



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## Alumni Association

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*September's Major Moments: • Homecoming • Alumni Open House  
• North Texas Giving Day*

### FIND YOUR PASSION; GIVE WITH PURPOSE

North Texas **Giving Day** = **Dollars** for AHS

**Early Giving** begins Sept. 1 – 21  
from 6am-midnight

To give, go to our NTGD profile page  
<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/ahscolts-alumni>.

Click on **Donate Now**.

Or scan **QR Code** to the right (below).

Reaching our goal of \$12,000 insures  
we can give \$20,000 in scholarships  
again in 2024. The full list of 2022 donors and  
sponsors appears on page 2 of Winter 2023 issue,

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

**GIVING BACK TO AHS – IT'S WHAT WE DO!**

### ~HOMECOMING WEEKEND~

Colt Football vs.  
Keller Fossil Ridge  
Friday, Sept. 8 – 7:00 pm  
Choctaw Stadium

**Pep Rally info:**

[www.aisd.net/arlington-high-school/events](http://www.aisd.net/arlington-high-school/events)

**Alumni Open House**

• Saturday, Sept. 9

AHS Cafeteria • Doors Open 9am

• Program 10am

• Alumni Band • Alumni Choir

• Distinguished Colt Alumni  
Grads from many decades

Parking at Mosaic Church across Park Row

**SEE COMPLETE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE  
ON PAGE 5 – GO COLTS!**



AHS Alumni, **Jerrell Womble, '71**, along with many other AHS alumni, showed their school spirit by volunteering at the Arlington Independence Day Parade, July 4. See more photos, p.6.

### HOW CAN YOU GIVE WITH PURPOSE?

- **BE A SPONSOR.** Sponsors pledge ahead of time to donate at least **\$150**. In 2022, our 27 sponsors donated a total of \$6,025.00. Board volunteers are responsible for recruiting sponsors. If you want to be a sponsor, please email us and someone will contact you. [AHSColtsforever@gmail.com](mailto:AHSColtsforever@gmail.com).
- **BE A DONOR.** Our 45 individual donors gave \$11,495.90 to the Association.
  - **Online donations** have a \$25 minimum to qualify for a Foundation bonus prize.
  - **Offline donations** (check) sent to our PO Box.
  - **Bonus prizes** provided by the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. Prizes given for most donations on September 21.

**Join us** at the Levitt Pavilion in the evening to celebrate. **NTX Giving Day** is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation.

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- Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view.
- Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.





Bonnie Beebe Watkins '62  
PRESIDENT

## President's Letter

We thank our members, our donors, our NTGD sponsors for this achievement! More information on giving/sponsoring in this newsletter.

Speaking of scholarships, note the **Jannette Workman Scholarship** won by Student Body President **Jackson Kosack**. Jannette first proposed to the Alumni Board the idea of awarding scholarships. In 21 years, we have awarded 131 scholarships, totalling \$169,150.00! Thank you, Jannette, and thank you AHS alumni!



AHS Alumni took time out before the July 4 parade began to show their school spirit.

## 2023 Alumni Association Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

**President:** Bonnie Beebe Watkins, '62

**Vice-President:** BethAnne McGovern Woodward, '88

**Secretary:** Mary Poston Gunn, '67

**Treasurer:** Ken Watkins, '61

### CHAIRPERSONS

**Membership:** Judy Whitenight Northup, '69

**Corresponding Secretary:** Karen Giorgio Logos, '68

**Webmaster:** Mac Martin, '61

**Reunions:** Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66

**Product Sales:** Linda Garner Gipson, '61

**NTGD:** Debbie Koehl Ericson, '68

**Distinguished Colts:** Jerrell Womble, '71

**Special Events:** Erin Hawkes Chaney, '64

**Sound Systems:** Buddie Hrabal, '64

**Newsletter:** Michelle Barlen, CBC

**Editor:** Cathy Bontley Brown, '63

**Scholarship:** Peggy Martin, '66

**July 4th Parade:** Kathy Einhaus, '68

**Alumni Band:** Tanya Terrell-Weidemann, '81

**Members-at-large:** Mike Enger, '74;

Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99

**Campus Liaison:** Ashley Smith

**President-Elect:** Chris Hightower '90

Hello, Colts!

