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Alumni Newsletter



HENDERSON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE • TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Open letter to HCJC-TVCC Alumni:



It is indeed an honor and a privilege to introduce myself as the first president of the HCJC-TVCC Alumni Association. I am Jim Underwood of Arlington, Texas, HCJC '61-'63. Elected with me were Vicki Westbrook Martin, '62-'64,

secretary, and Dorothy Selman Wasuny, '62-'64, treasurer. We anxiously look forward to meeting and communicating with as many alumni as is possible in the near future and having you join us in support of all educational, social, and athletic endeavors at TVCC.

We owe a huge Cardinal debt of gratitude to Mr. David Hubbard, head of the TVCC Office of Development and Alumni Relations, for his role as the primary figure responsible for our recent association revival. We sincerely welcome the opportunity to work with David, President Ron Baugh, and all other administrators, staff, faculty, and students of TVCC toward maintaining and enhancing all the excellent programs now in force at TVCC.

However, most of all, we want to establish our own indelible mark as a definite force in the future good fortune of TVCC. We alumni need to play an active role in our support. In order to activate your membership, you may request an application from the Office of Development and Alumni Relations or go to our alumni website at www.tvcc.edu/alumni.

So, break out your checkbook, and let us hear from you. I'm not embarrassed to ask for your monetary involvement, but most of all we want and need your personal participation. There are plans to hold our first general meeting at a breakfast on campus during Homecoming weekend, October 18 in Athens. Please make your reservation and join us even if you are not presently an Association member.

My era of '61-'63 has had three successful and memorable reunions in 1992, '97 and our third last year in July 2002. If we can assist with reunions, location of friends or former classmates, or if you have questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact David's office or any Association officer. We welcome any and all participation.

Sincerely,
Jim

Homecoming 2003 Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
4:30 PM Carnival
6:00 PM Pep Rally & Bonfire
In front of Administration Bldg.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
8:00 AM

HCJC-TVCC Alumni
Association Breakfast
Cafeteria Conference Room
(Reservations Required)
Cost: \$7.00 per person

9:30-11:30 AM
Cardinal Homecoming Fair
South Parking Lot

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Health Occupations Alumni
Reunion Luncheon
Student Union-Ballroom
(Reservations Required)
Cost: \$14.00 per person
(Lunch and Football Ticket)

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Distinguished Alumni Luncheon
for Honorees
Cafeteria Conference Room

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Alumni Picnic
Front lawn - Orval Pirtle
Administration Building
(Reservations Required)
Cost: \$7.00 per person

2:30 PM
Pre-Game Ceremony - Crowning
Homecoming Queen 2003,
Bruce Field

3:00 PM
Cardinal Football, Bruce Field,
(Alumni Association members
bring Association membership
card for free admission to game)
Cost: General Admission-\$5.00
Reserved-\$7.00

TVCC Prepares for Homecoming 2003

Health Occupations Graduates to be Honored

This year Trinity Valley Community College will recognize those who keep us well as it hosts the first health occupations reunion during Homecoming 2003.

"We are counting on a great showing from our health occupations graduates," says Dean Helen Reid and Ray Huttel of the Kaufman campus and Linda Bland of the Palestine campus.

Homecoming activities begin with the annual carnival, pep rally and bonfire on October 16 and conclude with events throughout the day on Saturday, October 18. Reservations are required for some events (see schedule on front page for details).

TVCC last year began a rotating schedule to honor various alumni groups, and this year it's the nurses, EMTs, surgical technicians and all the other health professionals who make up the college's health occupations programs.

Their reunion luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom, and we will recognize our health occupations alumni during halftime. Two former nursing students have also been singled out for alumni awards - Rebekah Shultz, a nurse midwife in private practice in Palestine, and Russell Reed, Manager of Psychiatric Services at Richardson Regional Medical Center.

In all, TVCC is awarding five former students and friends of TVCC plaques for their professional success and support of the college.

