

Hightower Accepts Position to Lead Alumni Association for Next Three Years

The AHS Alumni Association welcomes our new president, Chris Hightower, Class of 1990, as our leader for the next three years.

At AHS, Chris served as president of the Colt Band. Named outstanding



AHS Alumni, **Chris Hightower, '90,** shows his school spirit during last year's Homecoming Pep Rally. Hightower was elected as AHS Alumni Association President and will serve through 2026.

senior boy, he added his name to the scroll of Fielder Award winners.

Chris earned his BA in history with a minor in art history at TCU; went to University of Georgia for his masters where he was named Graduate Student of the Year for all state colleges and universities; returned to TCU for his PhD in University Administration. He brought his skills home as President and CEO for the Arlington Museum of Art.

When asked why he was willing to add the AHS Alumni Association to his busy life, he said, "I wanted to give back to the high school which has given me so much. My teachers were incredible and my experience was memorable. I wanted to find a way to be involved in helping the students of today have a similar experience. As I have met people from across the US, I have discovered how amazing the education I got

Deadline Approches to Submit Nominations for "Distinguished Colts"

The Honor Roll of Distinguished Colts from 1997-2023 overflows with AHS alumni who fulfill our requirements for nomination.

To receive this honor, the selection committee must see from your nomination how your nominee has shown the *Spirit * Pride * Tradition* of AHS after leaving high school. Nominees whose tireless efforts to "give back" to our school or who have brought honor to Arlington High School and Arlington through significant accomplishments in their lives after high school will receive strong consideration for this honor. Awardees from the 1920s forward are listed on our website: <u>http://www.</u> ahscolts-alumni.org/dca_awards.htm.

To nominate an AHS alum, follow these steps:

- Go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org
- Click on Awards
- *To see* the Honor Roll, *click* on DCA Awards
- *To nominate, click* on DCA form
- Fill out and submit

Nominations open until the *May* 1 deadline. Honorees will be introduced at both the Homecoming pep rally and Open House. The decision of the Board shall be final.

really was. I feel very lucky that we have so many talented educators and administrators who work very hard every day to make sure students get the best education they can get."

Chris, we are so glad you agreed to serve as President of the Arlington High School Alumni Association.

Serve By Giving Back... Colt Corral Volunteer Opportunities Available

We invite any AHS alum to trot on in to our Colt Corral of volunteers.

We need help putting on our events and would love to have you. We signed up a lovely crew at Open House.

If we call and the timing doesn't work for you, we'll just call you next time!

For more information, contact Michelle Barlen: 817-917-8007.



AHS Alumni Board members, team up with **Colt Corral** volunteers to assist with various activities throughout the year, including Teacher Appreciation lunches at the end of each semester.

Class Notes

CLASSES OF 1960-1969

Congratulations to Danny Armstrong, Class of '63 on his memoir

"Rearview Reflections of Arlington, Texas." If you remember those times or if you know someone who does, Danny's joyfilled memoir of growing up in Arlington in the 1950s and 1960s is



a treat. His amazing memory and attention to detail take the reader back to those good times. Available on Amazon.

The debut novella, *Holmes, Moriarty, and the Monkeys*, by author Wm Gunn, Class of '66, is now available on Amazon. The murder mystery is the first of many more to be written!

CLASSES OF 1970-1979

hat are your opinions on ethics? Now's your chance to help **Susan Gunn, Class of '74** complete a research project in ethics. "I'm trying to get a cross section of responses and the survey is completely anonymous," Gunn said. Find the survey at <u>https://</u> forms.gle/2jMrzZJWiwJAVnkC8.



Julie White, Class of '76, is this year's 1970's decade inductee into the Arlington Athletics Hall of Honor Foundation Hall of Fame to be held Wednesday, May 29. The Hall of Fame recognizes one Arlington ISD athlete from each decade from 1940 to present whose sports achievements played a part and brought credit to Arlington.

Julie not only competed in softball, but was involved with basketball and track, going to State each of her three years at AHS. She won first place in the 1976 State UIL Girls Track and Field competition in the 880, with a time of 2:17.00.

"My senior year I began to run the 880, along with the 60-yard-dash, the 440 relay, long jump and triple jump," White said, adding that winning the 880 is still the hightlight of her running career. "I loved competing for AHS and all the teammates and friends that I was fortunate to compete with," she added.

