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September ~ Major Moments



Hey Colts! Football is in the air and we are ready! AHS Homecoming is the weekend of September 16 - 17 and we have plans for **You!** The Pep Rally and game are on Friday and our annual, very fun, super great Open House is Saturday the 17th! The doors open at 9:00 and the program starts at 10am! We get to meet our Distinguished Alumni, hear about our 2022 Alumni Scholars and sing the Fight Song! The folks having reunions this year can add this to the agenda for the weekend. No cost to your class in dollars or planning, so what's better than that? I hope to see you all there!

Go, Colts!
Bonnie Beebe Watkins
Class of 1962

~ Homecoming Weekend ~

Colt Football vs. Mesquite Horn

7:00 • Choctaw Stadium

Pep Rally info:

www.aisd.net/arlington-high-school/events

Alumni Open House • Saturday, 9/17

AHS Cafeteria

Doors Open 9am

Program 10am • Alumni Band

Alumni Choir • Distinguished Colt Alumni

Grads from many decades

Parking at Mosaic Church across Park Row

MEMBERS, HEADS UP!

This Fall 2022 newsletter is the third and final newsletter for 2022.

Archived issues: https://ahscolts-alumni.org/ahs_newsletter.htm

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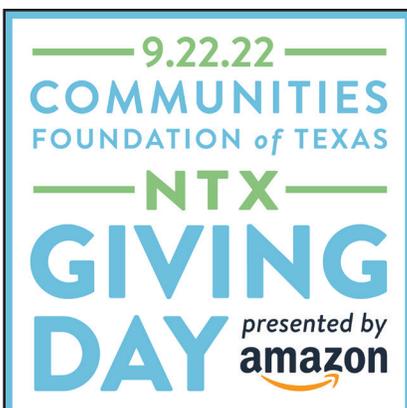
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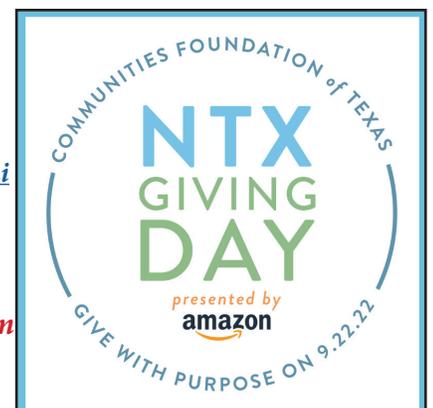
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To **see** the installment, you must **click** on a tab on the cover letter. That takes you to the actual **instaNEWS!**

To **opt out** of print newsletters and to receive them electronically, **email us** with your change request.



North Texas Giving Day = Dollars for AHS
Early Giving begins September 1
September 22 giving from 6am-midnight
To give, go to our NTGD profile page
<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/ahscolts-alumni>
Click on *Donate Now*
Help us continue giving \$15,000
for scholarships in 2022.
\$25 minimum online/Check or Cash, no minimum
See page 4 for more information.
GIVING BACK TO AHS—IT'S WHAT WE DO!



2022 Distinguished Colt Alumni



TRUMAN AND KITTY LEE BRYCE, CLASSES OF 1945 AND 1950

Nominated by Mickey Bryce, AHS '74... Truman played football at AHS... As alumnus, he photographed and filmed all AHS football games... Traveled from the top of the press box to Channel 5 with the film... Truman filmed and Kitty attended... Truman photographed almost everything in Arlington with his photographs still on display in town... Continued living in Arlington as ardent supporters of Arlington High School and their children's AHS teams... Kitty and Truman hosted a bible study for students called the God Squad... Kitty sang in Jane Ellis' first Choraliers... Kitty was executive director of Evenings In Arlington, a gospel concert series.

GWEN CHIPMAN BURK, CLASS OF 1951

Nominated by David Burk, AHS '80... In the 1940s, Gwen staked the family cow in the middle of Collins to graze... Executive Secretary her professional career... As a volunteer, first president of Head Start for AISD... Last PTA president for downtown C.E. Dunn Elementary... Helped found Fielder Road Baptist Church... Volunteer for Mission Arlington and several other organizations... Hard core fan of Rangers and Cowboys... Still sings Alma Mater and Fight Song... A humble giver known for amazing generosity.



LARRY THOMAS, CLASS OF 1960

Nominated by Bettye Thomas... Coached soccer, baseball, football with Colt alumnus Howard Michener... *Star-Telegram* described Larry as "Ex Colt/Best Fan"... Helped start official Booster Clubs for AHS teams... Advised others schools on how to set up their booster clubs... President of football and baseball booster clubs for AHS Colts from 1986-1988... Volunteers now at Nu2U resale store serving lunch there once a month... Serves communion at his church... Meets Wednesdays with other former Colt teammates and classmates... Wears his AHS cap everywhere he goes... Ex Colt/Best Fan!

