



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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2021 AHS Alumni Gatherings
Double Celebration ~ Homecoming Weekend
Friday, September 17, Colts vs Mesquite
7:00 pm, Globe Life Park
Saturday Morning, September 18,
Alumni Open House
All Classes
AHS Cafeteria

From the President



Happy Spring, fellow Colts! We survived the winter; we are getting our vaccinations; we compare experiences; we see a light at the end of the long, dark Covid-19 tunnel. We will all be glad when it's all behind us! Mark your calendars for our post-COVID celebration!

Since the AHS campus is off limits to all but students and staff, we were unable to host the Christmas luncheon for faculty and staff. The traditional May luncheon buffet will be a boxed lunch event. Alumni Open House is not cancelled this year, merely postponed from June until September's Homecoming weekend. It will be a fun-filled, highly charged weekend where we can meet again to celebrate our Alma Mater! This timing might be such a good idea it could become the new tradition! More details to come.

The Fourth of July parade is actually happening this year. Since July 4th falls on Sunday, the parade will take place on July 5th. We sure hope to see you all out there waving at us and singing the fight song!

Again, this year we are awarding \$1,500 scholarships to ten deserving graduates. You will meet them in the fall issue.

As promised, webmaster Mac Martin and founder Cathy Bontley Brown have designed a great membership drive—the Colt Stampede. New annual members will get two years for the price of one. The offer is good until May 31st. Every one of us knows two or three classmates, friends, relatives, who aren't members yet. You can see the entire membership roster listed by class on our website. Just click on the Membership Roster link. They are missing all the fun of seeing other alumni, of supporting AHS in its quest to always be **First Here, Best Here**. Besides, they don't even get a newsletter!

When you look at the 2021 budget on page 3, you can see

how important this membership drive is to the operation of the Alumni Association. We have a goal of new member fees totaling \$4,000. That would require more new members than have ever joined in a single year. It is **NOT** an outrageous goal. We have over 50,000 alumni and we wouldn't need more than 160 new members to make the goal. If every class from 1960 to 2020 added three new members—Voila! Mission Accomplished!

Find us on Facebook as The Arlington High School Alumni Association, Instagram at ahscoltsforever, and our website. On the website, click on Membership Application to join and then the Membership Roster to see which of your friends haven't joined yet. Spread the word to them! We are counting on you! You're the best!

Go, Colts!
Bonnie Beebe Watkins
Class of 1962

COLT ALUMNI 2021 STAMPEDE TO MEMBERSHIP

To join for yourself or another - www.ahscolts-alumni.org
Fill out two forms:

- 1) your payment information - Paypal or credit card
- 2) new member information

To fully fill out membership form, include:

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| 1. member(s) name(s) | 4. email address |
| 2. maiden, too | 5. street, city, state, zip |
| 3. graduation year | 6. phone number |

Or send check to AHS Alumni (see address top of page) and the six pieces information above. We don't need all 50,000 Colt Alumni out there, but **WE DO NEED YOU TO BRING ONE MORE COLT INTO THE CORRAL!**

Milestones

Passings: Frances Wadley Bondurant, '42, October...June Hiett Bratone, 42, August 2019...Mary Lou Barnes Moore, '42, April...Anita Roberson Fitzgerald, '45, March...James Moore, '48, January...Louise English Patterson, '48, March...Ethel Sims Green Grumbles, '49, February...Hugh Ross, '51, April...Bobbie Munson Walker, '52, March...Amelia Merritt Woodward, '52, February...Roger Parsley, '54, January...Mary Ann Thresher Bratton, '57, February...Jerry Lowe, '57, January...Sylvia Harvey Shoemaker, '57, January...Ronald Jordan, '60, March...Doris Cantrell Bubert, '61, January...Stacy Brown, '62, February...Billy Durham '62, February...John Sessions, '62, February...John Blesi, '63, July...Sylvia Mosig Thompson, '63, February...Bobby Carol Franklin Gjedde, '65, March...William "Woody" Williams, '65, January...Daniel Bush, '70, March...Gordon Derr, '70, December...Donna Houston Heiligman, '71, April...Weldon Middlebrooks, '71, December...Gary Bighouse, '72, February...Diane Green Moore, '72, February...Jeannie Dunn Coggins, '75, January...Cathy Acciarito Williams, '75, March...James Ducker, '76, March...Marshall Aldriedge, '77, January...Kerry Hackenberg, '79, February...Allen Lennington, '80, February...Lisa Male, '80, February...Chris Murzin, '85, February...Deric Bentley, '88, January...Kelli Augustini Cook, '88, 2019...Aaron Hanysak, '97, March...Former teachers: Mary Margaret Basham, March...Pat Caffey, March...Nancy Kidd, January...Jan Parsons, March

Super Colts, All ~ Class of 1957 and Classes 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