The 2024 Heritage Team Honoree will also be presented to the **1970 and 1971 AHS Colt Football Teams**, which amassed a 22-2 overall record including two District Championships and advancing to the Regional Championship games in 1970 and 1971.

Congrats to all AHS inductees! For tickets and information, visit the website: https://arlingtonhallofhonor.org/. **2024** brings some changes for Alumni Publications. This year there will be two newsletters rather than three. With the move of Alumni Open House from June to Homecoming weekend, combining the Winter and Spring issues (4 pages each) into one 8-page March issue makes sense.

In addition, AHS Alumni instaNEWS will arrive periodically in your inbox. To keep our online publications out of your spam folder where you will never see them, please put our email address in your contacts: AHSColtsforever@gmail.com.

Reunions

SEPTEMBER 2024

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ark your calendar now and start making plans to attend this year's Homecoming and Open House! Homecoming is set for Sept. 27 with Open House Sept. 28. Don't miss the chance to reconnect with classmates and former friends. Stay up to date and get upcoming reunion contact information at <u>http://www.ahscolts-alumni.org/</u>.

If your graduating year ends in 4 or 9, you may be having a reunion this year! Contact **Ella Jo McGovern** with any information and we'll help spread the word!

CLASS OF 1964

The class of 1964 is planning a 60th Reunion. Look for more details in upcoming **instaNEWS** mailings!

CLASS OF 1974

Oct. 18-19 – The AHS Class of '74 will be celebrating its 50-Year Reunion the weekend of Oct. 18-19 in style! On Friday, Oct. 18, a social mixer will get the weekend started at J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill, giving classmates an opportunity to reconnect. There'll be a band, currently including classmates Pete Rainone, Randy Stockum, Kevin Simmons, Bryan Sawyer, Susie Grubb Finn, Mickey Bryce, Tom Clarke, Cheryl Taylor-West Carrol and Roy Vogt, playing a set of songs from the 70s. Musicians interested in participating, or wanting more information, should contact Bryan Sawyer at the reunion website - <u>74ahs.com</u>.

The fun continues at 9:30am Saturday, Oct. 19 with a Florida Scramble golf tournament at the Tierra Verde Golf Club. Cost is \$100 per person and prizes will be awarded.

The reunion festivities will conclude at 6pm that evening at the Texas Rangers Golf Club's Center Field Ballroom and Terrace Patio with a program and a Baja Fiesta Buffet.

To purchase tickets for for more information, visit the reunion website.



The **AHS Class of '74 Reunion Commit**tee: (left to right) - Dr. Mike Enger, Shawn Mendive, Lynda (Ray) Nunez, Bryan Sawyer, Judy (Ramsey) Snodgrass, Laura (Hartley) Petersen, Tommy Hapeman, Anna Pettit, Donna (Stambulic) Kelly, and Kim (Rury) Bosher. Not pictured is David Walker.

SPECIAL NTGD SPONSOR RECOGNITION INSERT



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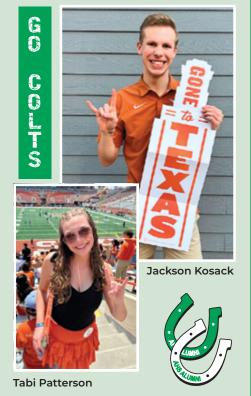
ASSOCIATION SETS NEW RECORD FOR GIVING

wenty-eight sponsors, in four \$9,703.60 and Bonus Funds from raise \$17,954.50 for the AHS Alumni Association during the North Texas Giving Day fundraising event last fall. The money raised will help go towards have donated over \$500 include The ciated and helps make it possible to college scholarships for 10 graduates this coming year, along with various sor), The Elk's Lodge No. 2114, Ken uating seniors, as well as helping to other school projects.

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Sponsorships raised \$8,226.00. Lash Cove. Individual donations contributed

HOW YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE - Donning their college regalia, Jackson Kozack, (top) and Tabi Patterson, (bottom), were among the 2023 AHS alumni scholarship recipients. Both are attending the University of Texas in Austin.



donation categories, along with NTGD added \$176.75 with fees of Ropers - donations of \$500 and many individual contributors, helped \$24.90 waived for a total of \$17,954.50.

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Colt Roper sponsors - those who Alumni Association is greatly appreprovide college scholarships for gradsupport Alumni activities throughout the year, including teacher luncheons Their continued support for the twice a year.

