



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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## President's Letter

Hello, fellow Colts. I hope your new year is going great. Before we put 2020 and 2021 in the diary and move on, here's a quick review! **2021 ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS:** \$1,500 scholarships to ten '21 seniors; our wonderful float in the July 4th parade—we love to sing "Sons of the White and Green," over and over; colossal success of North Texas Giving Day more than doubling our goal; the Class of 1963 raising more than \$15,000 to fund a scholarship through 2030. The Arlington Lions Club responded to an in-person appeal by Paul Swartz and me with a check for \$6,000, presented by president Keith Keith, Bonnie, Paul Arterburn. A special shout out to a member who has anonymously donated \$2,200 over the course of the last 12 months. **LOOKING AHEAD:** our 2022 membership campaign will begin soon. *Can you find ten more Colts in your class who still love their school enough to support AHS into 2023 by joining us this year?*



Keith, Bonnie, Paul Arterburn

Just so you know, donations can be sent not only to the Scholarship Fund but also to the General Fund. This allows us to answer calls for help from AHS and to positively affect more Colts. Over the years we have supported many organizations when they have asked for help, for example, the principal's activity fund to buy copy paper during a budget shortfall; the PTA's courtyard renovation; Colt Football's inflatable run-through; the Colt Band's Colorguard uniforms; fronts for the jazz band (sheet music holders) to name a few.

Although COVID protocols at the AISD delayed Alumni Open House from June to Homecoming weekend, we still celebrated scholarship winners and Distinguished Colts. Even with COVID still 'in the air,' we had a chance to be together. Principal Stacie Humbles—already respected and appreciated—wants to be at Arlington High. When she speaks, you know she bleeds green and white!

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

## Welcome New Members

- |                                 |                              |                             |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Barbara Blackwell Bethurum, '59 | Bob Hankins, '60             | *Adrien Paxton Maroney, '96 | *David Scallan, '90          |
| Sharon Sammons Castloo, '78     | Larry Frank & Cynthia        | Airen Green Miller, '98     | *Lee Sweeney, '71            |
| Ronnie Cates, '71               | Jennings Henry, '61/64       | *Tammy Moore Moore, '78     | *Carol Poston Stewart, '74   |
| *Krissy Felton Crosier, '96     | Cynthia Saffarans Ives '65   | *Mark Myers, '80            | *Larry Thomas, '60           |
| Cynthia Fairchild, CBC          | *Cherry Crook Ledbetter, '65 | *Faye Snow Reeder, '65      | *Ruby Flenniken Vaughan, '61 |
| *Shay Fanning, '90              | *Eli Lemonds, '21            | *Jim Reeder, '65            | *Ronald Welch, '71           |
| Kay Bida Fisher, '71            | *Michael Lemonds, '96        | *Anita Crook Reichert, '60  | Lorie Hightower White, '84   |
| Lizanne Bida Gierczak, '74      | *Stephen & Jillian Taylor    | David Renn, '71             | *Kay Beene Williams, '60     |
| *Micah Green, '01               | Lemonds, '90/91              | Janet Bida Ritchey, '70     | *denotes Life Member         |

## MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

- |  |  |  |                                      |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Pamela Kay Belcher, '67<br>by Terry Belcher    | Lynn Thomas Henry, '64<br>by Larry & Cynthia Henry | Jim Murphy, '63<br>by Cindy Bane Wilson                | Butch Tucker, '60<br>by Bob Hankins  |
| Kent Cherry, '52<br>by Brad & Karen Cherry Cox | Jeff Lemonds, '88<br>John & Carole Lemonds         | Stan Perrett, '60<br>by Bob Hankins                    | Gordon Utgard, '66<br>by Jo McGovern |
| Jeff Dalton, '80<br>by Laura Hawkins           | Patty Foreman Meneley '78,<br>by Laura Hawkins     | William Poston, '69<br>by Jo McGovern & Bonnie Watkins |                                      |

## Notable

**Ricky Brown, '95**, star running back for the 1994 state semi-finalist Colts, has been promoted to Executive Senior Association Athletics Director at the University of Texas at Austin. The official announcement read: Brown is a proven, respected and experienced athletics staffer who is also remembered as the man who cleared the way for Ricky Williams' record setting Heisman Trophy-winning season in 1998.



**Mary Gunn** and **Debbie Ericson** represented our Association at a luncheon for Civic and Non-Profit Organization Leaders held in October at the AISD Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Center Director Christopher Bryant gave the ladies a tour of the new campus.



**Doland Maner, Class of 1940**, caught by **Debbie Ericson** working out at Texas Fitt (one of our NTGD sponsors). Looking good at 99, Doland!



