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ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL



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### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Alamo Heights School Foundation is to unite our community to invest in our schools, address insufficient state funding, and empower our teachers and staff to help every student achieve their full potential.

### 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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**The Alamo Heights School Foundation** is committed to building a future where every child in Alamo Heights has access to extraordinary opportunities and every teacher feels supported. This year, we were proud to give a record-breaking \$2 million in private support – a testament to what our united community can achieve – and our goal is to provide a sustainable \$4 million annually by 2030. As proud graduates, your involvement is more important than ever in helping us ensure Alamo Heights ISD remains the undeniable first choice for families and teachers. Join us as we continue to uphold the tradition of excellence that defines our schools and our community.

*Heather McFarland*  
Executive Director

**In Alamo Heights ISD**, we believe in showing up for one another, just like family. As proud alumni, your support and engagement are part of a powerful legacy that continues to shape who we are. Our tradition of excellence has always been built on unity, generosity, and heart. Together, we can rise to meet this moment and protect the future our children deserve.

*Dr. Dana Bashara*  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**THANK YOU FOR REMAINING CONNECTED TO ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD.** In my effort to explain why this place is special, it helps to know that I have an irrational love for the game of football. But it's not just for the game itself; I love football because it's about sacrifice, courage, and brotherhood. It's about putting your personal safety in the hands of your brother and risking yourself so that your brother can succeed, knowing that both of your successes lift the entire team, a family. Maybe we don't admit this because the sport glorifies toughness and because love supposedly is soft, but there is no doubt that love for each other drives the greatest teams. And those of us watching want so desperately to feel that same love, to be included in that same family. There is an innate attraction to the combination of these elemental forces – risk, courage, love, and family – that captivates our souls. That's why I love football. **It's family.**

And this place – Alamo Heights – **it's family.** We're not parents and teachers and students and administrators. We are a family, slugging it out for each other, sometimes imperfectly but always with heart. And as a trustee, I'm reminded of this every time I see our students, teachers, and community in action. This support, this sense of family, fosters a stable environment in which our students can reach new heights, like recently producing a record number of National Merit Scholars and attaining the College Board's AP Gold Honor Roll for success on the AP exams. This spirit of family endures in our community and is the cornerstone on which our school district was built; it's the reason so many families make large sacrifices just to live here.

I encourage you, especially in this ultra-politicized era, to come and visit and see how our beloved public schools continue to serve our community well. See our students launch rockets, build businesses, and win state championships – and find ways to partner with us and remain a part of this Alamo Heights story. Because, when Alamo Heights rallies together out of this spirit of family, when we sacrifice for each other (we is the key!), there is no stopping us.

*David Hornberger '97*  
Board President





## 1960s



**SUSAN EWING WOLFE '63 AND BUDDY L. WOLFE '61** will be celebrating their 59th anniversary in August 2025! Congratulations! Pictured above are Susan and Buddy's children, Robert and Michelle, with their families.



**COLONEL MICHAEL A. KENNY '64** had a distinguished military career as a command pilot with over 4,700 flight hours and 118 combat sorties, including missions over North Vietnam. He was the first B-1B instructor pilot for Strategic Air Command and commanded the first B-1B squadron at McConnell AFB. Known by his call sign "Airshow," he performed airshows worldwide and testified before Congress on B-1 aircraft safety. After retiring in 1996, he served as a high school aerospace instructor, youth counselor, and deacon. His honors include the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

## CLASS CHATTER



**LONNIE BURLESON '68** has volunteered at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for nearly 30 years and now serves as a Lifetime Committeeman and Lifetime Member. He's one of 35,000 volunteers helping raise \$28 million this year for education and scholarships.

**CAROLYN CLARK PATTERSON '69** celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in May! Congratulations, Carolyn and Scott!



**NEIL RUTTENBERG '69** has had a dynamic career spanning film, music, and education – fronting the Austin punk band F-Systems, serving as KUT-FM radio personality "The Reverend Neil X," and writing the Student Academy Award-nominated short Mask of Sarnath. He went on to sell screenplays to major studios, collaborate with Marvel's Stan Lee, teach AP Environmental Science, and publish four novels, including *Six Gun Mojo* and *Glow Girls*.



## 1970s

It was a special evening on April 3, 2025, for the **CLASS OF 1973 GIRLS HAPPY HOUR** at La Fogata on Austin Hwy, where they celebrated their 70th birthdays! Pictured: Standing L2R: Jamie Killian Bloodsworth, Nancy Carnes Ives, Nancy Cree Henderson, Sally Hite Flanagan, Janet Pogue Hans, Jannie Samuels. Sitting L2R: Nancy Nicholson Smith, Maureen Hillman, Stephanie Brooner Smith.

**LOUIS R. COOPER '77** served the City of Alamo Heights for over 20 years, first as a City Council Member (2001-2005) and then as Mayor (2005-2017). In March 2018, Louis was appointed to the VIA Board of Trustees by the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities. He is the past chair to the Affairs Committee and currently serves as the Assistant Secretary to the Board.



**WENDY STIEREN GOETTING '78** married fellow Alamo Heights Mule F. Thornton Goetting '77 on December 18, 2021. Congratulations, Wendy and Thornton!

## CLASS CHATTER

## 1990s



**JULI RICHARDSON ROMERO '93** is happily working as a Special Education Paraprofessional at "The Happiest Place on Earth" – Howard Early Childhood Center! "Spending my days with teachers and my ECSE kids brings so much fun and joy," Juli shares. Juli has a daughter who graduated from AH in 2020, and May 2025 was filled with excitement and graduations for her family with her twin sons graduating from AHHS (welcome to the AH Alumni family, guys!), and her 5th grader graduating from Woodridge Elementary. "I am thrilled to continue working at Howard while watching my 5th grader continue her next adventure in middle school!"





## CLASS CHATTER



**PAUL ROHLFS, JR. '98** represented the Texas Cavaliers as King Antonio CII for Fiesta 2025, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. In fact, his grandfather, Porter Loring, Jr., served as King Antonio LIII in 1975, marking a significant milestone this year with a 50-year legacy!

Pictured L2R: Will Ziegler '98, Night Aide to King Antonio CII, & Valerie Ziegler, Mrs. Night Aide; Gardner Peavy, Commander, & Jill Peavy, Mrs. Commander; Paul Rohlf, Jr. '98, King Antonio CII, and Helen Hunt Rohlf '00, Mrs. King Antonio; Ty West '94, Day Aide to King Antonio CII, & Jamie West, Mrs. Day Aide; and Eric Reblin, Executive Aide to King Antonio CII, & Elizabeth Hebdon Reblin '00, Mrs. Executive Aide.

## 2000s

**AUDREY BENITEZ PRZYBYLSKI '00** is a Cardiac Surgical RN at Oregon Health & Science University!

**FANNIE LEWIS THOMAS '04** moved to New York after college and worked for a high end jeweler, where she fell in love with the trade. When she moved back home to San Antonio, she started her own jewelry company, Fannie Thomas Fine Jewelry. Since then, she has won several prestigious industry awards and just recently opened her showroom office on Broadway.



