



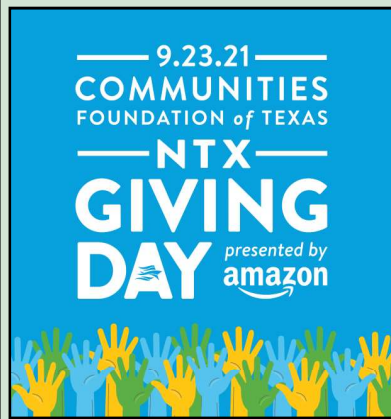
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Another **Dollar** for Arlington High School
Early Giving September 1 - 22
See our NTGD profile page
<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/ahscolts-alumni>
Go to our website and click on **Donate Now**
Help us continue giving \$15,000
for scholarships in 2022.
All donations, any size welcome!
GIVING BACK TO AHS—IT'S WHAT WE DO!



President's Letter

Hello, Colts! We are going to be able to be together before long. Things are slowly but surely getting closer and closer to “normal.” We will be happy to see each other’s smiling faces again, right? Writing at the end of July, we sure hope so, anyway!

Welcome to our new members—all 108 of you who have joined this year, or given memorial memberships, or upgraded from annual to life! We are so happy you have joined us in sustaining the Spirit, Pride and Tradition of Arlington High from our years through 2021 and beyond. Special shoutout to the **Class of 1978** which has more than doubled its enlistment in our Association. A phone call to Life Member **David Keal** led to his contacting another Life Member **Darrell Stovall** who managed to spur his class to add 26 new members and establish the '78 crew as the new lead dog in the classes of the 1970s. **Thank you, true Colts of the Class of 1978!**

The “old” Rangers ballpark—now a community asset—will be the home of Colt Football! How great is that! Although we have never had Alumni Open House on Homecoming weekend, we think it might be a welcome tweak in our “tradition.” Yes, Colts, we haven’t had Alumni Open House since June 2019. Mix and mingle with alumni across the decades. Meet the 2020 – 2021 Distinguished Colt Alumni. (To read their bios go to Newsletter Archives, Fall 2020, on our website.) Hear the Alumni Band play our spirited repertoire. Enjoy the Alumni Choir singing “The Halls of Ivy” and “You’ll Never Walk Alone.” For the finale, join them in singing our one-of-a-kind Alma Mater. All former choir members may participate. We expect

a big crowd which will make it all the more fun! Tell us your class has a group coming at ahscoltsforever@gmail.com. We will save a section in the front for you! For more on reunions, see page 7.

The 2020 North Texas Giving Day absolutely saved our mission to support our scholarship giving. Without the generosity of our sponsors and donors who gave over \$11,000, we would not have been able to give ten scholarships to the Class of 2021. Our growing membership can make for another great effort for the Class of '22. For an easy way to donate, look for the DONATE BUTTON on our website. All you daughters and sons of the White and Green “pony up” for NTGD and come celebrate Colt Country at Open House!

Go, Colts!
Bonnie Beebe Watkins
Class of 1962

Homecoming Weekend

- SEPTEMBER 17
- Pep Rally—Time Not Posted Yet
- Colts vs Mesquite
- 7:00 Globe Life Park
- No Tailgate Event
- SEPTEMBER 18
- Alumni Open House
- AHS Cafeteria
- Doors Open 9:00am
- Program 10:00 - Noon
- Alumni Choir Rehearsal 9:00 in Choir Room
- Curbside dropoff, parking at Mosaic Church

Membership Bonanza — Thanks to all and Welcome Aboard!

TRUE COLTS ~ CLASS OF 1978

This class responded to our new member drive beyond all expectation by more than doubling their enlistment. From 21 members to 47, they now lead the classes of the 1970s in support of AHS and its Alumni Association.

*Cheryl Kavathas Anderson	<i>Memorial Membership given by Tom Hudspeth</i>
*John Bohannon	Gemmi Breach McGaw
Dawn Shupe Brandenburg	*Barbara DeVito McTee
Lisa Lockett Briggs	Pamela Mosby
*Judy McDonald Brown	*David Otto
Rick Browne	Camille Creel Quinn
Kim Counts Cathro	*Kerre Tucker Randel Ortegell
Bobbie Stewart Coates	Linda Liles Rogers
Cory & Pamela Jones Collins	James Schaefer
David Doggett	Jana Jordan Shaw
Jane Sherwood Fussell	Brian Templeton
David Garner	*Charlton Wilson
Tom Hudspeth	

