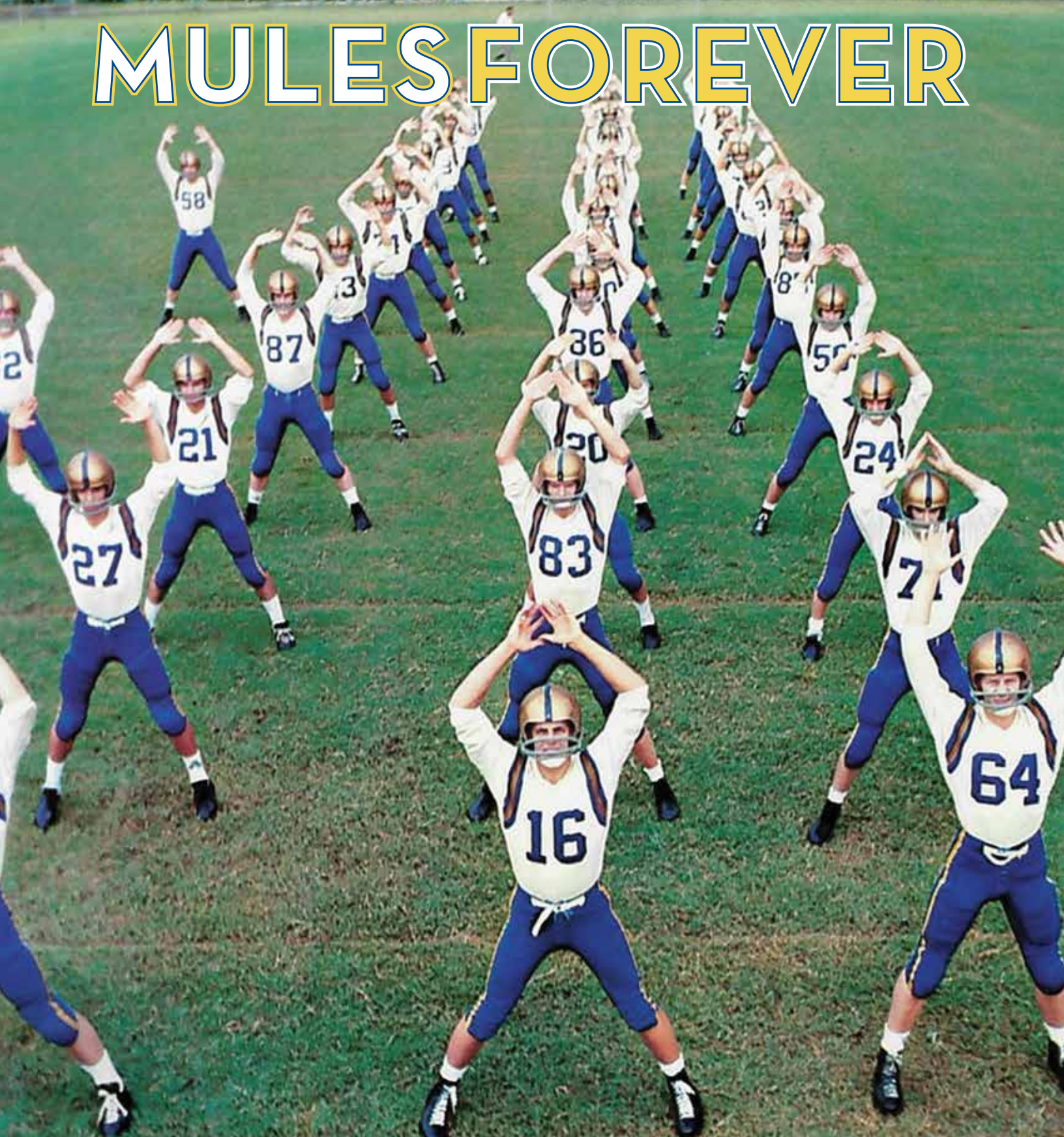


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OUR VISION

Our vision is to ensure that Alamo Heights ISD remains the undeniable first choice for families and educators – a district driven by a powerful, united community. We're building a future where every child has access to extraordinary opportunities, teachers are empowered and competitively compensated, and sustainable funding ensures an exceptional education no matter the obstacles. Together, we're continuing to demonstrate what's possible in public education.

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“*I am deeply grateful for the Alamo Heights School Foundation and its unwavering financial support. Their steadfast efforts safeguard many dedicated staff positions and ultimately protect the programs that make our schools extraordinary.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO AH ALUMS,

It is my honor and privilege to reach out to you. Being proud graduates of AHHS who continue to support our community, public education, and represent our spirit of greatness is unique. Whether you walked our halls decades ago or just a few years past, you remain an essential part of our story, and we are deeply grateful for your continued connection and support of our foundation.

