on the mailing list you will go. Special request: if you know these new members: **Amy Rigby Parsons** and **Kedra Newsom Reeves** please email us their grad years.

Many thanks to all who helped in this project. Board members: Debbie Ericson, Linda Gipson, Mac & Peggy Martin, Jo McGovern, Dee Moorehead, Judy Northup, Leila Perez, Tanya Terrell-Weideman, Bonnie Watkins, Jerrell Womble. Members: Jim Ball, '59, John Ball, '65, Marcia Bumgardner, '60, Paula Crossman, '57, Sue Gray, '54, Bill & Mary Gunn, '66/'67, Kathy Havins, '76, Debbie Hawkins, '69, Charlene Mahan, '61, Josie O'Quinn, '56, Ana Pettit, '74, Joyce Preisser, '63, Sandra Wellborn, '62, Doris Whitlock, '59, Jannette Workman, '54, Barbara Young, '58

To all members who receive newsletters by surface mail: If you have changed email addresses, dropped your landline or moved in 2020, please send us your current info. Don't assume you have sent this in because you probably haven't! Keep the info coming. Email us at ahscoltsforever@gmail.com. Or call **Bonnie: 817-261-2439** or **Cathy: 817-201-8815**.

Cathy Brown, Update Committee

NEWEST MEMBERS

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| *Nicolle Brennan Block, 94 | Nina Nelson, '10 |
| **Patti Jahns Casey, '67 | Amy Rigby Parsons, ?? |
| *Hal & Sue Baker Ferguson, 59/59 | Kristina & Chris Randerson, '99/CBC |
| Reed Greene, '69 | *Kedra Newsom Reeves, ?? |
| Sharley Hillgardner, '95 | *Alice Vennum Schear, '62 |
| **John & Becky Graves Hughes, '69/'69 | Elizabeth Sweatman Speer, '69 |
| Rebekah Bullock Janes, '90 | *Stewart Stimson, '95 |
| **Robbie Lawing, '77 | Ryan Warner '19 |
| Chad & Ruth Lusk Mauppin, '95/'95 | Joy Burress Williams, '60 |
| **Angie Duckworth McFadden, '95 | *Life Member |
| **David & Katherine Watson Middleton, '73/'75 | **Upgrade to Life |

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

- John Armstrong, '66, by Jo McGovern
Thomas Champion, '40, by Doland Maner
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Notable



Effie Brewton Foster, '40, celebrated her 100th birthday in June. Well-wishers paraded by her house with horns honking. Former Colt Band trumpeters came by and played "Happy Birthday!"

Marilyn Womble, Colt By Choice, still cares about AHS Alumni even after her husband **Jack** passed away in 2017. Why you wonder? Because Jack loved Arlington High. He was a Colt football player on the 1951 State Championship team who went on to play at Arlington State for two years. But as Marilyn tells, he made the mistake of visiting Florida after his sophomore year, and she "snagged him." Marilyn, we love that Jack's love of AHS means so much to you.

Phillip Herr, '59, sends this photo about his wife **Lynn, CBC**, at her induction into the Hall of Fame at UT Medical School Galveston. Her 50 years in nursing and psychology in Texas, California and Colorado, along with curriculum creation for universities and high schools, were honored. Lynn was the AHS school nurse in 2007! Congratulations!