Hope you are all having a Super Summer! Your Alumni Association float in Arlington's July 4th Parade raised the Colt Horseshoe high and proud from the Colts lining the sidewalks. "Sons of the White and Green" made us heard, too. Love that!

Our next challenge is North Texas Giving Day – our major fundraiser of the year. As Colts far and wide contribute, we are able to **Give Back to AHS** more and more monetary support every year. This year, for example, we raised our scholarship stipend to \$2,000 each for ten seniors. Not too shabby when compared to our first two scholarships in 2003 for \$600 apiece! Talk about next level giving!

## CLASSMATES TOGETHER AGAIN



Pictured at Globe Life Field: Matt Brown, Rachel Hill Spain, Scott Spain, all Class of 1995. Matt and his wife Megan – in the area for son Colt's baseball tournament – saw the Rangers from the Luxor Staffing Box. Scott, president of Luxor Staffing, and Matt met in Kindergarten and were two of the captains of the **1994 State Semi-finalist football Colts**. Kick 'em!

## SEPTEMBER 2023

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### CLASS OF 1958

Sept. 9 – Ralph Valentine – 817.320.9659

### CLASS OF 1963

Sept. 8/9 – hribble@att.net

### CLASS OF 1973

Oct. 14 – sheri\_ckc@hotmail.com

### CLASS OF 1983

Homecoming Weekend –

BillyMartinJr@gmail.com

### CLASS OF 1993

Oct. 14 – Facebook: Arlington High School (Texas) Class of 1993

### CLASS OF 2013

Sept. 9 – Facebook: Arlington High School Class of 2013 Alumni

## Reunions

Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with your classmates and stay up to date! Get upcoming reunion contact information listed below the calendar to the left, or at <https://www.ahscolts-alumni.org/>.



AHS Class of '68 got together recently to reconnect and celebrate #55.



'78 classmates: David Keal, Gene Fields, David Doggett, Darrell Stovall, Gary New, Don Crymes



## 2023 Distinguished Colt Alumni

Since 1997, friends and family of AHS Colt Alumni, along with members of the AHS Alumni Association, have nominated former students or “Colts by Choice” to be named Distinguished Colt Alumni. Beginning with Tom and AnnaWaynette Vandergriff, the 108 Distinguished Colts are listed at [www.ahscolts-alumni.org/dca\\_awards.htm](http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org/dca_awards.htm). Selected by the Board of Directors from submitted nominations, the list

forms a Who’s Who among Colt Alumni and AHS staff. The honorees have either given tirelessly of their time and energy to support Arlington High School or through significant accomplishments in their careers have brought honor to both our city and our school.

We congratulate and recognize this year’s Distinguished Colt Alumni!!

**Bonnie Beebe  
Watkins  
Class of 1962**



- AHS Cheerleader
- Solo dancer in first ever AHS musical *The King and I*
- Miss Arlington, 1962
- Won bathing suit competition, finished fifth in Miss Texas pageant
- Dancer in the original Crazy Horse Saloon at Six Flags Over Texas
- Taught tap at Miss Persis Studio for 20 years
- Successful career in sales with Sheraton and Worthington Hotels
- President of Kiwanis Club of Arlington
- Secretary and President of Arlington High School Alumni Association
- Named 2017 Volunteer of the Year for Safe Haven Women’s Shelter
- Leads Hospital Ministries for Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- Nominated by Ken Watkins, ’61