Each of you has helped shape the reputation, strength, and sense of community that define our school district. Your generosity and loyalty remind us every day that a district’s greatness is measured not just by its new buildings or programs, but by the willingness of alumni to continue to support our vision. AH is a special place and one that I am proud to be a part of.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to ensuring that current and future students enjoy the same exceptional opportunities that prepared you for your own success. We encourage everyone in our community, especially our alumni, to stay involved. Giving back by mentoring, attending events, volunteering, or simply visiting to experience the great things we offer at all of our campuses. I am amazed almost every time I go to a learning walk for trustees to get a “behind the curtain” look at what we are teaching and how we are progressing. This is true for any campus.

When I reflect on what Alamo Heights has meant to our family, the word that comes to my mind is pride. I take a lot of pride in witnessing the unwavering support, incredible generosity, encouragement, and, most of all, a family-like feeling wherever I go. Alamo Heights is not just a place of learning, but a family bound by shared memories, values, and purpose.

MULES UP!

Clay Page
Board President



CLASS CHATTER

1950s



TERRY TOPHAM '55 graduated from UT Austin in 1959 and received his J.D. from St. Mary's School of Law in 1965, where he was President of the Phi Delta Phi Legal fraternity. Prior to attending St. Mary's School of Law, Mr. Topham served as a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps from 1959-1962, and served as a Captain in the active reserve during law school. Terry worked at Davidson, Troilo, Ream and Garza, PC, where his clients included the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, the City Public Service Board (electrical utility of City of San Antonio), outlying public entities, and landowners. Terry and his wife, Janis, were married for 52 years until her passing in 2020. Janis raised and showed Arabian horses, and Terry owned and raced Thoroughbreds from 1990-1995 and 2010-present. Living between Boerne and Sisterdale, TX, Terry is enjoying retirement and traveling both in the U.S. and abroad every chance he gets with his wonderful friend, Charlotte Frola.

ROY BARRY '57 competed in the America's Cup and twice helped his team capture the prestigious Coronation Cup in matches against Britain. Over the years, he has also won three U.S. Open Polo Championships, the Deauville Gold Cup and Butler Handicap titles, as well as Twenty-Goal and North American Cup titles. Roy was inducted into the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame on March 3, 1995, and today lives in New Braunfels, TX, with his wife and fellow Mule alum, Elizabeth Heye Barry '58.



Roy is pictured here second from the right with Queen Elizabeth



FRED JOHNSON '58 served as an adjunct math teacher for Alamo Colleges from 2004-2015 and has two patents in Engineering! He's fluent in Spanish, French, and Indonesian, and teaches French with the Academy for Learning in Retirement. Fred and his wife, Janice, still reside in San Antonio today.

2004



CLASS OF 2004 led by Senior Class President George Musselman II, celebrated their 20-Year Reunion in September 2024 at the Quarry Golf Club and the Pigpen Neighborhood Bar.



(Left to right) Jeff and Allison Broadnax Finley, Patrick Bailey, and George Musselman

Check out Allison showing off Patrick's Super Bowl ring! Patrick Bailey won Super Bowl XLIII with the Steelers and also played for the Tennessee Titans.

2022

MADELYN LEONARD '22 will be graduating from Trinity University in May 2026 with her Bachelors of Science in Accounting. Congrats, Madelyn! #MulesUp #TigerPride



Submit **YOUR CLASS CHATTER**

What have you been up to since your time at Heights? Where are you now? Do you have kids? Grandkids? Are there any anniversaries, weddings, or special celebrations you'd like to share? Keep us in the loop!

Scan the QR code or visit ahschoolfoundation.org/alumni/class-chat



GOLDEN MULES REUNION *Brunch*



CELEBRATING THE
CLASS OF
1975
AND EARLIER



ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH,
THE ALAMO HEIGHTS SCHOOL FOUNDATION
PROUDLY HOSTED OUR
First Annual Golden Mules Reunion Brunch
AT ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL!

WE WELCOMED 200 GOLDEN MULES – alumni who graduated in 1975 or earlier – back to their stomping grounds to celebrate the history of Alamo Heights ISD and honor the legacy they've helped build for future generations to come.

Guests heard from Superintendent Dr. Dana Bashara, followed by a very special guest, Paul Foerster, who taught in AHISD for 50 years and was honored in 2020 with the first Lifetime Educator

Award in the AHSF Hall of Fame. We were treated to a beautiful cello performance by rising 8th grader, Jasper Saussy, who moved the audience with the dedication of his performance to the families and victims of the Hill Country floods.

Foundation Board President Elizabeth Greehey Marceau '03 shared closing remarks about the importance of funding our schools and supporting our children and teachers, wrapping up a truly memorable event.

