

# ALUMNI TALON

Atwater High School Alumni News and Notes



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## Now would be a good time to plan your reunion



- **Class of 2001** didn't let a worldwide pandemic stop them from celebrating their **20 year Reunion**. Congratulations to the committee and all the classmates who had a great time.

## Alumni News

- Congratulations to Marcus Campbell (85) on his retirement after 25 years with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Well done.
- Atwater Historical Society celebrated its 50th anniversary this month.
- We are sorry to hear of the passing of Ken Rankin (85), our condolences to the family, friends, and classmates of Ken.
- Happy to announce that a historic landmark in the community, the Atwater Feedstore has reopened after the devastating fire that destroyed it earlier

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*. Tim McGraw*

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## Reunion Planning

Now is the time! If your class graduated in a year ending in a **4** or **9** this would be an excellent time to organize some classmates and begin to organize a reunion for next year. If you have been a part of this before you

know how much fun, you will have. A few reasons to start early. Reunions can be large events, receptions, dinner, music, football games, and more. They can also be casual events with people meeting up at a location for an evening or picnics. The key to starting early is to decide on a date so those classmates who need to travel will have time to plan. There is no right type or size.

- Venues fill up fast in the Atwater/Merced area and if you want to have a large party its good to get them locked down as soon as possible.
- The hunt to contact classmates can take time but it is one of the most enjoyable parts of the process.
- The beauty of the internet and programs like Zoom is that classmates from out of the area can be part of the committee and enjoy the fun.
- The association can help with best practices from previous reunions and publicize your event.

So, get your group together and start to plan on having a lot of fun, reconnecting with old friends and celebrating the memories.

Following are the current reunions we are aware of, if you have a committee or in the initial stages of setting one up we would like to hear from you and help get the word out. .

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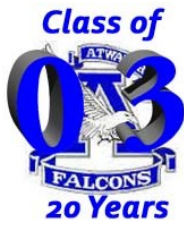
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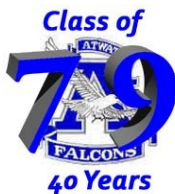
Reunion Updates— The following are upcoming reunions the association is aware of. If your committee would like to be included contact us at [AtwaterAlumni@outlook.com](mailto:AtwaterAlumni@outlook.com).



The **Class of 1973** committee has announced their will be a **50 Year Reunion** the weekend of October 20th and 21st. For more information you can refer to their Facebook page or the Alumni Association or Joe Falcon Facebook pages and on the Alumni Association web site



The **Class of 2003** committee has announced their will be a **20 Year Reunion** the weekend of October 6th thru the 8th. They have set up a web site for information and sign ups. You can access the site through the Alumni Association web site an don the Joe Falcon or Alumni Associations group page.



The **Class of 79**, always the plan ahead class is looking for members to update and provide information for a informal **45 Reunion** get together next summer and looking ahead to their 50th. Its never too soon to start planning and it only increases the fun. You can contact Tina Kramer on Facebook to update or provide new information.

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## Remembering September

**1963** — NBC expands the evening news show “Huntley-Brinkly Report” from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. Top song “My Boyfriend’s Back” by The Angles.

**1968** — Janis Joplin announces she is leaving the rock band “Big Brother & Holding Company”. Top song for the month and year, “Hey Jude” by the Beatles.

**1973** — Henry Kissinger is sworn as the 1<sup>st</sup> American Secretary of State. Top song “Let’s Get it On” by Marvin Gaye.

**1978** — A federal judge in New York rules the New York Yankees must allow woman sportswriters into their locker room and given same access as male sportswriters. Top song “Boogie Oogie Oogie” by A Taste of Honey.

**1983** — Korean Air flight 007 is shot down by Soviet jets as it entered Soviet air space. Top song “Maniac” by Michael Sembello.

**1988** — The XXIV Olympic Games begin in Seoul Korea. Top song “Sweet Child of Mine” by Guns N’ Roses.

**1993** — Sydney Australia is awarded the 2000 Olympic Games, beating out Beijing China. Top song “Dreamlover” by Mariah Carey.

**1998**— The Google search engine is founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin in Menlo Park. Top song “I Don’t Want to Miss a Thing” by Aerosmith.

**2003** — The Atwater City Council voted to apply for a \$100,000 state grant for renovations to the historic Bloss house. Top song “Shake Ya Tailfeather” by Nelly, P. Diddy, and Murphy Lee.

**2008** — The federal government seized both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mae to stabilize the housing market. To song “Whatever you Like” by T.I.

**2013** – Greenpeace ship Artic sunrise is boarded the Russian military. Top song “Roar” by Katy Perry.

**2018** – Memorial services held for Senator John McCain at the Washington National Cathedral with George W. Buch and Barac Obama providing eulogies. Top song “In My Feelings” by Drake.

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## AHS News

- Congratulations and thanks to the following staff for being recognized. Teacher Lori Kale Certificated Staff of the month, custodian Jusus Lopes Classified Staff of the month.
- Atwater Ag Boosters are sponsoring a fund raiser to send two teams to the national contest on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm at Arnolds Barn. More information at [www.AtwaterFFA.com](http://www.AtwaterFFA.com).



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