Distinguished Alums

BASCOM BENTLEY, III



Mr. Bentley (class of '71) is a district judge in the 369th Judicial District in Palestine. He holds a BBA degree from the University of Texas and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston.

He served as City Attorney for Palestine, County Attorney for Anderson County and County Court-at-Law Judge before being appointed District Judge in 1988. An accomplished public speaker and active community leader, he has maintained his ties to TVCC, teaching political science, history, economics and business law.

His community service efforts earned him the title of Citizen of the Year by two different organizations - the Palestine Chamber of Commerce and Disabled American Veterans.

JIM UNDERWOOD



Mr. Underwood (class of '63) is the newly elected president of the HCJC-TVCC Alumni Association and owner of the Choctaw Fence Company in Arlington.

After graduating from HCJC, he received his Bachelor's degree from Trinity University before entering the U. S. Navy as a commissioned officer. He served as a pilot and air traffic control officer during the Vietnam era.

He worked in construction for several years, and opened Choctaw Fence about 12 years ago, naming his new company for his Choctaw heritage. He has never wandered far from TVCC, attending as many games as possible and organizing reunions for his classmates in 1992, '97 and last year, as well as some interim gatherings, including one held in early August this year.

Special Award

HUBERT WILBUR



Although never a student at TVCC, Mr. Wilbur and his wife Audrey are members of the Alumni Association. Mr. Wilbur has a long relationship with the college as an instructor and benefactor.

During his 27 years at the college, he held a variety of positions, including Fine Arts Division chairman, choir director, part-time administrator of classes at the prison units, taught music, English as a second language, sociology, and even served as a grounds keeper for three summers. He taught students in Athens, Terrell and Palestine, as well as at three different Texas Department of Criminal Justice units in Anderson County.

In his retirement, he has remained active in college affairs and is a contributor to the Foundation scholarship fund.

Red and White Awards

REBEKAH SHULTZ



Mrs. Shultz (class of '91) earned her BSN and MSN and is currently a certified nurse midwife. She worked at Parkland Hospital for nine years and is now in private practice with three OB-GYN physicians in Palestine and has done more than 1,200 deliveries.

She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives and the Texas Consortium of Certified Nurse Midwives.

RUSSELL REED



Mr. Reed (class of '95) is the manager of Psychiatric Services for Richardson Regional Medical Center, but continues to work part-time in the medical area to keep up his skills.

He worked as a staff nurse at Baylor Richardson Medical Center, and as a charge nurse for seven years, before becoming a nurse manager. He has been nominated twice for the Agnes M. Hays Award for Nursing Excellence and was the first RN to reach RN III on the Clinical Ladder, which includes management, patient education and quality assurance. He is also co-host of the Doc Shop radio show Sunday mornings on FM 105.3.

A Word from the Director

HELLO FROM CARDINAL COUNTRY!

What a great time of the year...fall, cooler weather hopefully, football and Homecoming 2003! I hope that all former students of HCJC-TVCC are making plans now to attend on October 18.

Our day will begin with our annual Alumni Association breakfast and business meeting at 8 a.m. If you have not already joined our Association, I would like to invite you to do so. Our group is growing daily and has a lot of plans for the future. Our day will continue from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. with our Cardinal Homecoming Fair. There will be games and fun for children and adults as well as performances by our Cardettes, Cardinal Regiment Band and cheerleaders.

As many of you already know, this year our honored group will be all former Health Occupation graduates. Their reunion luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Our Distinguished Alumni luncheon and our Alumni picnic will begin at 12 noon. We will top the day off with our Homecoming football game at 3 p.m.

As you can see, the day is packed with activities for all and much planning has already been done by your Alumni

David Hubbard,
1971 HCJC graduate
and Director of
Development
and Alumni Relations



Association in anticipation of your presence. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to come back home to YOUR alma mater and enjoy the day reacquainting yourself with the campus, old friends and enjoying a great tradition...Homecoming 2003!

P.S. We are looking for any and all memorabilia from past HCJC-TVCC days that anyone would like to loan or give to be used in our new display cases found in the Orval Pirtle Administration Building on the Athens campus.



