



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association



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Calling All Colts!

Help us raise **\$5,000** to support scholarships for AHS seniors who love Arlington High just like we did in our day.

If you want to give back to keep AHS the best high school in town, read on.

In 2003, the AHS Alumni Association awarded its first TWO scholarships—each at \$600.

In 2019, we will award TEN scholarships at \$1,250 each!
Contribute to our first time ever **GoFundMe** drive to increase our scholarship giving every year.

Visit our facebook page—Arlington High School Alumni Association
Look for the link: AHS Alumni Scholarship Fund

From Our President



Greetings to all!
Your Alumni Association is gearing up for their busiest season of the year!! Ahead this month, we have the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 7th and on May 20th we will be giving out scholarships to ten deserving seniors at their Awards Assembly in the newly renovated auditorium.

On June 15th, we will be welcoming everyone to Alumni Open House. For details, see page 6. Our scholarship winners and Distinguished Colt Alumni will be presented. If your class has a contingent coming, let us know so we can reserve seating for you up front. After the program, the “new” auditorium will be open for touring. (See photos, page 7.)

Due to the June 8 AHS graduation date this year, we had to schedule Open House on Father’s Day weekend. What a great way to begin your weekend with family and friends alike! It is always heartwarming and fun when we all get together! Hope to see you there!

More great news: We received a \$5,000 grant from an anonymous donor through the North Texas Community Foundation. For many years, we have received generous donations from “Mr. Anonymous.” We are grateful our organization is faithfully recognized in this special way. (Plus it’s a great relief to our treasurer!)

We were happy to help the PTA this year with a \$200 donation for Mardi Gras Madness—an annual all-night event for the seniors following their prom. Have fun, Class of 2019!

We have two new Directors on our board this year. (See page 3.) Both from classes of the 1980s! Hurrah! As the decades keep stepping up, the future looks bright!

Finally, I would ask you to remember our **GoFundMe** campaign currently underway. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Even if you are not online, you know people who are. They can help you join the campaign to help us continue giving

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Milestones

Passings: Audrey Parker Young, '43, February...E. E. Rankin, '44, February...Tommy Morgan Woodward, '44, February...Diane Wiggins Hartley, '48, February...Gaither Hartley, '48, February...James "Ottie" Cribbs, '49, March...Richard Hemmle, '49, March...Peggy Lee Norman Williams, '49, February...Wayne McCarrell, '54, February...Don Moore, '56, March...Ann Scruton Mitchell, '61, April...Joe Hawkins, '62, February...Bill Foster, '63, February...Bobby Ashworth, '64, January...Michelle Mikeska, '83, March...Sherri Troupe Vinson, '88, March...Holly McMillian Thompson, '97, March...

Congratulations: The Texas Rangers now have two AHS alumni on their roster. Hunter Pence, '01, brings his All-Star credentials and a couple of World Series rings to his hometown team, joining Chris Martin, '06.

Special Event: Senior Assembly, April 9, featured World War II veteran and Iwo Jima survivor Don Graves. In early 1945, with Allied troops heavily embattled in both Europe and Japan, three U.S. Marine divisions landed on the beach of an extinct volcano and fought one of the most significant battles on the Japanese front. Marine combat veteran Don Graves survived the bloody Battle of Iwo Jima, helping the U. S. forces control a pivotal airbase and secure Mount Surabachi—site of the iconic raising of the America flag...Thanks to Paul Swartz, '59, for requesting permission for this assembly the last two years and for AHS administration for agreeing. One attendee said the seniors were "truly interested" in hearing Graves' story. Many greeted him after the program. Thanks to senior journalism student Julia Luck and AISD photographer Robert Spence for pictures.



Welcome New AHS Alumni Association Directors!



