



Alumni Association

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From ~~your president~~ the Principal

On February 20, the following letter was sent to teachers from Principal Jennifer Young with the instruction to share it with their students. It explains the rationale behind the week long event called **Code Green**.



Do you remember much about elementary school? For me, elementary school was awesome! We had birthday parties (complete with cupcakes); we had field days; we went on field trips to the zoo and to museums, and we had wonderful school wide assemblies. We really knew how to party, and we watched our teachers party right along with us! I was so devoted and committed to my elementary school because we always had fun and we were always celebrating something or someone!

When I got to high school, things changed! All of a sudden, everything was serious. I don't recall ever having a birthday celebration or a field trip. I know we never had a field day where we got to run around and play all day with our friends. High school was all business!

As a high school principal, I believe that schools are more than just test scores and state ratings. I believe that education is more than books and homework. I believe in the idea of community. I think community spirit in a school helps students develop pride and a sense of ownership, not only in their school, but also for their education. It also helps the staff feel an ownership and a commitment to the school.

This year has been a difficult year for everyone because of all the staffing and budget cuts. We haven't had a lot of time or energy to celebrate many things. Teachers and staff are being asked to work longer and harder. People are drained, emotionally and physically. We need a pick me up!

So, this week at Arlington HS is going to be dedicated to celebrating. We are going to focus on activities that will celebrate and encourage the students, the faculty and staff. Yes, we will still have class, homework and tests, but this week will be dedicated to building and maintaining the "SPIRIT, PRIDE AND TRADITION" of AHS.

Arlington High School is a wonderful school with a rich history of excellence because of you! I look forward to this special week so that we can celebrate "How Sweet It Is To Be In Colt Country!"

i am a Colt, and together WE are Arlington High School!



The AHS Alumni Association supported Principal Young's Code Green celebration in two ways. First, we donated the final \$1,000 which completed their goal of raising \$16,000 to finance this special week. Second, we showed up on Saturday to decorate hallways and doors throughout the school. See photo spread on page 4.

Code Green photos courtesy of Kathy Fuller Havins

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AHS Alumni Association

SAVE THE DATE YOU ARE INVITED THE 15TH ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 9, 10:30, Gym B

Special Guests: the Golden Anniversary Class of 1962 · 2012 Distinguished Colt Alumni
2012 Alumni Scholars · Miss Jane Ellis, Director of the Alumni Choir
AHS Alumni Band · '57 & '67 Reunions · You and your friends

Location: Getting to Gym B



Double Door entry, south side of building

First hallway to the left

Take second hallway

Through those doors and a few more steps to Gym B!

1. Enter parking lot on Cooper Street.
2. Park on the south side of the school near the baseball field.
3. Facing the school, enter the double doors on your left.
4. Take the first hallway to the left.
5. Proceed to second hallway and turn right.
6. At end of hall, go up ramp or steps, pass through triple doors.
7. Entrance to Gym B on the right

Easy access ramps go up every incline alongside steps. Tables and chairs will be on gym floor. (You won't have to sit in bleachers!) Balloons and student guides will help you find your way. A good sound system will be in use, too.

Alumni Choir (for any former choir student) meets in Choir Room at 9:30 for rehearsal. Find Gym B and someone there can point you to the Choir Room. It's not far away!
Alumni Band will gather in the gym. To join, contact **Tanya Terrell-Weideman** at shadowlr@swbell.net.

COLTS ROUND-UP 2012

AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at www.ahscolts-alumni.org

Scholarship Fund \$ _____ General Fund \$ _____ Dues Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Class of _____
(First) (Last) (Maiden)

Address _____
(Street)+

(City) (State) (Zip) (Phone)

E-Mail _____ Form of Payment Cash Check

Check your preference: Newsletter by regular mail by email notification

Payable to: AHS Alumni P.O. Box 152578 Arlington, TX 76015 817.879.7162 ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net

Given by Arlie's Angel name: _____ phone: _____

Memorial Membership \$35: _____
(one time only fee for deceased classmate) name class

Welcome New Members

New Members since July 1, 2011 *Life Member

- * Jessica Anderson, '70
Suzie Deering Blackwell
Joe Busbee, '58
- * Stephen Butler, '72
- * Dave Byrne, '64
Mike Casper, '63
Andy & Karen Byers
Chambers, '63/'77
Fred Cook, '52
- * Guy Davie, '70
- * Katherine Einhaus, '69
- * Mike Farhat, '62
Helen Foster Fratena, '68
Lee Hallford, '08
- * Lawrence & Jeanne Smith
Hamilton, '72/'74
Robert Hankins, '60
Stevie Campbell Hansen
- * John "Tommy" & Patricia Hurley
Harris, '63/'64
Steve & Liza Litrio
Hawrylak, '76/'76
Sheila Kernan, '63
- * Diane McDowell Larson, '76
- * Morgan Leake, '10
- * Bjorn Lindvig, '61
Opal Bell Lowry, '61
Timothy Lundy, '76
- * Marianne Cravens Luster, '63
- * Gene Martin, '62
- * Becky Stewart McRight, '70
- * Ann East Morris, '52
Marien Cameron Nation, '76
- * Ben Pierce, '72
Martha Crain Powell, '66
Donna Ormsby Rowley, '63
- * Sue Bucher Tiemann, '62
- * Kathy Parrish Voss, '61
- * Rusty & Sarah Ward, '69/'10
- * Mike & Judith Watkins, '60/CBC
- * Jackie Kelley Wells, '62
- * Gaye Becknal Wilson, '71
Gera, Carly & Lily
Winchester, '71/'10/'10