TOUR



AHHS PRINCIPAL CORY SMITH led alumni and guests on a tour of the newest buildings – Fine Arts, STEM, The Oaks Cafeteria, the Mule Stall Coffee & Smoothie Bar, the Culinary Kitchen, state-of-the-art athletic facilities at our renovated MuleDome, and the temporary modular classrooms that students are learning in while construction takes place. They also received a brief bond update and were able to preview renderings of the new High School main building.

Be sure to join us at the Golden Mules Reunion Brunch next fall for the unveiling of the new building, set to open just in time for the 2026-27 school year! Invitations will be sent electronically and by mail.

A Look Back On FALL 2025 REUNIONS



1975 | 50-YEAR REUNION



50
YEAR
REUNION



1970 | 55-YEAR REUNION



1985 | 40-YEAR REUNION



1995 | 30-YEAR REUNION



2005 | 20-YEAR REUNION

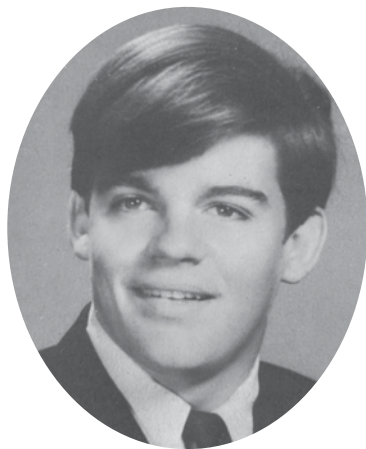


2015 | 10-YEAR REUNION



ARE YOU PLANNING A REUNION IN 2026?

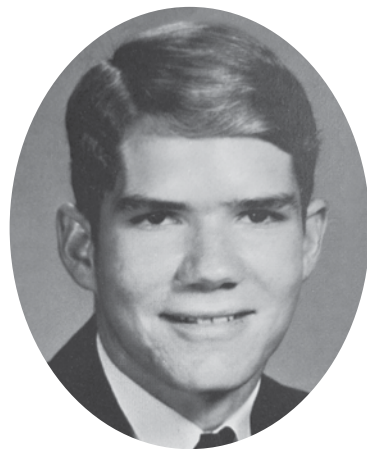
Contact Jessica Almaraz at jalmaraz@ahisd.net to learn how the Alamo Heights School Foundation can support your efforts!



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1967

HOWARD PEAK IV (POSTHUMOUSLY)

As a teenager in Alamo Heights, Howard began his lifelong commitment to improving San Antonio as a Junior Associate with the San Antonio Conservation Society. He earned degrees from UT Austin '74 and UTSA '75 before serving in the U.S. Army, working as a City Planner, helping develop Sonterra, and teaching at Trinity University. Elected to City Council in 1993 and Mayor in 1997, he led key initiatives like the River Improvements Project, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program, and the city's first comprehensive water plan. His legacy includes the Howard W. Peak Greenway System, named in his honor in 2012. After serving as Executive Director of External Affairs for AT&T, he remained active in civic life, volunteering, teaching horseback riding, and leading neighborhood efforts. Diagnosed with frontal temporal lobe dementia in 2012, Howard passed away on November 30, 2024. His wife, Margie Bratten Peak '68, will accept his award on his behalf.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1968

STEVE WATERS

Steve graduated with honors from the UT School of Law and built a 36-year career at Haynes and Boone as an attorney and partner in the Real Estate Department. Steve was recruited as General Counsel of USAA Real Estate (now Affinius Capital) in 2011, recognized as San Antonio Real Estate Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America that same year, and guided the firm through its 2020 ownership transition. A member and past president of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, he has received numerous honors, including the Phillip M. Barshop Award and the Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. A dedicated community leader, he chaired the Alamo Heights School Foundation from 1999-2001 and returned in 2021 to strengthen alumni and donor engagement. He led the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, and the Alamo Heights Residential Design Standards Committee, and serves on the Valero Alamo Bowl board. Steve and his wife, Jenger, have two children, David '99 and Jill '01.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1985

DEBBI CHESNEY

Debbi Chesney has devoted her life to serving the Alamo Heights community through ministry and compassionate outreach. A lifelong resident, she spent 15 years as Director of Special Operations at Alamo Heights Methodist Church and since 2017 has served as Community Chaplain based at St. Andrew's Methodist and for the Alamo Heights ER Clinic, offering comfort through baptisms, funerals, hospital and hospice visits, public prayers, and Bible studies. During her time at Alamo Heights High School, she was a class officer, Student Council and PTSO leader, Honor Roll student, and the school's beloved Caledonia mascot, earning recognition as Outstanding Mascot along with nominations for Most Representative, Most Popular, and Homecoming Queen. For a decade, she guided AHISD athletes as a Leadership Under God prayer leader for all district sports teams. Debbi continues to fulfill her calling "to be the hands and feet of God," ministering to people in times of struggle, pain, and joy.



