



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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## Passing the Gavel

Hello, Fellow Colts! It's a brand new year and I'm not only happy but flattered to be chosen as your new president! Many thanks to Debbie for three great years and for her guidance in my three years as secretary for this amazing organization! We do bleed green in our house. I've been married to my high school sweetheart Ken for almost eight years now. We are Colts to the core!

Our Alumni Association did have a very successful 2019. Among other things we awarded 10 scholarships for \$1,250 each; we donated to the cost of our new Little Arlie costume; we helped the Jazz Band to acquire new "fronts" to hold their music. We had a very successful Tailgate Party at Homecoming with over 200 people in attendance in the 103° heat! Now that's loyalty! We need more members like **You** so we can continue to support the school we love.

*Go, Colts!*  
*Bonnie Beebe Watkins*  
*Class of 1962*



I want to wish Bonnie well as she assumes her new position as president, and I want to congratulate the Board of Directors on a very successful 2019! Because we have opened some new doors on fundraising and learned from the process, next year should be even better. We still need all of you to look beside you—at your friends and relatives who are alumni. These are the folks we must encourage to join and to participate in our events, our campaigns, our support for AHS. Donations are more likely to come from people who know our efforts, our goals, and who understand our long standing traditions. **You** alumni can further our cause to those around you, one by one. Thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way. Happy New Year and have a great 2020! I have enjoyed being your president these last three years.

*Kick 'em, Colts!*  
*Debbie Koehl Ericson*  
*Class of 1968*

## 2020 Alumni Association Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

President: Bonnie Beebe Watkins, '62  
Vice-President: Alan Stiebing, '86  
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### CHAIRPERSONS

Membership: Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99  
Dee Butler Moorhead, '62  
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Distinguished Colts: Jerrell Womble, '71  
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Editor: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63  
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Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell-Weidemann, '81  
Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74  
Campus Liaison: Micah Green, '01

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

\* 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!

## Milestones

**Passings:** Fred Bondurant, '40, January...Rod Ford, '46, November...Neil Walker, '46, September...Patricia Ballweg Gazewood Anderson, '48, October...Wanda Ruth Mitchell White, '51, December...Julia Wilson Creel, '54, November...Tommy Moore, '54, July...Josie Courtney, '55, October...Ray Dell Smith, '56, October...Barbara Parke Case, '57, November...Juanita Moody Oram, '57, March...Larry Hamilton '60, December...John Gaston, '62, January...Patty Contador, '63, September...Wayne Gilbert, '63, December...Peggy Reid Porter, '63, August...Sandra Lewis Russell, '63, December...Bobby Murray, '64, October...Glenda Oliver Cantrell, '67, September...Kenneth Majka, '69, November...David Ptacek, '71, September...Debra Lineberger Hill, '73, July...Ken Williams, '74, December...Don Chambers, '75, September...Joyce Daughtery Coolaghan, '76, December...Ricky Gilbreath, '76, September...Brad Pierce, '76, May...Craig Seelye, '81, September...Brad Luce, '94, July...Kortney Reece, '02, June...Leah Ferguson Ruhavina, '08, June 2018...Bill Keith, former AHS head coach, October...Gerald Richey, former teacher and coach, August...Mary Van Hoose, former teacher, 2019.

Our AHS Alumni Association received a request for financial assistance from the Arlington High Jazz Band. This ensemble provides entertainment during



the teacher's luncheons which we host twice a school year. The Band needed new music stands and fronts for them with the AHS logo at a cost of \$295 each. In August we delivered \$1,250.00 to the Jazz Band as the students (above) flash our hand sign. The new stands arrived in time to be used at the 2019 Christmas luncheon.



Mac Martin has produced the Cotton Bowl Big Play Luncheon for 20+ years. Mac and Peggy are pictured at this year's event at the Dallas Hilton



Anatole. The annual event this year honored teams, coaches, families and supporters of the Penn State Nittany Lions and the Memphis Tigers which were matched in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl game in December at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in December. —by Jim Ball, '61



Hunter Pence, '01, and his wife Alexis, working with the Texas Trees Foundation, planted 100 trees at Hunter's elementary alma mater, J. B. Little in Arlington. Hunter was a baseball standout at both AHS and UTA. In 2019, the MLB All-Star played for his hometown team, the Texas Rangers, and had an incredibly special All-Star season with them.