- * David Witte, '59
- * Cam Perryman Woody, '76
David & Andrea Willett
Wright, '89/'90
Fanny Zambrano, '94

Donations

- Mike Farhat
- Stevie Campbell Hanson

Upgrade to Life

- *Ruby Cantrell Beard, '42
- *Martha Wynn Black, '62
- *Ann Wolf Conklin, '63
- *Pat Conner, '63
- *John "Rush" Pierce, '70
- *Larry & Emma Lew Viegas, '62/'63

Memorial Memberships

Memorial memberships honor the memory of fallen classmates whose names will be forever listed with their classes. Send \$35 with his/her name and class. Put on the memo line *Memorial Membership*.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Martha Bird, CBC | from Sharron Merrill |
| Maxine Hartin Chapman, '39 | from Sharron Merrill |
| Suzanne Hightower Clark, '63 | from Joyce Heffington Preisser |
| Scotty Keyes, '63 | from John Bruton |
| Irene Actkinson Nation, '44 | from Sharron Merrill |
| Eugene Pope, '51 | from Mary Jane Pope |
| Fay Nation Van Dam, '39 | from Sharron Merrill |
| Clinton Veres, '61 | from Tom and Karen Wood |
| Bob Wood, '63 | from Tom and Karen Wood |



And the race is on...

Class of 1963 still in the lead with 82 members listed. Coming in second, **Class of 1961** with 65. Moving up in this their Golden Anniversary year is the **Class of 1962** now numbering 58, one person ahead of **Class of 1959**. **Class of 1976** is making a move with 26. **Class of 1974** has 24 and **Class of 1969** comes in with 22. How many members of the Association are from **YOUR** class? Go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org; click on Membership Roster and count 'em. If you want to see your class number rise, spread the word to your classmates and urge them to join. (See page 5 for reasons why.) Send them our web address and our Facebook page: Arlington High School Alumni Association.

Alumni Scholar Updates



Ashley

Attending the University of Oklahoma is more than I ever dreamed. The possibilities I am given at this campus for my success are almost overwhelming! If I could give any advice to the incoming freshman class, it would be to come into college with an open heart and mind. Living alone on your own and being placed into a completely foreign environment will be hard to handle for the first semester. While adjusting to this new lifestyle, do not hold yourself back from anything. Instead, try new things, meet new people, make mistakes, and reinvent yourself. I myself came to OU with no idea what I was doing. With an open mind, I am slowly figuring things out. Currently, I am involved in the advertising program and applying for the art program for a dual degree in both Advertising and Visual Communications. I am planning to intern at Disney World with their college program next spring. I also am in training to become a dorm resident adviser so that I can help future freshmen transition into college. I am so happy that I made it to college after graduating from Arlington High School. It was worth the hard work! I love my experiences here!

~Ashley Lewis, '11



Alexandra

Alexandra is doing great at A&M. Her major is Tourism Management with a goal to attend culinary school after graduation. She has been on the Dean's list every semester. Her involvement in campus organizations include serving on the support team for Breakaway—a Christian organization which sponsors an on-campus worship service/Bible study each week which several thousand Aggies attend. She volunteers for the Big Event which is the largest one day community service project by students in the nation. She is active in her church, and she works about 15 hours/week at a chocolate store. Please let the Association know how much the scholarship helped last year.

~Jennifer Culbertson Anderson, '84
(Mother of Alexandra Anderson, '10)

Warning: Dues Increase Coming June 10, 2012

Dues Received by June 9, 2012:

Annual membership, individual	= \$20
Annual membership, household	= \$25
Annual renewals	= \$10
Memorial Memberships	= \$35
Life Membership, individual	= \$100
Life Membership, household	= \$150

On June 10, 2012 and after:

Annual membership, individual	= \$25
Annual membership, household	= \$35
Annual renewals	= \$15
Memorial Memberships	= \$35
Life Membership, individual	= \$125
Life Membership, household	= \$175

Milestones

All dates 2012.

Passings: Eddie Williams, '44, March...George Lee Parr, '48, April...Cheryl Easley Bilger, '72, February...
Staci O'Toole, '75, March...Stephanie Austin, wife of Distinguished Colt Alumnus Alan Austin, February.
Marriage: Marsha Matlock, '75, to Dr. Robert Campbell of Aledo on 11/11/11.

