



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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## From the President



**H**appy New Year, fellow Colts!!! We hope you have been able to make it through 2020 and are looking forward to a new year, new start and an end to COVID-19! Things are still uncertain, but we wish the best for all of us.

I hope you saw the bios of our fine group of 2020 Distinguished Colt Alumni in the Fall newsletter. Since we haven't celebrated the 2020 honorees yet, the Alumni Board voted to delay selecting a new group of honorees until 2022. When we're finally able to gather—for Open House in June or Homecoming weekend in the fall—we will introduce the 2020 DCA then, hear their stories and finally present them with their DCA awards. Our North Texas Giving Day campaign, led by **Debbie Ericson, '68**, and **Mac Martin, '61**, had amazing results raising money for scholarships and other activities. We finished with \$11,248.48 from our wonderful members,

alumni friends and local business owners. See donor list on page 3. Not resting on our good fortune, tireless webmaster Mac will be broadening a membership campaign soon. Our Spirit, Pride and Tradition will always survive, yet we all know a classmate who isn't a member. Give them a nostalgic pep talk and ask them to join us in support of our Alma Mater. Membership fees sustain the Association in between North Texas Giving Days! We awarded 2020 grads ten scholarships for \$1,500 each, and we want to continue that tradition. Besides, if alumni aren't members, they're missing all the fun!

Don't forget to visit our website, Facebook page and our new AHS Alumni Association Instagram account! Stay well, fellow Colts, and we will see you in 2021!!!

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

## North Texas Giving Day Report

**D**ebbie Ericson, past president of our Association and now chair of our efforts for North Texas Giving Day campaigns reports our success beyond all expectation in the 2020 fundraiser. **Grand total: = \$11,248.48.**

Our donors include 16 sponsors who pledged between \$100 and \$1,000 apiece. Thanks to our board members who offered this chance to 14 vendors and two family funds. This raised \$5,300. Donors mailed in checks for \$1,295, and 51 unique donors online gave \$4,796.94. Special shoutout to one completely anonymous donor (we have no idea who so we couldn't send a thank you!) who gave \$500. Many, many thanks to all of you. With no events possible in 2020, you came through for AHS! Kudos to

our social media guru Mac Martin, Debbie's second in command for his online efforts. Overall, the response to this area-wide event raised \$58,827,500 from 197,620 donations allotted to 3242 organizations.

### Fun facts about donations:

- Eleven Texans outside metroplex—Houston, Austin, Leander, Frisco
- Three out of state—farthest from Kingsfort, Tennessee
- Most interesting donation in memory of "Patty," 1963 foreign exchange student from Santiago, Chile.
- \$100 from a retired AHS faculty member
- Six donations in memory of or in honor of others

*Annual members: \$15.00 renewal notices have been sent to your mailbox or inbox for our 111 annual members...payment due upon receipt of invoice...38 invoices via USPS, remainder by email notification arriving from [ahscoltsforever@gmail.com](mailto:ahscoltsforever@gmail.com)...*