## CLASS CHATTER



**GILLIAN GRAHAM SMITH '07** returned to San Antonio in 2020 to join Northeast OB/GYN Associates. Gillian and her husband, Brian, have two-year-old twin boys, Gordon and Graham, and are expecting a baby girl in August! "I am so grateful to have grown up in this community and to now get to practice here and raise my family right down the street from where I grew up." Welcome back home, Gillian!



**KATE EMERY PETTERSON '08** and husband Johan brought their 4th bundle of joy into the world Thanksgiving 2024! Living on a homestead with 35 chickens, 4 rabbits, and lots of newly planted fruits and vegetables, Kate shares, "I never imagined I would be a homeschool mom, living on acreage with so many chickens!" She also shares the importance of fostering older relationships: "I'm glad I've been able to keep up with a few fellow high school friends throughout the years."

**KATE CAVENDER DAWSON '08** joined the Alamo Heights School Foundation Board of Directors in 2020 and has since welcomed two beautiful mini-Mules into the world! Pictured here are Kate, her husband, Taylor, Liza (1), and Jamie (3).



**MADELEINE WEST '17 AND NATHAN GONZALES '16** were married at The Omni Barton Creek in Austin, TX on March 22, 2025. "We are glad to be back in San Antonio where Nathan is a financial advisor at Captrust, and I own and run Mad Cake and Company. I am excited for this newsletter to learn about the different paths everyone chose after school!"

## 2010s

**FLETCHER DOBROSKI SCOW '12** and his wife Emily have recently welcomed their son, Henry Edward Scow, into the world!



## 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-chatter](https://ahschoolfoundation.org/alumni/class-chatter)







## Introducing THE GOLDEN MULES REUNION

Save the date for this brand new event  
celebrating alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025**

OPEN HOUSE BEGINS at 9:00 a.m.

BRUNCH BEGINS at 10:00 a.m.

EVENT ENDS at 12:00 p.m.

Save the date for the inaugural Golden Mules Reunion Brunch,  
a special annual event honoring alumni who graduated 50 or  
more years ago. This is a chance to reconnect with old friends and  
celebrate the lasting spirit of our Alamo Heights community!

Start your day with a campus tour to see how our school has grown,  
followed by a delicious brunch in The Oaks Cafeteria.  
Enjoy lively student performances, inspiring remarks from  
District and Foundation leaders, and plenty of time to reminisce  
and make new memories. It's a day you won't want to miss!

**TICKETS - \$40**

Cut along the dotted line  
and mail in this portion to  
RSVP or scan QR Code!



I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$40 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. My check is enclosed.\*

I would like my name tag to read [Ex: Mary Smith Jackson '63]:

Email Address and Cell Phone where you would like to receive event information:

\*Make check payable to Alamo Heights School Foundation at 7101 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

## Upcoming CLASS REUNIONS\*

CLASS OF  
**1970**

55-YEAR REUNION

OCT. 17 - 18, 2025

CLASS OF  
**1975**

50-YEAR REUNION

OCT. 3 - 4, 2025

CLASS OF  
**1985**

40-YEAR REUNION

OCT. 16 - 18, 2025

CLASS OF  
**1995**

30-YEAR REUNION

OCT. 17 - 18, 2025

CLASS OF  
**2015**

10-YEAR REUNION

OCT. 31 - NOV. 1, 2025



Scan for details

## DON'T SEE YOUR CLASS LISTED HERE?

Contact Jessica Almaraz at [jalmaraz@ahisd.net](mailto:jalmaraz@ahisd.net) to learn how the AHSF can support your reunion efforts!



## DON'T MISS OUT ON REUNION UPDATES & IMPORTANT CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Make sure your class lists are accurate and up-to-date.

Scan the QR code or visit [ahschoolfoundation.org/alumni](https://ahschoolfoundation.org/alumni)  
to submit an Alumni Contact Form today.



**ONCE A MULE, ALWAYS A MULE!**

\* as of release of this issue



# 2025 HALL OF FAME



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1950

**MARGARET JOHNSON CANBY**, a 1950 AHHS graduate, became a teacher and girls' tennis coach before traveling the world with her husband, Army physician Dr. John Canby. She led military family support networks, learning German and Hindi to connect across cultures. Returning to San Antonio, she championed local tennis, expanding access for all ages and abilities. As San Antonio Tennis Association Leagues coordinator for over a decade, she doubled league participation and helped bring tennis to schools, senior centers, veterans, and children with disabilities. A decorated competitor and six-time U.S. World Cup team member (four as captain), she won the 85 Women's World Cup in 2019 and has held multiple top international rankings. Her achievements have earned her induction into the Texas A&M Kingsville, Texas Senior Games, and Texas Sports Halls of Fame.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1967

**BOB WORTH**, a lifelong Alamo Heights resident and 1967 AHHS graduate, earned his degree from The University of Austin before launching a successful career in finance and real estate. In 1986, he founded Worth & Associates, which has developed over 3.3 million square feet of office space in San Antonio. Now Chairman of the Board, he passed leadership to his AHHS-alum children, Jordan Worth Arriaga '94 and Robert Clint Worth II '99, and his family's legacy in the district continues with two grandchildren currently attending AH schools and a grandson who has joined the newest ranks of AH alumni with the Class of 2025! Recognized with numerous industry honors, including UTSA's Ethics Award and the Real Estate Council's Legacy and Leadership Honor, Bob is also a committed philanthropist supporting education and medical research. He serves on multiple boards, including the Alamo Heights School Foundation, where he helped launch the *Their Future! Endowment Campaign*, securing over \$5.3 million for AHISD.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS OF 1968

**THE HONORABLE SUSAN DOLAN REED**, a 1968 AHHS graduate, earned her Economics degree and law doctorate from The University of Texas. Beginning her career as a Bexar County Assistant District Attorney, she later became District Judge and then the first woman elected District Attorney for the county. Appointed to key criminal justice roles by multiple Texas governors, she served on the Criminal Justice Policy Council, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, and co-chaired the Anti-Crime Commission. A national leader in legal reform, she has testified before Congress and the Texas Legislature, and served as president of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association. A strong advocate for victims' rights, Susan has supported numerous nonprofits and earned honors such as the Bexar County Pioneer Award and induction into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. She currently serves as a Senior Judge for the 4th Judicial Region.