Congratulations to the Lady Colt Golf Team—District Champs 2012



Keeping Arlington High Strong

Arlington High School (some of it, anyway) is the second oldest school in the AISD. AHS sits in the middle of a city of 350,000—closer to its oldest sections than the other high schools. Yet Arlington High School thrives. Part of it is the *Spirit, Pride* and *Tradition* which generates a life of its own surviving all changes and challenges. Part of it is the leadership which cares enough to work like crazy to chisel the mantra “*iamacolt and together WE are Arlington High School*” into the psyche of the students and staff. And part of it is us—the proud alumni of a still strong and beloved high school.

The graphic at right represents money spent by **YOU**—the Colts of the past—on the Colts of today and tomorrow. This doesn’t even include the five scholarships we will give this year or the recent gift to the Education Foundation (see page 8).

Association members are a part of something good. And at Open House, July 4th Parade and Homecoming Tailgate, we are a part of something fun, too. Can’t beat that combination. Share the fun. Bring in another member!

Both Martin and Lamar High Schools are hoping to organize alumni associations. Who did they turn to for help and advice? Colts, of course!

So the saying is still true: First here, best here!



2010
Alumni Scholars



Little Arlie and handlers
July 4th Parade

TOTAL 1996 - 2011

\$77,256.00

35 Scholarships =

\$34,200.00

AISD Education Foundation grants
to
AHS teachers or
AHS feeder schools =

\$25,000.00

Cash for Classrooms, Code Green, PTA
Marquee Project=

\$8,638.00

PTA Courtyard Renovation =

\$3,000.00

Colt Football Booster Club - inflatable
run-through and program ads =

\$2,850.00

Back to School Teacher Luncheons =

\$2,368.00

Special Education graduation luncheon =

\$1,200.00

Reunion Roundup



Class of 1981 celebrates their 30th.
Top: Cary Richmond, Rebecca Merrill
Bottom: Elaine Minor, Kimm Davis
Mawhirter, Tom Rush

Drop by the Central Office of the AISD (303 and Davis Dr.) on Friday of your reunion weekend to see this plaque honoring the late **Colonel Neel Kearby, Class of 1928**—the only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient from Arlington High School. In November 2011, Kearby was enshrined, alongside teacher/astronaut Krista McAuliffe, as the second permanent honoree on the AISD Wall of Fame.



Colonel Neel Kearby

**Fielder Museum is having an
Arlington High School exhibit—
June 1 - July 31.
Stop by and enjoy!**



Ageless and amazing,
**Jane Robin Ellis, Colt
By Choice!**

Fabulous '50s

No scheduled events until 2013.
Contact: Marydene Bennett
817.379.4002
marykeller@verizon.net

Class of 1957

June 8 - 10
Friday: JGilligans
Saturday: Alumni Open House
and later JGilligans
Sunday: JGilligans for breakfast
Contact: Robert Miles-817.265.4122
robertmiles@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1962

June 8 - 10
Friday: JGilligans, 6:00pm
Saturday: Alumni Open House,
Rolling Hills Country Club, 6:00pm
Sunday: Brunch at Rolling Hills
www.ahs1962.com



Class of 1967

June 8 & 9
Friday: J Gilligans
Saturday: Alumni Open House
Evening: Backyard Reunion at
Clark & Patty Kirby's
Facebook: [Arlington High School
Class of 1967 Arlington Texas](https://www.facebook.com/Arlington-High-School-Class-of-1967-Arlington-Texas)

Class of 1982

October 5 & 6
Friday: JGilligans, 8:00pm
Saturday: Shady Valley, 7:30pm
reunionsbythepartypeople.com

Class of 1992

June 22 & 23
Facebook: [Arlington High School
Class of 1992 \(20 year reunion\)](https://www.facebook.com/Arlington-High-School-Class-of-1992-20-year-reunion)
Community Page:
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/
Arlington-High-School-Class-of-
1992-20-year-reunion/399572336737270](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arlington-High-School-Class-of-1992-20-year-reunion/399572336737270)

Class of 2002

Possibly in October

See Page 2 for details on Alumni Open House

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Alumni Open House, Saturday, June 9
Dues Increase, June 10. Join or Renew Today!



Once again our Association supported grants to future Colts with a check for \$2,000 to the AISD Education Foundation. Michael Wyant received the AHS Alumni Association grant for \$1,314. This grant—*Student Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Experience*—will allow 120 of Wyant’s students to build and fly unmanned airborne vehicles. Joining the winning teacher and some of his students at the grant presentation are Association representatives—Erin Chaney, Jo McGovern, Carolyn Price, Leslie Recine.

Grant Day~March 31

The remaining \$636 of our gift to the Foundation helped fund Principal Mary Helen Joekel’s grant, *Kagen Engagement Strategies*. All 580 of Dunn’s students will benefit from this grant. Alongside AHS Alumni reps are Foundation board member Ann Morris, far left, Susan Grom, Dunn Librarian, third from left, and next, Principal Joekel.

Since 1996 the Foundation has received \$27,000 from the AHS Alumni Association. Through our participation in this grant program, thousands of students at AHS and its feeder schools have benefitted.