Thank you to The Cravens Family Fund for continuing to support the AHS Alumni Association!

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Ken Watkins, CPA Thank you for giving back to AHS!

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When one of our chosen Alumni Scholars was unable to complete her plans to enroll in college last fall, her stipend was returned. The next scholar in line from the rankings determined by the teacher committee was introduced at Alumni Open House in September.

Julia Heisel is attending Texas A&M, majoring in Biomedical Sciences. Julia says of Arlington High School, "Our high school's broad spectrum with our student body emboldens our Colt Spirit and our students with our differences."



2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER JULIA HEISEI

Express your appreciation to our sponsors for their support in our NTGD fundraiser. This gives them a reason to sponsor us again next year!



—— NTGD DONATION REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH =

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greater; Arlie's Angels - donations from \$301-\$499; Colt Stars contributions from \$201-\$300; and Colt Kickers - donations from \$150-\$200.

Monetary gifts from out-of-state contributors came from Phoenix,

AZ, Sante Fe, NM, and Kingsport, TN, as well as from Leander, The Woodslands, Comfort and Kerrville here in our home state. Thirteen of the sponsorships came from AHS alumni.

Kathy Einhaus was our BIG gogetter again this year. Great job, Kathy!

Givins, State Farm, La Nueva de

Zacatecas, McAndrew Automotive,

McGaw's Auto (alumni sponsor),

McKnight Wrecking Service, Mad Mike's, Mr. Jim's Pizza, Taylor

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COLT STARS SPONSORS

Eleven corporate sponsors have stepped up to be **Colt Stars**, by donating between \$201-\$300 for various scholarships and programs the Alumni Association sponsors during the year.

This year's list includes A-1 Lighting (alumni sponsor), Curves - Southeast (alumni sponsor), Ray



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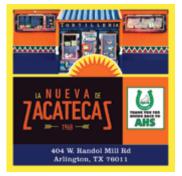
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AHS Alumni Association is very grateful for your support during North Texas Giving Day

2023. Your combined gifts and generosity will allow us to give \$20,000 scholarin ships again in 2024.

Because of this, we want to encourage you to join the nation's biggest online giving event

again this September. This

section of the Spring 2024 newsletter has the complete list of donors and sponsors. Choose

to COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS VING DAY SEPT 19, 2024

support them and let them know their gift is appreciated! Make sure to add

Thursday, Sept. 19 to your calen-

dar and be on the lookout for more opportunities involved in the to be community!

2024 Alumni Association Board of Directors

OFFICERS:

President: Chris Hightower, '90 Vice-President: Beth Anne McGovern Woodard, '88 Secretary: Mary Poston Gunn, '67 Treasurer: Ken Watkins, '61

CHAIRPERSONS:

Membership: Judy Whitenight Northup, '69 Assistant: Kim Counts Cathro, '78 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 Publications: Patti Schimpf, '74 Editor: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63 Scholarship: Peggy Wood Martin, '66 July 4th Parade: Kathy Einhaus, '68 Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell- Weidemann, '81 Colt Volunteer Corral: Michelle Barlen, CBC Members-at-large: Mike Enger, '74; Kristina De La Rosa Randerson, '99

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COLT KICKERS SPONSORS

Our **Colt Kickers** Donors - those who have contributed \$150-\$200 are A+ Driving School, Dr. Bryan Bishop (alumni sponsor), David's BBQ, Green's Produce, J. Gilligan's (alumni sponsor), Jobe Custom Landscape



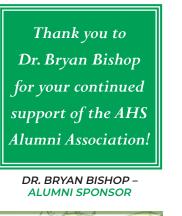
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(alumni sponsor), Pantego Café, Prespa's, Prosperity Bank, Rosa's Home Health Care, Upstairs Gallery (alumni sponsor) and Wade Funeral Home (alumni sponsor). Thank you for your support!



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WADE FUNERAL HOME -ALUMNI SPONSOR

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS

In addition to corporate sponsorships, over 50 individual donors combined to give \$9,703.60 to the annual fundraising event last year.

