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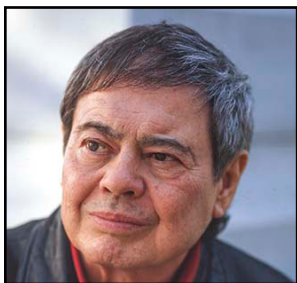
- PEP RALLY • 1:30 • FOLLOWED BY EXES RECEPTION  
IN GYM A FOYER
- ALUMNI TAILGATE PARTY • 6:00
  - MAVERICK STADIUM PARKING LOT
  - FOOD • DRINK • FRIENDS
  - ALUMNI BAND
  - 2017 DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI
  - KICK OFF • 7:30

## 2017 COLT FOOTBALL

Aug 25	Fri	7:00	Carroll (Scrimmage)	V
Sep 1	Fri	7:30	SGP	H
Sep 8	Fri	7:30	Marcus	V
Sep 15	Fri	7:30	Plano East	H
Sep 29	Fri	7:30	North Crowley	H
Oct 6	Fri	7:30	Mansfield	H
Oct 13	Fri	7:30	Lamar	V
Oct 20	Fri	7:30	Bowie	H
Oct 26	Thurs	7:00	Paschal	V
Nov 3	Fri	7:30	Martin	UTA - V
Nov 9	Thur	7:00	Sam Houston	V

## Distinguished Colt Alumni ~ 2017

In his *New York Times* obituary, the late **Gary Cartwright, Class of 1951**, was called one of Texas' best non-fiction writers. His professional career stretched from crime reporting, to sports reporting, to magazine articles, most notably with *Texas Monthly*, to screenwriting and to writing his own memoirs.



In a 2015 interview in *The Austin Chronicle*, Cartwright credited the original spark to **Emma Ousley**, a journalism and English teacher at Arlington High School who made her students free-write to start every class. "People said, 'Write what?' She said, 'I don't care. Just write.' I wrote. I thought, 'This is great.' I would

write a sentence, then I'd write another sentence. It was great fun." One day Ousley pulled him aside and pointed out his writing talent. "It floored me," Cartwright says. "Nobody had ever felt I had a talent for anything."

President of the '51 class Hugh Ross told this about Gary at the 2017 Open House: whenever the guys would play a sandlot game—football, baseball, whatever—Gary would write it up as if he were a sports reporter and share it with his classmates the next day at school. It must have honed his craft because he left crime reporting for the sports pages. His nominators—Richard Aghamalian, Geraldine Mills, Barbara Kight and Wanda Marshall—noted that he eventually teamed with reporters Edwin "Bud" Shrake, Dan Jenkins, and legendary sports editor Blackie Sherrod—a crew of journalists generally considered the greatest sports writing department in the country.

Writing accolades accumulated over the years with Gary's receiving the Texas Institute of Letters highest honor: *The Lon Tinkle Award for Lifetime Achievement*. After his passing February 2017, he was interred in the Texas State Cemetery, the official resting ground of the state's most celebrated citizens.

Regardless of his fame and renown, Gary never lost touch with his Colt classmates and last year enjoyed his 65th reunion and Alumni Open House with the gang.

Being nominated as a Distinguished Colt is a humbling moment, but when three daughters—Marcie, Michele, Melinda (all AHS grads)—do the nominating, it is an affirmation. **Linda Garner Gipson, Class of 1961**, deserves such affirmation from the women who know her best. Here is what they say about their mom: Linda is a Colt through and through who bleeds Kelly green. Although her grandchildren attended Martin, that never stopped her from going to their events. However, she always had some little bit of Colt green under the Warrior colors.

Linda has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2008 as the able assistant for Alumni Products chair, Paul Swartz. Linda has participated at all Association events: Open Houses—where she can fold circular table cloths like a champ—July 4th parades, Homecoming Tailgates, teacher luncheons. She never wavers in her support for Arlington High and its Alumni Association.