Mary-Dawn Burnett Hudspeth

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pat Caffey, Nancy Kidd,	Aaron Hanyasak, '97,
Diane Moore, '72, Jan	by Troy Collins
Parsons, by Troy Collins	Mary-Dawn Burnett Hudspeth, '78
Jane Ellis, CBC,	by Tom Hudspeth
by Linda Hargrave	Robert Patrick, '62
Ira Evers, '63,	by Betty Harris Patrick
by Tanya Evers	Tiffany Teague, '97, by Meg Brown

Our goal of 162 new individual annual members would have achieved our goal of raising \$4,000 for our operating budget at press time. Instead, 108 memberships have taken us over \$2,000 past that goal. **WHAT CAN WE SAY?** Thank you for loving Arlington High and wanting to be part of our ongoing mission to support its *Spirit · Pride · Tradition* into the future.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Five members of the **Class of 1963** started a campaign this year to fund a memorial scholarship. With a goal of \$15,000 and a plan to fund one scholarship a year for ten years, the fundraising began. Soon half the money had been sent to the Alumni Association. Funds will be collected through 2021. The four soldiers who died in Vietnam and whose sacrifice their classmates memorialize are: Chester Jordan, Joe Mac Kemp, Scotty Keyes, Bob Wood. Read about the first recipient of the Class of 1963 Jordan Kemp Keyes Wood Memorial Scholarship and our other nine Alumni Scholars on pages 4 - 5.

MORE TRUE COLTS

Hope Adams, '08	Brian McGaw, '77
Terri Weaver Baker-Chaney, '76	*Lesley Wolf Norris, '96
Laura Wolf Brennan, 90	*Betty Harris Patrick, '61
*Kyle Butler, '21	*Bob Pentecost, '66
*Mark Butler, '68	Amy Plemons, '90
Carson Carrington, '21	Wanda Yeathermon Powers, '59
*Linda Tull Chamberlain, '65	*Barbara Morris Rauch, '66
Cissy & Leon Conley, CBC	*Cheryl Henson Ribble, '63
Tom Conner, '64	*Cary Richmond, '81
*Jacob Cordova, '05	*Cody Roberson, '88
Barbie DeClercq, '15	*Joy Keith Rope, '66
Brian DeClercq, '19	Ahsika Sanders-Krimm, '08
Tami Zang DeClercq, '83	Sheri Probasco Skains, '79
*Michelle Savage Deuell, '00	Bill Snider, '65
Ben Dodson, '09	*Jake Stone, '18
Tracy Fletcher, '79	*Jason Stone, '19
*Darla George Draper, '87	Jerry Kaye Sims Templeton, '80
*Jennifer Stewart Duran, '95	*Christy Jenkins Van Duinen, '90
*Toni Bain Freeman, '79	Amon Weihmuller, '14
Stanley Gatchel, '64	Lance Weihmuller, '10
Mikel Gilmore, '64	Lisa Mueller Weihmuller, '75
Jennifer Lee Hart, '81	*Jeremy & Jennifer Collyer
Ann Hellman, '10	Wheelbarger Stone, '94/'96
Darrell Jiles, '79	*Ralph Widman, '68
*Tommy & Jeannie Strain	*Carol Murley Wright, CBC
Johnson, '67/'67	
Sara Warren Johnson, '96	
Robert Jordan, '98	
Mark Kirby, '67	
Angela Macia, '95	

Upgrade to Life

*Nikki Chriesman-Green, '95
*Alan Stiebing, '86

Class of '63 donors to date:

Dan & Becky Armstrong	Jim Falvo
Linda Attaway	Carol Haymans
Cathy Brown	Randy & Susan Mack
Wilson Campbell	Karl Osborn
Jerry & Donna Cariker	Gary Page
Pat & Merry Cherry	Joyce Preisser
Pam Coble	Jacque Roll
James Kent Cox	Bobbi Westendorf
Thomas DeFrank	Rusty & Margaret Workman
Mrs. Ira Evers	Cindy Wilson
Other scholarship donations: all Memorial Memberships plus	
Chuck Brittan, '61	
Sharon Moore Hall, '62, in memory of Joe Frank Hall, '61	