**Ricky Brown  
Class of 1995**



- Outstanding athlete in football and track
- Starting varsity running back his entire AHS career
- Led team to deep playoff runs every year culminating in the Class 5A semifinal in 1994
- Scored 31 touchdowns and rushed for almost 2,000 yards in 1994
- Named All District, All Area, District MVP, UIL Academic All State
- Played for the University of Texas and led the way for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams in 1998
- Served as co-captain in 1999
- Named All Big 12 Honorable Mention and Big 12 Conference Commissioner’s Honor Roll
- Signed with Cincinnati Bengals
- Returned to UT, after a career in finance, currently serving as Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director
- Nominated by DCA Alan Austin, ’69, and DCA Tom Cravens, ’60

**Maj. Gen. David Love  
Class of 1963  
(posthumous award)**



- Joined United States Air Force in 1968 where he served as Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, and Brigadier General
- Ended career as a Major General, a rank attained by only one percent of military
- Served in Taiwan, England, Turkey and several locations within the United States
- Spent 32 years as command pilot and commander at the squadron, group, wing and center levels
- Logged 4,400 flight hours as an Air Force Command Pilot, with 400 combat hours
- Flew 13 aircraft
- Decorations: Legion of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four service stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation, and more
- Returned to Arlington with wife, the late Darlean Jones Love, Class of ’63
- Nominated by Wilson Campbell and Janie Russell McPhail, both ’63

**Beth Anne  
McGovern Woodard  
Class of 1988**



- Earned a BS in Bilingual Education and MS in Educational Administration
- Started as bilingual teacher at Berry Elementary over 25 years ago
- Served as assistant principal at Roark, Starrett, Short Elementary Schools
- Currently principal at Little Elementary
- Volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club Cinderella event
- Worked on the Chaps and Boots Urban Ministry Celebration
- Served two terms as president of the Martin Choir organization
- Member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher organization and has received its Achievement Award
- Vice-President of the AHS Alumni Association.
- Trained in the Holdsworth Leadership Program
- Nominated by DCA Ella Jo McGovern, AHS ’66

**Kurt Meyer  
Class of 1953**



- Served as student body president
- Voted class favorite in 1951 and 1953
- Junior Rotarian in 1952
- Senior captain of the Colt basketball team
- Served as a Naval Dental Officer at Camp Pendleton attached to the Marine Corps
- Practiced general dentistry for 57 years in Arlington
- Worked at Mission Arlington dental clinic and encouraged his staff to join him there
- Nominated by his daughters, Kirsten and Anna Meyer



Each DCA honoree receives a specially designed award like this one at Alumni Open House.

**Bonnie Smith  
Petsche  
Class of 1981**



- Served along with husband Alan as Grand Marshals of the 2023 July 4th Parade
- Organized the chartering of the Arlington Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Known now as JDRF North Texas and Southern Oklahoma Chapter
- Raised more than \$30 million for Type 1 Diabetes research
- Organized a JDRF fundraising event in 1995, now a gala, which raises \$1M/year
- Serves on Board of Trustees for Cook Children’s Hospital
- Supports UTA, College Park Center Court, Engineering Department
- Benefactor for the Arlington Historical Society
- National Medal of Honor Museum Founders Circle
- Owner of Arlington’s landmark Candlelite Inn, the city’s oldest family restaurant
- Nominated by Alan Petsche

# Alumni Scholars 2023



**DILYNN DERDEN**

*Greater Arlington Lions Club Scholarship*  
University of Texas at Austin  
Aerospace Engineering



**TABITHA PATTERSON**

*Cathy Bontley Brown Scholarship*  
University of Texas at Austin  
Communications or Business



When asked to describe Arlington High School, our newest scholars sang its praise. Note the personification of Arlington High School in many of their comments. This “life of its own” quality of our alma mater, regardless of time and circumstance, nurtures today’s students. As it minimizes the differences of the diverse student body, it establishes a common thread of loyalty among its alumni across the decades.

