



AHS Alumni instaNEWS



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Class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion in June.

Forty members of the Class of 1972 are pictured at their 50th reunion in June. How many are members of the Association? Not all of them. The '72 class has 20 people who have joined their Alumni Association. Imagine how many more want to keep AHS *First Here, Best Here!* Keep inviting the folks you know who are not listed on the roster to join us in giving back to Arlington High School. To reach the membership form and to see the names of all our members, go to www.ahscolts-alumni.org. Near the top of the page, choose the MEMBER button to bring up the membership form. On the home page, to see the membership roster, scroll down slightly to see the link: Colt Classes · Membership Roster · July 1, 2022

Welcome New Members : May ~ June 2022

1948

Billy Dale Howard

1951

Barbara Pentecost Howard

1961

*Don Elick

Arthur Hunt

*Mac Martin (upgrade)

1962

*Randa Walden Miller

1964

Johnnie Rodden Nelson

*Bill Rosenberry

Michael Smith

1965

Marilyn Potthoff Cannefax

Dan Gould

1966

*Peggy Wood Martin (upgrade)

Elizabeth Hawkes Turner

1968

Patti Ward Cupples

Wayne & Kathy Davis (CBC)

Jan Briggs McDaniel

1969

Harold Hoskinson

1970

Loma Via Byerly

John Howard

1971

Rebecca Dodge

Donald Foster

Debbie Haynes Holmes

Deidre McCormack

Sara Howard Perkins

Nancy Brown Ramsey

1976

Dorene McCall Foster

*Ron Harnist

1978

*Cynthia Reyes Bailey

*Tamra Liberton Denney

*Jay Wegner

*Life Member

- 1979
*Dwain & Jan Banspach Brown
- 1980
Keisha Smith Smith
- 1981
*Tony Hatchett
*Jeff White
*Kelly Whiteside
- 1983
*Gonzalo Ruiz Calavera
*Jeff Pollard
- 1984
Diane Seymour
- *Michelle Edwards Szynski (upgrade)
- 1987
*Karen Bishop Davis (upgrade)
*Steven Davis (upgrade)
Andie Lively Gardner

- 1992
*Rachel Gibson Richter
Kelli Dowd Smith
- 1993 & 1994
David & Erin Paxton Wallace
- 1998
*Betsy Pearch
- 1999
*Jessie Turman Cowan
*Jennifer Cummings
- 2000
Holly Potter-Harvey
- 2001
Amy Brown Perry
- 2002
Beth Thomas Simmonds
- 2004
Kyle & Stacy Clyde Haubold
Brenna Tomlinson Ronalder

- 2005
Megan Decker Leverett
Mitchell Leverett
Jade Little Mays
Zachery Perkins
- 2008
Billy Perkins
- 2010 & 2011
Tanner & Allison Walsh Smith
- 2022
Emma Leverett



Within two months of issuing our Membership Challenge, 58 new members have joined their support to ours! Thanks to all who spread the word to classmates, family and friends. It's not too late to tell your Colt friends they can get an extra year by joining now. Renewal dues of \$15 not due until 2024.
GO TO WEBSITE TO JOIN AND TO SEE WHO IS AND WHO IS NOT A MEMBER! WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

If everyone reading *AHS Alumni instaNEWS* would **forward** it to classmates who haven't joined the Association, it would be an even more fantastically successful membership campaign—**Or post** on your personal Facebook page **Or** your class Facebook page. In addition to these 58 new members and the five annual members who have upgraded to Life Members, 18 Memorial Memberships have been given for deceased alumni. All proceeds for Memorials go into the Scholarship Fund. Membership dues go to our General Fund for operational expenses and other gifts to AHS.

Reunions ~ for remembering the past and looking to the future!

- Class of 1962 ~ Gilligans , September 17, 2022
- Class of 1992 ~ Whisky Ranch, October 22
- Class of 2002 ~ September 16 -18
Contact Rachel Rolander Slosson · 817-917-9077
- Class of 2012 ~ Gilligans, September 16



AHS
1923 - 1956
Southeast corner of Abram and Cooper

Arlington High School—from 1956 into the future—with proposed addition on the southwest corner of Park Row and Cooper. New portion faces Cooper with Park Row on the right. You can see the practice football field and the baseball field at the top of the rendering.