DEBBIE KOEHL ERICSON, CLASS OF 1968

Nominated by Jane Morrow Wright, AHS '68... AHS Alumni Association leadership since 2012... Secretary five years... President three years... Project Chair for North Texas Giving Day since 2020... Donations ballooned to over \$11,000 each of the last two years, vastly increasing our support for AHS students and staff... Devoted volunteer at all Alumni events... Brings new members into the Association and involves members in Alumni events, such as her husband Scott Ericson, a Colt By Choice life member and volunteer... Active in the Colt Football Booster Club when son Eric, '09, played football... Her efforts and this organization prove the love and commitment Colt alumni have for their beloved school.



DOUG ENGLE, CLASS OF 1978

Nominated by Buddie Hrabal, AHS '64... Doug has practiced dentistry in Arlington for 36 years... Selected Top Dentist by Arlington Today Magazine... Involved in the Arlington Dental Study Club... Volunteered in dental mission work in Senegal and Mexico... Volunteered at Mission Arlington Dental Clinic... Honored as Volunteer of the Year by Southwest Kiwanis Club of Arlington... Deacon at First Baptist Church and member of Sanctuary Choir... Sings with Arlington Master Chorale... Guest soloist at churches and city events... Met his wife Laura McKaig, '79, in the choir.

To hear read more about the honorees, go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org and click on July *AHS Alumni instaNEWS*.



GARY JOHNSON, CLASS OF 1981

Nominated by Tanya Terrell-Weideman, AHS '81...As member of the Colt Band, Gary was in "The Band That Went to Washington" to march at the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan...Co-founder of Arlington High School Alumni Band...Vice-President of Alumni Band since 2002...Gives hours to planning Alumni Band performances...Expertise from work with ONCOR for 37+ years illuminates the band's entry in the Parade of Lights...Works on trailer buildout and decorations for the July 4th entry...Selects music for programs...Procured the band's 501c3 status...Through another favorite organization, he coordinates the Boy Scout colorguard for Alumni Open House.

Nominations for 2023 open in January. To nominate go to http://ahscolts-alumni.org/DCA_Award-form.htm.

Milestones

Passings: Roy Thompson, '49, June...Carl Watson, '51, July...Morris Nelson, '53, April ...Gayle Reeves Crouch, '54, May...Margie Tucker McIntyre, '54, June...Donnie Hamilton, '55, May...Darwin "Jerry" Price, '55, 2020... Elaine Read Barker, '58, July...Sandra Marlar Workman '59, July...Glenn Ray Dunn, '60, June...Frances Montfort Nolley, '60, April...John D. Baker, '61, 2018 ...Roger Weed, '61, April...Janey Nobles Green, '62, May...Gary Harwell, '63, May...Nancy Mouck King, '63, March...Patricia Genzel Nowaski, '63, July...Larry "LB" Blackman, '65, July...Sherry Blackman Lewis, '65, November...Howard "Bucky" Britain, '65, May...Larry Porter, '65, 2020... Donna Lambert Hathcock, '67, September 2021...Gary Payne, '67, July...Richard Wehmann, '67, 2019...Clifford Beckett, '71, July...Kathryn Beeler, '71, February...Debbie Hill Burt, '72, July...Dennis DeFrank, '72, May...Helen Tong, '74, May...Glenn Wessler, '74, April...Shirley Diane Moore, '81, 2021...Jimmy Siddens, '82, July... Paul Owens, '95/'96, May...Jason Whisenant, '95, May...Rudy Hilburn, '03, 2021...Brandon Laury, '05, 2021...Joey Guajardo, '08, May...Nicholas Anderson, '14, June...Elo Nohavitza, former teacher/coach, July

Accomplishments

Bowie Hogg, '96, elected to Arlington City Council... **Principal Stacie Humbles** named AISD Administrator of the Year...**Clete McAlister, '65**, reappointed to the Arlington Parks Board...Six Arlington High folks honored by the Arlington Athletics Hall of Honor Foundation: **Tillie Lester Burgin, '54**, Legends Award... **Judy Stricklin**, former AHS coach who started the first girls basketball program at AHS...**Mike Stovall**, former head football coach...**Don Bodenhamer, '69**, football and baseball letterman from 1966 - 1969...**Andrea Scott, '01**, the Eddy Peach AISD Coach of the Year... **Monroe Adams, '22**, Scholar-Athlete of the year playing basketball, cross country, track...**James Bradley, '39**, turning 100 in July...**Doland Maner, '40**, turning 100 in August! Congratulations to all!