Linda's favorite AHS memory: "Choir with **Miss Ellis** was my favorite class. My only solo in my entire life was with the Vocalaires. We were on a choir trip to Waco with a stop in Miss Ellis' hometown of Hillsboro for a performance at the high school. My grandparents lived in Hillsboro; Daddy grew up there and went to school with Miss Ellis. Both my grandmothers came to see me and hear the choir. The group let me take the solo in 'Blue Moon'—my fifteen minutes of fame!"

Her senior year Linda served as choir treasurer—the beginning of her career working with money. After a spell as a bank teller, Linda spent 28 years of her working life as a ticket clerk for AISD athletic office. She says, "I loved selling high school football tickets because it kept me involved, and many of the fans were old friends from my days at AHS. It is such an honor to be called a Distinguished Colt. I want to thank the Alumni Association for selecting me for this honor."

Linda with Bayleigh & Becca Alverson, Luke, Melinda & Lillie Stillwagoner, and husband Jim



After his days at AHS, **Rex Latham, Class of 1961**, was a distinguished military graduate from Arlington State College in 1965, with a bachelor's degree in history.

Commissioned into the Regular Army, he served as an airborne infantry officer from 1965 - 1969 with tours in the Dominican Republic, Vietnam and Thailand. Among his military awards were the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal Purple Heart, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Combat Infantrymen's Badge and Parachutist Badge.

In 1971, after earning a master's degree in government from the University of Texas in Austin, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency. During a 27-year career, he worked on many of the key intelligence issues of the period. His achievements in a series of increasingly responsible field and

headquarters assignments resulted in his promotion into the senior ranks of the CIA. (The only reason we know all this is that Rex is now retired!)

In 2000, Rex was recognized as a UTA Distinguished Alumnus and inducted into the Hall of Honor in 2002. He is the current President of the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council.

When looking back on his high school days, Rex says, “AHS had great teachers who prepared us well for life and college. Two who had a major influence on me were **Melba Roddy** and **Elizabeth Amos**. They were great but strict teachers with high standards. You had to really work in their classes. They, however, offered constant encouragement and guidance. Study and work habits I developed in order to survive in their classes proved invaluable in college and in my career.”

While Rex was often worlds away from Arlington, he joined the Alumni Association early on and maintained close connections with his classmates, two of whom—Charlene Wise Mahan and Joe Hall—nominated him for this honor.

Rex, pictured with his wife Ellen, wishes “the AHS Alumni Association continued growth and success in its efforts to support AHS in providing an excellent education to its students.”

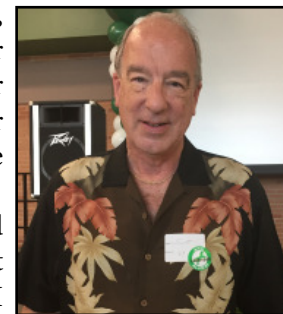


**Scott Bowden, Class of 1969**, relayed this never-before-shared story at June’s Open House. After beloved “Voice of the Colts” **Mayor Tom Vandergriff, ‘43**, retired from the microphone, AISD Athletic Director **Mayfield Workman** contacted Scott. A TCU senior majoring in radio/tv, he received an offer to follow in the mayor’s footsteps on Friday nights. The reason, Mr. Workman noted, was they wanted someone bad enough that Tom would be persuaded to return to the booth. Scott took the job and remained the new “Voice of the Colts” for 20 years from 1972 until 1992.

Scott had other claims to fame, however. His storied writing career on military history has brought him acclaim beyond Arlington. He began 30 years ago with books about Napoleon and the Napoleonic wars. After he published more than a dozen titles, the society of Napoleonic scholars named him a Fellow. His research eventually led him to the American Civil War and General Robert E. Lee. His 2001 landmark work, *Last Chance For Victory: Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign* (co-authored with the late Bill Ward, ‘72) is thought to be the definitive study of Lee’s Pennsylvania campaign. This book received the prestigious Douglas Southall Freeman American History Award. The title is on the Recommended Reading List of the Air Force Chief of Staff—only the second title connected to the Civil War to receive this distinction. The book is also part of the curriculum at the School of Advanced Military Studies at the United States Command and General Staff College.