**SPIRITED • ENERGETIC •  
LIVELY • DYNAMIC • INCLUSIVE**

The school spirit is ‘next level’ and the environment is electric. The spirit of Arlington High drives students and teachers every day. Arlington High is a melting pot for all high schools in Arlington. AHS activities give everyone – regardless of grade level, class rank, race, background – a place to belong.

**ENCOURAGING • SUPPORTIVE •  
OPEN • READY • BALANCED**

Within my first two months at AHS, I was well-established because of its benevolent environment. AHS serves its students and staff with love and dedication

which allowed me to experience the joy of AHS.

AHS offers students a level of preparedness along with a culture of excellence. AHS turns a boy into a man by teaching life skills and demonstrating possibilities. I want to come back to teach at Arlington High to inspire teenagers of the great things Arlington High has to offer.

**DIVERSITY • FAMILY •  
COMMUNITY • TRADITION**

The diversity and sense of belonging facilitates every student’s education and social life. Students build relationships with those who don’t look alike, think alike or share common interests. When we sing the Alma Mater, we lock pinkies with the students next to us, even total strangers.

AHS has a way of creating family, a bond between people. Alumni believe in our spirit, pride, tradition and invest in current students to continue the cycle. Alumni who started our traditions give back to AHS which strengthens our family and expands our community. The traditions we create will add to the legacy of Arlington High School.

*Spirit • Pride • Tradition* represents, at a glance, what AHS means to visitors, alumni, faculty and students.

**TRADITION OVERPOWERS EVERYTHING!**



## FACTOIDS:

- Two of our scholars are third generation Colts.
- One is a second generation Colt.
- Six will be the first in their families to go to college.



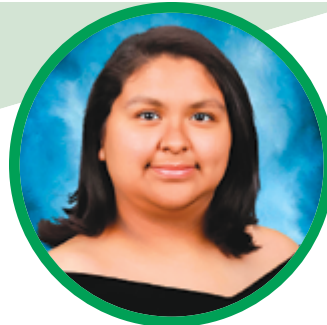
**HAZEL JAMIE CEBALLOS**  
*Captain William Nation Scholarship*  
Tarrant County College  
Exercise Science followed by Military Service

**GABRIELA GUADARRAMA**  
*Teacher of the Year*  
*Alan Austin Scholarship*  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
Education and Business Management



**BRETT HOELSCHER**  
*Class of 1963 Jordan Kemp Keyes Wood Memorial Scholarship*  
United States Air Force Academy  
Aerospace Engineering

**JACKSON KOZACK**  
*Jannette Workman Scholarship*  
University of Texas at Austin  
Government



**ABIGAIL ROJAS**  
Southern Methodist University  
Computer Science

**JESUS RUIZ**  
*Class of 1957 Scholarship*  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Engineering



**MOLLY RUBY**  
Trinity University  
Environmental Science

**TA'NYJHA KLINE**  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Business Marketing



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

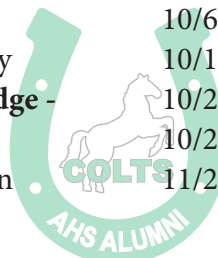
- For more on the Class of 1957 scholarship, see the 2023 Spring issue at <https://www.ahscolts-alumni.org>.
- For more on the Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship, see the 2021 Fall issue archived on the website.

## Colt Football ~ 2023 Schedule

**All Kickoffs -  
7:00pm**

**Home Field -  
Choctaw Stadium**  
(former Rangers Stadium)

8/25	Mesquite	10/6	at Bowie
9/1	at North Crowley	10/13	<b>South Grand Prairie</b>
9/8	<b>Keller Fossil Ridge -</b>	10/20	at Lamar
	<b>Homecoming</b>	10/27	<b>Martin - Senior Night</b>
9/15	at Mesquite Horn	11/2	at Sam Houston - (Thursday)
9/22	<b>Grand Prairie</b>		
9/29	OPEN		



**Go Colts!**



# AHS Alumni Association



# JULY 4TH PARADE

Despite the 100-degree temperatures, AHS Alumni and residents turned out for the annual Arlington July 4th Parade. "Kick 'em Colts" and sounds of the Alma Mater were heard throughout the route.