They are: Anonymous, honoring Gwen Burk; Guyler Albright; Kim/JoAnn Andersen; Virginia Baker; Christine Boutilier; Ray/Pru Brett; Michelle Brown; John Bruton; Michael Cartier; Ronnie Cates; Gayle Collier; Carl Cravens; Paula Crossman, honoring AHS Class of 1957; Lynn Darst; Mike Enger; Debbie Ericson; Scott Ericson; Roderick Floyd; Virginia Godfrey; Billie Goldstein; Bill/Mary Gunn; Tyson Hale; Glenn/Ann Hickson; Chris Hightower; Brad Jessup, memory of Jane Ellis; Aaron King; Kay King; Teresa King; Kay Lancaster; Butch/Charlene Mahan; Susan Malone; Doland Maner; Mac/Peggy Martin; Mary Ann Martinez; Patty Murphy, honoring Class of 1972; Pat Myrick; Linda Newman; Paula Pierson; Patti Schimpf; Paula Speed; Stephanie Springer; Jennifer Stone; Mary Tannahill; Tanya Terrell-Weideman; William Tinkle; Christy Van Duinen; Julie Walker; Ken/Bonnie Watkins; and Cindy Wilson. Without you, this wouldn't be possible! Thank you!



New Members

elcome to the following new members (July 2023 – January 2024):

CLASSES OF 1960-1969

Bettye Showers Key, '63; Al Preisser, CBC with '63; *Stacy Weed Free, CBC with '63; Brenda Burmeier Tucker, '64; *Linda Tull Chamberlain '65; *Don Tucker, '65; Jan Armstrong deNeve, '69; Julia Lindley Massey, '69; Linda Reid, '69

CLASSES OF 1970-1979

*Ronnie Cates, '71; Connie Betzel Breen, '74; *Bryan Sawyer, '74; *Karen Smith Johnson, '76; *Tom Hudspeth, '78; *Don Carson, '78; *Janet Langford Carson, '79; *Gary Harnist, '79

CLASSES OF 1980-1989

Tami DeClercq, '83; *Donna Bedison Glatt, '83; Sylvia Sylvester Lubben, '83; *Beverly Bennett Mosher, '83; *Michael Leathers, '88; *Tammy Zimmerman Reed, '88

CLASSES OF 1990-1999

*Matt Brown, '95; *Meg Brown, '97; Valerie Klem, '97

CLASSES OF 2000-2009

Amber Norman Williams, **'04**; *Chloe Adams Addudell, **'05**; *Tara Boyd Moore, **'05**; *Jeff Glasgow, **'09**; Todd Murray, **'09**

CLASSES OF 2010-2019

Bailey Harris, '14; Barbie DeClercq, '15; Jennifer Patino, '15; Brian DeClercq, '19

COLTS BY CHOICE

*Marge Leathers; Deborah Baliozian Weaver

Milestones

We are no longer listing names of AHS grads who were not members of the Association. Several websites provide obituaries of folks with Arlington ties. The Facebook page: Arlington HS Colts Alumni Memories & Memorials is a great resource. When you know of the passing of a Colt, feel free to pass along to us. If a member of the Association, the name will appear in Milestones.

PASSINGS:

(SINCE 2023 FALL ISSUE)

CLASSES OF 1930-1939 Brad Bradley, '39, October

CLASSES OF 1940-1949 Betty Hinshaw Williams, '42, 2012 Molly Lovell Dalton, '48, December

CLASSES OF 1950-1959 Virginia Lusk Nelson, '50, May Mary Ann Demases Weaver, '51, January

Beth Hankins Arnold, '56, September

Susan Murchison Calhoon, '56, 2021 Sonja Hinshaw Green, '57, September Butch Mahan, '59, January

CLASSES OF 1960-1969

Jay Houston, '60, July Ted Gibbs, '61, December Edith Martin Milam, '62, February Hershell 'Hank' Gibbs, '63, September Joyce Heffington Preisser '63, August Carol Bellomy Wallis, '63, November Phyllis Smithers Neely, '64, November

CLASSES OF 1970-1979

Baylor Brown, '79, and coach, November

FORMER TEACHERS

Lou Baker, career math teacher, December Betty Cantwell, February Carol Winter Moody, counselor/ administrator, December

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 or more in memory of a deceased Colt.