As for his days at AHS, his sophomore year still stands out

in his mind. AHS had a new basketball coach in **Dale Archer**. Making the varsity as a sophomore brought him many friends from the Class of 1967. He says, “Memories include road trip conversations with **John Robinson**, **Mike Leach**, **Stan Wilemon**.” Another high point was the debut his senior year of the Air Force Jr ROTC for which Scott was “honored to be squadron commander.”



Scott says, “I learned I had received the designation of Distinguished Colt while at work and the first person I discussed it with was my son Matt, ‘06. That’s when I found out Matt had nominated me. Thanks to everyone connected to my receiving this wonderful honor. Kick ‘em, Colts!”

No doubt about it, **Dan Rash, Class of 1969**, is an Arlington High blue blood who married Jan (Principal **John Webb’s** daughter) and found his professional passion in **Jane Ellis’** choir. Two memorable trips steered him to his choral music career. He says, “Miss Ellis rarely took the choir on trips, but she did accept an invitation to sing at HemisFair in San Antonio in 1968. She poured her heart and soul into our preparation and performance.” Another travel experience was his audition for All-State Choir, sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association. That trip to TMEA made a huge impression on Dan and “helped to solidify my future in choral music. I was delighted to find out that my former student and nominator **Dinah Dalton Menger, ‘77**, was elected president of this major music organization this year.”

His AHS education, including being cast as **Curly** in *Oklahoma*, gave him the confidence to audition at Six Flags Over Texas where he performed in live shows for five years. This, in turn, nurtured his ambition to pursue music study at UTA, a Master’s degree in Music Education from North Texas and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Colorado. Those credentials took Dr. Rash to Clemson University as Director of Choral Activities for 25 years—where he grew the Men’s Glee to over 90 voices; twice conducted the Clemson University Singers at Carnegie Hall; taught conducting, music history, music appreciation and introduction to Broadway—a course he developed for the curriculum. He has published several choral pieces and has conducted his arrangement of the national anthem at Clemson events. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 2014. Dan admits his “serious involvement in pursuit of choral excellence is a direct outcome of my time at AHS. My concept of ‘choir family’ is part of my Colt DNA.”

Dan knew back in 1985 when he left AHS for Colorado and his DMA that his students felt abandoned by him—especially the juniors who had lobbied for a musical for their senior year. Being named a Distinguished Colt Alumnus has given Dan a

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chance to reconnect with his beloved former students and to be part of the AHS family again. “When I read the letter informing me of this honor, Jan was at my side. And she already knew about it! She and my daughters, Robin and Kristin, were part of the process to make this all happen.” Pictured at their farewell to AHS in 1985 are Dan, Kristin, Robin, Jan.



Dan gives us these final thoughts: “I am forever grateful to the AHS Alumni Association for recognizing my body of work. This organization is well rounded in that it honors a wide array of achievement. It values the arts, honors its own, continues to make strong historical connections and is cognizant of its past, present and future. To be recognized as ‘distinguished’ from this esteemed student population base is indeed a huge honor.”

### Tom Vandergriff Night of Champions

The Arlington Athletics Hall of Honor Foundation honors AISD’s great athletic history along with current athletes and coaches. The foundation will donate net proceeds from the Night of Champions to AISD Athletics. As a 501c3 non-profit, all donations are tax deductible. This first foundation event honored many coaches and athletes from Arlington High School: **Mayfield Workman, CBC, Jerry Griffin, ‘55, James Hyden, ‘55, Lynda Bradham, Carl Knox, ‘40, Rusty Gunn, ‘52, Rusty Ward, ‘69, Allen Roberts, ‘77, Leah Box, ‘74, Karen Richards Granger, ‘92.** Special guests at the inaugural event were the **1951 State Champion AHS Colts**, pictured below.