### NTGD SCORES BIG FOR AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

The Communities Foundation of Texas sponsors an annual North Texas Giving Day. This 18-hour fundraising event empowers every person to give back to their community. By every measure, Colts gave back to their Arlington High School Alumni Association in a big way.



Online donations included matching gifts from individuals and businesses. In addition, we received a grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. The success of the 2019 NTGD increases our financial

support for Arlington High School. Thank you to all Colts and friends of Colts for your generosity. Your donations of over \$4,000.00 will honor requests from various organizations, as well as the administration, staff and students. Colts just keep on kickin'!

## New Members ~ Donations

### New Members

- Kevin Bobbett, '91
- \*Carrie Bird Bogard, '79
- \*Jeff Colson
- \*Kelsey Tanner Hicks, '88
- Karen Smith Johnson, '76
- Janine Nickel Krajca, '80
- \*Michael & Melissa Saffarrans
- LeMoine, '75/'76
- Tommy LeNoir, '72
- Jerry McCullough, CBC
- \*Ben Nascimbeni '19
- Penny Norris, '67
- \* Jeff Pollard, '83
- \*Margie Morales Railey '69
- Lori Bullington Richman, '80
- Jean LeMoine Sutton, '70
- \*Kelly Whitside, '81
- \*Candace Kane Williams, '69

### MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Sue Gill Womble, '47
- by Jerrell Womble, '71
- Wanda Ruth Mitchell White, '51
- by DeLaurice Busbee, '52
- Nancy Dunsworth Coble, '54
- Wayne McCarrell, '54
- Tommy Moore, '54
- all by Brian Johnson, '54
- Patty Contador, '63
- by Cathy Brown, '63
- Glenda Oliver Cantrell, '67
- by Neta Morse, '67
- Leah Ferguson Ruhavina, '08
- DeLaurice Busbee, '52
- Mary Van Hoose, former teacher
- by Sharon Noblit,
- Cyndy Fairchild

### Donations

#### GENERAL FUND

- Michelle Barlen
- Michele Burdick Cozby
- Karen Smith Johnson
- Sherry Cantrell Nethaway
- Wally & Elaine Penny
- Special thanks to
- all our NTGD donors

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Cathy Bontley Brown
- Prosperity Bank
- Class of 1969 — \$2,307**



Use the form below to bring a Colt who hasn't joined us yet into the corral! **WE WANT THEM ALL!!**

Special thanks to AHS photographers **Sharria Hudson, '21**, and **Kacey Brimer, '22**, for their pep rally and Homecoming photos. Also to **Debbie Ericson**.



### AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### ANNUAL

- Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal
- Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

#### LIFE

- Individual = \$125 paid once
- Household = \$175 paid once

#### MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED

\$35 paid once

Payable To: AHS ALUMNI \* P.O. Box 152578 \* Arlington, Texas 76015 \* 817.879.7162 \* [ahs\\_alumni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (FIRST) (LAST) (MAIDEN)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (PHONE)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment:  CASH  CHECK

Check your preference:  Newsletter by U.S. Mail  by email notification

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Membership \$35: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (one time only fee for deceased classmate) (NAME) (CLASS)



## Nominations Open for 2020 Distinguished Colt Alumni

Honorees are alumni who typify the spirit, pride and tradition of Arlington High School through tireless efforts to “give back” to our school, or are alumni who have brought honor to Arlington High through their significant career accomplishments. **Attention Nominators:** Remember that the Alumni Board members who select the honorees may not know your nominees. Be specific in listing the ways your nominees have supported AHS or have burnished the reputation of AHS in their professional lives.

***Use nomination form on website or send to our PO Box. WRITE TO IMPRESS!***

**DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2020\***

**\*NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE.**



The 2019 inductees from left: **John Ball (aka Nelson), '65, Mickey Bryce, '74, Gwynethe Reddy Lewis, '76, Anna Pettit, '74, Margie Ferguson Bryant, '48, Ella Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66.** They are gathering on the sidelines for the Homecoming pre-game ceremony. Their placques were presented at our Tailgate Party.