## LIFETIME EDUCATOR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

**COACH GAYLARD FENLEY**, a transformative figure in AHISD athletics, served as Head Football Coach and Athletic Director from 1983 to 2001, leading a revival of the District's sports program. Arriving from Houston in 1983, he ended a 30-year playoff drought in just his second season and guided the Mules to an undefeated season and District Championship in 1991. Over his 18-year tenure, Coach Fenley's teams claimed ten State Championships, and he became a revered mentor who instilled values of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork. His impact extended beyond the field, earning honors such as Greater Houston Coach of the Year, the Tom Landry Award, and a posthumous induction into the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association Hall of Honor. Alongside his wife Carol, a beloved kindergarten teacher, Coach Fenley left a lasting legacy of excellence and character in the Alamo Heights community.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**STEVE ALLISON**, former Texas House Representative for District 121, has devoted his life to public service and education. A longtime advocate for public schools, his connection to AHISD runs deep – his wife Peggy is a 1965 alumna, their children graduated from AHHS, and their family legacy continues with a grandson at Howard and a daughter-in-law teaching at Cambridge. Before his legislative role, Steve served 12 years on the AHISD Board of Trustees, including three terms as President, where he led efforts against recapture and championed school finance reform. A seasoned attorney, he spent over 46 years in private practice, served as a prosecutor, municipal judge, and held leadership roles in legal associations. In the Texas House, he served on key committees including Public Education and Appropriations, earning honors such as "Champion of Education" and "Hero for Children." His enduring commitment continues to shape both Alamo Heights and public education across Texas.



From left to right: Steve Allison, Bob Worth, Margaret Johnson Canby, Carol Fenley, Chad Fenley, and Susan Dolan Reed stand in front of the Hall of Fame wall located in the AHHS MuleDome.

**WANT TO SEE  
SOMEONE IN THE  
HALL OF FAME?**

**Scan here to submit  
a nomination!**

The deadline to be considered for the 2026 Hall of Fame at Reunite at Heights is July 30, 2025.





Alumni passings that were reported to AHSF as of May 1, 2025.

## 1935

Clare Lawler Garrison • 12/1/2012  
Edwin M. Sykes, Jr., MD • 12/24/2013

## 1939

Gloria Bramlette Labatt • 5/28/2010

## 1943

Betty Louise Sewell Peebles • 9/1/2024

## 1944

Jesse James Erben • 3/5/2009  
Walden E. Shelton, Sr. • 11/14/2024  
Beverly Ann Rowe Smith • 5/31/2020

## 1945

Thomas “Elkin” McGaughy, Sr. • 6/8/2022

## 1949

Betty Fatheree Murray Halff • 9/9/2020  
Annie Ressmann Watson • 11/28/2023

## 1950

John “Bill” Potter • 7/8/2024  
Henry Bartell Zachry, Jr. • 6/10/2020

## 1952

Leroy “Lew” Lewis • 12/13/2012  
Sally Jo Thorngren Mitchell • 11/26/2024  
Vaughan Mitchell • 2/16/2013  
Paula Tritt Peacock • 12/18/2021  
Bob Barnes Thornton • 11/22/2024

## 1953

Eunice Henning Hundley • 10/11/2024  
Charlotte Harper Northcutt • 2/13/2024

## 1954

Hal Street Hammond • 3/28/2025  
Grace “Nan” Jennings Macdaniel • 1/4/2025  
Thomas W. Wilson, MD • 7/17/2024  
Mary Gail Coutret Woodman • 10/17/2024

## 1955

Michael A. Nelson (USAF, Ret) • 10/8/2024

## 1956

Carol “Honey” Peacock Barrett • 5/20/2024  
Tom Fitch, MD • 1/24/2021  
David C. Reeves • 2/12/2024

## 1957

Carlisle Maxwell, Jr. • 4/20/2025  
Jack Lee Royal • 5/25/2024  
Edwin “Bud” Taegel, MD • 7/11/2024

## 1958

Norma Lee Wallace Copeland • 6/24/2024  
Gene M. Ellerbee • 6/14/2010  
Judy Horton Pucik • 1/15/2025

## 1959

William “Buddy” Flannery, Jr. • 4/5/2021  
Warren “Speedy” Hart • 2/15/2023  
Leo F. Perron, Jr. • 5/10/2022

## 1960

Frederick “Rick” T. Sauer • 11/30/2024  
Nelson E. Scheler • 7/5/2024

## 1961

Sarah “Jane” Abbott-Kirk • 11/9/2024  
Edward “John” Gesick, Jr. • 1/13/2025  
Mary Kay Sammis Landrum • 2/12/2025  
John M. Ledbetter, Jr. • 4/25/2005  
Harry B. Pratt, Jr. • 4/13/2025

## 1962

Charlie Cade Pratt • 1/28/2019

## 1963

Thomas R. Gish • 1/9/2004  
Gus Julius Groos, III • 3/17/2006  
Steven Quincy Lee • 9/13/2024  
Stephen Craig Miller • 7/31/2023  
Marion “Al” Olson, Jr. • 6/26/2020  
John C. Parsons, Jr., DDS • 12/23/2024

## 1964

Carolyn Jo Hooper Hernandez • 1/6/2025  
Edwin M. Sykes, III • 3/23/2014  
Peter Turnbull • 2/11/2024

## 1965

Bob S. Carter • 5/5/2022  
Eduardo Montemayor Rangel • 10/24/2024  
Helen Reser Test • 10/18/2017

## 1966

Diane Bailey Allison • 9/20/2024  
Edward “Ed R” Richard Frnka, II • 1/25/2024

## 1967

John Barrow Lee • 1/6/2025  
Howard W. Peak, IV • 11/30/2024

## 1968

Bob Wayne Barnes • 1/25/2021  
Peter W. Hollimon, MD • 1/12/2023  
Antonio “Tony” Molina, Jr. • 4/28/2023  
Bill Taylor West • 10/31/2024

## 1969

Bob Dale Benson • 11/18/2024  
Albert M. Biedenharn, III • 6/22/2022  
Richard “Rick” Eason • 9/9/2018  
James Edward Franklin, MD • 9/23/2023  
Hans Helland • 5/28/2022  
Priscilla Graham Kirkwood • 9/13/2024  
Johnny V. Marek • 1/27/2021  
Alfred “Fred” Toerne • 2/13/2025  
R. Greg “Whitey” Waters • 3/10/2024

## 1970

Rolly Robert Steen, II, MD • 3/15/2023

## 1971

Kathleen Leslie Curry • 1/23/2025  
Jeffrey Dunn • 5/37/2024  
Jon R. Gilhousen • 6/14/2024

John R. Peace • 5/10/2024  
Devereaux “Dev” Temple • 10/4/2024

## 1972

Charles “Chuck” Biedenharn, Sr. • 6/25/2015  
Robert P. Conger • 2/13/2009  
Glenn Mortimer, III • 8/1/2024

## 1973

John “Junior” LaFrancois • 12/18/2024  
Patrick W. Wakely • 8/17/2023

## 1974

Kathy Sawyer Burke • 1/19/2023  
Tommy Chiodo • 12/6/2024  
Tom Stanley, Sr. • 10/11/2001

## 1975

Mary Weller Cates • 5/23/2020  
Joel Etlinger • 12/22/2023  
Lawrence “Larry” Hagy • 4/21/2024  
Bryan Kost • 4/25/2020  
Philip W. Locke • 1/5/2025  
Lisa Burnham Peters • 8/23/2024  
Michael “Mickey” Wakely • 11/15/2019