From left: Gary Martin, Joe Williams, Fred Cook, John Dennehy, Bobby Dale Walker, Harold Hill, Francis Claxton, Kent Cherry, Rusty Gunn. Attending but not pictured: Raymond Glasgow, John Denton, Kurt Meyer, Ken McMaster

### Milestones

**Seaman First Class George Coke, ‘41**, December 7, 1941\*...**Don Albin, ‘55**, May...**Kerry Stephens, ‘56**, June...**Sue Ann Burns Kilpatrick, ‘57**, May...**Jerry Bacon, ‘62**, January...**Sharon Wright Eller, ‘62**, June...**Jimmy Houston, ‘63**, May...**Wayne Martin, ‘65**, July...**Patty Sakowski, ‘74**, January 2009...**Melanie Leathers, ‘92**, July...**Matthew Haynes, ‘04**, April...\*Seaman Coke was buried in Parkdale Cemetery with full military honors on June 24, 2017. The Department of Defense, after identifying his remains from casualties on the *USS Oklahoma*, returned Coke to his home—76 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Arlington Historical Society and the Coke family arranged the service and burial. Welcome home, Sailor!

### Our President Says, “Thank You!”

Thank you, everyone!! Open House had a wonderful turnout with our reunion groups bringing extra fun to the event. Congratulations, **Class of 1967**, on your 50th Reunion! Thank you—attendees, helpers, presenters, honorees, musicians, singers, supporters—for making this the best Open House ever!! We hope to see y’all back in June 2018. Bring someone with you who has never been to Open House before. Gotta see it to believe it!!

The words of our Alumni Scholars and their love for Arlington High warmed our hearts. We cheered the accomplishments of our Distinguished Colt Alumni. Miss Ellis graced us again with her wisdom and spirit. Special thanks to Dr. Dan Rash and his wife Jan Webb Rash for bringing so many AHS choir alumni from his years to sing again under Dan’s direction. “You’ll Never Walk Alone” captured us all, as usual. It was awesome!

Applause to the Alumni Board who has worked to bring this event to fruition. What we do for AHS and how many

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This plaque presented in honor of the ‘51 State Champions is now in the archives of the Alumni Association thanks to Jannette Workman.

## Membership/Gifts/Donations

\*Kim & JoAnn Snodgrass Anderson, '67/'67  
 Destiny Arriaga, '17  
 \*Christopher Bartos, '96  
 Laraine Craig Bethke, '62  
 Scott Bowden, '69  
 \*Jeff Broyles, '77  
 Jean Osburn Cagle, '69  
 Glenda Oliver Cantrell, '67  
 Annette Spruance Dawson, '57  
 Linda DeLeon, '73  
 Eric Estrada, '17  
 Kathy Dormier Hancock, '62  
 \*Braeden Gover, '23  
 \*Madison Gover, '15  
 Kendall Jones, '68

\*Crystal Patten Kirk, '98  
 \*Jill Schnable Malo, '88  
 Kitty Morgan Milliorn, '62  
 Dee Butler Moorehead, '62  
 \*Kable Patten, '01  
 Melinda Platt, '17  
 Ethel Powell, '61  
 Shaun Quirk, '17  
 Jon Ransom '67  
 Brianna Rocha, '17  
 \*Ouida Bible Ruff – upgrade to Life  
 \*John Sakowski, '75  
 Bo Snowden, '62  
 Nathan Vasquez, '17  
 \*Ned & Mary Pickle Webster, '69/'70  
 Wanda Mitchell White, '51

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mac & Peggy Martin  
 Judy Whitenight Northup  
 Beth Ward Reser—\$500 in memory of Nancy Ward Nakayama

### GENERAL FUND

Mr. Anonymous, \$6,000 through the North Texas Community Foundation  
 Clyde Godfrey

Several memberships were given as gifts by current members—a terrific way to add to our roster. **THANK YOU!**

\*Life Member

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scholarships we can give each year depend on you. It's that simple. We have almost 1,200 members in the Association—a number dwarfed by the thousands upon thousands of graduates who are potential members. Surely you know one person in your class you could persuade to join us. We are an organization founded on the principles of **SPiRiT, PRiDE, TRADITION**, and the desire to give back to AHS. What we do and who we are comes from the heart. What better way to say thank you, what better way to give back than to support the school who has given you so much—a place to call home with friends and memories to last a lifetime. ~ *Debbie*

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*Alumni Board giving their time and energy*



Left: New board member Jerri Puryear Bartos, '77, joins Debbie, Mac, Carol, David, Madison, Erin, Peggy, Jerrell, Linda to serve at the end-of-year teacher luncheon.  
 Right: Joining in behind the string quartet—Kathy Einhaus, Randy Ford of Gilligans, and Mr. Dhalla.