Colt Football ~ 2022

8/26 at Mesquite
 9/2 at North Crowley
 9/8 at Keller Fossil Ridge (Thursday)
 9/16 Mesquite Horn - Homecoming
 9/23 at Grand Prairie
 9/30 OPEN
 10/7 Bowie
 10/14 at South Grand Prairie
 10/21 Lamar
 10/28 at Martin
 11/3 Sam Houston (Thursday) - Senior Night

All Kickoffs - 7:00pm
 Home Field - Choctaw Stadium (former Rangers Stadium)

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North Texas Giving Day ~ September 2022

HOW CAN YOU GIVE WITH PURPOSE?

- **Be a Sponsor.** Sponsors pledge ahead of time to donate at least \$125. In 2021, our 18 sponsors donated, \$4,400. Board volunteers recruit sponsors. If you want to be a sponsor, please email us and someone will contact you. ahscoltsforever@gmail.com.
- **Be a Donor.** Our 41 individual donors gave \$7,563 to the Association.
- **Online donations** have a \$25 minimum.
- **Offline donations** (check or cash) have no minimum.
- **Bonus prizes** provided by the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. In our first year, the Association received an additional \$5,000 when our name was pulled out of the hat. Prizes also given for most donations on September 22.
- **Join us** at the Levitt Pavilion in the evening to celebrate the bonus winners.
- **NTX Giving Day** is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation.
- **2021** - 7,600 donors raising \$2.2 million benefiting 158 Arlington nonprofits!



To use QR Code:

Open the Camera app on your phone.

Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view.

Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

July 4th Parade



The float with new horses made by David Bailey.



Back: David, Coach Peach, Ken
Front: Mike, Karen, Jo, Jerrell, Peggy, Bonnie, Debbie, Kathy (Parade chair), Mac, Kristina



Coach Peach and Colts!

The Class of '68 trio:
Karen Giorgio Logos,
Kathy Einhaus,
Debbie Ericson





July 4

2022



Over 26 years ago, the Arlington High School Alumni Association organized. One of the first volunteers to join in was **Paul Swartz, Class of 1959**. Early on Paul saw an opportunity to use his professional skills as a salesman to our advantage. So he and his steadfast volunteer Betty Swartz have headed up the retail division of Alumni Products. Paul has stocked, stored and lugged shirts, caps, mugs, rocks (yes, rocks), jewelry, and whatever caught his eye as a fundraising item for our Scholarship Fund. Paul was named a Distinguished Colt Alumnus for his years of giving back to AHS. Although he has recently stepped away from the Alumni Board of Directors, he will never stop finding ways for our organization to do more for Arlington High! As you can see, even in 100° heat on July 3, Paul helped other directors prepare our float for the parade. Thank you, Paul Swartz—a True Colt if there ever was one—for your good ideas, your hard work, your positive attitude, and your enduring love for Arlington High School.

Class of 2022 Alumni Scholars

**ELLA AUSTIN**

Class of 1963 Jordan Kemp Keyes Wood Memorial Scholarship
University of Oklahoma
Pre-dentistry/Orthodontics

As a third generation Colt, Ella says, “I have grown up as an Arlington High kid. I have gone to Colt games literally since birth.” After a playoff win, four-year cheerleader Ella saw, “the genuine love for AHS shining on every face of every fan. AHS is different from other schools because its ‘people’ support the school so passionately. When students enter the doors of Arlington High, they enter a giant family. This unites all ages, demographics and religions. It is the tie that binds us all. Being so involved at AHS has taught me that you get out of school what you put into it. At OU, I want to get connected the best I can. I have been in the 76013 bubble my entire life. It has been an incredible community that comes together to “raise” its kids. Now I am ready to spread my wings and stand on my own two feet.”

MARIA CALZADA

University of Texas Arlington
Pre-K/Elementary Education/Psychology



Being part of the first generation of college students from her family, Maria has the goal of a better future for herself and her community. She wants to create bright, but challenging, changes through teaching. She says, “I volunteer to help Ukrainian students learn English. I want to translate a world of uncertainty into a world of hope. I know the impact AHS teachers have on the school and their students. There isn’t one morning when teachers display a pessimistic attitude. Their smiles, kindnesses and acknowledgements encourage positive attitudes in students. The circle of encouragement can never be broken. Arlington High School transmits a contagious bond.” A few hours into her first day freshman year, she realized, “Arlington High was a long-lasting route to happiness.”