## 1977

Scott W. O’Connell • 4/27/2023

## 1978

Monique LeFrancois • 2/7/2011  
Eric G.V. Liljenwall, II • 2/14/2013

## 1979

William “Dub” Nash, IV • 2/20/2009  
David Farrar Pipes • 8/8/2022  
David Michael Shankel • 1/26/2025

## 1980

Jill Harrell • 7/10/2024  
John R. Harrison, Jr. • 11/18/2012

## 1981

Mark Anthony Gomez • 10/7/2020  
Stephen Andrew Spoor • 3/1/2022

## 1982

Yvonne “Bonnie” Hernandez-Favila • 3/22/2025

## 1984

Corie Fuhrmann Boldt • 8/30/2020

## 1985

John B. Barnes, III • 1/21/2016

## 1990

John Hansford “Hans” White, III • 10/11/2022

## 1993

John H. Thrush • 12/27/2020

## 1994

Kellis S. Dibrell • 6/13/2015  
James E. Montgomery, III • 3/10/2024

## 1995

Paul Clyde Hudson • 1/23/2020

## 1996

Laura Wells Bowers, PhD • 5/20/2024  
Harwood “Woody” Huntress • 12/30/2024

## 1998

Christopher Nicholson • 4/29/2023

## 2000

Greg E. Gordon • 1/11/2024

## 2001

Chris Davis • 1/14/20214

## 2002

Clayton G. Robinson • 9/1/2024

## 2004

Alice Lynn Dubinski • 10/29/2008  
Margaret “Meg” Noble Noe • 4/4/2025  
~~2006~~ Correction made after publishing:  
Stuart L. Cavender is Class of 1977  
Stuart L. Cavender • 2/16/2021

## 2011

Edward Moreno, Jr. • 1/10/2024  
Fletcher W. Randall • 5/27/2019

## 2014

Alix R. Rose • 9/30/2022

## 2015

Travis John Kilian • 6/30/2017

## 2016

Jacob Tyler Johnson • 3/19/2023

## 2023

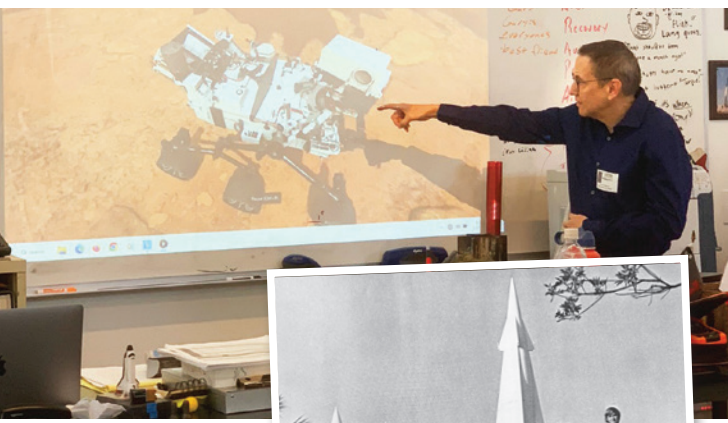
Shibley Traylor Azar • 1/20/2022  
Wyatt James Thistle • 3/11/2025

## TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF A DECEASED CLASSMATE,

please fill out the form or send the required info to [ahfoundation@ahisd.net](mailto:ahfoundation@ahisd.net): name and contact info, deceased’s first, maiden and last names, class year, and link to obituary if available.







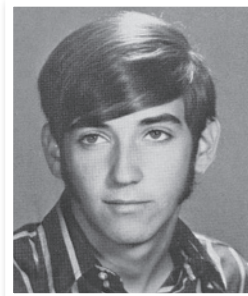
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*I was fortunate that Alamo Heights introduced computer programming into the classroom via a teletype terminal in 1970. Computers were not generally available to high schools at that time. I learned basic programming skills that soon came in handy. Paul Foerster encouraged Alan Kost and I to develop an idea we had for a new math function that was inspired by one of Mr. Foerster's extra credit homework assignments. We used the computer to perform calculations needed for our paper on the Cont function that we presented at a state math conference and received an award.*

*The major works STEM classes certainly accelerated my transition to college studies and provided the confidence and inspiration to pursue a career in nuclear engineering and space systems engineering. I'm glad to see that Alamo Heights remains on the forefront of offering advanced opportunities for those who want to take advantage of them. In particular, I'm impressed with the rocketry program, the advanced media facilities, and the arts and theater options that are available to students. I believe it's important for students to receive a well-rounded education and also be able to dive deep into areas of interest that may inspire them to become future leaders in business, science, engineering, medicine, law, government, the arts, and literature.*

*Hoppy Price '72*

# ROCKETING TO NEW HEIGHTS



## HUMPHREY "HOPPY" PRICE GRADUATED FROM ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1972.

During his time there, Hoppy was a founding member of the Knights of Cobalt, a club dedicated to applying chemistry, physics, and mathematics to everyday living. Hoppy was also elected to the Student Council, served as vice-president of the Key Club, historian of Los Amigos, and was a member of various clubs. As a member of the Alamo Heights High School math team, he helped secure many wins at statewide competitions. Additionally, he was the co-author of a state competition-winning paper describing a new mathematical function.

After graduating from Alamo Heights, Hoppy earned a Bachelor of Engineering Science from The University of Texas at Austin in 1976. He later achieved a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering at UT Austin in 1978. While completing his Master's, he performed safety analyses of nuclear power plants at EDS Nuclear in San Francisco. That same year, he was hired at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, CA, where he performed systems engineering for robotic planetary exploration vehicles.

At JPL, Hoppy engineered the top-level blueprints for the Cassini spacecraft that orbited Saturn from 2004-2017. The Cassini spacecraft was an innovative achievement of human and technical complexity that paved the way for future missions to explore the solar system. It showed us that Saturn's largest moon, Titan, has weather, climate, and geology that make it the most Earth-like body ever encountered. He also supervised the systems engineering group that developed the entry, descent, and landing system for the Spirit and Opportunity Mars rovers launched in the Summer of 2003. The rovers were positioned to land on opposite sides of Mars to better explore for clues about the history of water on the planet. These rovers provided evidence that Mars conditions were once suited for ancient life, and that liquid water once flowed through part of the planet. In 2012, he was the Project System Engineer for the two Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory (GRAIL) spacecraft. This mission required the spacecraft to orbit the moon and map its gravitational field, and the gravity map generated by the probes has the highest-quality resolution of any celestial body to date.

In addition to these important achievements, Hoppy provides engineering support to NASA's human spaceflight program. He is currently part of the engineering team working to return U.S. astronauts to the moon and has supported several NGOs, such as the Planetary Society, to help promote astronomy and exploration of our solar system.



# FROM THE RANCH TO THE RUNWAY



*From varsity track to fashion entrepreneur, Lee Evans Lee '97 shares how her AHISD roots shaped her journey through TV, counseling, ranch life, and motherhood.*

## Did you participate in any clubs or extracurriculars at AHHS?

Lee ran track, played softball, and was active in theater. "Team sports taught me how to win and lose with grace, how to work with others, and how to lead. **You can't just talk your way into something – you have to show up and do the work.**"

## How did growing up as a 5th-generation rancher shape who you are?

"The ranch was a huge part of my life – it still is. My family continues to run it, and my son is now the sixth generation... **It taught me perseverance.** Droughts still happen, and life throws curveballs. Even when it doesn't rain, something is still blooming."