**NTGD 2022**  
**September 21**

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY TIDBITS... Three years participating...three years exceeding our goal...now have QR code for donating (thanks, Judy and Mac)...18 sponsors (great job, Board of Directors)... email [debbieericson62@gmail.com](mailto:debbieericson62@gmail.com) to suggest possible sponsors for 2022.

## Milestones

**Passings:** **Claudene Hornsby Hall, '44**, August...**Sabra Reed Nesbitt, '48**, December...**Jim Strickland, '51**, August...**Tom Clayton, '55**, January...**Beverly June Hooper Gober, '57**, December...**Neal Irvin, '57**, September...**Bobby Mayes, '57**, October...**Arthur Payne, '57**, September...**Jerry Bane, '58**, October...**David Stoddard, '58**, July...**Rogers Gardner, '59**, September...**Mardell McClesky, '59**, October...**Don Rhodes, '61**, September...**Mary Stewart Threadgill, '61**, August...**Gene Malone, '62**, October...**Larry Ricketts, '62**, September...**Dennis Beck, '63**, August...**Jerry Cope, '63**, July...**Bob Finn, '63**, October...**Ted Moore, '63**, September...**Jim Murphy, '63**, September...**Annette Voss Newman, '64**, December...**Steve Baggett, '65**, December...**Howard Brown, '65**, September...**Susan Kinser Pepper, '66**, July...**Gordon Utgard, '66**, December...**Larry Minyard '67**, January...**Jackie Baird, '68**, August...**Jack Rosenberry, '68**, 2021...**Beverly McKoy Russell, '68**, August...**Warren Morey, '69**, November...**John Nedderman, '69**, December...**William Poston, '69**, September...**Terry Anderson Dunklin, '71**, August...**Melody Rhodes Ripley, '73**, November...**Kent Haga, '75**, November...**Andy Wade, '75**, September...**Bonnie Winberg Condon, '77**, January...**Don Rogers, '79**, September...**Christopher Vasquez, '82**, October...**Casey Carr, '00**, December...**Matt Cowan, '01**, November...**Jake Stone, '18**, August...Former counselor **Jozelle Whitfield**, December

Last summer the father of a Colt alumnus passed away. Father and son were both named Thomas. An obituary reader noted the death of the elder Thomas and wrote a note of condolence to the younger Thomas. Shortly after that, Thomas the Younger responded he had been ill and in the hospital. A couple of months later, the reader saw on Facebook the passing of Thomas Waldrop and mistakenly concluded that the younger Thomas had also died. That reader happens to be the editor of this newsletter who placed the name **Tommy Waldrop, '65**, in the Fall Milestones list of departed Colts. With great relief and some embarrassment, too, that editor apologizes to the Waldrop family and any of you misled by her error. Surely, Mark Twain would have something clever to say!

## North Texas Giving Day Donors and Sponsors ~ Grand Total \$12,059.03

Guyler Allbright, Jr.  
 Kim Andersen  
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 Michelle Brown  
 John Bruton  
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 Kathy Einhaus  
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 Margaret Johnson  
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 Butch & Charlene Mahan  
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 Andrew Wade  
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 Jo & the late Robert McGovern,  
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 who died since 50th reunion  
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 Patricia Myrick  
 Michael Parsley  
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 Cindy Wilson  
 Jerrell Womble, on behalf  
 of Class of 1971  
 Jane Wright

### Sponsors: pledged from \$100 to \$1,000

Cravens Family Foundation  
 McAndrew Automotive, David McAndrew  
 Lash Curve, Vivian Tran  
 A-1 Lighting, Buddie Hrabal, '64  
 Curves Southeast, Judy Northup, '69  
 Green's Produce, Bruce White  
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 Texas Fitt, Stephanie Springer, '01  
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 Hightower Electric, John Hightower, '65  
 Dr. Bryan Bishop, '76  
 Ken Watkins, CPA, '61  
 Chambers Automotive, David Markovic  
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 A+ Academy Driving School  
 David's BBQ  
 Prespa's Italian Restaurant, Steve Enimi  
 Anonymous

Total from donors: **\$7,563.00**

NTGD bonus: **\$96.03**

Total pledges from our sponsors **\$4,400.00**

## More Donations

Through 2021, the effort to raise money to fund the **Class of 1963 Jordan Kemp Keyes Wood Memorial Scholarship** for ten years did just that. In fact, the fund is just short of raising a total of \$16,500 which would cover an 11th award. **Caleb Crider, '21**, the first recipient, came to Open House with parents Kathie and Russell.