Listen to our newest officer—Vice-President of the Alumni Association—**Alan Stiebing, '86**, tell of his days at AHS: I played in the Colt Band under the direction of my favorite teacher Randy Garmon. In addition, I played in the jazz band and played double bass in the orchestra. I have played trombone in the Alumni Band since the second year of its formation. Although I also enjoyed geometry (even handled the geometry leg on the math team), and graphic arts and computer programming, my music classes led to my music education major at Texas Wesleyan. I did take one semester at UTA so I could march in a band one more time. For over 30 years I have worked as a professional audio engineer in recording, broadcast and live sound. I have worked for KVIL and the Dallas Cowboys Radio Network, including the last two Super Bowls the Cowboys played. I have several recording credits to my name and too many broadcast credits to list. I have toured with various artists working as a monitor engineer, mixing the sound on the stage for the bands. Currently, I work in the Corporate Meeting/Entertainment world, with broadcasts for ESPN and various independent production groups. I said “Yes” about serving on the Alumni Board because I got a lot out of my time at AHS, and it’s good to give back. Besides, it’s difficult to tell **Tanya Terrell-Weideman**, “No.”



Some folks love everything about school. **Beth Anne McGovern Woodard, '88**, identifies by saying “I loved my days at AHS!” Her long list of favorite teachers includes Mrs. Basham, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Brown, Senora Lewis, Senora Hubble, Ms. Mitchell. Several of these teachers sparked her interest in Spanish, English and history. Outside of class, she played soccer, joined service groups and was named to honors organizations. Since she devoted time and energy to all the spirit activities associated with AHS teams, she takes pride in her class of “outstanding athletes and all around good people.” She has attended all three reunions of her class and stays in contact through social media. Beth Anne attended Texas A&M, Texas Women’s University and UTA. While her first degree was Interdisciplinary Studies focusing on Bilingual Education, she got her Masters in Educational Administration. She has served AISD for 26 years—the last nine as principal at J.B. Little Elementary. When asked to join the Alumni Board, she agreed for two reasons: “because this is by far the most spirited and active high school association I know of. It represents all that is good about AHS and gives me an opportunity to give back to my alma mater. Best of all, my co-chair is one of the GREATEST ladies I know—my mom, **Ella Jo McGovern!**”

President’s Note, continued

at least ten \$1,250 scholarships each year. **MAKE A DONATION.** Any amount is appreciated. We anticipate the pride we can claim as we see the smiles from AHS seniors when we award them their scholarships. **YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS ALL THIS TO HAPPEN.** You share in the pride we feel as we call their names and see those smiles. That is the best reward! To read about two of the 2018 Scholars, see page 5.

Thanks to Board Director **Mike Enger** for being our first GoFundMe donor! A special shout out to Webmaster **Mac Martin** for his efforts on setting up this campaign. Thanks to all our Board members for their time and energy in making this an organization of which we can all be proud.

*Happy Spring
and Kick 'em, Colts!*

Debbie Koehl Ericson, Class of 1968

\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

By the end of this school year, \$18,000 additional dollars supporting Arlington High students, staff and organizations brings our total monetary support since our inception in 1996 to a grand total over...

\$168,000 +



A few years ago, the Colt Band needed some extra help to purchase marching uniforms for the colorguard. The Board supported their request with a donation of \$3,000. On a more regular basis, we have underwritten grants given out by the Arlington ISD Education Foundation almost every year. We target our donation for grants to AHS teachers or to our elementary and junior highs which feed into Arlington High School.