## Your career has evolved across TV, counseling, ranching, and fashion. How did those paths lead you to where you are today?

"My dad had the same job for over 50 years. **Early on, I thought changing careers was a negative. Now I see each chapter played a part, and thank goodness I had the courage to pivot.**" Lee's priorities shifted when her son was born. She worked full-time while studying counseling at night and volunteering. When COVID hit, she stepped back to homeschool, and that's when *Mrs. Momma Bear* was born. "I love journaling and drawing, and during COVID, I started making fashion sketches. I'd worn suits in TV and scrubs in hospitals, and both were uncomfortable. I wanted a happy medium...I want women to feel bold and confident and know they have choices in their closets." Her line features stylish, functional suits made from athletic material, clothes you can wear from the park to an interview. "In all my pivots, I've learned it's not what you do, but how you do it. **Even if you're scared, do it anyway.**"



## What advice would you give current Alamo Heights students?

"I would tell them what I tell my son: 'What do you get lost in during the day? What can you do for hours and never get bored?' Start there. That's your spark. Follow it and don't let go... We're all raised with beliefs about what life should look like, but **don't box yourself in.** Don't be afraid to pivot. If you do, we might lose the next Albert Einstein. Every time I've boxed myself in, it was because of an old belief that no longer served me."

## How has public school prepared you for your journey?

Lee credits her independence, drive, and resilience to her upbringing in Alamo Heights public schools. Her mother was a fourth-grade public school teacher, and that shaped her deeply. "I love public schools. To me, they reflect the real world. At AH, I was exposed to all kinds of people, experiences, and expectations. It wasn't just what we learned in class, but **the spirit of the people around me.** That gave me everything I would need later in life."

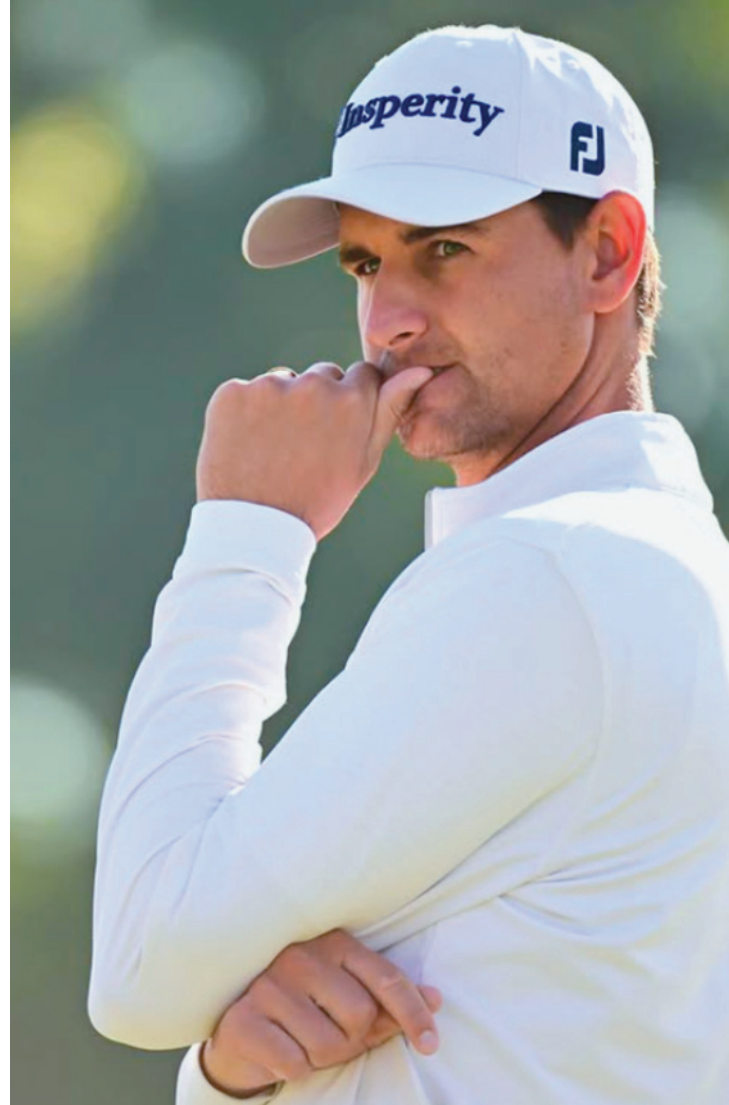
## What does being part of the Alamo Heights alumni community mean to you?

"This is where it all began. AHHS is the start of my story. I've lived all over the world, but I chose to come back here to raise my son...there's a spirit here, a culture of lifting each other up. It's not about being perfect. It's about waking up and saying, 'Tomorrow, we'll try to do a little better.' Being able to say I'm doing that now brings me to tears. **As an AH alum, so much of who I am is a reflection of what this community gave me.**"

Sneak Peek at Mrs Momma Bear's Garden Collection







Mac Meissner practices with the AHHS golf team.

## MAC MEISSNER '17: PGA TOUR ACHIEVEMENTS\*

AGE: **26**  
 TURNED PRO: **2021**  
 COLLEGE: **SMU**  
 EVENTS PLAYED: **45**  
 CUTS MADE: **26/45**  
 TOP 5 FINISHES: **2**  
 TOP 10 FINISHES: **3**  
 OFFICIAL MONEY: **\$1.8M**

## RANKINGS

FEDEX: **148th**  
 FEDEX FALL: **106th**  
 OWGR: **158th** \*as of June 10, 2025

## LOOKING BACK: MAC'S HIGH SCHOOL STATS

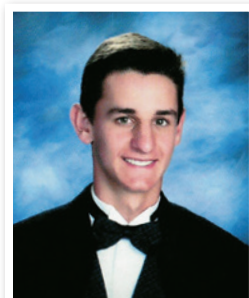
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		Golf Results	
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	17th		Memorial 11th
	NEISD Fall Classic 1st		Kerrville 1st
	NISD Concan Classic		Clear Creek 1st
	17th		Brennan 1st
	Lady Mustang 4th		NEISD Shoot out 8th
	Bastrop 5th		NISD Concan Classic
	Lady Tiger 11th		1st
	District Preview 3rd		District Preview 1st
	District 3rd		District 1st
Boys Results:	Bart Granger 7th	Girls Results:	Swing For The Cure 14th
	Regional Preview 4th		Concan 14th
	Mustang Classic 2nd		Lady Mustang Classic 2nd
	Cedar Creek 1st		Oldfield Pfeiffer 4th
	NEISD 2nd		Lady Tiger 6th
	Concan 1st		Republic Invitational 8th
	Republic Invitational 1st		District 1st
	District 1st		Regional 1st
	Regional 2nd		*State 2nd
	*State 4th		*Junior Mac Meissner: 2nd
*Senior Mac Meissner tied for first individual		*Senior Levi Valadez: 4th	
			*Denotes state results

2017 AHHS golf team results. Mac tied for first his Senior year.

2016 AHHS golf team results. Mac took second as a Junior.

# FROM THE HALLS OF ALAMO HEIGHTS TO THE PGA TOUR:

MAC MEISSNER '17 RETURNS HOME FOR THE VALERO TEXAS OPEN



**ALAMO HEIGHTS ALUM  
MAC MEISSNER '17** recently returned to his hometown of San Antonio for a special moment in his blossoming golf career – competing in the Valero Texas Open at TPC San Antonio as a second-year PGA Tour pro.