Milestones

Passings: Margret Johnston Tolle, '45, April... Charles Beard, '46, December... James Earl Gardner, '46, May... Joyce Hilbun Ray, '49, May... John Russell 'Rush' Hart, '50, April... Anne Binion Darland, '56, July... Jackie Laurence Cole, '57, July... Jesse Garcia, '57, August 2020... Bill Burney, '58, June... Mary Dene Scholwinski Bennett, '59, April... Gloria Parrish Van Zandt, '59, June... Stacy Brown, '60, February... Abe Bush, '60, August 2020... Jesse Harvey, '61, May... Sandra Haley Harden, '62, February... Gary Lancaster, '63, April... Tommy Waldrop, '65, July... Thomas Williams, '65, July... Steven Myers, '68, March... Randy Turner, '68, May... Rachel Wolfskill Nolen, '71, June... Bill Chapman, '72, May... Sam Curlee, '76, June... Phyllis Cole Ware, '76, May... Mary-Dawn Burnett Hudspeth, '78, October... Andy Costen, '79, April... Dana Eller, '79, March... Lisa Smith Innis, '79, March... Jeff Dalton, '80, May... Fred Garza, '80, June... Angelina Campbell, '18, June... Ifeoma "Ify" Chinwe, '98, June... Allen Avrett, Super Colt Fan, May. In 2020, the field house in the Multi-purpose Activity Center on the AHS campus was named for Allen Avrett. Although he did not attend AHS, his wife and children did. This led to his abiding love for Arlington High and its Colts. After his death in May 2021, his funeral service was held there. He is the first volunteer to have his name on an AISD facility. The official name: **Allen Avrett Indoor Field.**



Campus News

Stacie Humbles is the new principal for AHS. She has been a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal and, most recently, principal at Young Junior High. Mr. Dhalla has been named Executive Director of Secondary Schools for AISD. Congratulations, Mr. Dhalla and **WELCOME TO COLT COUNTRY**, Principal Humbles!



NFL quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers, Patrick Mahomes, Russell Wilson film a commercial in Colt Country!

2021 COLT FOOTBALL

8/27	7:00	Skyline	Globe Life Park
9/3	7:00	at Cedar Hill	
9/10	7:00	at Fossil Ridge	
9/17	7:00	Mesquite	GLP Homecoming
9/24	7:00	Martin	GLP
10/1	7:00	Grand Prairie	@ Gopher Bowl
10/8	7:00	Sam Houston	GLP
10/22	7:00	South Grand Prairie	@ Gopher Bowl
10/29	7:00	Lamar	GLP Senior Night
11/4	7:00	at Bowie	Wilemon (Thursday)

From Coach Peach: All Colt home football games for the foreseeable future will be at Globe Life Park.

Distinguished Colt Alumni 2020 -2021

The AHS Alumni Association finally gets to introduce and honor its most recent group of Distinguished Colts. Join us at Alumni Open House to meet these fine folks and their families. To see why the nine honorees deserve to be added to the Honor Roll, go to <http://ahscolts-alumni.org/NEWSLETTER/FALL%202020%20web.pdf>. You will find short bios of each on pages 2 - 4. If one of your classmates is on the list, get a group together to join in the festivities, Saturday, September 18. Let us know you are coming and we will reserve a table for your group up front.

Susie Einhaus Greenwood, Class of 1978

Chris Hightower, Class of 1990

Kay King, Class of 1962

Steve Morris, Class of 1980

Hunter Pence, Class of 2001

Faye Snow Reeder, Class of 1965

Jim Reeder, Class of 1965

Jim Risher, Class of 1960

Kirk Thomas, Class of 1972

posthumous

Alumni Scholars ~ 2021

**ABIGAIL BARZYK**

McMurray University
Human Health Services/
Physician Assistant

Since I went to private school through 8th grade, I had to decide where I wanted to go to high school. When I had a shadow day at Arlington High, I was paired with a soccer goalie. That day was amazing and sold me on going to Arlington High. AHS has felt like home from that day on! Now I know why! Our campus is unified and supportive. In 2019 when we won all soccer playoffs through Regionals, so many students came to our games to support us. Although students come from all different backgrounds, we unite as Colts, support each other through good and bad, and have each other's backs.

UMBER BATOOL**Lou Baker Scholarship**

University of Texas at Arlington
English Literature/Political Science

In all my activities at AHS, I have deeply appreciated the sense of family within each one. Whether the clarinet section of the band, the student council, or the yearbook staff, the smaller families within this bigger one of Colt Country have always felt welcoming and secure to me. I will remember this for years. This sense of family made high school a happy and positive experience for me. It truly is sweet to be a student in Colt Country.