LIFETIME EDUCATOR

COACH DANNY POARCH

Coach Danny Poarch devoted 36 years to Alamo Heights ISD and remains a beloved figure in the community he still calls home. A cornerstone of the Woodridge Elementary PE program, he launched "Friendship Day," revived and coached the high school girls' basketball team, and became the voice of the MuleDome and Muleyard, while filming countless games and coaching multiple sports. Known for his humor and energy, especially his famous "fat man flying" high-jump lesson, he led several teams to the playoffs and always took on extra duties "because it was the right thing to do." In retirement, Danny continues to announce games, mentor athletes at the Factory of Champions, and support Alamo Heights teams, while serving his church through clothing drives for families along the U.S. – Mexico border. He lives in San Antonio and is the proud father of Matt Poarch '07, a fellow former coach and colleague.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CLASS OF 1969

ANNE MORTIMER BALLANTYNE

Anne Mortimer Ballantyne attended Alamo Heights schools from 1st grade through graduation in 1969. As a student, she was a class officer, member of Chaps, Spurs, and the Service Club, and was voted Most Representative Freshman and nominated for Most Representative Senior. Anne and her husband, Stephen, are proud parents of three AHISD graduates – Patrick '96, Katy '98, and Brian '03 – and she was a constant presence in their schools as a PTO leader, homeroom parent, and volunteer. Her service extended well beyond her children's school years, including nine years on the AHISD School Board and six years on the Alamo Heights School Foundation Board, where she served as president in 2023-2024. Anne also devoted 12 years to the Terrell Hills City Council, six as mayor, and led major community events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and the Battle of Flowers Parade, later joining the San Antonio Fiesta Commission. Her lifelong dedication to education, civic leadership, and community tradition continues to enrich Alamo Heights and San Antonio.

REUNITE at Heights

Help us induct our 2026 Hall of Fame Honorees at Reunite at Heights on Sunday, March 29, 2026.



WANT TO SEE SOMEONE IN THE HALL OF FAME?

Visit our website to nominate an outstanding alumni, teacher, or community member!



OUR DALLAS MULE MEETUP ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025, WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS,

bringing together over 80 alumni for an evening of connection, conversation, and Mule pride. The energy in the room made it clear how strong and vibrant our Dallas-area community is. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the night memorable. A special thank you to Julie and Dayton '87 Conklin for hosting us. We can't wait to bring Mule Meetups to more cities, and we look forward to seeing our Dallas Mules again at the next one!

UPCOMING Meetups

SAN ANTONIO:

Thursday, January 8, 2026
@ Tycoon Flats – Austin Hwy
(Scan the QR code to RSVP!)

HOUSTON AND AUSTIN:

Spring 2026 (Dates TBA)

If you would like to serve on the host committee for our Houston or Austin Mule Meetup, contact **Jessica Almaraz, Director of Donor and Alumni Relations**, at jalmaraz@ahisd.net.



Ellen Castro '70 and Jackie Harshaney Jones '68



Bill Eldridge '54 and Lucy Calvert Higginbotham '84



Graham Irvine '92, Jenny Lang Coleman '94 and Charlotte Washmon Savage '94



Chico West '87, Julie Eastin Brock '52 and Robert Wright '87



Lucy Calvert Higginbotham '84, David Rubin '74, Jane Hays Fitch '68 and Jackie Harshaney Jones '68



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Margy Stewart '16 and Stacy DeWall Burke '87



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Dayton Conklin '87 and twin sister Louise Conklin Gunter '87



Margy Stewart '16, Lizzie Green '21, Megan Spalten Banks '14, Karey Tylman '14, Caroline Green '15 and Grant Sechler '15



Greg Moore '59 and Connie Moore

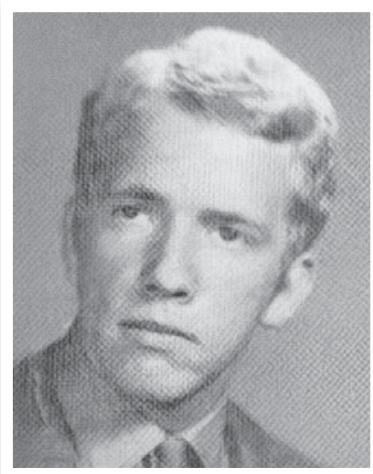


Tyler Burke, Stacy DeWall Burke '87, Julie Conklin and Margy Stewart '16



Megan Spalten Banks '14, Taylor MacNaughton Shaeffer '14, Karey Tylman '14 and Christa Bunce Larkin '14





FLYING HIGH WITH FAT ALBERT: A RIDE TO REMEMBER

FOR ERIC RENTH '71, aviation has always been more than a hobby, it's been an adventure.