Though Meissner built an impressive golf résumé during his time at Alamo Heights – including being named the Express-News Boys Golfer of the Year in 2017 and co-champion of the UIL Class 5A state tournament – it wasn't until his collegiate years that he began to truly see a future in professional golf. "College is where it all clicked," he said.

At SMU, Meissner thrived. He was named an All-American three times and capped off his college career by earning the prestigious Byron Nelson Award in 2021. That same year, he turned professional and spent the next two seasons competing on the Korn Ferry Tour, where he recorded a standout round of 59 at the 2023 LECOM Suncoast Classic.

His consistent play earned him a PGA Tour card as of the 2024 season, and he quickly found success – making 26 cuts, earning more than \$1.8 million, and notching a top-five finish at the Charles Schwab Challenge. In the early part of 2025, Meissner continued to show steady form, including a top-25 finish at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Competing at the Valero Texas Open was a full-circle moment for Meissner, who grew up attending the

tournament and watching legends like Jordan Spieth and Jimmy Walker. "Playing a course I grew up watching was surreal," he shared ahead of the tournament.

The week also marked a meaningful homecoming. Meissner's wife, Kennedy – also a former SMU golfer – brought family down from Dallas, and Meissner spent time with his parents and close friends in San Antonio. "There's nothing like playing in front of your hometown crowd," he said. "I really wanted to make them proud."

Meissner was again joined by his trusted caddie and longtime friend, Angelo Leyvani (Edison High School Class of 2015). The two have worked together for four years, and Meissner credits their strong friendship and chemistry as a big part of his success. "Angelo knows how to keep things fun but focused. It's the perfect balance."

Representing San Antonio and Alamo Heights on the national stage, Meissner's return to the Valero Texas Open was a proud moment for the Mule community. We're excited to follow his journey as he continues to rise on the PGA Tour.

**GO MULES!**

**PHOTOS:** Pro golfer and 2017 AHHS alum Mac Meissner takes a swing and contemplates a shot at the Valero Texas Open in April 2025. Photos courtesy of Mac Meissner.





# MAKING POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CHANGED HER

Adapted from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce



**KATIE REYNOLDS '05**, is Director of Corporate Affairs for Silver Eagle Beverages. She was recently honored at the Mary Rose Brown Tribute to Women Business Leaders on May 15, 2025.

One of the most prestigious women's leadership awards programs in the region, the Tribute to Women Business Leaders Luncheon celebrates female leaders who have had a transformative impact on their organizations and entire community. The awards, put on by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce,

honor individuals who embody leadership qualities that have driven not only their success, but also the success of those around them.

Katie is being honored with the Promise Award for making a significant impact on San Antonio in a short amount of time through her role at Silver Eagle and her leadership within the community.

In addition to receiving this honor, she is one of the youngest members of the Texas Business Hall of Fame Board of Directors, which boasts some of the state's most accomplished leaders in business. She also was selected for Harvard Business School's Young American Leaders Program and the Women Who Mean Business program at UT Austin's McCombs School of Business.

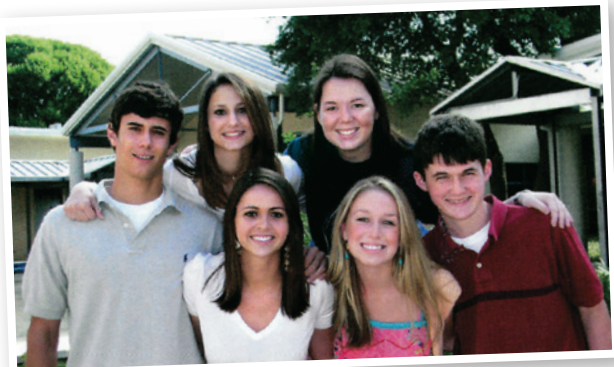
Katie has helped transition Silver Eagle into its next chapter, and ensures their corporate leadership in San Antonio remains deeply connected to the community. One of her most meaningful projects has been the Alcohol Responsibility Speaker Series, which she developed in partnership with Communities In Schools. This series has educated thousands of high school students about making safe choices.

Giving back to the community in her personal life is equally important, and Katie does so by serving as a board member of the Children's Bereavement Center, as an Advisor for United Way's Women United, and as a two-time Co-Chair of Power of the Purse, which has broken fundraising records in both 2024 and 2025.

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*My years at Alamo Heights were incredibly formative – not just academically, but in shaping the way I show up in the world. The teachers and mentors nurtured a sense of purpose, and the friendships I made there gave me confidence, perspective, and joy that I carry with me to this day. Those early experiences laid the groundwork for my commitment to community service and leadership, and I'm proud to be part of a school that cultivates both heart and excellence.*

*Katie Reynolds '05*



2005 Student Council Officers



WELCOME THE  
AH ALUMNI  
CLASS OF 2025

Class of 2025 in college shirts



## 2024 - 2025 AH Points of Pride:

- Woodridge named a National and State School of Character
- Cambridge held a Purple Star Designation
- Texas Teacher of the Year Finalist – Kevin Criss, Cambridge
- Marjorie Keller Outstanding Young Music Educator Award – Carlos Quiroz, AHHS
- Region 20 TEPSA Assistant Principal of the Year – Salena Valdes, Woodridge
- 274 AP Scholars and AHHS recognized with the Advanced Placement Gold School Honor Roll
- One National Merit Finalist and eight Commended students
- Launched Early College HS and P-TECH programs
- Rocket launched at White Sands Missile Range
- Business INCubator team Buzz Off was one of five finalists at the National Pitch competition
- One All-State Orchestra student
- Two All-State Band students
- Four AHHS Theatre students qualified for National Thespian Festival
- Cheer won 4th place at the State Spirit Championships; Junior Varsity earned a National Championship, and Varsity earned 4th place at UCA Nationals
- Boys Basketball State Semifinalists
- Tennis Team Regional Finalists
- Boys Water Polo Regional Finalists
- Football Regional Semifinalists
- Girls Golf State Champions
- Eleven teams from Cambridge, Woodridge, and The Junior School advanced to the State Odyssey of the Mind competition
- Three students qualified for the National Competition for Future Educators
- One AHHS student participated in JROTC National Air Rifle Championships, marking the first time a student from AHHS qualified







## ELEANOR DIBRELL

2025 SENIOR  
AMBASSADOR

*Dear Alamo Heights Family,*

**The experiences I've had throughout my time in Alamo Heights** will always hold a special place in my heart. This community has helped me build lifelong connections with my peers and teachers, providing me with the tools I need to succeed in life: a passion for learning, personal growth and self-reflection, and the courage to live my life in the way I want to. Through Alamo Heights, especially during my time as head drum major, I have learned the importance of determination and perseverance. This experience helped me understand that improvement is constant, and learning never stops. To achieve goals, you must be willing to step outside of your comfort zone and push through challenges and setbacks.