Caleb Crider

**Class of 1963 Jordan Kemp Keyes Wood
Memorial Scholarship**

Dallas Baptist University
Finance/Math

The close community of students and the really amazing teachers help make Arlington High feel like home. Junior year during Code Green week every student and every teacher was proud to be a Colt. Faculty and staff have the passion and desire to create a culture of motivated people which pushes AHS to set the bar year after year for what a high school can stand for. AHS Colts are there for each other—in the classroom, on the field, on the stage. This unity reinforces the idea that we all do have something in common: We are Colts!

**HAYDEN EARLEY****Cathy Bontley Brown Scholarship**

Texas Tech University
Physics/Math

My first day on campus for summer band camp blew my mind! I loved everything about band and about high school. I loved telling a story through a show. I loved the people in the band. I loved that there were players better than me I could learn from. High school band took me by surprise. My drum majors still are huge inspirations for me. When Mr. Burum said, "One of us will be the next head drum major," I began to climb the hierarchy to that goal. I made it, and I will never let go of music.

Shianne Garrett

University of North Texas
Criminal Justice/Pre-law

I was a scared little freshman blinded by stage lights with hundreds of eyes on me. It was intimidating, but I liked something about it. Performing for the first time on that stage, hearing the applause at the end was unforgettable. Knowing the hours the team spent for months had paid off was surreal. In the dressing room we were so excited and happy. We were truly a family. As crazy as it sounds, COVID taught me that AHS and its people, even in the craziest conditions, were trying their hardest to make the best of it. It's what Principal Dhalla would call COLTS family.

**Kendall Greer****Francine Burris Scholarship**

Baylor University
Biology/Pre-Med

I am proud of the inclusivity of my school which offers every student a place where they belong. If a student feels they don't have a place, one will be made for them. All the students allow their fellow Colts from different backgrounds and interests to be included in campus activities. If you take a stroll through Arlington High, you will find people ready and willing to make you a friend. This makes AHS well-known and well-loved. My connection to AHS will never waiver because I am a proud alumna of an incredibly remarkable school.





KAYLA NGUYEN

University of Houston
Biology/Optometry

Although I know how daunting it is to be new to a school of 3,000 students, I found students I could look up to and rely on. “How sweet it is to be in Colt Country” is not just an empty saying. It truly *is* sweet at AHS. Daily campus life would not be complete without hearing “Kick ‘Em!” at least once. I love the enthusiastic cheers and long-cherished traditions that make up Arlington High. They ultimately made me feel I was part of a family. I could not imagine attending any other school. Although I will miss AHS, it has well-prepared me for life beyond high school.



JUKDAW ‘JACK’ PAKSANSRI

*Captain William Nation
ROTC Scholarship*
Tarrant County College
Computer Science

Arlington High School is a great place to go to school because of the amount of freedom and responsibility students have. Students can choose which classes to take, can go off campus to grab some food, can get into a club without asking permission from teachers or parents. This freedom teaches the responsibilities which go along with it. That is a small taste of what life after high school is like. Another plus is the interaction with staff who become role models. A security guard who had been a Marine took time to talk about careers. When times were troubling, he still talked to me. He left a lasting impression and had a positive impact on my life in high school.

HENRY SPENCER

University of North Texas
Non-profit Business Leadership

The decades old three-word motto for Arlington High School still rings true throughout the halls today. I have seen firsthand not only the *spirit* of the current students showing up to lively pep rallies, but also the spirit and dedication of our amazing alumni who continue to support and encourage the next generation of Colt leaders. AHS is economically, religiously and racially diverse. We have *pride* in our school and in our own unique and distinct cultures. *Tradition* laid down by past generations of Colts will drive the legacy of Colt Nation for generations to come.



TATUM TORRES

*Emily Miller Teacher of the Year
Scholarship*
Austin College
Communications/Exercise Sports Studies



Early in my AHS days walking through the halls, seeing so many people I didn’t know was overwhelming. The first week was rough. I got lost and was late to class on the first day. Fortunately, teachers in the halls helped scared freshmen like me. I soon learned that new people create new friends. At summer volleyball camp a senior, who was already committed to playing at TCU, advised to me to relax, try hard and work my best. This led to one of my best memories—defeating Lamar in five sets my junior year. Even through the commotion between the student sections (which led to a Colt stealing Lamar’s “Come And Take It Flag”), we played on and focused on the task at hand.

