

# ALUMNI TALON



Atwater High School Alumni News and Notes

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## Welcome to the new Alumni

This month we welcome and congratulate the Atwater High School Class of 2023. Welcome to the 486 new alumni. More information about this class in the AHS News section

## Alumni News

- Carol Ripley (69) announced her retirement after 40 years of teaching in grades Kindergarten through college in three different states. Congratulations to Carol, there is a special place in heaven for teachers.
- An exhibit at the Merced County Courthouse Museum on the history of farming in the area included a presentation on Galen Miyamoto (68) and his family's farm in the Fruitland area.
- Gianna Guillen (15) graduation from Sacramento State.
- Ashley Esau (18) graduation from Stanislaus State.
- An Atwater landmark, the Atwater Feed Store at Third St. and Atwater Blvd. burned to the ground. Loss of one of the oldest buildings in town.

*"In recalling their school years, people mostly remember a teacher and not the classes they took"*



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- ..There is only one letter that does not appear in the name of any US state.
- Lemons float, limes sink

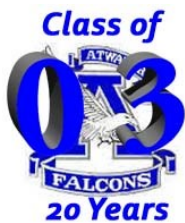
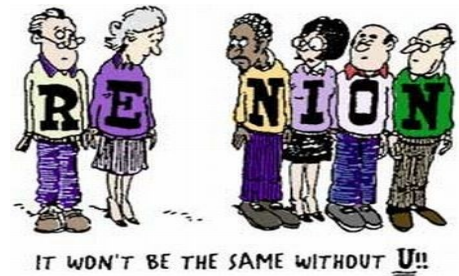
## Reunion Planning

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](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 and on 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 June

**1963** – Soviet space mission Vostok 6 is launched with Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space aboard. Top song “Sukiyaki” by Kyu Sakamoto. AHS Class of 63 graduates.

**1968** – Presidential candidate Bobbie Kenedy is assassinated after a campaign speech in Los Angeles. Top song “Mrs. Robinson” by Simon & Garfunkel. AHS Class of 68 graduates.

**1973** – Secretariat wins the Belmont Stakes to become the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years. Top song “My Love” by Paul McCartney and Wings. AHS Class of 73 graduates.

**1978** – Movie “Grease” starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta premieres. Top song “Shadow Dancing” by Andy Gibb. AHS Class of 78 graduates.

**1983** – Challenger 2 launches with Sally Ride the first US woman in space aboard. Top song “Flashdance...What a Feeling” by Irene Cara. AHS Class of 83 graduates.

**1988** – A concert supporting jailed anti-apartheid Nelson Mandela in London was attended by 80,000 people. Top song “One more Try” by George Michael. AHS Class of 88 graduates.

**1993** – American singer Prince celebrates his birthday by changing his name to an unpronounceable symbol. Top song “That’s the Way Love Goes” by Janet Jackson. AHS Class of 93 graduates.

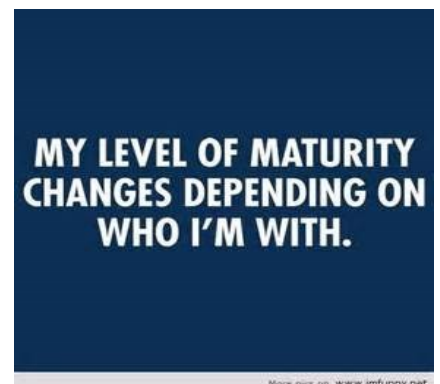
**1998**– The US Supreme Court rules the Line-Item Veto Act of 1996 is unconstitutional. The top song “This Boy is Mine” by Brandy and Monica. AHS Class of 1998 graduates.

**2003** – The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Merced West Coast Fly-in was celebrated with 700 aircraft on display during the three-day event. Top song was “21 Questions” by 50 Cent. AHS Class of 03 graduates.

**2008** – Same sex marriage was legalized in the state of California. Top song “Lollipop” by Lil Wayne. AHS Class of 08 graduates.

**2013** – The US charges NSA leaker Edward Snowden with violations of the Espionage Act. Top song “Can’t Hold Us” by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. AHS Class of 2013 graduates.

**2018** – California wildfires consume over 8,200 acres in Lake County. Top song “Nice for What” by Drake. AHS Class of 2018 graduates.



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## AHS News

- AHS Graduates 486 new alumni.
- Seniors have been accepted in four-year universities as far away as New York and Oklahoma
- 248 graduates received scholarships that totaled \$634,000.
- 98 students were awarded an Excellency Seal of Biliteracy, the highest in Merced County.
- Boys Basketball finished the year 28-0, most wins in school history.
- FFA Dairy Products Team and Farm Business Management Team were California State Champions.
- Congratulations to the AHS Certificated Employee of the Year, Mrs. Taylor Helton
- Congratulations to the AHS Classified Employee of the Year, Mrs. Zulma Ochoa.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Michele Harman on her retirement.
- The Varsity Softball team was named the 2023 Sac Joaquin Section Academic Section Champions. The first time in history an AHS team has won this title.