One of my favorite memories at Alamo Heights was during my Advanced Algebra II Class. While schoolwork can sometimes be difficult, Mrs. Morales rebuilt my passion for learning. Not only did I develop a new enjoyment for math, but I also learned that school is about more than just completing assignments. It is a place to find yourself and create

new friendships. Sometimes, when my table partners and I finished our work, we were given the opportunity to play card games together. Unfortunately, I discovered that sophomore me was horrible at poker.

After graduation, I will attend Texas A&M University at College Station to major in animal science and pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Even though I am incredibly excited for the next chapter of my life, I know that a part of my heart will always remain in Alamo Heights. This community has shaped who I am today, and its impact will continue to influence my life for years to come.

Sincerely,

*Eleanor Dibrell*

**Other AH alumni family:**

*Mother's side: Virginia O'Gorman Dibrell, Catherine O'Gorman Barranco, Brian O'Gorman, Tim O'Gorman, John Townsend, Franklin Townsend, Nancy Law, Marion Law Townsend, Eleanor Law O'Gorman | Father's side: Sam Dibrell, Jr., Kellis Dibrell, Victoria Dibrell*

Fellow 2025 Senior Ambassadors:

AVA CARNAHAN | CONWAY HAMILTON | JULIA ZELLE

“After [more than] 13 years at Alamo Heights, it's hard to believe graduation is just around the corner. One of my favorite memories is playing the drums next to the student section at football games – there's nothing like watching the quads play Jig 2 hanging upside down! I'm grateful for the friendships and experiences that have made my time here so memorable.

*Elijah Yun*



## ELIJAH YUN

2025 SENIOR AMBASSADOR

**Eli has been an engaged AHISD student since his Mini Mule days at Howard.** He plans to double major in Chemistry and Music, with career goals of becoming a doctor and a performance pianist. During his 13+ years in the district, Eli has been part of HEIGHTS (GT), Spanish Immersion, Band, Choir, and Orchestra. He held leadership roles in all three music programs and founded the Metamorphosis Chamber Ensemble.

Academically, Eli served as captain of the Science Olympiad team and competed in UIL Math and Science. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Chemistry Olympiad finalist, and earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

Eli is also dedicated to community service. Through Key Club, he volunteered at school and local events. He was a peer tutor in math, science, and Spanish, participated in a mission trip to Uganda, and shared his musical talents with hospital patients as a Hearts Need Art volunteer.

## DANIEL CORSO

2025 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT  
AND SENIOR AMBASSADOR

*Dear AHISD Family,*

I can hardly believe that my time here is coming to a close. As I reflect on the years I've spent at not only AHHS but at the district as a whole, I realize just how much AHISD has shaped me – not just as a student, but as a person and a leader.

**How I've Been Shaped as a Person and Leader:**

As Student Council President and Captain of the Track and Cross-Country teams, I developed a passion for bringing people together and learned resilience through pushing myself both physically and mentally. My view of leadership shifted from giving directives to forging possibility, largely through open communication – listening. I believe that integrity must be consciously practiced, showing up and honoring my word so my peers trust me. These experiences ultimately shaped me into a more empathetic, thoughtful, and empowered leader, committed to meeting people where they are and guiding them toward a common goal.

**Lessons from AHISD:**

I've come to value collaboration over competition, realizing that genuine success is a group effort. AHISD taught me resilience: balancing tough AP classes, extracurricular responsibilities, and leadership roles was not easy, but it pushed me to manage my time and keep a level head. Another critical lesson was the power of service – helping



organize events, volunteering in the local community, and promoting school spirit made me see that real learning happens both in and out of the classroom.

**Family Legacy:**

My brother, Dylan Corso, graduated in 2023, and seeing his pride in AHISD motivated me to carry on that tradition, too. I leave hoping that our legacy is one of continued service, dedication, and a spirit that future students can build upon for years to come.

In closing, I want to thank AHISD for helping me become who I am today. The friendships, mentors, and memories I've gained here are invaluable, and I'll carry them with me throughout my future. It's been a privilege to be part of this community, and I look forward to taking its spirit and values with me as I begin my next chapter. Knowing I come from a place that values tradition, excellence, and community gives me a sense of belonging and a desire to give back. I'm proud to be part of a legacy of graduates who carry the AHISD spirit forward.

Gratefully,

*Daniel Corso*

**70%** OF AHHS GRADUATES COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL (the state average is 45%)

CLASS OF 2025 EARNED **\$6.35 MILLION** IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS as of May 14, 2025

## Alumni Scholarship

### THE W. W. & ANNA MAY CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

typically provides between \$25,000–\$40,000 a year in scholarships, depending on the endowment's performance, to be split among a number of winning applicants. The scholarship application is open each year in the spring to graduates of Alamo Heights High School. Visit our website for eligibility requirements and more.

**Applications for the 2025-2026 Campbell Scholarship open January 1, 2026!**



## BOND PROGRESS

**ON MAY 6, 2023, ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD VOTERS APPROVED ALL THREE BOND 2023 PROPOSITIONS, TOTALING \$371 MILLION.**

This critical bond will provide updated learning spaces at all campuses, address safety and security, and allow the district to be better community partners with additional parking, improved traffic flow, and outdoor meeting spaces for community use.

## THE VISION RENDERINGS



Proposed AHHS Library Courtyard

Woodridge Elementary



Cambridge Cafeteria



### PACKAGE ONE

**ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
construction May 2024 to August 2026

**CENTRAL OFFICE/ LEARNING CENTER**  
construction June 2026 to August 2027

**EXCEL ACADEMY/CONNECTS**  
construction May 2027 to December 2027

### PACKAGE TWO

**AHISD ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT ROBBINS**  
(located next to Tennis Center/Natatorium and current home of Excel and 09 Academies)

**SOFTBALL FIELD AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS**  
construction March 2025 to March 2026

**TENNIS IMPROVEMENTS**  
construction March 2025 to December 2025

**BASEBALL IMPROVEMENTS**  
construction April 2025 to December 2025

**ROBBINS BUILDING REMOVAL AND NEW PARKING LOT**  
construction January 2028 to June 2028

**CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
construction March 2025 to July 2027

**WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
construction June 2025 to August 2026

**PLANT SERVICES**  
construction September 2025 to May 2026

### PACKAGE THREE

**HOWARD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**  
construction May 2026 to July 2027

**ALAMO HEIGHTS JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
construction April 2027 to June 2028

## THE PROGRESS

### JUNE 2024

*After a year of planning...*  
**CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!**

1. Modular classrooms were constructed to prepare for the upcoming school year, while temporary student spaces were set up like the temporary library in the STEM building
2. Selective interior demolition and removal of devices, equipment, and classroom items



### AUG 2024

1. Students and staff return to AHHS for the new school year and some things look a little different
2. Major demo of AHHS continued and shifted to haul-off phase
3. Completion of Broadway North Parking Lot for student permit parking

### NOV 2024

1. Tower crane erected at the site (this type of crane keeps the existing trees safer as the new building is constructed)



### FEB 2025

1. Steel is erected and crews completed foundation pours
2. Site grading completed at Visitor's Bleacher Complex
3. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Meeting where students were given bond updates and asked for feedback and input on future projects at Howard and the Junior School



### MARCH 2025

1. Incredible progress in the steel work as it moves from the "North Wing" to the "Main Wing" of the structure
2. Pipe and electrical work took place at the Visitor's Bleacher Complex in anticipation of foundation pours
3. First design meeting for the new Howard building took place with school staff and architects!