**McKENZIE CARLIN**

Greater Arlington Lions Club Scholarship
Oklahoma State University
Education/History/Administration

McKenzie chose these three words to describe the Arlington High experience: tradition, honor, family. “AHS has grown in size, but it has not outgrown its traditions. The Alma Mater with linked pinkies and lifted horseshoes and everyone singing shows how much

we love our school and its environment. It is an honor to go to the *THE* Arlington High School—the first high school in our city. As a softball player it was my honor to represent my school on the field. Everywhere on campus signs say, “**COLTS FAMILY.**” The Colt Family is all over the city. People see me in an Arlington High shirt and say they are alumni. It makes me very proud to be a Colt!”

MARY NELLE CRAVENS

Teacher of the Year - Rebecca Tate Scholarship
University of Texas at Austin
Business



Day 1: “The hatches swing open and an ocean of sounds, smells and colors wash over me. It’s the first day of high school. My heart is pounding. I can almost taste my salty palms. Arlington High is the oldest high school in town. Even her halls have their own sense of humor and personality. They echo. They wander like a river finding its way.” A dozen of Mary Nelle’s family walked the halls before her. “I realize it is my turn to live out the tradition and find my way in this storied school known as Colt Country. I could have gone to Martin’s STEM Academy, but I stuck to my roots and the tradition of AHS. ‘*FIRST HERE, BEST HERE*’ hits home for me. My degree plan will focus on social accounting—how companies can impact their communities. I hope to come back and give back to Arlington and Arlington High.”

JULIA LASWELL

Greater Arlington Lions Club Scholarship
Texas Christian University
Economics or Bio-chemistry



As a freshman inspired by the involved and studious upperclassmen in her Student Council class, Julia found a goal. “I wanted to be Student Body President my senior year. I put in the work, serving as class president in my both sophomore and junior years, and also as Student Body Secretary. I reached my goal in the spring of 2021. Although I had to revel in this moment from my bedroom because of COVID, it was a moment I’ll never forget. I’m proud to serve a school with so much tradition while continuing the years of Colt Spirit. Trying to manage my extracurriculars, grades and social life sometimes feels impossible. There is always something happening on campus. Most of the time, it feels like it involves me. Life at AHS is just plain fun.”



ERICSON ORTIZ
Texas A&M University
Aerospace Engineering

ERICSON SAYS, “*SPIRIT, PRIDE, TRADITION:* three words which mean ‘Home, Sweet Home’ when students walk through the doors of AHS. Because there is something for everyone here, we learn to love our school and our peers. We are proud to say we are from AHS and proud we are ‘*First Here, Best Here.*’ AHS makes me feel like I experienced a tradition as it first began. When we link our pinkies as we sing the Alma Mater, we connect with each other and with former students, too. As a member of the Colt Band, I loved performing in front of many past, present and future Colts. As a first generation college student, I hope to influence others to know they can make it no matter where they started.”

DANIELA SANDOVAL

Greater Arlington Lions Club Scholarship
University of Texas at Arlington
Nursing



Two experiences stand out about AHS for Daniela. For the first time, she was asked to go to Homecoming this year, but “I had never made a garter. Mrs. Dahlin overheard this and assisted me. She told me where to get supplies. She even brought her own box of materials to help me. Her kindness highlights the type of individual I strive to be. Then Mr. Collins convinced me to rejoin the wrestling team. The team was more like a family, joking around, getting along, working hard, getting serious when we needed to be. I know I will be able to succeed in the Honors program as I prepare for my dream career of being a nurse from UTA’s #1 nursing program. I’m going to join the wrestling club, too! I will be a first generation college student.”



SYDNEY SEIBOLD
Cathy Bontley Brown Scholarship
Texas A&M University
Business Administration

Sydne appreciates the adaptability AHS displayed during the interruption of normal life during COVID. “When we all came back after the gap year, the school teemed with excitement. The campus truly reflects the AHS Spirit! Pride! Tradition!” A most advantageous quality of our school is its diversity—diversity of race, thought, interest, socio-economic class, religion. AHS represents society at large. This is a huge benefit for students. It has brought me amazing friends who I thought I had nothing in common with. They brought me their thoughts, ideas, opinions which gave me insight on other points of view. The Colt Family is composed of people in all shapes, sizes, colors, beliefs and backgrounds.”



RILEY SMITH
Captain William Nation, Class of 1936, Memorial Scholarship
Tarleton State University
Business Management

Riley admits, “The first few days at lunch were awkward and strange. Soon my lunch group was full of friends from far and wide—a group I will not forget for the rest of my life. Arlington High School is a positive, warm place to make friends and feel welcome. In addition, the teachers make it an enjoyable school. They always have your back. For college I hope to make the Dean’s list a few times while getting my certification for HVAC maintenance. This will allow me to work for an HVAC company, one day owning my own business. Despite the gargantuan cost of college, earning a degree creates more career opportunities than attending a technical school or getting a job immediately after high school.”