Alumni Association Establishes Scholarship Fund

The Alumni Relations Office has four display cases in the Orval Pirtle Administration Building. If you have items you'd like to donate for display, contact us at 903-670-2620.

In their first official act, HCJC-TVCC Alumni Association officers decided dues received to date should be moved to the Capital Campaign fund for scholarships for future students of TVCC.

These scholarship monies, generated from the interest earned from the contribution, will be designated for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of former students of HCJC-TVCC.

"It will take several years for this contribution to the campaign to build up enough to begin granting scholarships, but this will provide an excellent way for all former students to feel that their dues are contributing to the future of our school." Alumni Association President Jim Underwood said.

TVCC began its first capital campaign, **Enhancing Opportunity and Excellence through Endowment**, last year with a goal to raise \$3 million. The majority of these funds, \$2.5 million, will be used to establish endowed scholarships. The second phase of the campaign is expected to begin in 2007 with a lofty \$6 million goal - \$4 million dedicated to scholarships.

"At some time in the future it might be decided by the Association to use a percentage of the dues collected for other projects," Underwood said, "but at the present time we felt that this would be a great way to get started."

Purchase Alumni Clothing On Our Website

Alumni Updates

1940's

Bob Farmer, Class of '49 tells us that even as young as he looks, he is an excellent grandfather...Gabriel Wade Farmer, born in December 2001 and Hattie Ree Mills, born in March 2003!

Jonel Edmondson Henderson, Class of '46, remembers when classes were held in the Baptist Church and she rode the school bus from Palestine.

Carlos Mann, Class of '48 says he was a member of the H Club and played football on the first HCJC football team and ran track.

1950's

Winston Brand, Class of '58, who played football, basketball and baseball at HCJC and was a member of Circle K Club tells us that after receiving his B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from North Texas, he coached for 28 years. He has now retired and started a vending business to stay active.

Dan Haynes, Class of '50, lettered in football.

Thelma Tucker McElveen, Class of '54, who was in band, choir, drama and BSU and elected "Best All Around" in 1954, now is retired and lives with her husband in a gated community called Emerald Bay on the shores of Lake Palestine in East Texas. In her retirement, she teaches clogging.

Glenn Reynolds, Class of '56, remembers his involvement in Circle K Club, Ag Club and Student Council. He is now retired after many years of teaching at TVCC and says he is living in the woods near downtown Payne Springs.

Barney Seely, Class of '54, died on March 3, 2003 in Waco, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, three sons and thirteen grandchildren.

1960's

Carolyn Kemp Carter, Class of '63, remembers being in Student Council, KAP, Cardettes, Freshman Class Parliamentarian and College Beauty. She holds a Bachelor's degree from TCU and her Master's in public school administration from North Texas. She is married and has one son.

Mike Chambers, Class of '68, remembers being in the Cardinal Band. He is retired from the U. S. Air Force and moved to Nashville, TN in 1991 and became manager for various country music stars. Presently he is working as a driver for several country stars.

Sue Corley, Class of '62, who was a Cardinal Cheerleader, candidate for homecoming queen and active in the Baptist Student Union, is now living in Stephenville and employed as an administrative assistant at Tarleton State University in the Foundation Office.

Roger Edmonson, Class of '66, played on the two national football championship teams. He is currently teaching at Daingerfield High School.

Dennis Greenlees, Class of '68, said that his time at HCJC were the best years of his life. He served in the United States Marine Corps and is a Vietnam veteran. He now lives in Grand Prairie and is plant manager for Old Plantation Foods.

Emily Stanfield Lundy, Class of '60, said that her years at HCJC were wonderful. She was involved in PTK, Yearbook, KAP, basketball and was a cheerleader for two years. She was also voted Miss HCJC and Most Popular Girl and was an honor graduate. She is now retired from teaching, after 34 years. She has been married 42 years, has 9 grandchildren and serves as church pianist.