### APRIL – MAY 2025

1. Steel work continues at AHHS with the "Main Wing" just about finished
2. Foundation has been poured at Visitor's Bleacher Complex and block walls are going up
3. Construction is officially underway at the AHISD Athletic Complex at Robbins! Tree clearing and site grading has begun for the first project – a new softball field

*Follow the progress*







## THE ALAMO HEIGHTS SCHOOLS RETIRED PERSONNEL IS ORGANIZED TO:

1. **Promote the welfare and social relationship of its members;**
2. **Safeguard the professional interest of public school teachers;**
3. **Provide social, charitable, educational and recreational activities for its members;**
4. **Cooperate with professional organizations and the Alamo Heights Independent School District in issues of mutual interest.**

## ABOUT AHSRP

**AHSRP PROVIDES ALL AHISD RETIREES**, including those who are AH alumni, the opportunity to reconnect with fellow employees who have been their colleagues throughout their career in AH. The organization meets for lunch 2-3 times a year. The luncheons often include speakers, such as state legislators, AH administrators, AH School Foundation, and the like. Every spring the group contacts the AHISD Human Resources office, obtains a list of new retirees, and invites them to join the organization. If an individual (AH Retiree) would like to participate, they can contact one of the officers to get information.

AHSRP often contributes to the future educator's club at AHHS and donates to the AH School Foundation in memory of deceased members. The organization is currently researching details for creating a scholarship that would benefit future students entering the educational field as a career. Officers of the organization try to keep members apprised of actions of the Texas Legislature on issues involving education. In addition to sending email updates to members, the organization has a presence on Facebook.

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*There have been many outstanding teachers at AHISD through the years, but to me the one that stands out the most is Oma Inez Echols Vordenbaum. She was a Spanish and English teacher who was a hard but excellent teacher. Through the years, she was always the sponsor of the Student Council and I had the privilege of attending a national convention with her.*

*I can remember having a conflict with another teacher and somehow Ms. Vordenbaum found out about it and she approached me offering her assistance in any way. That was the type of person she was.*

*Her devotion to AHHS and its students continued even in death with the Oma E. Vordenbaum Scholarship...awarded to [two graduating seniors] to help further their education.*

*Bill Fitch*  
Class of 1950

# VORDENBAUM LEGACY

**PLANNED GIVING** is a powerful way to leave a lasting legacy and support the schools that shaped you. By including the Alamo Heights School Foundation in your estate plans, you help ensure that future generations of Mules benefit from excellent teachers, strong programs, and a thriving district. The **Oma Vordenbaum Legacy Society**, named for a beloved AHISD teacher who left her entire estate to the Foundation, honors those who make this commitment. Legacy gifts like hers provide long-term support that bridges the gap in state funding and keeps our schools strong. Becoming a member is more than a financial decision – it reflects your pride in AHISD and your belief in the power of quality public education. Your gift lives on, impacting students and educators for years to come. It's a meaningful way to thank the district that helped shape your story – and to help write the next chapter for Alamo Heights ISD.

### Join the Oma E. Vordenbaum Legacy Giving Society

The Alamo Heights School Foundation thanks Oma Vordenbaum and the following visionary donors whose legacy gifts continue to impact Alamo Heights students' lives today and for years to come:

- Louise Simmons Branson
- Patricia L. Hartman
- Steve Quincy Lee '63
- Robert J. Meador
- Jacqueline Ramsdell
- Paul H. Smith '73
- Oma E. Vordenbaum
- James Thomas Yokum, PhD '64

If you have included or are planning to include the Alamo Heights School Foundation in your estate plans, please let us know so we can ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

## About OMA E. VORDENBAUM

**MRS. OMA E. VORDENBAUM** served as an English teacher at Alamo Heights High School for 27 years and loved her students greatly. Her generosity was instrumental in establishing the Alamo Heights School Foundation in 1971. She dedicated the entirety of her estate to supporting the education of future Alamo Heights students. Mrs. Vordenbaum's legacy continues to impact students today, and the Foundation is honored to help facilitate her dedication to the children of Alamo Heights.

**A pioneer of legacy giving**, the Foundation is proud to honor Oma Vordenbaum's gift by establishing the Vordenbaum Legacy Giving Society. The visionary donors who follow in Oma's footsteps ensure a brighter future for generations of Mules to come. Please visit our website to learn more.







**JOIN US!**  
**GREATER HEIGHTS NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, 2025  
 AT 6:00 PM  
 THE WITTE MUSEUM

*Sponsorships Available!*




**SAVE THE DATE!**

**REUNITE**  
*at Heights*

AN ALUMNI & HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026  
 AT 1:00 PM  
 SAN ANTONIO COUNTRY CLUB






# JOIN THE FIGHT *for* HEIGHTS!



“We believe that quality education is one of the best investments we can make in future generations. By supporting the Alamo Heights School Foundation, we ensure that our contributions stay within the district, directly impacting classroom innovation, extracurricular activities, and high-quality instruction. Together, we can close the funding gap caused by inadequate state funding and provide students in our community with the resources they need to succeed.

*Elizabeth '03 & Madison '04 Marceau*  
AH Alumni & Parents of AH Students

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Dana Bashara

**THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION CLOSED ON JUNE 2,** and while it brought attention to school finance, it fell far short of addressing the real needs of public schools like ours. Despite broad recognition of rising costs, no increase was made to the Basic Allotment, the primary funding source for public schools. Instead, a new Allotment for Basic Costs was created, providing just \$106 per student, a fraction of \$1,340 increase needed to restore our district's purchasing power to 2019 levels.

Because of these ongoing funding gaps and the continued recapture cost, the Alamo Heights School Foundation plays a critical role in protecting our tradition of excellence. Thanks to the Foundation's

\$2 million donation this year, we can maintain smaller class sizes across all K-12 classrooms, an impact that touches every student and teacher.

House Bill 2 provides long-overdue salary increases for classroom teachers but does not address the deeper, structural issues in Texas school finance. It is community investment, not state funding, that is sustaining the exceptional education Alamo Heights is known for.

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