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Atwater High School Alumni News and Notes

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Another Year!

As another year comes to an end we reflect on our journey since the days at Atwater High. Our alma mater holds a special place in our lives, from the friendships we forged, knowledge was gained, and memories created that we can still recall. One thing that is consistent when talking to people who have attended reunions is, for a short period they are transferred back with smiles and laughter as they remember those days with others who shared them.

We want to thank all the alumni who have supported us throughout the year. As our Legacy Scholarship Program enters its seventh year through your efforts, we have been able to aid AHS students as they move to the next phase of their education or training. A special thanks to the reunion committees and their classes for including the program as part of their event.

May the holiday season bring you and your family joy, peace, and cherished memories. Here's to the wonderful experiences yet to come in the new year.

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Alumni News

- Frank Alcazar (84) has been nominated for a 2023 Voice Arts Award by the Society of Voice Arts and Sciences.
- Judy Zoller Crofts (66) won the Masters Award for Innovative Design at the 2023 Houston International Quilt Show, the largest quilt show in the nation.
- Keston Finney (10), music teacher at Winton Middle School is a member of the nation Band Directors Marching Band and marched in this Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. The group marched in last years Rose Parade as well.

*“Never
memorize
something
you can look
up”*

Albert Einstein

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Interesting Facts

The Spanish national anthem has no words.

A group of sharks is called a shiver.

Reunion Planning

Being part of a reunion committee can be a fun and rewarding experience. Just ask anyone who has participated. Starting early is the key. If your class year ends in a **4** (64, 74, 84, 94, 04, 14) or an **9** (69, 79, 89, 99, 09, 19) now would be a good time to get a group together and start the fun.

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.



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



The **Class of The 60's** has announced the return of their popular multi class reunion theme. Planning is underway for an event currently scheduled for November 2, 2024, so make your calendar with more information to come. For those who attended the last event you know how much fun was had, for those who didn't this is another chance to renew old friendships and reminisce. Any one who is interested in helping the event can contact the committee though their Facebook group page or send a note to AtwaterAlumni@outlook.com and we will forward the offer.

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Looking Back

The following class years are celebrating milestones this year. Here are some interesting things that happened during the months and year they graduated. There were many interesting events every month, and these were selected as only one interesting and, in some cases, fun example.

November

1963 — President John F. Kennedy I assassinated in Dallas Texas. Top song for the month and year is “Sugan Shack” by Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs.

1968 — Richard Nixon is elected as the 37th President of the United States. Top song for the month and year is “Hay Jud” by the Beatles

1973 — Secretariat became the first horse since 1948 to win the Triple Crown. Top song was “Keep on Trucking” by Eddie Kendricks.

1978 — Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were assassinated in San Francisco. The top song was “MacArthur Park” by Donna Summer.

1983 — The Atwater High School Marching Band repeated as Sweepstakes winner of the Central California Band Review held in Merced. Atwater’s Michelle Young was the overall winner in the drum major competition. The top song was “All Night Long” by Lionel Richie.

1988 — Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected president. The top song was “Bad Medicine” by Bon Jovi.

1993 — Disneyland kicks off a weeklong celebration for the 65th birthday of Mickey Mouse. The top song was “It’s Do Anything for Love” by Meat Loaf.

1998 — Gray Davis is elected governor of California. The top song was “Doo Wop (That Thing)” by Lauryn Hill.

2003 — Sixteen-year-old Lionel Messi makes his debut with FC Barcelona. The top song was “Baby Boy” by Beyonce featuring Sean Paul.

2008 — Barack Obama become the first African-America to be elected President of the United States. The top song was “Live Your Life” by T.I. featuring Rihanna.

2013 — Blockbuster, who at one time had 9000 locations announces that they are closing. The top song was “Royals” by Lorde.

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Association Notes:

- The Association joined with other community business to sponsor the Make Dreams Happen Assembly program by the Leadership Class at AHS. Students raise funds in order to grant wishes for students and their families during the holiday season. We are happy to be able to aid the school is providing a bit of joy to deserving students during the holidays.

AHS News

- Kristine Boyett was selected certified staff of the month, and Kathy Gardner as classified staff of the month at AHS.
- The Leadership Class kicked off their tenth annual Make Dreams Happen program benefiting Falcon classmates and their families.

**Good friends don't
let you do stupid
things . . . alone**

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