In October 2011, when the Navy's Blue Angels visited San Antonio, Eric was offered the chance of a lifetime: a ride on the team's Marine Corps C-130 transport aircraft, Fat Albert. "HECK, YEAH!" was his immediate response. As an aviation writer and photographer, he knew this was no ordinary flight.

"The best way to describe it was a roller coaster on steroids," he recalls. "On takeoff we went up at about a 75-degree angle and landed the same way, known as an assault landing. They handed out barf bags, but I didn't need mine!" The Fat Albert he flew in has since been retired and now rests at NAS Fort Worth, a reminder of a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Eric's passion for flight stretches back even further. While stationed at Chanute AFB in Illinois

in 1977, he flew in the backseat of an F-4 Phantom, then one of the hottest jets in the U.S. arsenal. "I shot four rolls of film, but the photo shop lost three of them," he laughs. "I only got pictures of us after landing." That same year brought him something far more important – meeting Phyllis, the woman who would become his wife.

Eric and Phyllis were married for 43 years, until cancer took her in 2022. "She was a classy lady," he says. "I was just an ordinary guy blessed with an outstanding wife and great friends."

Today, Eric lives in Bulverde/Spring Branch on a quiet half-acre, where he keeps life simple. He remains active in the community as a guest teacher in Comal and Wimberley schools, and he treasures staying connected with friends and fellow AHHS alumni. Though he didn't start at AHHS until his junior year, he's proud to be part of the Mule family.



A JOURNEY HOME: FROM ALAMO HEIGHTS STUDENT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

By Natalie Malitz Brown '02

Director of Special Education & Pupil Services, and Proud Mule Parent



Where it All Began

My journey in Alamo Heights began at the age of five, walking through the cheerful doors of Howard Early Childhood Center. I still vividly remember the warmth, creativity, and care that filled those classrooms. Among the many teachers who left their mark, one in particular stands out – even though she wasn't my teacher. Linda Duffy, the special education teacher at the time, was a trailblazer in inclusive education. My class was paired with hers, and I was assigned a "buddy," a girl small in stature but full of spirit.

We learned together, played together, and grew together. She taught me that every child – regardless of ability – can learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to a community. That early friendship planted the seed of what would become my lifelong calling.

The Making of a Mule

At Cambridge Elementary, I learned the value of hard work and friendship, guided by teachers who believed in me. As I moved into Alamo Heights Junior

School and later the High School, I had the privilege of joining the Peer Tutor program – reconnecting with students with disabilities and helping them navigate their secondary years.

Only later did I realize how unique our district truly was; Alamo Heights was ahead of its time in ensuring that students with disabilities were integrated into general education classrooms. That kind of inclusion wasn't common elsewhere. It was just the "Alamo Heights way" – and it shaped me profoundly.

That experience led me to Baylor University, where I earned my degree in Education with an emphasis in Special Education. By then, I knew without question that supporting students with disabilities wasn't just something I enjoyed – it was my purpose.

FULL CIRCLE: Teaching Where it All Began

After college, life brought me right back home.

My first teaching role was at Cambridge Elementary, the same halls that helped raise me. I taught in the SST classroom, serving students with the most

significant needs. Those early years were some of the most fulfilling of my career – partnering with families, celebrating even the smallest victories, and watching growth unfold in ways that defied limitation.

Over time, my path led me into leadership – first as a Special Education Coordinator, then as an Elementary Academic Dean, and now as the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services for Alamo Heights ISD. Every role has deepened my understanding of what it means to lead with empathy, inclusion, and the heart of a teacher.

A Family Legacy of Inclusion

Special education isn't just my profession – it's part of my family story. My husband, Tim, and I actually met because of two incredible students from my SST class at Cambridge! While Tim was in graduate school, he provided attendant care for the twins in my class. Thanks to a bit of matchmaking from their mom and my co-teacher, a class field trip to the San Antonio Stock Show turned into our first date.

Today, Tim serves alongside me in Alamo Heights ISD as the ACE teacher at the high school, helping students build behavioral and social skills. Our children,

Emery (8th grade) and Travis (1st grade), now walk the same halls their parents once did. They are growing up in classrooms where inclusion is not an initiative – it's a way of life.

The Heart of Alamo Heights

Every day, I'm reminded of what makes this district so special – the unwavering belief that every student belongs. Whether I'm collaborating with teachers, supporting families, or greeting former students whose postsecondary class is just down the hall from my office, I feel immense gratitude.

The Alamo Heights alma mater says, "Blue and gold for loyalty and faithfulness." Those words encapsulate my heart for this district. Alamo Heights shaped me – as a student, an educator, a leader, and a parent. My hope is that through my work, I can continue to pay forward the love, belief, and opportunity that so many teachers once gave to me.

My roots in this community run deep. This is home – a place that continues to inspire me, challenge me, and remind me daily that inclusion is not just a philosophy, but a promise. And that's a promise worth keeping for generations to come.