CLASS OF 1963 JORDAN KEMP KEYES WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Army PFC **CHESTER JORDAN** · infantryman · served 30 days · May 3, 1967 · age 23

Marine Cpl. **JOE MAC KEMP** · rifleman · served 6 months · July 24, 1966 · age 22

Marine Cpl. **SCOTTY KEYES** · Amtrak crewman · served 11 months · September 1, 1967 · age 22

Marine 1st Lt. **ROBERT WOOD** · forward observer (field artillery) · served 6 months · May 13, 1970 · age 24

A few years ago, five long time friends were remembering their four classmates who died in Vietnam. From that conversation came the plan to establish a scholarship in memory of them. Fundraising began in earnest this past spring with a goal of raising \$15,000. Support came quickly. The campaign will continue through 2021. With more than half the amount in the Association’s dedicated Class of ‘63 fund, the decision was made to begin awarding this scholarship to a 2021 grad. Caleb Crider is the first recipient.



In addition to our spectacular float, we had two pickup trucks loaded down with Colt Football players. Seriously loaded down! AHS has participated in every Arlington Fourth

of July Parade. The Class of 1957 float was a mainstay for years. The Alumni Association began its current run in 2004 under parade chairs and Life Members, **Sally Denton Culver, '76**, and **Marsha Matlock Campbell, '75**. This year **Kathy Einhaus, '68**, readied us to return. **David Bailey, '61**, refurbished the wooden Colts adorning the float and, with his truck loaded with human Colts, pulled the float. **Chris Randerson, CBC**, drove the silver truck while **Kristina de la Rosa Randerson, '99**, had to drive the Alumni Band float when that driver couldn't make it. Board members met on Saturday to decorate and picnic!

Fun times for the AHS Alumni Association!





*Across the decades,
Colts are glad they are
AHS Colts!*



Class Reunions

- Class of 1960** · September 18 · Combining with **Class of 1990** at home of Tom Cravens · *See Class of 1990 below*
- Class of 1961** · September 17 & 18 · Friday: Top O' Hill Terrace · Colt Football Game · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Evening at The White Room
- Class of 1966** · September 18 · Meet at Alumni Open House · Lunch at Spring Creek Barbecue on Cooper · possible Ranger game Saturday night
- Class of 1967** · 55th Reunion · June 4, 2022 · for future updates [Facebook: Arlington High School Class of 1967 - Arlington Texas](#)
- Class of 1970** · "50th" reunion · April 1 & 2, 2022 · Contact: Penny Morris
- Class of 1971** · September 17 & 18 · Friday: Meet & Greet at Gilligans, 8:00pm · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Rolling Hills CC · 7:00pm · \$40/per person in advance · Contact Jerrell Womble · 817.946.9939 · jwwomble@tx.rr.com
- Class of 1976** · September 17 & 18 · Friday: Homecoming Pep Rally · Football game or AISD Education Foundation Night at Six Flags with Family · Saturday morning: Alumni Open House · Saturday afternoon: JGilligans, 2:00 - 7:00pm
- Class of 1980** · November 27 · Legal Draft Brewery · 2:00 - 6:00pm · Food truck also on site · \$5 entry covers rental of Beer Garden · Families welcome · Proceeds above and beyond donated to Mission Arlington
- Class of 1981** · October 22 & 23 · 512.767.8178
- Class of 1990** · Saturday, September 17 & 18 · Friday: Colt Football · Saturday: 6:30-9:30pm · Cravens home on Fielder · Park at 411 Bryce Lane · Beer/wine provided, lite food · [Facebook: Arlington High School Senior Class of 1990](#)
- Class of 1996** · September 17 & 18 · Friday: Colt Football or Arlington ISD Education Foundation Night at Six Flags with Family · Saturday: Alumni Open House · Saturday evening: Location TBA

Late breaking news: **Rebekah Tate, '14**, who teaches at AHS, belongs to the storied Nation family. She sends this latest news: Her uncle **Bruce Nation, '83**, was named Teacher of the Year at Stephenville High School. Rebekah's proud grandfather **David Nation, '48**, has a granddaughter Madison who was valedictorian of Stephenville High in 2021. Madison's dad **Andy** is **AHS '79!** The Nation family can claim Arlington High valedictorians and salutatorians—Rebekah was salutatorian—as well as Fielder Award winners. Congratulations to the Nation family! Still making us proud!



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Float riders from left: Kay King, Kristina, David Bailey, Madison Gomer, Jerrell, Peggy, Mac, Alan, Tanya, Debbie, Kathy, Karen, Bonnie, Scott Ericson



Board hosts teacher appreciation box lunch in May and picnics together after decorating the Fourth of July float.

