

ALUMNI TALON



Atwater High School Alumni News and Notes

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The new newsletter

This marks the return of the Atwater High School Alumni Newsletter. Some of our more mature members may recognize the name of our current version. The Talon was the student body newsletter during the early years of the school's existence and so as a nod to our history we have brought it back.

It is with great pride that we announce our Legacy Scholarship recipients for 2023. Our continued thanks to all the alumni and reunion committees who have supported this program over the years. As a new group of alumni prepare to emerge from the nest, we remind them all that we are all Falcons Forever!

Legacy Scholarship

The Atwater High School Alumni Association is proud to announce the recipients of the **2023 Legacy Scholarships**. This is the sixth year we have presented these scholarships to deserving seniors. Each year a number of students apply for this scholarship, and it is always a difficult decision as all deserve it. We sincerely thank all who supported us this year and allowed us to continue the program, all donations are appreciated. We especially want to thank the **Class of 60's Reunion**, **Class of 65 Reunion** and **Class of 70 Reunion** committees and members for their generous support. Due to their support, we were able to expand the number of recipients to three this year. Reunions have been strong supports of the Legacy Scholarship Program and we look forward to working with future reunion committees in the continued support of the students at AHS. Donations to this program can be made through the Atwater High School Alumni Association website.

"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country"

. Kurt Vonnegut-



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2023 Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Chris Arteaga

Christ has demonstrated a strong dedication to his education throughout his years at Atwater High with an emphasis on the medical field. He has a passion for the field of nursing and has participated in several programs to help prepare him for his next step. He will be continuing his goal at Fresno State University in the fall in their nursing program. He was a key member of the Atwater High Leadership class and held officer positions within the group. He was a member of the Atwater High School Band and Guard and a member of several clubs on campus.

His teachers and administrators gave him their highest recommendations and commented on his passion to learn and serve.

Chris's set-mother is a graduate of Atwater High School.

Neicea Navarro

Neicea has a desire to be an Environmental Engineer and had developed a passion for the earth and its environment with was obvious by her application. Her goal is to attend UC Davis and study environmental science. She is a member of the California Scholastic Federation, has been involved in several clubs on campus and worked as a mentor for middle school students.

Her teachers commented on her growth during her years at Atwater High and how she has developed into a leader in both her classroom work and club activities.

Neicea's mother is an Atwater High alumni.

Jozella Roses

Jozella has a strong desire toward the field of medicine. Her goal is to become a doctor and return to serve her community. She clearly understands the challenges faced by this goal and has shown the drive and dedication to achieve them. She has a long list of activities, including Band, Key Club, Hispanic Youth Leadership Council, CSF, and others. Not only did she participate but held leadership positions within each organization. She has a clear view of the path ahead of her and has outlined the path she will take as demonstrated by her graduation as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Her teachers were impressed with her drive and dedication to her goals and her achievements while at AHS. They all gave her high recommendations and a belief that she will obtain her goals.

Jozella's mother is a proud graduate of the Atwater High School Class of 1992.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly 87 million pounds of avocados are purchased for Cinco de Mayo.
- Montpelier Vermont is the only state capital without a McDonalds.

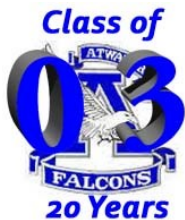
Reunion Planning

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 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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Milestone Year Events

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.

Remembering May

1963 – The first James Bond film “Dr. No” premieres. Top song “My Guy” by Mary Wills.

1968 – The Beatles announce the creation of Apple Corp. Top song “Tighten Up” by Archie & the Drells.

1973 – The US Supreme Court approved equal rights for woman in the military. Top song of month and year “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree” by Dawn and Tony Orlando.

1978 – US First Class postage rises to 15 cents. Top song “With a Little Luck” by Wings.

1983 – 6.7 magnitude earthquake hits Coalinga CA. injuring 487 people. Top song “Beat It” by Michael Jackson.

1998– US Surgeon General releases a report that nicotine is as addictive as heroin and cocaine. Top song “Anything for You” by Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine.

2003 – The Treasury releases a new \$20 bill aimed at reducing counterfeiting. Top song, “Get Busy” by Sean Paul

2008 – California becomes the second state to legalize same sex marriage. Top song, “Bleeding Love” by Leona Lewis.

2013 – Microsoft announces the release of Xbox One. Top song, “Just Give me a Reason” by Pink.

2018 – California overtakes Great Britain as the fifth largest economy in the world. Top song “Nice for What” by Drake.

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AHS News



Cartoon

New artificial turf for Falcon field.

- Congratulations to Cross Country Coach Ken Rhoades for his selection as the 2022-23 Sac-Joaquin Section Model Coach Award Winner.
- Congratulation to the Atwater High School FFA Farm Management Team for finishing first in the State of California at the state convention at Cal Poly.