TEACHER FEATURE:



REMARKS FROM *Mr. Foerster*

FROM THE GOLDEN MULES REUNION BRUNCH

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

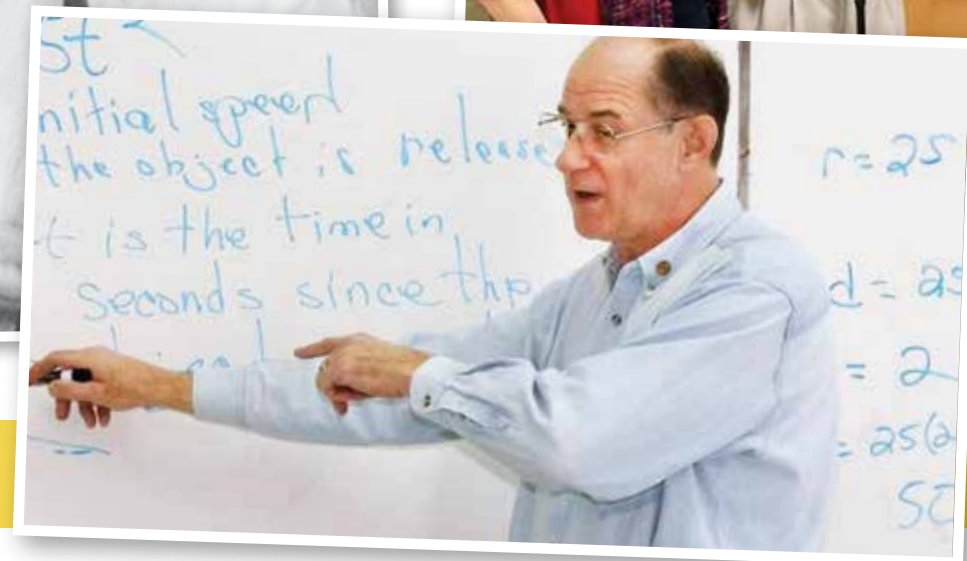
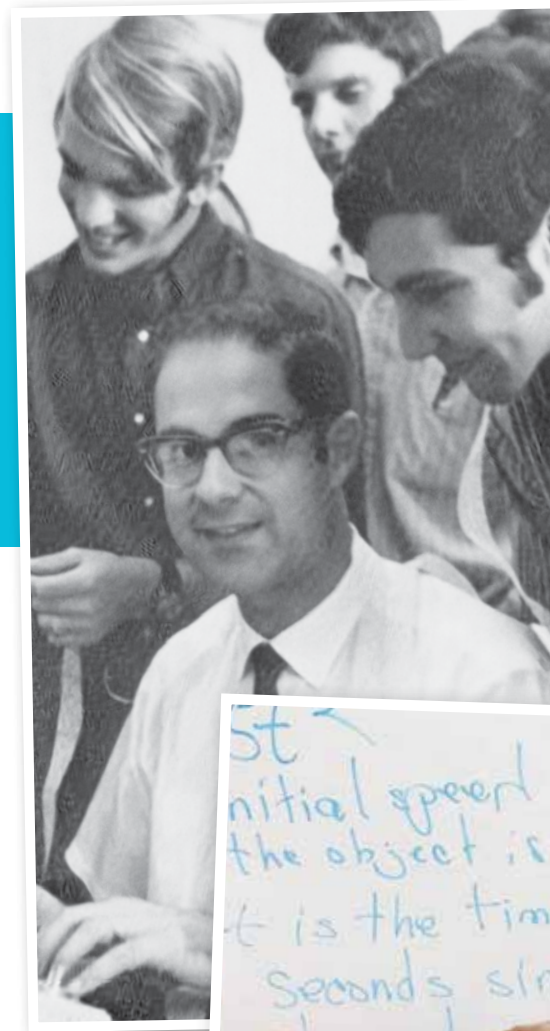
as I used to say to you, bright and early each day. Welcome to you who graduated from AHHS 50+ years ago (and others!). I might have attended Heights when my family moved back from England in 1950 to my mother's hometown of San Antonio, but we resided, instead, 32 miles away in Sutherland Springs, population 300 where my grandparents had property, and graduated from Floresville High School a 16-mile school bus ride away, in 1951.

In 1961, after four years in the Navy, I had decided to go into teaching, preferably chemistry, as my degree had been in chemical engineering. Superintendent Ed Robbins hired me to teach mathematics at Alamo Heights High School, my first choice of school! I till a chemistry teaching

position opened up. When that position did become available, I was so deeply involved that I stuck with math.

It was my privilege to have taught many of you and some of your children and grandchildren! In the ensuing 50 years a few of you in the three years I taught summer school chemistry classes!