Whether you want to help with assembling the float or participating in the parade, make plans to join us next year for this AHS Alumni traditional event.



## Arlington Athletic Hall of Honor Foundation Recipients

Arlington Athletic Hall of Honor Foundation recognized ten people from Arlington High School at their June 2023 banquet: Impact Award: Former basketball coach **David Clyde**; Legends Award: **Tom Cravens, Class of 1960**; Hall of Honor Inductees:

**I.C. Little, Class of 1970; Bud Remynse, Class of 1955; Grover Cribbs, Class of 1952; Elvin Jones, former football coach; Co-Top Academic Athlete of the Year: Molly Ruby, Soccer; Eddy Peach Scholarships: Edie Cravens, Cheer; Brett Hoelscher, Golf**

*Award winners – from left to right: Molly Ruby, Edie Cravens and Bret Hoelscher.*







## New Members

**W**elcome to the following new members in 2023:

### CLASSES OF 1960-1969

\*Jane Meier & Tom Boone, '63; \*\*Diane Sandford Dill, '64; \*Daniel Bump, '65; \*\*Cynthia Saffarrans Ives, '65; \*\*Joy Dunn Perkins, '67; Gary Athans, '68; Bob Busby, '68; Donna Crenshaw, '68; \*Roy Geer, '68; \*Vicki Carson Hughes, '68; Terry McDaniel, '68; \*Tim McGee, '68; \*Roger Rickard, '68; \*Charles Woolf, '68; \*Bob English, '69

### CLASSES OF 1970-1979

\*\*David Renn, '71; \*Carol Brister, '73; \*Paul Keeton, '73; Patti Schimpf, '74; \*John VanDeventer, '74; \*Paul Ingendorf, '74; Charles Rye, '76; Julie Walker, '76; \*Annie French Glasgow, '77; Darleen Middleton Breaux, '78; \*\*Kim Counts Cathro, '78; \*\*Linda Liles Rogers, '78; \*Deeanne Taylor Soulis, '79

### CLASSES OF 1980-1989

\*Cathey Bloom Wise, '83; \*Lorie Hightower White, '84; \*Christine Zapor Horton, '87

### CLASSES OF 1990-1999

\*Paul Ingendorf, '94; \*Kimberly Stoner, '94

### CLASSES OF 2000-2009

\*Gus Stevenson, '00; \*Shannon Cruise Stevenson, '00; Delilah Lopez, '06; \*\*Ahsika Sanders-Krimm, '08

### CLASSES OF 2010-2019

\*Taylor Bentley, '13; Kendall Quirk, '13; Emily Crider, '16; Caleb Moran, '21

### CLASSES OF 2020-2029

Judith Stanley-Montgomery, '22; \*Edie Cravens, '23; \*Libby Deakyne, '27

\*New Life Member \*\*Upgrade to Life

## Milestones

### PASSINGS:

#### CLASSES OF 1940-1949

Charlene Davis Miller, '42, May

#### CLASSES OF 1950-1959

Charles Robinson, '51, May  
Gary Gray, '52, February  
Mary Kay Highfill Keith, '53, July  
Paul Harris, '54, June  
Patricia Curry Hess, '54, July  
Howard Block, '56, July  
Don Newcomb, '56, July  
Esther Albright, '58, December  
Jane Reynolds Pumphrey, '58, May  
Patrick Lee Moore, '59, May

#### CLASSES OF 1960-1969

Joey Muscanere, '60, May  
David Bailey, '61, April  
Diana Weitrecht Johnson, '62, 2021  
James Hall '63, May  
Margaret Kolanko Autrey, '64, June  
Jerry Brewer, '64, June  
Dainah Wood Chandler, '64, April  
Jill Jamieson Crouch, '64, April  
Jimmy French, '64, July  
David Lee Peeples '64, June  
Benny Hill, '65, April

