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Welcome, Forever Colts, to the 14th Annual Alumni Open House

Forever Friends,

Since 1960, every class at AHS has had at least 500 graduates. A couple of classes even reached the 1,000 mark. When you multiply 500 grads by 50 years, you begin to realize the acre of diamonds the **AHS Alumni Association** wants to mine. The Association hopes to reach 1,000 memberships in 2011—about 4% of our membership base of 25,000!! Although we could stage golf tournaments or races or other typical fundraisers to augment our budget, we would be stepping on the toes of other AHS affiliated groups who **must** use such fundraisers. None of them has the potential to raise thousands of dollars quickly and easily. We do. All it takes is the commitment by all of you to bring one more Colt into the corral this year. If you are already a member, round up a friend or relative who wants to give back to Arlington High while at the same time staying in touch with the school

that meant so much. If you haven't joined yet or if you have let your membership lapse, join today. Use the form on the table and turn in with dues to the membership table as you leave today.

After you leave these hallowed halls today, please, keep spreading the word, making calls, "browbeating" classmates into adding their names to your class roster of members. (See page 4 for the "top" classes!)

Our Facebook page, our website and our contacts with classes having reunions help us reach out to our alumni community. But nothing beats an invitation or a gift from a Forever Colt—except, perhaps, welcoming new members today at Open House!

Thanks for your help.

Colts Forever!

The Alumni Association Board of Directors

How to Help Today

- **Use** the New Member/Renewal forms on your table to join.
- **Use** this form to renew.
- **Use** this form to be an Arlie's Angel and give a gift membership.
- **Check** the membership roster posted by class around the gym.
- **Notice** a missing name of someone you can honor with a gift membership.
- **Include** all their information on the form.
- **Include** your phone number and email address if you do not know all your recipient's information. The membership committee will contact you for it.
- **Leave** the form and the dues at the membership table as you leave.

**IF EVERY MEMBER LASSOS ANOTHER COLT FOR THIS ROUND UP,
WE WOULD DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP AND GREATLY INCREASE OUR SUPPORT
FOR ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

DISTINGUISHED COLT ALUMNI ~ CLASS OF 2011

Mac Martin, Class of 1961 & Peggy Wood Martin, Class of 1966
 Robert Miles, Class of 1957
 Geraldine Nash Mills, Class of 1959
 Barton Thompson, Class of 1951

Distinguished Colt Alumni Honor Roll ~ 1997 - 2010

James Adams, Colt By Choice	Greg Friess, '71	* Gene Schrickel, '44
Alan Austin, '69	Jane Crews Friess, '71	Anne Ross Berg Seldon, '53
Margie Austin, Colt By Choice	Bill Hughes, '48	Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51
Jim Ball, '59	Owen Ivie, '43	Frank Smith, '43
* Bill Bardin, '24	** Neel Kearby, '28	* Phillip Stork, '49
James Bradley, '39	** Charlie Key, '59	Paul Swartz, '59
Cathy Bontley Brown, '63	Barbara Nash Kight, '57	* Tom Vandergriff, '43
Tillie Lester Burgin, '54	Carl Knox, '40	* Anna Waynette Smith Vandergriff, '44
Kent Cherry, '52	* Charles Marshall, '51	Mike Wade, '76
William Conner, '36	Wanda Roberson Marshall, '49	John Webb, Colt By Choice
** Dean Corey, CBC	Gary Martin, '53	Ernest Wilemon, '43
Tom Cravens, '60	Dinah Dalton Menger, '77	Kathryn Taylor Wilemon, '55
Jeff Dalton, '80	** Perry Mills, '59	Jannette Workman, '54
Tom DeFrank, '63	Alvin Moseley, '65	* Mayfield Workman, Colt By Choice
James Ditto, '48	Martha Wiggins Moseley, '66	* since deceased
Michael Ditto, '55	* Natalee Davis Parr, '28	** awarded posthumously CBC - Colt By Choice
Jane Robin Ellis, Colt By Choice	Ben Pierce, '72	
** Robert Fielder	Dorothy Thornton Rencurrel, '49	
Phyllis Hargrave Forehand, '51	Beverly Bohannon Reynolds, '48	

To nominate a former AHS student (Alumni encompasses anyone who attended Arlington High), use the form posted on our website: www.ahscolts-alumni.org or mail in the form appearing in the Winter 2012 newsletter. See the Fall 2011 newsletter for more on this year's Distinguished Colts.



Frank Smith, '43, and
 Kathleen Bradford Smith, '51,
 Distinguished Colts for 2004



2007 honorees: Bill Hughes, '48,
 Dinah Dalton Menger, '77,
 Tom DeFrank, '63, (from left)



2004 Distinguished Colt, Gary Martin,
 '53, with you-know-who!

Spreading the word about the Alumni Association: Share our website - www.ahscolts-alumni.org. Comment on our Facebook page: Arlington High School Alumni Association. Put a link on your class website or Facebook page to let your friends know about us.

The More Things Change The More They Stay The Same.

That's a truth borne out when taking a close look at the demographics of Arlington High School. If you graduated before 1957, this campus wasn't your school. If you graduated before 1965, the Arlington ISD wasn't integrated. If you graduated before 1975, you left before the wave of Vietnamese refugees reached our city. You get the drift.