During that time, y'all benefitted from the high quality of education at Heights. Enlightened administrators hired superb teachers, and enabled the teachers to use their knowledge and individual talents, rather than specifying which techniques to use, or which page of the prescribed textbook for students to "be on," by which date. As a result, you, the students developed your own skills and concepts. Without this freedom to try new ideas, there would never have been the five Foerster math textbooks.



You may recall such things as your classmates who bragged that they "aced" Advanced Placement History Exams because they could recall "hearing the words roll from history teacher Vernon Adams' mouth." English teacher Mary Lee Durham could "make boys enjoy poetry." Charles Mickey's chemistry students regularly placed first in Bexar County competitions. Wanita Bowman could get all students to perform well in her biology classes. And Max Kahn's golf teams won state tournaments.

Although my aim had been to "challenge academically-talented students," Math Department Chairman Susan Thomas had the foresight to assign each of us at least one lower-level course. I found that I could relate to these students, having been second-slowest in arithmetic in grade school. Eva, the loudest of the boisterous students in my freshman Fundamentals of Mathematics course, "made my day"

at the end of the course by saying, "Mr. Foerster, you were nice to us!"

Those of you who graduated in the early 1960s may remember Peggy Stolte, Class of 1963, who was in the band and was also my calculus student. Those of you in the late 1960s might have had her (as Mrs. McCaskill) for your sophomore English teacher, before she left teaching to raise a family. She and I re-met at her 30-year AHHS reunion, exchanging sympathy on each having lost our first spouse to cancer. We married the following year, and, this spring, celebrated our 31st anniversary.

My thanks to all members of the Alamo Heights community who continue to support our excellent school system in these difficult times.

Keep up the good work!



WELCOME BACK MULES!



NEW AHISD ADMINISTRATORS



Say "howdy" to our two NEW AHISD ADMINISTRATORS!



DR. ARIANA HERNANDEZ
Principal at Howard

HOWARD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER is excited to welcome Dr. Hernandez as its new principal. For the past three years, she has led Gonzales Primary Academy in Gonzales ISD, recently recognized as a statewide finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for Early Childhood. Over her 15-year career, Dr. Hernandez has served as a bilingual and dual language teacher, interventionist, instructional coach, and assistant principal.

"Dr. Hernandez leads with heart and passion, and her early childhood expertise will benefit our Howard students and staff for years to come," said Superintendent Dr. Dana Bashara.

A graduate of Baylor University, Dr. Hernandez earned her master's and doctorate in Educational Leadership from Tarleton State University. She and her husband, a school leader at Natalia ISD, have two children, Carolina and Noah.

"I am beyond thrilled to step into the principal role at Howard," Dr. Hernandez shared. "Early childhood is such a powerful time to ignite curiosity, build confidence, and inspire a lifelong love of learning."

Dr. Hernandez assumed her new role in Summer 2025, following Principal Yvonne Muñoz's appointment as principal of Cambridge.



CHIEF EDDIE A. RAY, JR.
District Safety Coordinator

IN AUGUST 2025, Alamo Heights ISD welcomed Chief Eddie A. Ray, Jr. as the district's new Safety Coordinator. In this role, Chief Ray oversees all aspects of school safety and emergency preparedness, ensuring compliance with state requirements, coordinating training and drills, and partnering with law enforcement and community agencies to maintain secure learning environments.

"Chief Ray brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the safety and security arena," said Frank Stanage, Assistant Superintendent for Operations. "We look forward to his leadership of our district safety program."

Chief Ray joins AHISD following 24 years of active duty service in the United States Air Force, where he held leadership positions at the squadron, group, and major command levels. His assignments included locations in South Korea, Germany, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, and Delaware, with multiple deployments in support of Operations INCA GOLD, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN.

He concluded his distinguished military career as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 502d Security Forces Group at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, overseeing more than 840 military and civilian personnel responsible for base defense and integrated security across 11 sites in the greater San Antonio area.



BOND 2023
ALAMO HEIGHTS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Update

THE ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT CONTINUES ON BUDGET AND ON TIME FOR AN AUGUST 2026 OPENING.



Framing of classrooms, hallways, and offices is underway on all three floors of the new building. Sheetrock is being installed, and some areas have the first coat of paint. Brick has been installed on the North Wing and half of the front of the Main Wing. Windows are being installed after the brickwork. Roofing is ongoing and will be completed in early 2026.

The visitors' side of the stadium was completed and welcomed visitors for the first football of the fall. In addition to visitor seating, locker rooms, and concessions, there is a new athletic building complete with a large meeting space and golf simulators.