	ARLINGTON ISD Education Foundation	DATE: <u>January 2018</u> AHS Alumni Association
	PAY TO THE ORDER OF: ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 4,129.00
<i>Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine and 00/100</i> DOLLARS		
MEMO: <u>Education Foundation: "Make My Day" Makerspace!</u>		<u>Arlington ISD Education Foundation</u>

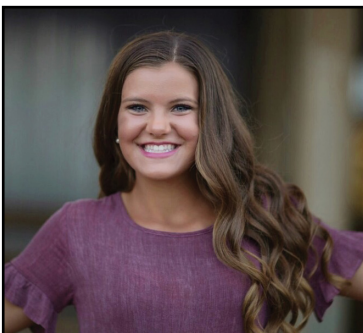
AHS Alumni Association 2019 Budget

REVENUES:

Memberships	\$ 6,500
Contributions	15,000
Product Sales	1,500
Interest Income	80
<u>TOTAL REVENUES:</u>	<u>\$23,080</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Gifts to Organizations:	\$ 3,000
Newsletter	4,550
Postage/Printing	
Special Events	4,475
July 4th Parade/Distinguished Colts/ May and December Teacher Luncheons	
Alumni Open House	
Homecoming Tailgate	
Merchandise	600
Scholarships	12,500
Supporting Services	1,600
Office supplies/Constant Contact/ Website/Social Media/Fundraising	
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>\$26,725</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,645)



Megan Brett, '18, received an Alumni Scholarship and is enrolled at Texas A&M. (To hear from Megan, see next page.) Including the ten scholarships to be given to the Class of 2019 in May, we will have helped 91 Colts further their education since 2003. At right, teachers enjoy a lunch provided and served by the Association and its volunteers.



Alumni Scholar Update



Megan Brett, '18, reports from Texas A&M: Although I am officially knee-deep in the college life, I love reflecting on my days at Arlington High. This first semester away at school has taught me a lot about myself and how I got to where I am today. As I meet people and hear their stories, I love to

share my experiences of high school. AHS prepared me for college life in ways I never dreamed. My teachers prepared me with a workload which forced me to be a good time manager. They never gave me the option for an easy way out! Now with 16 hours, hard classes and being on my own, I am so glad Arlington High taught me how to work hard and use my time wisely. Beyond academics, I learned the beauty of tradition, service and friendship at Arlington High. I have brought that to college as well. Because the hours spent in the classroom now are fewer than in high school, I remember thinking "I will have more time to do fun things." I was very wrong! The number of hours I spend outside of class doing homework, studying or going to tutoring sessions has been a rude awakening. I am thankful for my four years at AHS and am proud to bring my stories to College Station. To the Class of 2019, make these last days count. Soak it all in! The times you are dreaming about now will soon be a reality. Before you know it, you will be walking on a college campus telling stories from "the high school days." To get ready for the next crazy chapter of your life, my advice would be this: set goals, prioritize, make to-do lists, work hard, and take time for yourself and your friendships.

Hanna Jones, '18, checks in from Kilgore College: I am doing lovely this school year! I can't help but appreciate the amazing teachers at Arlington High who prepared me for my first year of college. Without a doubt, I have become a confident, independent student who enjoys college life—all thanks to Arlington High School.

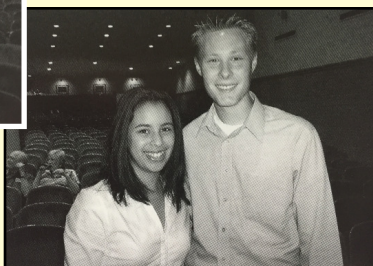


So far this year at Kilgore College, I have enjoyed meeting new people from around the world. In fact, I was surprised so many people attending this tiny college aren't from the United States. Meeting them has broadened both my social life and academic life into something greater. As for the seniors in the Class of

2019, I urge you to end this year on a high note. Give it your all! However, make time for yourselves as you find the direction you need to go toward your next steps in life. Whether your futures are a blur or clearly defined, you need to take one day at a time, while reaching beyond your comfort zones. This is the path to success. Enjoy every second of these final days at AHS. Spend as much time as you can with teachers, friends and family. If you plan on continuing your academic career, my best advice is to remember you are doing this to better yourselves and your future families. College may be easy for some and hard for others, but if you take the time to do the work and make some friends along the way, it's the best time of your life!