AUDREY WAGGENER

Greater Arlington Lions Club Scholarship
Texas State University



Audrey has plans! “After college graduation, I plan on joining the Peace Corps. To prepare for that I have applied for Americorps working with low income and at-risk children in the DFW area. My ultimate goal is to work for the United Nations as a humanitarian aid worker. No one in my family has gone to college. I plan to represent my family well while expanding my education and building lifelong friendships. I did that at Arlington High in the Colt Band and in Key Club where I volunteered at swim meets in the AISD Natatorium. Once I started going to football games, I realized just how amazing it is to attend a Colt football game. Win or lose everyone in the stands and on the field gathers together to make horseshoes while the school song is played. There is nothing quite like the feeling of family at that moment under the Friday night lights.”

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2003 - First two scholarships for \$600 awarded
- 2005 - Stipend increased to \$1,000
- 2018 - Stipend increased to \$1,250
- 2020 - Stipend increased to \$1,500

- 19 - Number of years scholarships awarded
- 122 - Number of scholarships awarded
- 2019 - 2022 - Ten scholarships/year awarded

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED = \$141,400

Kudos to Jannette Workman, ‘54, who initiated our program and to all our alumni who join and give back to

ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL!

Recent donors: John Ball, ‘65, in memory of all Colts; Cynthia Ives, 65, Gavan Hunt, ‘81

Memorial Memberships

Bucky Britain, '65, by Ruth Ann Whitecotton
 Stacy Brown, '60, by Sandra Hildreth and Bonnie Watkins
 Susie Goldner Hajek, '63, by Cathy Brown
 Don Gordon, '61, by Sharon Hall
 Dan 'Clay' Gould, '87, by Dan Gould
 Sally Gould, '61, by Dan Gould
 Roslyn Gould, '59, by Dan Gould
 Joe Hall '61, by Sharon Hall
 Grady Harris, '70, by Dwight Thompson
 Bryan Hawkins, '61, by Robbin Hawkins
 Brandon Laury, '05, by Jade Mays
 Sally Lovett, '05, by Jade Mays
 Nick Murzin, '87, by Joe Henderson (Call Joe)
 Brad Nelson, '62, by Johnnie Rodden Nelson
 Ann Pitstick, CBC, by Cathy Brown
 Johnny P. Reynolds, '66, by Jim Morrow
 Virginia Ann Woolf, '70, by Dwight Thompson

Memorials support the Scholarship Fund. In addition, the names of the memorialized are placed on our roster with their classes. Go to our website to make a one-time gift of \$35 in memory of a deceased Colt.

New Members in July

*Janet Simmonds Hahn '76 Gabriel Rivas, '06
 Joyce Lyon Haggard, '90 Pete Taaffe, '65
 *Rick Mize, '66 *Melissa Thompson Ott, '76
 *Michael Navarro, '98

Names of new members in May/June in the Spring newsletter and July *AHS Alumni instaNEWS* on our website and on our FB page. Shoutout to the following classes for joining in 2022!

1948 - 1	1966 - 4	1979 - 2	1990 - 1	2002 - 1
1951 - 1	1968 - 5	1980 - 2	1992 - 2	2004 - 3
1954 - 1	1969 - 1	1981 - 2	1993 - 1	2005 - 4
1961 - 2	1970 - 2	1982 - 1	1994 - 1	2006 - 1
1962 - 1	1971 - 6	1983 - 1	1998 - 2	2008 - 1
1964 - 3	1976 - 4	1984 - 1	1999 - 2	2010 - 1
1965 - 3	1978 - 3	1987 - 1	2000 - 1	2011 - 1
			2001 - 1	2022 - 1

If your class is missing from this list, see if you can find one person to recruit.

- Go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org.
- Click on Membership Roster
- See names NOT on your class list.
- Make a call.
- Send a tweet or an email.
- Invite them to join!



Happy Birthday to two fabulous centenarians: **Brad Bradley, Class of 1939**, and **Doland Maner, Class of 1940**. Both are Life Members and have been named Distinguished Colt Alumni. The milestone birthday occurred for them this summer. Congratulations! *Go, Colts, Go!*



Cole Enger, '13
 Mac Martin, '61



Monroe Adams
 Class of 2022
 Scholar Athlete of the Year

Prep Day for Parade



Kick 'em, Colts!