## Milestones

**Passings:** Fred Bondurant, '40, January 2019... Margie Holliday Jordan, '40, December... Frances Wadley Bondurant, '41, October... Edward Nation, '41, December... George Jeffers, '43, March... Don Seiler, '48, September... Charlene Thompson White, '49, October... Bonnie Boyd Chambers, '51, October... Tim Murchison, '51, December... Kent Cherry, '52, December... Bobby Haney, '52, November... Henry Wheeler, '53, November... Jane Brem Duff, '54, November... Donna Matetzschk, '54, November... Butch McAlpine, '54, January... Sue Beall Blanton Shaffer, '54, December... Jim Swafford, '54, December... Eddie Myers '55, October... Toni Leeds Grisham, '56, December... Jack Wages, '56, August... Judy McDonald Steadham '57, March... Judy Biggers Wilson, '57, August... Jess Holloway, '59, September... Max McClellan, '59, December... Gerald Patterson, '59, October... Betty Walker Adair, '60, November... James Fox, '60, February... Frank Gilstrap, '60, January... Mike Inlow, '60, December... Ed Camp, '61, December... Joe Hall, '61, January... Nancy Reynolds Kjellin, '61, January... Thurman Massey, '61, December... Jim Ashworth, '62, December... Mark Lamkin, '62, September... Willis Uggen, '62, January... Blair Kitterman, '63, August... Frank "Topper" Topping, '63, January... Bud Yinger, '65, January... Mike Gibson, '67, December... Danny Overcash, '68, November... Frank Rainone, '68, January... Victor Crosby, '69, November... Phil Mycoskie, '69, November... Buddy Whittemore, '69, March... Robin McGlew McBride, '71, October... Steve Skidmore, '72, November... Patty Forman Meneley, '78, 2019... Danita Dolejsi, '79, December... Kathy Dalton, CBC (Class of '80) September... Karen Bryan, '83, September... Scott Davis '87, January... Tiffany Teague, '97, January... Brian Gooch, '98, December... Mark Bain, '01, November... Nancy Kidd, 24-year business teacher, January... Lucille Ward, former clinic assistant, November...

**Addenda:** Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51, submitted additional information on her classmate **Tim Murchison**. After his AHS years, Tim went on to graduate from West Point and had a distinguished military career. Along with the late Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, also Class of 1951, Tim studied under Miss Emma Ousley, AHS journalism teacher, who set high standards for her students. Kathleen remembers her two classmates as "stars" for Miss Ousley. Of course, Phyllis went on to become beloved "Teach" to her legion of AHS students... a note from Bonnie Beebe Watkins and Mike Farhat, Class of 1962: Their classmate Jimmy Ashworth suffered a severe neck injury as a Colt football player. From that moment he never walked without crutches. With that true, indomitable Colt spirit, Jimmy lived a successful life. As a teenager, he voiced the live, caged bird who talked to passengers waiting in line for the Six Flags Railroad as it circumscribed the park. This led to a career with Six Flags Corporation where he climbed the success ladder working at several parks across the country, including his final stop in Ohio. Jim always admitted, even after moving away from theme park entertainment, that he was "a carney at heart."

## New Members

John Chestnut, '63  
Rudy Garth, '71 \*Life Member  
\*Lila Albright Glenn, '53  
\*Sydnee Homeyer, '12  
Margaret Jahns Kohler, '53  
Cindy Slocum Licalsi, '86  
\*Gloria Natasha Vasquez, '20

Memorial Membership  
George Jeffers, '43, by Susan Aten

**Bring in a new member today!**  
**As Bonnie says, "Give the nostalgia pep talk" or take the easy route and send us \$25 for a gift membership! See back cover.**



## Alumni Scholar Update

**Serena Tang, AHS 2011, Alumna SCHOLAR**

Bachelor's in International Relations and Affairs, 2014, American University; Vermont Law School, 2016-2019, Doctor of Law; Symposium Editor, Vermont Law Review, 2019; Teaching Assistant for International Climate Change, Vermont Law School; Judicial Intern, U. S. Court of International Trade; Judicial Law Clerk, Alaska Court System; Judicial Law Clerk, Federal Court, 2020  
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...Annual members can always upgrade to a Life Membership which avoids all further renewal dues... North Texas Giving Day last September an unqualified success... Alumni Association supports AHS staff as they teach remotely and in-person... Colts made playoffs in football and volleyball... Class of 1971, 50th Reunion, June 5... No others known at press time.....

*“Nothing Can Cancel Hope, Community and Kindness”—NTGD*

## SPONSORS\*

Anonymous, honoring Lou Baker  
 The Cravens Family Fund  
 Ella Jo McGovern, '66 and the late  
 Bob McGovern  
 RJ Construction  
 Southeast Arlington “Curves”  
 (Judy Northup, owner)  
 Wade Family Funeral Home  
 A-1 Lighting (Buddie Hrabal, owner)  
 Andy Wright  
 Lash Cove  
 David’s Barbecue  
 J. Gilligans (Randy Ford, owner)  
 Dr. Bryan Bishop  
 Upstairs Gallery  
 Anything Goes  
 Mr. B’S Burgers

\*Sponsors pledged prior to campaign a minimum gift of \$100. Three sponsors gave \$1,000 each.