Eric Alm, '78, by Darrell & Dawn Stovall Kevin Copeman, '78, by the Stovalls Dee Driggers Gavlak, '78, by the Stovalls Hank Gibbs, '63, by Cindy Wilson Curtis Gober, '47, by Zane Gober Jay Houston, '60, by Nancy Tarwater Charles Jacobs, '57, by Marcia Jacobs Jimmie Poe Johnston, '63, by Cindy Wilson Mary Ann Parham Keal, '47, by David Keal Aubrey Keal, CBC, by David Keal Chris Keller, '78, by David Keal, the Stovalls Melanie Leathers, '92, by Marge Leathers Harold Gene Petty, '57, by Barbara Bethurum Carol Bellomy Wallis, '63, by Cindy Wilson,

Rusty & Margaret Workman Alicia Smith Wills, '74, by Karen Johnson

DONATIONS – JOYCE HEFFINGTON PREISSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, CLASS OF 1963

Danny & Becky Armstrong, Linda Attaway, Tom & Jane Boone, Cathy Brown, Pam Coble, James Cox, Jim Duppstadt, Jim & Mary Jo Falvo, Mary Jane Goodrick, Bill Jones, Al Preisser, Rosemary, Jim, Jimmy, Paulie Horvath, John, Catherine, Winnie Preisser, Paul, Shelby Preisser, Cheryl Ribble, Paul & Janice Tubb, Cindy Wilson, Rusty & Margaret Workman

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Challenge is on for Classes of 1970-1989 The Amazing Alumni Race

ey, you '70s and '80s grads of Arlington High Schol – the gauntlet has been thrown.

We have a new membership goal of 100 new members from the Classes of the '70s and '80s – what can your class do to help us reach it? The Class of '78



Membership Chairperson **Judy Whitenight Northup, Class of '69**, helped many former AHS students sign up to become association members last fall. But don't wait for Open House to sign up! Annual membership is \$25.00 (yearly renewal - \$15.00) and easy to do online. Non-renewing members will be dropped from the database soon and will no longer receive Alumni publications. Don't procrastinate! We con't want to lose you! leads the '70s decade in Association memberships with 48, with Classes of '74 and '76 tied with 46 members. Three classes have fewer than 18.

Leader by a dozen in classes of the 1980s, the Class of '81 has 34 Association members. One has a grand total of 4.

To see who is in and who is not, see your class list here: <u>http://www.</u> <u>ahscolts-alumni.org/MEMBER-</u> <u>SHIP-ROSTERS/2024/Online%20</u> <u>Roster%20February%202024.pdf</u>.

So how many Colts graduated with you? Over 500, probably. You could contact five more in your class ready and willing to join. Will you?

Plumping up your numbers will boost the AHS Alumni Association's support of today's Arlington High School. All you have to do to witness *Spirit*Pride*Tradition* still reigning is to attend the next Homecoming pep rally.

Over the 28 years the Association has existed, we have given close to \$200,000.00 to keep bragging that AHS is *First Here Best Here*. Not

FFA Senior Places in Top 10 at Fort Worth Stock Show

AHS FFA garnered numerous honors at the recent Fort Worth Stock Show. Special congratulations



AHS Senior, **Brooklyn Sinclair**, and her Hereford steer "Kerosene" placed 10th in her class and earned a spot in the Sale of Champions.

to senior Brooklyn Sinclair whose Hereford steer, Kerosene, placed 10th, earning a spot in the Sale of Champions. Kerosene brought \$39/pound which meant a check to Brooklyn for \$47,502!

"This is the first time in my memory that Arlington FFA has had a student make the sale at the Fort Worth Stock Show and we are over the top excited for Brooklyn and her family!!" Tanner Smith, Ag Science teacher/FFA Advisor commented after the show.

The AHS Alumni Association Board voted to donate to the Ag Center this past year during their fundraising efforts as a way of giving back. Way to go, FFA Colts! too many high schools have faithful alumni who can say that!

Use whichever medium you choose (texts, emails, Facebook, Instagram, class website) to convince five members of your class to join.

Three links will do the job. Check our roster to see who has already joined and who hasn't. Then send the link to this newsletter: <u>https://ahscolts-alumni.org/NEWS-LETTER/2024/20240212-E.02</u> <u>Spring%202024%20Issue.pdf</u>.

Last but very important: send the link to join: <u>http://www.ahscolts-alum-</u>ni.org/membership_form.htm.

BTW, if you want to help us grow our base of support but are not in these 20 classes, you go right ahead and follow these steps. We want every Colt!



The **AHS Alumni Band** proudly took part in the City of Arlington's annual Christmas parade. Come show your Colt spirit and participate with us this year at the annual July 4th parade!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR DCA NOMINATIONS JULY 4 ARLINGTON PARADE SEPT. 28 ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE Details Coming Soon!!