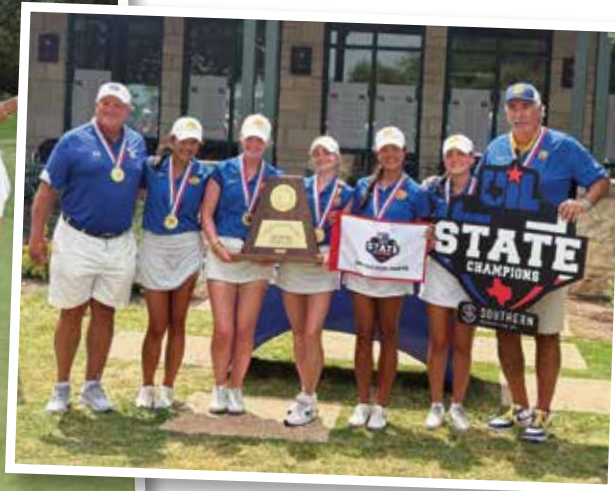
Tennis court resurfacing is underway at the Robbins Athletic Complex, and work also continues on the softball field and locker room/meeting room space.

For more information, check out the bond update page at www.ahisd.net/about_a_h_i_s_d/bond_2023_updates

GIRLS GOLF TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



In May 2025, the **Alamo Heights High School Girls Golf team** won the state championship title for the fourth time in five years, and for the third consecutive year.



“**Last year’s team** has built on what the 2021 team started and the 2023 and 2024 teams have continued to build on. The 2025 team has taken their journey to a whole different level. They never lost a tournament the entire year, they won the state championship tournament by 20 strokes and set a 5A scoring record in the process. Abbey Anderson, Lindsay Lee, Jordan Sandoval, Syler Schones, and Michelle Lee finished the year ranked #1 in the State of Texas across ALL classifications. And then they capped that off with a 2nd place finish at the National High School Invitational with a 2nd place finish at three different courses at Pinehurst!”

– *Coach Brent McCuiston*

MICHELLE LEE '28, FUTURE ALUMNA



AFTER OUR GIRLS GOLF TEAM won second place in the nation at the PGA National High School Golf Invitational in Pinehurst this summer, our very own Michelle Lee won first place individually after a one-hole playoff. This victory earned Lee an exemption spot in this year’s Junior PGA Championships and the 2026 North and South Junior Amateur.



“My freshman year was very memorable, it was the only year I got to play alongside my older sister Lindsay in high school, and it was such a meaningful and fun year for the both of us. Going to Pinehurst was an unforgettable experience and I loved spending time with my teammates. Although we were all so sad to see our seniors leave, I’m excited to see our team grow! I can’t wait for what’s in store for this year!”

– *Michelle Lee*

Current AHHS Sophomore, Class of 2028

From Coach McCuiston

ABOUT MICHELLE LEE:

“Lindsay Lee ‘25, Michelle’s older sister, got the “Lee Thing” started and set a really high bar for Michelle. Michelle had four wins individually as a freshman, earned All-State honors, and finished 1st at the National Tournament in Pinehurst, winning a one-hole playoff. I would say that Michelle jumped WAY over that bar. **Michelle’s dedication to greatness and work ethic are like nothing I’ve seen in 40+ years of coaching.**”

A LEGACY OF JOURNALISM: ALUMNI LAUNCH MARY NORMAN FUND



Photographed: Kristin Cade, AHHS Journalism Teacher, with her upper-level Olmos & Hoofprint students and Marie Kisner.



MARIE KISNER '69 & MARY NORMAN

Mary Norman taught journalism at Alamo Heights High School from 1967 to 1990 and sponsored the school newspaper, the Hoof Print, and the yearbook, the Olmos.

MARY NORMAN taught journalism at Alamo Heights High School from 1967 to 1990 and sponsored the school newspaper, *The Hoof Print*, and the yearbook, *the Olmos*. She was recognized by Columbia University in 1981 as one of the Outstanding Journalism Teachers in America. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Norman served as Public Information Officer for the entire Alamo Heights ISD.

She was also a talented artist, exhibiting her work at the Witte Museum, San Antonio Art Institute, Hertzberg Collector's Gallery, and a number of solo shows. Mrs. Norman passed away in 2009 and is fondly remembered by the students whose lives she touched and whose professional careers she inspired. For many, she was a mentor, a guiding light, almost a second mother! Everyone should have a Mary Norman in their lives.

The new Mary Norman Journalism Fund will continue her legacy as long as teachers demonstrate and advocate for the best journalistic practices, and students learn and understand the essential role of a free press in a free society.

Now fully funded at \$100,000, this endowment will provide an annual donation in perpetuity to benefit the AHHS journalism program. The larger the fund grows, the more all students will benefit!

To contribute to this Fund, you can customize your gift designation when making a donation online, or you can mail a check to the Alamo Heights School Foundation with "Mary Norman Journalism Fund" written in the memo.

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To confidentially discuss leaving a legacy gift:

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FOUNDED IN 1909 in a small two-room schoolhouse on Townsend Avenue, Alamo Heights ISD has grown from humble beginnings while maintaining its deep commitment to educational excellence.

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