Rita Bearden Mardis, '65, April  
Cindy Moody Stevenson, '65, April  
Sherry Wright Massey, '66, May  
Eugene Andrews, '67, June  
Charles Smith, '67, April  
Eric Deneve, '68, July  
Nancy Bump Gray, '68, June

#### CLASSES OF 1970-1979

Stan Barney, '70, April  
Stewart Dedmon, '70, April  
Rebecca Bothe Halas, '70, May  
Debbie Sims Taylor, '73, May  
Donna Parker Young, '74, 2021  
Paul Perry, '76, May  
James Stankosky, '77, June

#### CLASSES OF 1980-1989

Grace Priddy Bennett, '80, May  
Michele Harmon '88, April

#### CLASSES OF 1990-1999

Christopher Clark, '92, May

#### CLASS OF 2023

Keionte' Williams, '23, June

#### FORMER TEACHERS

Kathryn Brewer, Nelda Perez, Larry Smedley

## MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS

*Memorials support the Scholarship Fund. In addition, the names of the memorialized are placed on our roster with their classes. Go to our website to make a one-time gift of \$35 in memory of a deceased Colt.*

David Bailey, '61, by Ricky Dill  
Kitty Bryce, '50, prepaid by Kitty  
Lesly Fickle McKenzie, '92 by Rachel Richter  
Charles Robinson, '51, by Helen Schrickel  
Beverly McKoy Russell, '68, by Vicki Hughes  
Larry Smedley by Vickie Hughes

## DONATIONS – SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ron & Cathy Brown  
Daniel Bump  
Cynthia Ives

## DONATIONS – UNDESIGNATED

Gary & Juanice Young





1950

**March 1923:** New school colors, as well as a new mascot, were chosen by the student body to celebrate the new Arlington High School building near the southeast corner of Cooper and Abram.

Instead of



1950-1951



1965

## The Legend (or History) of LITTLE ARLIE

continuing to be known as the gold and black Yellow-jackets, the students voted to become the Arlington Colts and to wear the Green and White. (As told by the late Bill Bardin, Class of 1924.) **1950:** Mayor Tom Vandergriff, AHS '43, presented a white Shetland pony to be the student body's mascot. Reba Davis Walker, '53, won the \$10 prize by submitting the name, *Little Arlie*. The first trainers were



1974

Hugh Ross, '51, Bobby Burnett, '51 and Dave Hurn, '53. On the night of Arlie's debut, the trainers were unable to find a truck and trailer to transport Arlie from the far east end of town to the stadium on the college campus. With Hugh's parents out of town, they decided to borrow the Ross' sedan. With Arlie in the back seat – head out the window, they drove down Abram with citizens clapping and cheering along the way. They managed to get Arlie to the field in time for his much

anticipated debut and his first ever run down the field as the AHS Colts

charged behind. (As told by the late Hugh Ross, who was eventually forgiven by his parents.) For 30 years, Arlie's pre-game run supercharged the Colt fans. Artificial turf ended his career but not our mascot. Little Arlie still rules at pep rallies and games beloved by all Colts.



**G**iving back is more than a statement for AHS alumni – it's the passion and desire many alumni have for their former school, as demonstrated in the annual teacher appreciation luncheon held in May. Many thanks to **DCA Randy Ford, '67**, of J. Gilligan's for catering the event. Volunteering their time and talents is just a small way these alumni let the teachers know how much they are appreciated.



One of our newest members, **Patti Schimpf, Class of 1974**, standing on far right, helped out as well. Patti will join the board officially in 2024 as the Newsletter Designer. The expertise and professional quality Patti brings to this newsletter will delight our members, beginning with this issue. Thank you, Patti, for giving your time and talent to the Association.

– Cathy Bontley Brown, editor