Left: first scholarship recipients, **Qiana Rollins, Chris Branigan, Class of 2003**

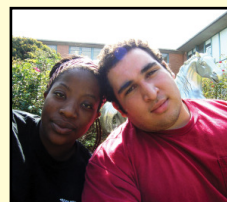


Right: **2004 Alumni Scholars—Cassandra Ynguanzo, Jason Sauter**



Alumni Scholars, clockwise from top left:

Alan Braxton, '17; Cole Enger, '13; Lauren Beard, '15, Gilbert Vasquez, Eleanor Khonje, both '07.



Membership / Donations

Memorial Memberships

Bob Ashworth, '64, by Mark Ashworth
 James Cribbs, '49, by Cravens family
 Becky Whitis Ownby, '69
 by Debbie Whitis Hawkins
 Shirley Hoyt Sheets, '52
 by Amelia Woodward
 Nelson Parker, '60, by Judy Johnson

New Members

*Marie Bosillo, '85
 *Loryn Bushee, '84
 Joe Kimball, '71
 *Cynthia Mayfield, '61
 Michelle Szynskie, '84
 *Andrew Wolfskill, '76

Donations ~ General Fund

Joe Henderson
 Gene & Maudie Lam
 Martin & Brenda Ross
 Gary & Juanice Young
 \$5,000, from
 the North Texas Community Foundation

BREAKING NEWS!

**22ND ANNUAL ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE.....SATURDAY, JUNE 15.....DOORS OPEN 9:00AM.....
 PROGRAM 10 - NOON.....AHS CAFETERIA.....ALUMNI CHOIR (FOR ALL FORMER CHOIR
 MEMBERS) MEETS AT 9:00 IN CHOIR ROOM.....ALUMNI BAND PERFORMS OUR FAVORITES.....
 2019 DISTINGUISHED COLTS: JOHN BALL, '65, MARGIE FERGUSON BRYANT, '48, MICKEY
 BRYCE, '74, GWYNETHE REDDY LEWIS, '76, JO COLLIFLOWER MCGOVERN, '66,
 ANA PETTIT, '74.....2019 ALUMNI SCHOLARS.....COLTS REPRESENTING EIGHT DECADES.....
 CURBSIDE DROP OFF.....PARKING AT MOSAIC CHURCH ACROSS PARK ROW.....
 SEE YOU JUNE 15!**



AHS Alumni Association New Member Form

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Join online at: www.ahscolts-alumni.org

SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____ GENERAL FUND \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP FEES \$ _____

ANNUAL

Individual = \$25 with \$15 annual renewal

Household = \$35 with \$15 annual renewal

LIFE

Individual = \$125 paid once

Household = \$175 paid once

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED

\$35 paid once

Payable To: AHS ALUMNI * P.O. Box 152578 * Arlington, Texas 76015 * 817.879.7162 * ahs_alumni@sbcglobal.netName: _____ Class Of: _____
 (FIRST) (LAST) (MAIDEN)Address: _____
 (STREET)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (PHONE)

E-Mail: _____ Form of Payment: CASH CHECKCheck your preference: Newsletter by U.S. Mail by email notification

Given by: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Memorial Membership \$35:

(one time only fee for deceased classmate)

(NAME)

(CLASS)

Reunions

Class of 1954 · June 14 - 15 · Friday: 6-9 pm Rolling Hills Country Club · Saturday: 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. AHS Alumni Association Open House · 12:00 Gilligan's for lunch · Sue Gray · 817.460.5453

Class of 1964 · The 55th · June 15 · Alumni Open House, 9:00 - noon · El Gabacho, 6:30 · Let Erin or Susie know if planning to eat at El Gabacho

Class of 1969 · October 18 - 19 · Shady Valley · Friday: Location, time TBD · Saturday: Shady Valley Golf Club, 6:00 pm (\$50 per person) · Send money to Debbie Coke, 400 Westbury Ct, Arlington, Tx. 76013 · Contact: Debbie Whitis Hawkins · 817.360.4568 · jhawkins0701@aol.com