### MEMORIAL MEMBERS

Don Albin, '55, by Cathy Brown  
 Chris Campbell, '68, by Dan Bida, Jim Lewis  
 Larry Cantrell, '57, by Ken Haines  
 Gary Cartwright, '51, by Helen Schrickel  
 Charlese Duff, Colt By Choice, Mr. Anonymous  
 Bob Duncan, '42, by Debbie Duncan  
 Jimmy Houston, '63, by Carol Wallis  
 Ray Hudson, '42, by Carol Wallis  
 Margaret Dickey Roland, '51, by Helen Schrickel  
 Patty Sakowski, '74, by John Sakowski

**A** memorial membership enters a person's name on the Association roster in perpetuity. For a one-time \$35 gift, you may enroll a deceased classmate, friend, family member as a memorial member. Keep our daughters and sons of the white and green "Forever Colts."





## 2017 Alumni



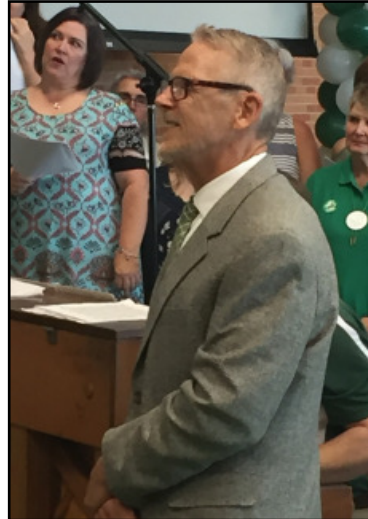
Signing in and joining up      Emcee Mac Martin      Class of 1957 at their reserved table



<p><b>2017 Alumni Scholars:</b> Nathan Vasquez, Melinda Platt, Eric Estrada</p>	<p><b>Julianne Falls</b> <b>Lilia Frausto</b> <b>Class of 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Cyril Sulak, '62</b> <b>Karl Osborn, '63</b></p>
<p><b>Dale Patterson, '67</b> <b>Regina Wiese Patterson, '69</b></p>	<p><b>John Gardner, '57</b> <b>Carolyn Gardner</b></p>	<p><b>Curtis Buchanan, '62</b> <b>Geneva Davenport Buchanan, '63</b></p>



## Open House



Dan Rash surrounded by his choir students      Distinguished Colt Dan Rash      Principal Shaveer Dhalla



**Sharron Chapman Merrill, '61**  
**David Nation, '48**  
  
Class of 1951 honoring classmate Gary Cartwright: Fay Beth Bridges Moore, Helen Hughes Schrickel, Kathleen Bradford Smith, Hugh Ross, Wanda Mitchell White



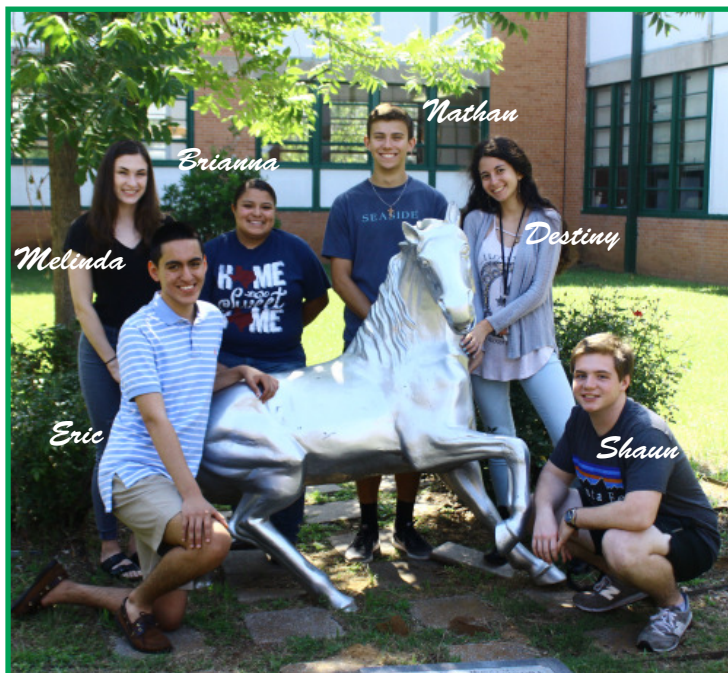
**Virginia Cooper Godfrey, '57**  
**Diane Gunn Keoun, '59**  
**Janelle Bradley Scott, '59**  
  