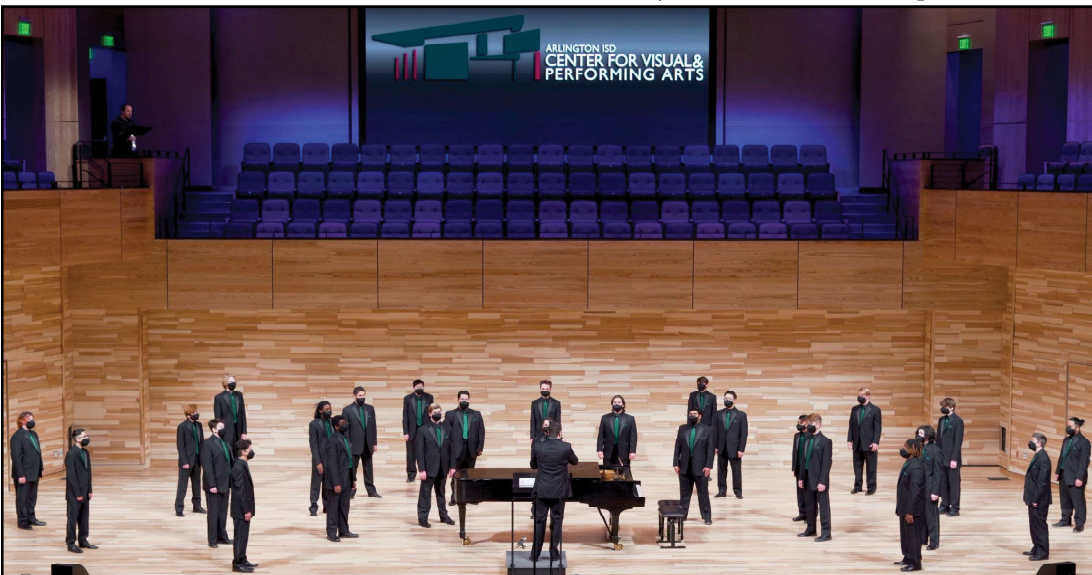
All AHS classes have standout students, amazing accomplishments, notable successes. The **Class of 1957** has more than its share! As seniors, they opened the campus on Park Row in September 1956. At their 55th reunion, **John Gardner**, top right, had the idea to establish a scholarship funded by the class. His \$2,000 gift jump-started the campaign. The inaugural award for \$5,000 was given in 2013. Each March, **Paula Richey Crossman** reminds whoever in her class wants to contribute to pony up for their scholarship. And each year they do just that! The Class of 1957 scholarship has been awarded every year through 2020 for a total of \$40,000.



In 2014, Paula and the late **Robert Miles**, at left, nominated their classmate John for the Distinguished Colt Alumni award. Robert was selected DCA in 2011, but the first Distinguished Colt from the class, **Barbara Nash Knight**, joined the honor roll in 1998. Barbara was a determined force in helping us get the AHS Alumni Association off the ground. She was a dynamo for spreading the word to join, and the Class of 1957 was in the vanguard back in 1996 when the Association began. Congratulations to an exceptional group of Arlington High School Colt Alumni!



The **Colt Chorale Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir** was one of 12 choirs invited to perform for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) annual convention in February. The choir is made up of the tenor and bass sections from our varsity



mixed choir, the Colt Chorale. Hundreds of choirs apply to perform for this event. Only two tenor/bass choirs were chosen to perform, and our Colts were one! The 20 minute concert was recorded in January at the brand new Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. The group is made up of 26 singers from all four classifications. The virtual convention was attended by thousands of music educators from all over the state.

Mason Barlow
Director of Choirs

Your Dollars for AHS since 1996 = \$203,680 !!

Congratulations, **Eli Terrell, Class of 2024**, on receiving a Life Membership in the Alumni Association from his grandparents— Life Members **Ron, '63, and Carmen Self Coker, '68**. Eli, the first to be listed for his class, leads the third generation of his family to AHS and is one of seven in his family tree to participate in Colt athletics. Ron lettered in track; Carmen was a Colt Cheerleader, along with aunt **Sharon Self Crowson, '67**. Eli's late uncle **Donny Coker, '64**, managed the football and track teams; aunts **Kacey Coker Pierson, '99**, and **Haley Coker Dodson, '01**, played on successful Colt Volleyball squads. Eli takes his place in the line by playing Colt Baseball. (Counting great-grandmother Virginia Coker, an assistant librarian 1970 - 1983, this would be a "three and a half" generation Colt family!)



MEMORIAL MEMBERS

The family of long time teacher **Nancy Kidd** designated the Alumni Association as a memorial of choice after her passing this year. Nancy's name will be added to our roster as a Colt By Choice.

Donations given by: Herman & Merle Baldwin, Cathy Brown, Barbara Griffin, Krisha Harlan, Laura Jones, Kathy Cahill, Michael Meeks.