Donors include:

Danny & Becky Armstrong	Jim Dupstadt	Kathy Murphy, CBC
Linda Duckett Attaway	Tanya Evers	Karl Osborn
Cathy Brown	Jim Falvo	Gary Page
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Janella Pottoff Cox	Randy & Susan Mack	Shirley Hanak Wood, '64
Thomas DeFrank	Doug Middleton	Rusty & Margaret Workman



### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Diane Keoun in memory women of  
 Class of 1959  
 Cynthia Saffarans Ives, '65  
 Fil Peach, '64

### GENERAL FUND

Class of 1961- 60th reunion funds



# Homecoming Weekend 2021



Exes reception displaying senior photos of the 2020 - 2021 Distinguished Colt Alumni







Top row: The old marquee...archives display...**Jane Wooten Morgan, Carolyn Skidmore Hodnett, Larry Thomas, E. L. Atkins, Billy Morgan, David Clay, Class of 1960**  
 Row 2: **Barbara Jones Young, '58, Sharon Lowry Christner, '58, Gary Young, '60, Grace Love Yinger, '58, Juanice Nicholas Young '61...**  
 The cafeteria...**Pat Glasser, '67, Mary Poston Gunn, '67, Bill Gunn, '66**  
 Row 3: **Lee Sweeney, Mark Cosby, both '71...Karen Wood, CBC, Tom Wood, '61...Ruby Flenniken Vaughn, Charlene Wise Mahan, Mac, Martin, Judy Bond Joy, Juanice Nicholas Young, Margaret Johnson, Class of '61**  
 Row 4: **Amy Osborn, '87, Karl Osborn, '63...Bill Jones, Jim Duppstadt, Rusty Workman, Gary Page, Class of '63...Alumni Choir directed by Jenna White, '16, accompanied by Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51**



Above: **Sheila Tallon Clawson, '63, Jenna White, '16.**



**Principal Stacie Humbles**



## Distinguished Colt Honor Roll ~ 1996 - 2021



## DISTINGUISHED COLTS AT OPEN HOUSE

**Top:** Jim and Faye Snow Reeder, right, with guests Richard and Sylvia Greene... Steve Morris... **Middle:** Chris Hightower with niece Kendall Quirk, '13... Kay King with DCA project chair Jerrell Womble... **Bottom:** Kathy Einhaus, '68, accepting for her late sister Susie Greenwood with Jerrell... Clay and JoAnn Risher, '59, accepting for the late Jim Risher. Not pictured: Hunter Pence, Kirk Thomas

2022 NOMINATIONS DUE BY **MARCH 15**

Nominate a Colt alum who typifies the spirit, pride and tradition of Arlington High School through tireless efforts to "give back" to our school or who has brought honor to Arlington High School and Arlington through significant career accomplishments. Follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.ahscolts-alumni.org](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org)
2. Click on Awards
3. Click on DCA form
4. Fill out and submit

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  
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 Jeff Dalton, '80  
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 Greg Friess, '71  
 Jane Crews Friess, '71  
 John Gardner, '57  
 Linda Garner Gipson, '61  
 Jimmy Ray Glasgow, '75  
 Micah Green, '01  
 Susie Einhaus Greenwood, '79  
 Stevie Campbell Hansen, '62  
 Verne Hargrave, '68  
 Chris Hightower, '90  
 Bowie Hogg, '96  
 Buddie Hrabal, '64  
 Bill Hughes, '48  
 Owen Ivie, '43  
 Fran Ditto Jennings, '48  
 Colonel Neel Kearby, '28  
 Charlie Key, '59  
 Barbara Nash Kight, '57  
 Kay King, '62  
 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  
 Steve Morris, '80  
 Alvin Moseley, '65  
 Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66  
 Beth Hentze Owens, '85  
 Natalee Davis Parr, '28  
 Hunter Pence, '01  
 Anna Pettit, '74  
 Ben Pierce, '72  
 Dan Rash, '69  
 Faye Snow Reeder, '65  
 Jim Reeder, '65  
 Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49  
 Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48  
 Jim Risher, '60  
 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  
 Kirk Thomas, '72  
 Barton Thompson, '51  
 Mike Wade, '76  
 Delouris McCarrell Wages, '56  
 Jack Wages, '56  
 Rusty Ward, '69  
 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  
 Anna Wyanette Smith  
 Vandergriff, '44

*italics indicate deceased*

## Scholar Update



Four of our 2021 scholars, surrounding scholarship chair Peggy Martin, chose colleges close enough to AHS to attend our September Open House: **Shianne Garrett**, North Texas, **Umbur Batool**, UTA, **Henry Spencer**, North Texas, **Caleb Crider**, Dallas Baptist.