## DONORS

Guyler Allbright, Jr.  
 Kim & JoAnn Andersen  
 Virginia Baker, in memory  
 James R. Watson, Class of 1967  
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 Pru Brett  
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 Randa Lee Walden-Miller  
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 AHS Alumni volunteers  
 Gretchen Weicker  
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 Cindy Wilson in loving memory of  
 Zora Bontley; honoring  
 Cathy Bontley Brown  
 Jerrell Womble  
 Jannette Workman  
 Jane Wright

## Membership

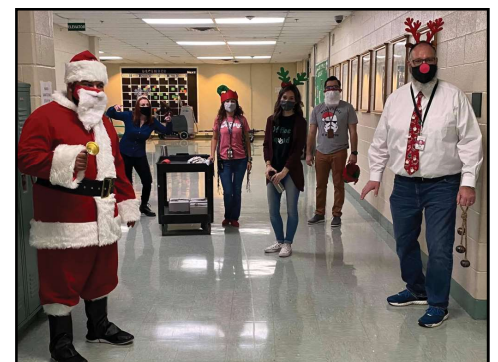
### WHY DID YOU JOIN THE ASSOCIATION?

As Reunion Chairman for my class, I thought getting involved with the Association would help us organize and plan our 40th reunion.  
 —*Jerrell Womble, Class of 1971*

I joined the Association years ago to give back to AHS. I wanted to support the school, uphold the traditions, and show the upcoming exes how special AHS really is.  
 —*Tanya Terrell Weideman, Class of 1981*

I want the current students to know how important their time at AHS is for their lives ahead. I received a really good education there, and a generation later, my daughters did, too.  
 —*Judy Whitenight Northup, Class of 1969*

Pictured: Christmas goodies for staff prepared by Alumni Board and distributed by Santa, aka Principal Dhalla.



**Editor’s note: The two classes with the most members enrolled in the Association make up 30% of the 51 donors. That’s why the more members we have the more support we will give back to Arlington High School. Special thanks to the Classes of 1963 (125 members) and 1962 (91 members).**

*...2021 North Texas Giving Day...September 23*



Hannah Hullender, Alumni Scholarship recipient, AHS '14, UT 2018

2017 Distinguished Colt Alumni:  
Dan Rash, '69, Linda Garner Gipson, '61, Rex Latham, '61



## COLT ALUMNI STAMPEDE TO MEMBERSHIP

**JOIN NOW:** Spread the word to classmates and family.  
**SPECIAL OFFER (ends 5/31/2021):** Annual Memberships good for two years—through 2022  
**TO GIVE A GIFT FOR ONE ALUM:** Send the following information with \$25 check to our PO Box (see front page)

Or go to [ahscolts-alumni.org](http://ahscolts-alumni.org)

Fill out two forms:

- 1) your payment information
- 2) member information

To **fully** fill out membership form:

1. include his/her name
2. maiden name, too
3. graduation year
4. email address
5. street, city, state, zip
6. phone number



Open House 2018: Alumni Choir singing Alma Mater, You'll Never Walk Alone, Halls of Ivy.



## 2020 Alumni Association Board of Directors

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

## Alumni Scholar Updates

### JANISE OWENS, 2020 ALUMNI SCHOLAR

Because of COVID, my plans were turned around and flipped upside down. Instead of Texas State, I enrolled at Tarrant County College SE for 2020-2021. I've always been the person in class with my hand raised ready to share. Although emailing professors and not meeting classmates was my learning experience freshman year, I did maintain good grades. Learning from a distance may help me in the future so I will stick to it for now.



### CAMBRIA PIERCE, 2020 ALUMNI SCHOLAR

With all the COVID complications and restrictions, I'm lucky to be living in a UNT dorm. Although my first semester wasn't normal, I have met some great friends who support me and challenge me to grow. I have changed my major from Theater Education to Media Arts with a minor in Marketing.