DeeDee Mosby Winter  
Dean Hooper  
Pat Walden Myrick  
Class of 1962



**Grace Love Yinger, James Mills,**  
**Barbara Jones Young, Janie Reynolds Pumphrey**  
Class of 1958  
  
Jerry Thomas, '59, Ruth Gardner Pimm, '65, Betty Gardner Thomas, '62, John Pimm



## Alumni Scholars ~ 2017

**ERIC ESTRADA**

Texas Christian University  
Pre-med

**AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n his own words: *Every year at AHS, Homecoming was the highlight of my fall. By senior year—in addition to senior pride, nostalgia and excitement—my last Homecoming made me truly a part of the Colt family. At the pep rally, when I walked to the center of the gym as a member of the Homecoming Court, I couldn't help my cheesy smile. I loved everything about Arlington High and our extravagant Homecoming festivities. During my time adapting to the traditions at AHS, I felt the love and comfort of Arlington High. I wasn't simply a student there. I was a Colt from head to toe. It has been such an honor to participate in the longstanding traditions of such an amazing school. I discovered AHS constantly strives to be as inclusive as possible. From the second the bell rings every morning to the last bell of the day, it is truly sweet to be in Colt Country. I hope my children will experience the wonderful campus life of Arlington High School. In the years ahead, I will prepare for a career in medicine. I will work at Shadow Brook Learning Center (where I have volunteered extensively) to help pay for college. I want to explore the health care choices the DFW area provides to underprivileged families. This will prepare*

*me to provide medical care to underprivileged children. I am determined to work diligently in school and to take all opportunities to reach my goals.*

**MELINDA PLATT**

University of Texas at Arlington  
Pre-law

**AHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n her own words: *Senior night for the girls' basketball team is an AHS memory dear to my heart. Even though I watched those before me reach this moment, I never really thought it would come to me. It was my last home game; the last time I would play in that gym with those special girls. I walked across the waxed wood feeling proud. I soaked up the fans' appreciation of all my hard work. This moment will always mean the world to me because I took basketball seriously. I will feel the love forever for my basketball family. Being handed those flowers, watched by so many familiar faces smiling and clapping just for me was a true joy. It was the love I experienced as a valued member of the community of Arlington High School. It made me know, once and for all, how united the school is. Sports, clubs, academics are all equally celebrated and supported with tremendous heart. The unity springs from the relentless efforts of counselors, coaches, teachers and students who lean on one another to build upon unified ideas and energy. The financial help from the Alumni scholarship will help me achieve my eventual goal of a degree from law school with which I can fight for justice and protect citizens by prosecuting dangerous members of our current world.*

**BRIANNA ROCHA**

Tarrant County College  
Criminal Justice and/or Nursing

**CAPTAIN WILLIAM NATION ROTC SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n her own words: *Being involved in ROTC at Arlington High has opened many doors for me. It brought new experiences, offered leadership opportunities, and gave me a chance to lend a hand to those who needed some extra help. ROTC showed me that sometimes you've got to be a leader even if you don't want to be. Then again, being in leadership just opens up paths to new opportunities. I plan on majoring in both Criminal Justice and Nursing. My dream college is Sam Houston State which I toured with my Criminal Justice class. The Texas Prison Museum*