Students at the other high schools (all opened in 1970 or later) have been quoted as looking down on our AHS campus as old-fashioned, ugly, and poor. After all, its terrazo steps are worn down in the middle. Its campus is hemmed in and hodge-podge. Why, it even has some classrooms with windows—that open!! (See page 4. Those catty students might have a point.)

Truth be told, though, AHS has something else that differentiates it from the other schools. AHS has students who transfer to Arlington High from those newer, fancier schools. On May 23, 2011, AHS had an enrollment of 2,714 students, 700 of which were transfer students from the other high schools. That's 26% of the total enrollment of our school filled with Arlington teens who **WANT** to be **HERE** instead of enrolled in their home schools.

And just why is that? Listen to the comments of our **2011 Alumni Scholars** to answer that question.

"All my peers seemed to find their own 'safe place' in organizations where they made close friendships."

"I walk into the school and am instantly greeted with positive energy."

"I fell in love with AHS the moment I set foot on campus."

"I feel like I actually made a difference at Arlington High."

"AHS is beautiful. Sometimes we go through it too quickly because there's not enough time to enjoy the simplicity of it. But when you've been at the school from six in the morning to one in the morning, you really do see how amazingly beautiful your school is."

All alumni can be proud that Arlington High has stood the test of time and that its students today feel the same way we did about it all those years ago.

Class of 2011 Alumni Scholars



Not pictured Serena Tang

CHRIS AND QIANA—OUR FIRST ALUMNI SCHOLARS

Chris Branigan, '03, (shown at left with his wife **Kelly Penland Branigan, '03**) studied at Southern Nazarene University and now lives in Lees Summit, Missouri. **Qiana Rollins Loring, '03**, graduated from Oklahoma University, married Jonathan, lives in Spring, Texas, and works for Anadarko Petroleum.



Alumni Scholars 2003 - 2010

Ala Ahamad, '08
 Fayha Ahmad, '09
 Alexandra Anderson, '10
 Kristen Batchelor, '06
 Eric Bautovich, '05
 Chance Blue, '09

Chris Branigan, '03
 Robert Broughton, '06
 Sara Cainelli, '09
 Mariela Castro, '10
 Lisa Creamier, '05
 Hannah Crossnoe, '08
 Amber Harris, '05
 Donna Jennings, '05
 Amber Jones, '07
 Brittneé Keller, '08
 Eleanor Khonje, '07
 Brianna Nathaniel, '10
 Ellese Perryman, '09
 Qiana Rollins, '03
 Jason Sauter, '04
 Danielle Schartz, '06
 Summer Schartz, '06
 Asmath Siddiqui, '10
 Julianne Stinson, '10
 Samuel Tang, '08
 Katelyn Taylor, '07
 Gilbert Vasquez, '07
 Matthew Weideman, '09
 Cassandra Ynguanzo, '04



YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S NEXT EVENT

Homecoming, September 9
Alumni Tailgate Party, 6:00

Parking Lot, Cravens Field (Lamar High School)
Let's prove Colt Spirit, Pride, Tradition
thrives everywhere!

Pre-game ceremony honoring
2011 Distinguished Colts



Tailgate 2010



Tailgate 2007

Compare the two marquees. Any wonder why the AHS PTA is raising funds for a new one? Money donated today or sent to the Alumni Association and earmarked for the Marquee Project will be

forwarded to PTA. This gives us one more opportunity to give back to AHS and to its present and future Colts.

Reunions on Tap

This weekend: Classes of 1946, 1951, 1961, 1991
1963 (Annual Ladies Lunch),
1964-1974 (includes **Sam Houston classes**, too).

September 9 & 10: Class of 2001

September 23 & 24: Class of 1971

October 7 & 8: Class of 1972

November 4 & 5: Class of 1981



Second Annual Car Nuts Car Show

On May 15, the second gathering of self-designated Car Nuts, most of whom graduated from AHS, met at JGilligans to ooh and aah over their beautifully restored and impeccably clean classic cars.



Kay King, '62



Jacque Allen Wardlaw, '63,
Sonny Wooten, '62, Steve East, '62

Board of Directors

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Reunions: Doris Collard Whitlock, '59
Newsletter: Cathy Bontley Brown, '63
Facebook: Heather McMillen, '90
Distinguished Colts: Teresa Capps King, '75
Special Events: Jo Colliflower McGovern, '66
Scholarship: Jannette Workman, '54
Archives: Martha Sue Martin Meek, '69
Alumni Band: Tanya Terrell-Weideman, '81
Member-at-large: Mike Enger, '74
Campus Liaison: Kathy Fuller Havins, '76

Standing Committees

G&D: Bowie Hogg, '96
Archives: Leslie Cox Recine, '81
Peggy Wood Martin, '66



As of June 1, 2011, these classes lead the herd in number of members of the Alumni Association. Can your class do better? Help them get in on the stampede to membership. **Join today! Spread the word! Give a membership!**

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| 1. Class of 1963 = 75 members | 4. Class of 1962 = 48 members |
| 2. Class of 2010 = 65 members | 4. Class of 1961 = 48 members |
| 3. Class of 1959 = 52 members | |