## Distinguished Colt Roll Call ~ 1997 - 2019

James Adams, CBC  
 Alan Austin, '69  
 Margie Austin, CBC  
 Jim Ball, '59  
 John Ball (Nelson), '65  
 Bill Bardin, '24  
 Scott Bowden, '69  
 James “Brad” Bradley, '39  
 Cathy Bontley Brown, '63  
 Margie Ferguson Bryant, '48  
 Mickey Bryce, '74  
 Tillie Lester Burgin, '54  
 Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64  
 Kent Cherry, '52  
 William Connor, '36  
 Cari Fitzgerald Cook, '70  
 \*Dean Corey, CBC  
 \*Gary Cartright, '51  
 Tom Cravens, '60  
 Jeff Dalton, '80  
 Tom DeFrank, '63  
 James Ditto, '48  
 Michael Ditto, '55  
 Jane Robin Ellis, CBC

Mike Enger, '74  
 \*Robert Fielder, '25  
 Randy Ford, '67  
 Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51  
 Greg Friess, '71  
 Jane Crews Friess, '71  
 John Gardner, '57  
 Linda Garner Gipson, '61  
 \*Jimmy Ray Glasgow, '75  
 Micah Green, '01  
 Stevie Campbell Hansen, '62  
 Verne Hargrave, '68  
 Bowie Hogg, '96  
 Buddie Hrabal, '64  
 Bill Hughes, '48  
 Owen Ivie, '43  
 Fran Ditto Jennings, '48  
 \*Col. Neel Kearby, '28  
 \*Charlie Key, '59  
 Barbara Nash Kight, '57  
 Carl Knox, '40  
 Rex Latham, '61  
 Gwynethe Reddy Lewis, '76  
 Doland Maner, '40

Charles Marshall, '51  
 Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49  
 Gary Martin, '53  
 Mac Martin, '61  
 Peggy Wood Martin, '66  
 Ella Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66  
 Don Mebus, '62  
 Dinah Dalton Menger, '77  
 Ross Menger, '67  
 Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61  
 Robert Miles, '57  
 Geraldine Nash Mills, '59  
 \*Lt. Perry Mills, '59  
 Alvin Moseley, '65  
 Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66  
 Beth Hentze Owens, '85  
 Natalee Davis Parr, '28  
 Anna Pettit, '74  
 Ben Pierce, '72  
 Dan Rash, '69  
 Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49  
 Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48  
 Jennifer Hilton Sampson, '88  
 Anne Ross Berg Seldon, '53

Phillip Stork, '49  
 Gene Schrickel, '44  
 Frank Smith, '43  
 Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51  
 Paul Swartz, '59  
 Lee Sweeney, '71  
 Barton Thompson, '51  
 Mike Wade, '76  
 Delouris McCarrell Wages, '56  
 Jack Wages, '56  
 \*Rusty Ward, '68  
 John Webb, CBC  
 Roger Weed, '61  
 Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81  
 Ernest Wilemon, '43  
 Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55  
 Morgan Woodward, '44  
 Jannette Workman, '54  
 Mayfield Workman, CBC  
 Tom Vandergriff, '43  
 AnnaWaynette Smith  
 Vandergriff, '44  
 \*awarded posthumously  
*italics, since deceased*



## Homecoming 2019 ~ Pep Rally ~ Alumni Tailgate



September 6  
103° at Tailgate.  
Awnings & chairs  
helped, but still  
hotter 'n he\*\*!!



**Row 2:** Bonnie Beebe, Jerrell Womble, Madison Gover, '15, Judy East, '62, DeeDee Winter, '62; yearbook photos of honorees at Exes reception. **Row 3:** Connie, John Ball; Mickey; Margie, Liz Speer. **Row 4:** Garrison Lewis taking picture of his DCA mom Gwynethe; Karen's mom, Karen Smith Johnson, '76, Jarrod Johnson, Melissa Saffarans Lemoine, '66, Choir members.





## Alumni Scholar Update

**TOMMY HOLLOWAY, '19**, sends greeting from Texas Christian University where he is majoring in Music Education. He says AHS developed his people skills, and AHS teachers definitely prepared him to communicate with his professors. The two things about college he wasn't prepared for are the loneliness and practicing.

At AHS, I was friends with almost everyone in my class. At least I knew their names, as well as one fact about them. It isn't like that now. College life isn't family and being in band didn't make it a family either. I had to find my way alone until I found my best friend. Practicing was just something I did not expect. The band directors told

me it wouldn't be easy, but I didn't understand just how hard it was going to be. It was an uphill battle and, honestly, it still is, but I'll keep fighting it."

To the AHS Alumni Association, Tommy says, "Thank you for your support. Your Alumni scholarship saved me during this past semester when fees came due. Please consider something else. I would also ask you individually to get involved with us,

by asking us to meet up or hang out. This first semester, I discovered the upperclassmen at TCU who went to AHS have been my biggest resource. I could trust them.