*was so absolutely amazing I might decide to be a correctional officer eventually. Before that, though, I will be in ROTC so I can join the U.S. Air Force as an officer. Honestly, I wasn't excited about college until Ms. Will (my AVID teacher) and my ROTC instructors showed me its importance. Instead of thinking—"Wow, more school. That's just great"—now I think, "I can do this as long as I am determined!" I will honestly remember the respect and friendliness from everybody—students and staff—at AHS and will carry that spirit into my future.*

**NATHAN VASQUEZ**

University of Texas at Austin  
Petroleum Engineering

**CLASS OF 1959 SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n his own words: *Arlington High School's greatest characteristic is how much pride the school has for itself. No matter the event, Arlington holds its head high. From sporting events to Academic Decathlon, there is no shortage of esteem running through the halls. Arlington High has a plethora of social groups and cliques, but no one at AHS is bound to a single group. I got involved in YoungLife my freshman year. My leader Walker Johnson has been around all four years for me and has helped me through the thick and thin moments of high school. Whether I was happy about winning a football game or broken from the loss of a close friend's life, the leaders helped me learn from any situation. Another group is a student led ministry called Arlington Ignite. This movement which I helped begin has exploded with students committing their lives to Christ right before my eyes. In addition to these groups, I have been part of the athletic clique while also being in orchestra. Although my graduating from high school is a first for my family, I will not be satisfied with a high school diploma. Since I have been accepted into the Honors Engineering Program at UT, that degree will allow me to segue into my career as a petroleum engineer. A stable, respectable profession has the potential to pull my family out of lower class living. I have seen firsthand my parents struggle with dead-end jobs. College will help turn over a new leaf for my family.*

**DESTINY ARRIAGA**

Bel Rea Institute of Animal Technology  
Animal Science

**CLASS OF 1966 SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n her own words: *Arlington High School is a place where we accept students from all walks of life, all races, all backgrounds. Everyone is given a chance to achieve their*

*goals. At AHS, I belonged for the first time. My friends and classmates were my support system, and they never let me down. I remember one day during lunch my three quirky friends and I stacked our hands on top of each other. We noted how each of our hands was a different shade. We were all unique and that was perfectly ok. AHS cares about personality over appearance. Principal Dhalla brought attention to acceptance during hard times. He paraded a group of united students carrying a Mexican flag before the pep rally crowd. As the crowd cheered, Mr. Dhalla assured us we were all Colts, and we stood together as one school. AHS is full of school spirit from mane to hoof. From decorating hallways to having a blackout pep rally, AHS never fails to bring the hype. Code Green—the event which celebrates Arlington High School and its people—happened my junior year. Students got t-shirts, gifts, each name on a cutout Colt in the hallway. It's great so many teachers are Arlington High alumni. The traditions continue. I am truly proud to be an AHS Colt. Next up will be two years at a trade school to receive my veterinary technician degree. Then application to Colorado State University in the hopes of eventually being accepted into CSU's College of Veterinary Medicine.*

**SHAUN QUIRK**

University of Arkansas  
Mechanical/Electrical Engineering

**CATHY BONTLEY BROWN SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**n his own words: *Arlington High School has inspired me to push myself beyond what I ever thought possible. It has motivated me to dream bigger than ever before and fueled my drive for success. At Arkansas I hope to be incredibly involved on campus, maybe even becoming student body president. If possible, I would like to be the Engineering Freshman-of-the-Year. After undergraduate school, I hope to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for advanced degrees. Next I want to land a job at Tesla to make enough money to begin my own electric/solar car manufacturing company. Clean energy cars are the future—even though American muscle cars sound amazing! I realize this plan sounds like nothing more than a big dream. I want to see the world become a better place for every living organism. We need people willing to take risks to make history—and there is nothing I want more than to do just that. I will remember my AHS family—those from different eras and those with different ideals—because, in the end, we are all Colts. These are the people who have helped me along the way.*



Emely Garcia, '18, Noah Morgan, '18 and Madison Gover, '15, ride in '61 alumnus Andy Wright's '56 Ford Sunnier—a replica of the car he drove while a student at AHS. Riding Shotgun—Butch Mahan, '59