Ed Camp, '61, Joe Frank Hall, '61, Mike Inlow, '60

remembered by Gary & Juanice Young

Jane Brem Duff, Donna Matetzschk, Roger Parsley, Sue-Beall Blanton Shaffer, James Swafford, all **Class of 1954**—remembered by Class of 1954

John Blesi, '63, by Donna Blesi Woodhead

Diane Green Moore, '72 by Monroe Helm

New Members

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| Mikel Wayne Conner, '62 | *Ruth Benbow Stewart, '61# |
| *Brian & Carrie Lettie Egan, '76/'80# | Jon Stutler, '75 |
| *Scott Ericson, CBC | *Jeannie LeMoine Sutton, '70# |
| Gloria Farenthold, '?? (Please provide!) | *Eli Terrell, '24 |
| *Donald Goodwin, '50# | Marsha Somers Tokerud, '75 |
| *Rebekah Bullock Janes, '90# | Kimberly Urashi, '78 |
| Michael Johnson, '62 | Glenn "Tuck" Wilson, '69 |
| Sheryl Bowden McInnis, '65 | *Life Member |
| *Gabe Moore, '96 | #Upgrade to Life Member |
| Judy Pirtle Moore, '62 | |
| *Gary Newman, '69 | |
| Gale Johnson Odom, '71 | |
| Rick & Kathleen Donnelly Riddle, '69/'68 | |

DONATIONS

- Ben George ~ in memory of Miss Jane Ellis
 Mac & Peggy Martin - Scholarship Fund



AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2021 Budget

REVENUES:	
Memberships	4,000
Contributions	16,000
Product Sales	1,000
Interest Income	46
TOTAL REVENUES	\$21,046
Expenditures:	
Gifts to Organizations:	-
Newsletter	
Postage	318
Printing	1,500
TOTAL NEWSLETTER	\$ 1,818
Special Events	
4th of July	250
DCA	-
May Teacher Luncheon	2,300
December Teacher lunch	500
Open House	1,000
Tailgate	500
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 4,550
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$15,000
MERCHANDISE	\$ 1,000
Supporting Services	
Fundraising	-
Fees - NTGD	100
Rent	720
Supplies	700
Postage	232
Constant Contact	573
Website and Social Media	395
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$ 2,720
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$25,088
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,042)

FINAL NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY TOTALS

- Online contributions: \$ 4,673.48
 Total contributions: \$11,268.48

AHS Colts ~ Then, Now, Forever!

A story found in the 1987 Colt Corral discovered another four-generation Colt family. Todd Haas, a senior that year, had three generations of his family who preceded him at Arlington High at the 1986 Homecoming pep rally.

His great-grandmother **Frannie Bearden, Class of 1911**, was there along with her daughter, Todd's grandmother, **Cleo Haas, Class of 1930**. Both Todd's parents were Colts, too—dad **Damon Haas, '55**, and mom **Judy**. We don't know Judy's grad year.

Since that pep rally nearly 35 years ago, it is possible a fifth generation has had time to walk the halls of Arlington High. We would love to know! So if anyone out there knows whether more from this family are Colts, contact us at

ahscoltsforever@gmail.com



Mrs. Bearden is pictured being interviewed during the pep rally.

When Distinguished Colt Alumnus **Doland Maner, '40**, called to find out when he could put Alumni



Open House on his calendar, he recounted a fun story from his days on Arlington's City Council: A local school teacher came before the council requesting a zoning change for a piece of property she owned. Doland says, "It was going to get a unanimous vote in favor of the change with no problem." However, **Ms. Josephine Doherty**, Arlington High School English teacher, asking for additional support, addressed Councilman Maner directly. She reminded him of their classroom days together saying she would really appreciate any help he could give. Doland says his reply nearly knocked the mayor out of his chair when he said, "Well, Ms. Doherty, I bet you wish you had given me higher marks when I was in your English class." Ms. Doherty's quick response: "I'm happy to reconsider!"

Pictured above: Doland and **Colt By Choice Betty McQuay**

2021 Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Scholarship: Peggy Martin, '66

July 4th Parade: Kathy Einhaus, '68

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Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74

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

Campus Liaison: Leila Rahimzadeh Perez, '01

2021 Reunions

Class of 1960 · Decision coming this summer

Class of 1961 · September 17 - 19 · The White Room · Arlington

Class of 1970 · No final decision yet

Class of 1971 · September 17 & 18 · Friday: JGilligans · Saturday morning: Alumni Open House · Saturday evening: Rolling Hills Country Club · \$40/person includes finger foods, soft drinks · Cash Bar · Checks payable to Jerrell Womble · P.O. Box 121662 · Arlington TX 76012 · jwwomble@tx.rr.com · 817.946.9939

Class of 1981 · Tentative: October 8

Class of 1990 · September 17 & 18 · Friday: Colt Football · Globe Life Park · Saturday: TBD · Facebook: Arlington High School Senior Class of 1990

LATE BREAKING NEWS

On April 13th, the Arlington City Council honored Distinguished Colt Alumna, **Geraldine Nash Mills, '59**, by naming the grounds of the Fielder Museum for her. She has been Executive Director there for two decades. Congratulations, Geraldine!