Class of 1974 · 45th Reunion, June 1 · Maverick Bar & Grill

Class of 1979 · August 3 · Legal Draft · <https://www.facebook.com/groups/623261917735689/>

Class of 1984 · October or early November gathering · Facebook: [Arlington High School Texas Class of 1984](#)

Class of 1989 · Saturday · September 7 · JGilligans · Facebook: [Arlington High School Colts – Class of 1989](#)

Class of 1994 · August 2 & 3 · Contact: Ben Nicholson · ben@methodsource.com · link to Flickr photos from 20th reunion in 2014: http://www.hunterhicks.com/picts/Reunion/?fbclid=IwAR2jibjv76qBbzGB4xTZAxLU1E0HWbp_fSfnXRiU8mXHGFfmWDziO2Uoc9E

Class of 1999 · September 6 - 7 · Friday: Homecoming Game and Boomerjacks · Saturday: Legal Draft, 7 - 11pm; Free Play Arcade, Downtown Arlington

Class of 2009 · September 7 · JGilligans



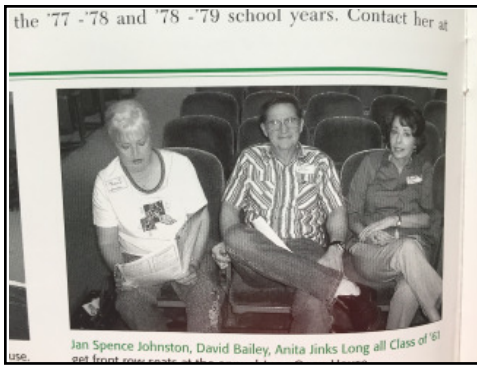
Class of 1969 plans their 50th!

AHS Theatre Department inaugurates the newly renovated auditorium with the musical production of *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee*, May 16, 17, 18 at 7pm and a 2pm matinee on May 18. Get a group together to see this 'first' at Arlington High!

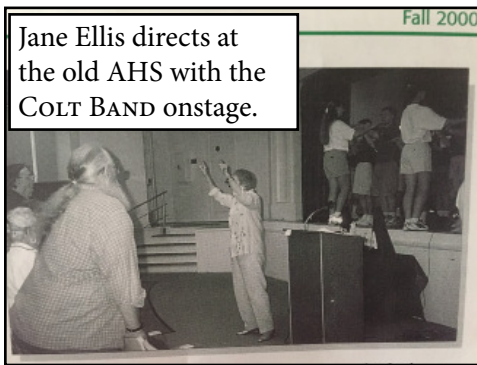


Theater Director **Micah Green '01**, says the renovated auditorium boasts new seats, carpet, stage floor, lighting, electrical wiring, sound system, and automated curtain and light control. The “bones” of the space—finished in 1956 when the campus opened—remain. Thanks to journalism teacher Emily Miller for these pictures.

I kinda miss the green velvet seats!—editor's note



Alumni Open House has traveled through the halls of Arlington High School. When the Association first hosted this event, we started in the auditorium for a “meeting.” Refreshments were served after in the cafeteria. When flooring was being replaced, we got permission from UTA to have Open House in the original AHS. When Erin Chaney joined the board, she simplified the process by having the entire event in the cafeteria, prior to its demolition. We met for two years in Gym B (for some of us oldsters—**THE** gym). Since 2013, with the new cafeteria completed, we have met there ever since. If you have never attended an Alumni Open House, come on June 15. The entertainment, the classes ranging across the decades, the Alumni Band, the Alumni Choir, the Alumni Scholars, the Distinguished Colts, the decor—**Try it! You'll like it!**



Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Alan, Bonnie, Debbie, Verne

April Board Meeting
Prosperity Bank

David, Kathy, Erin, Mac

Buddie
Beth Anne
Sharron, Michelle

Mike
Jo
Peggy, Paul, Tanya