MEET THE 2022 DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI

GWEN CHIPMAN BURK, CLASS OF 1951



Gwen is surprised and humbled by this honor. For 71 years, she has remembered her devoted teachers as role models who lived their values. She made “great friends from her Class of 1951” and enjoyed being in band. She was the first of three generations of Colts followed by her children Debra, ‘79, David, ‘80, and her grandson Charles Garrett who graduated in 2012.

LARRY THOMAS, CLASS OF 1960

Larry still has many friends today from his days at Arlington High School. A group of them meets every Wednesday for coffee where they solve all the world’s problems for making the world a better place—if only someone would listen! He is both proud and humbled to receive this prestigious honor. Another point of pride is that both his Colt alumni children, Tiffany, ‘86, and Trent, ‘88, served as board members on the very first Board of Directors for the AHS Alumni Association.



DEBBIE KOEHL ERICSON, CLASS OF 1968



Debbie has great memories from her AHS days: dances after football games, building Homecoming floats, teachers like Amos, Pope, Baker. As a parent, she loved working with the Colt Football Booster Club when her son Eric Walker played. A special memory of his AHS career was his being named Fielder Award winner in 2009. After his graduation, Debbie turned her attention to the Alumni Board where she continues to serve. “I am proud of this honor and also humbled knowing how many prestigious alumni attended Arlington High. Thanks to friend and classmate Janie Morrow Wright for nominating me. Special thanks to my husband Scott Walker, Colt By Choice, for volunteering alongside me all these years.”

TRUMAN AND KITTY LEE BRYCE, CLASS OF 1945 AND CLASS OF 1950

Kitty says this is a great honor for both. The Bryce family tradition dates back to World War II!! Truman and Kitty valued their quality educations with a special shout out to Jane Ellis, legendary choir director. They were involved with the football program from 1945 - 1975 and have special fondness for Coach John Reddell. Their alumni children are Micky, ‘74, (named Distinguished Colt in 2019), Wally, ‘75, and LeeAnn, ‘78.



DOUG ENGLE, CLASS OF 1978

Doug has great memories of his AHS days, playing Varsity basketball and making lifetime friendships. He is grateful for the education and encouragement he received from some terrific teachers. In Choraliars he met Laura McKaig, AHS ‘79, and they have been married for 39 years. He considers it a blessing to have grown up in Arlington—a great community with excellent schools which prepared him for college and a career in dentistry. “I am humbled to be selected for this alumni honor. Thank you. Kick ‘em Colts!”



GARY JOHNSON, CLASS OF 1981

After Gary co-founded the Colt Alumni Band (along with Tanya Terrell-Weidemann), memories of being a student at AHS kept his excitement alive. His Colt *SPIRIT* renews with every Colt Alumni Band performance. The first time he heard Mr. Crouch speak, he heard *How Sweet it is to be in Colt Country*. Gary honors that phrase—a great *TRADITION*—still being heard today. Gary believes without these traditions, much of our identity is lost. From his first step into the hallways of Arlington High, his *PRIDE* in the school’s past, present, and future has been a part of him. Gary says, “Being selected as a Distinguished Colt Alumnus is an unexpected honor.”



Stay tuned for more on these Distinguished Colts—Fall Newsletter coming in August

Looking Ahead



Fall
Newsletter
Preview
Read about our
newest grads ~
Where they will go
to college ~
What they will
major in ~
What they love
about AHS~

Save the Dates

Homecoming—September 16

Alumni Open House—September 17

North Texas Giving Day—September 22

Membership Drive Ends—December 1

Have you brought in a new member yet?

Keep spreading the word.

In Case You Missed This!

- NEWSLETTER COSTS HAVE DOUBLED
- SWEETHEART DEAL WITH PRINTER ENDED—LABOR CHARGES NO LONGER COMPED
- STILL THREE PRINT ISSUES/YEAR, DOWN FROM 28 PAGES TO 16 PAGES
- NEWS BETWEEN ISSUES WILL BE EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES
- E-DELIVERY BY THE TRUSTWORTHY CONSTANT CONTACT DELIVERY SYSTEM
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NTX GIVING DAY SEPTEMBER 22

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spot
Mac and
Debbie?
Can we
exceed
our totals
from
2021?
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can
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