The most surprising thing for me about college is how easy it is to make friends. Everyone is so welcoming and conversational, which has really helped me transition from high school into college smoothly. Arlington High prepared me for college by providing opportunities for me to grow into a leader. Having the opportunity to serve in many leadership positions in high school equipped me with the skills necessary to lead in college. I was recently chosen to be one of three student section leaders in charge of managing all of the students during UNT home games. It has been exciting to see the increase of school spirit on campus. I look forward to continuing to lead and serve here at UNT. And, yes, I am still majoring in Non-profit Business Leadership. Thank you so much for this opportunity.



Henry Spencer

My first semester at Texas Tech was pretty tough to say the least. I was surprised at how bad I was at simple things like waking up in the morning and eating three meals a day! Although I just barely pushed through with a modest GPA, that's all I was hoping for as I got started. Despite my disciplinary struggles, it's been really fun getting to meet new people in new contexts these past few months, however restricted it may be.



I'm going to Pagosa Springs in Colorado with the physics club here, and I get to solo at two concerts every semester with the jazz band. I have more opportunities than ever to surround myself with my passions. I like to think that's the reason I'm here. As for marching band, unfortunately it just doesn't feel the same as it did in my early days at AHS. The Goin' Band is great; the games are intense, but I feel as if there isn't a reason for me to be there. Maybe I will feel differently in time, but I've decided to leave marching behind for now. All and all, I'm starting to get my bearings and the university life has me securely within its grasp. It's been and will continue to be a wildly new experience.

Hayden Earley

Thank you so much for checking in on me! I just finished my first semester at DBU, majoring in Finance and had a great start to college. I was pleasantly surprised by how well my suitemates and I have bonded. Dorm life is much less hectic than I thought it was going to be. All of my professors were great, and I enjoyed each of the classes I had. Looking back at high school, I would definitely say my teachers and classes prepared me well for college. I am grateful for every one of them! I am looking forward to the spring semester and more new experiences to come. Happy New Year and Kick 'Em Colts!



Caleb Crider

AHS prepared me well for college. From taking advanced courses in high school, I earned college credit for eight core classes with three tests: AP, Dual Credit and IB. Because of time saved, I can



start on my degree requirements earlier. I saved money since I won't have to retake these courses. I am so thankful for the teachers who pushed us to do well in class and believed in us to pass these exams. One thing that was a bit challenging were the assignments. I'm not talking about difficulty as much scheduling. Two easy weeks would pass by with no more than a few assignments due. The next week would be filled with eight deadlines. Since the work piles up in waves, I will do assignments as soon as I can and turn them in early to prevent overload. From AHS Student Council I learned problem-solving and cooperation skills, which helped me in projects with peers in my Freshman Success Course. From APUSH and English, I learned

(see back cover)



Henry & Mom, **Betsy Allen Spencer, '93**Proud Mom Natiq and **Umber****Shianne** with sister **Alyssa, AHS '16**Beginning on right and around table: **Jill Rosenberry Eppes, '01, Lina Salazar, '00, Johnna Baccus Rosenberry, '72, Eppes children, Greg Eppes**Etched windows on Cafeteria facing  
Park RowAlumni Board hosting teacher luncheon  
in December

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the ropes of argumentation which helped me with the weekly debates on controversial topics. AHS is the reason why college has been easy thus far, and I truly appreciate everyone who helped me grow as a person and as an Arlington Colt.

Umber Batool

I am at McMurry University and still majoring in Human Health Science. I really enjoyed the fall season with all my classes and soccer season. It was a little chaotic and challenging, but so much fun. AHS really prepared me for all my classes and what to expect in a college classroom. I'm so excited for the spring semester.



Abby Barzyk

## Reunions 2022

**Class of 1962 · Evening of Alumni Open House TBD ·**

Gilligan's · easy and casual · details to come

**Class of 1967 · June 4 · Gilligan's · 6 - 10 pm · \$10 at door for finger foods · Cash bar · [AHS67@protonmail.com](mailto:AHS67@protonmail.com) · Class of 67 P.O. Box 174388 Arlington, TX 76003**

**Class of 1970 · April 1-2 · 52nd reunion! · Friday:** Gilligans · 6pm  
**Saturday:** 10am - 3pm Stovall Park for games, lunch, hanging out, music · **Saturday:** 6:00-11:30 · full dinner, DJ, dancing, cash bar · Texas Rangers Golf Club · casual or dressy, whatever tickles your fancy · Contact: Penny 817-975-1287 or [fxn2@att.net](mailto:fxn2@att.net)

**Class of 1996 · March 26 · Gilligans**

## 2020 Alumni Association Board of Directors

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