To students still at AHS: Cherish it, live it up, make the best memories because college can be kinda crazy. I miss Arlington High School."

**SPIRIT · PRIDE · TRADITION ·**

**COLTS FAMILY · KICK 'EM FOREVER**

The Association will reach an impressive goal in May. We will again give 10 scholarships but the stipend will rise from \$1,250 to \$1,500 for each student. Your membership, your donations, your encouragement to other Colts who have not yet joined us in "official" support for Arlington High have made a colossal difference to our school over the last 24 years!

**Thanks to you all!**



**SARA YOUSSEF '19**, says, "I am currently attending the University of Texas at Arlington, majoring in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Arlington High School prepared me immensely for this next step in my education. The dual credit classes which AHS offered me has given me a perfect example of how college classes will be and how to succeed in a different environment. AHS has, indeed, given me the determination and motivation so that I can thrive in college. Many things have surprised me about college life. Although I was not surprised about the high stress level at UTA, I was surprised about the change between being in high school and being in college. Since your schedule in college is based on what you like, I piled up on my classes—this semester taking 17 credits. This allowed me to push even further for my goal of graduating college early. College life involves many decisions that are based primarily on you. You get to decide how many classes you take, the times you want to take the classes, and the professors you want. I would like to say thank you again for the members of the Arlington High School Alumni Association for giving me this opportunity."

This picture was taken when I signed up for the incredible club, "Society of Criminal Justice Students" or "SCJS".



Some things we never forget! **Laura Merrill Anz, '89**, writes her mom **Sharron Merrill, '61**. "Sitting in the local vegetarian restaurant (Longbranch Cafe, Carbondale, Illinois), waiting for a meeting, my fingers begin moving in a pattern I didn't immediately recognize. And I realize my body is lightly moving. Then I hear the jazz music of *The Horse*. How quickly one can be transported back to high school marching band!"

## Reunions

### Class of 1965

**MARCH 7** · Hilton Garden Inn · possible casual Friday night event  
 · **Facebook: Arlington High /Sam Houston High Class of 65 50th Reunion** · Latest details on this public Facebook page

### Class of 1971

**JUNE 2021** · coordinating with Alumni Open House · Tentative plans: Friday at local pub · Saturday at Rolling Hills Country Club

**Class of 1990** · Coming in fall · Facebook: [Arlington High School Senior Class of 1990](#)

### Class of 1970

**50th Reunion!** · **APRIL 17 - 18** · **FRIDAY:** Casual get-together at JGilligans 6:00pm · Cash dinner/cash bar · **SATURDAY:** Picnic & games at Stovall Park · 10:30 - 3:00 · BYOB · No glass containers · **SATURDAY: Dinner/Dance** · Cash Bar · Red's Roadhouse, Kennedale · 6:30 - 11:30, valet parking included · Prepay by March 15 for discount price of \$35/person · \$45/person at the door · **Limited number of specially designed t-shirts still available** · Class accepts check (payable to Penny Morris), Venmo, Zelle, or Facebook Messenger · **Send payment** with name (including maiden name), spouse/other's name and contact information to Penny Morris · 1301 Apache Street · Arlington, TX 76012, or call 817.975.1287, or [email fxn2@att.net](mailto:fxn2@att.net) for more information.

## 2019 Reunions ~ Class of 1969, #50 ~ Class of 1979, #40 ~ Class of 1994, #25



We want to know about every class having a reunion in 2020. If you know anyone from classes ending in zero (0) or five (5), urge them to post information on our Facebook page—Arlington High School Alumni Association. Or **YOU** can contact someone on the Alumni Board who can get the information to our Reunion Representatives.



# AHS Alumni Association



Three generations of Colts beginning with J.C. Jenkins, '33. Pictured: Ben Brier, '23, Jan Jenkins Brier, '70.



Butch Mahan, '59  
Alvin Moseley, '65



David Bailey, '61  
Ken Bailey, '65



Judy and Steve East,  
Class of 1962



Chris and Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99



Mike Enger, '74  
Wally Bryce, '75



Gwynethe receiving her DCA plaque



**More from Tailgate**—Top: **Class of 1970** gearing up for 50th reunion in April—David Standish, Penny Morris, Karen Miller Morris, Brenda Hutchingson Roper, Mike Harper, Wally Penny; Karen Morris, Jeannie Sutton at Exes reception; Allison Bean Chandler, '71, Scott Ericson. Below: Alumni Band; DCA honoree Ella Jo and DCA Buddie; Colt Cheerleaders.