Alumni Band float making the turn



Kathy Einhaus Parade Chair



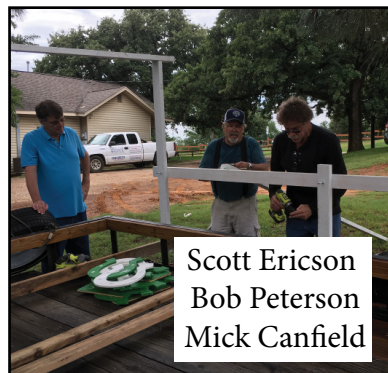
Above from left:

David Bailey, Scott Ericson, Debbie Ericson, Mac Martin, Peggy Martin, Bonnie Watkins, Kathy Einhaus, Butch Mahan, Andy Wright, Madison Gover, Flagbearer Mike Enger, Jerrell Womble, Kenneth Watkins

Alumni President Debbie Ericson and Peggy Martin—happy to supervise!!



Bonnie, Jerrell, Kathy, Erin, Jerri, Karen



Scott Ericson Bob Peterson Mick Canfield

## Reunions

**Class of 1982** · Saturday, October 7, 7:00 - 10:30 · Legal Draft Brewery · No tickets. Just show up! Cash bar/Food by Gilligans · Dinner for purchase · [Facebook: AHS 1982 Alumni](#)

**Class of 1987** · Homecoming weekend · Saturday, September 16 · Grease Monkey, · For details IM Carol Estrada Morelan

**Class of 1992** · No 25th planned. Stay tuned for a big 30th Reunion in 2022!

**Class of 1997** · September 15 & 16 · Friday: Homecoming Pep Rally · Alumni Tailgate · Colt Football · Grease Monkey, 8:30 · Saturday: Family Picnic · 11:30 - 1:30 · Evening: Howell Farms · LaQuinta, Eastchase Parkway · 10% discount for attendees · Reservation due by August 25 · [www.ahs97reunion.com/schedule](http://www.ahs97reunion.com/schedule)

**Class of 2007** · September 15 & 16 · if you know of Facebook group or website, please contact us. Thanks!

**Class of 1968** · April 28, 2018 · 50th Reunion · Tierra Verde Country Club · No charge for members and their plus one · Contact: Linda Chaney · 682.429.4552 · [chaney.l@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chaney.l@sbcglobal.net)



As Open House concluded, classes were offered the balloon columns to decorate their evening event. **Class of 1962** wrestled several columns into **John Coble's** motor home for transport to the White Room.



Pictured on page 1 in their "disguise:" **Kitty Morgan Milliorn, Steve East, Pat Walden Myrick, DeeDee Mosby Winter, Judy O'Halloran East, Sue Bucher Tieman, Laraine Craig Bethke, Bonnie Beebe Watkins,** (seated) **Phyllis Deardorff Graham, Dee Butler Moorehead.**

Thanks to all the photographers who contributed to this issue. Here are the known ones:

**Erin Chaney, Kathy Einhaus, Ellen Latham, Peggy Martin, Leslie Recine, Jerrell Womble.** ~ the editor



Also pictured on page 1: **Class of 1954—Danny Osburn, Jannette Workman, Jerry & Sue Gray, Gayle Crouch, Raymond Wright** (standing), **Jimmy Binion.** (Also standing) **Carol Hufford, '53**



**Class of 1957**



**Larry Huff, Dean Hooper** wear Indian bead medallions from their scouting days at the **Class of 1962** Saturday night 55th reunion party.



**Class of 1967**  
**Beverly Davis Ricker, Ralph Campbell, Bill Sharp, Charlie Turner, Johnnie McNellie**

# AHS Alumni Association



Open House: **Wanda Marshall, Geraldine Mills, Beverly Reynolds; Judy East, Linda Gipson, Stevie Hansen;** Alumni Choir mounting the risers; Fine Arts teacher and AHS grad **Micah Green, '01**

Night of Champions: Centerpiece; six high school banners; plaque with awardees pictured; and a chance to see a hero: **Jim Ball, Rusty Gunn (the hero), John Ball Nelson**



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