Jane Garrett Rhodes, Class of '63, remembers being in the Cardinal Band, served as a majorette, was Homecoming Princess and was Most Beautiful nominee. She now travels nationally with her job as national marketing director for Corhell Companies and is looking forward to retiring in two years to her lake house on Cedar Creek.

Joyce Shelton Smith, Class of '64, was recently honored at the East Texas Fair in Tyler as the East Texas Teacher of the Year.

Dorothy Selman Wasunyk, Class of '64 remembers her days in PSA and PTK. She was also an honor graduate. She retired in June, 2000 after 27 years in education (teacher & principal). In October, 2002, she retired to the Henderson County area.

Betty Jo Cook Williams, Class of '64, was honored in March of this year at a luncheon in Austin as Retired Teacher of the Year for Texas.

1970's

Marilyn McBurney Adams, Class of '76, (late husband was Fred Adams, Jr., who taught at HCJC-TVCC for over 30 years) remembers receiving her Associates degree in 1973, her LVN diploma in 1976 and her RN degree in 1984. She worked for many years at Presbyterian Hospital in Kaufman. She is now retired at home and is a proud grandmother and great grandmother.

Tommy Alphin, Class of '73, has been an electrician for DISD for 25 years. His daughter, Kristi Alphin (TVCC former student) is now attending Texas Tech.

Bill David Gates, Class of '70, remembers his days in the Cardinal Band and the Wild Cards. He has been the deputy constable for Dallas County since 1981 and was named Officer of the Year in 1991.

Yvonne Ward Gerdt, Class of '75, remembers her days in PTK, Cardinal Singers, Wild Cards vocalist and Drama Club. She received her Bachelor's degree in 1979 from the University of Houston. She joined the Campus Crusade for Christ drama staff in San Diego, CA. She moved back to Texas and was involved in various missionary outreach programs all over the world. She is married and has a 4-year-old son.

Frances Grochowski, Class of '79, remembers being involved in PTK, was on the Dean's List and graduated with high honors. Received a BSN & BS degree in 1992 from UT Tyler. Her husband was killed in 2002. She has 3 granddaughters and raises, shows, and sells Siberian Huskies.

Wayne Ingram, Class of '72, is an educator in Dallas ISD. He is married and has two sons.

Don Jackson, Class of '70, was a member of the Cardinal Band, Wild Cards and served as head cheerleader in 1970. He has just moved from Dallas and started his own architectural firm in Eustace, Texas.

Alumni Updates

Charlotte Tompkins Parker, Class of '73, remembers her days in Cardettes. She teaches math at Brownsboro Junior High School and will retire in 2004 after 29 years of teaching. She has been married for 31 years and has two sons.

Nelda Reynolds, Class of '71, who was also dorm director during that time, retired from TVCC in 1991. She is very involved with the Henderson County Historical Commission.

1980's

Tracey Ellis, received her LVN diploma in '83 and her ADN degree in 2000. She was a member of the Student Nurses Association and PTK. She is the Clinical Manager in the Traumatic Brain Injury section of the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation.

Cheryl Byrd Smitherman, Class of '86, remembers her days in Cardettes and serving as co-captain. She is married with 3 children. She is currently the manager for Labor and Delivery at Baylor Medical Center in Irving, Texas.

Eddie and Lea Ann (Gilliam) Vise, Class of '81, have a lot to be proud of. Their 15-year-old daughter Hollie finished second in the all-around combined scores at her first senior-level U.S. Gymnastics Championships and earned a berth on the World Championship Team in June. Eddie played football for the Cardinals, and Lea Ann was a Cardinal Cheerleader.

1990's

Paula Burkett, Class of '90, remembers her days as dorm director of Cardette Hall and working in Continuing Ed. She teaches P.E. at Bel Air Elementary School in Athens. She is married and has 25 grandchildren.

Amy Aune Chisum, Class of '98, was captain of the Cardettes in '98 and graduated that same year. She graduated from NWOSU in December of 2001 with a BA in Sociology. She and her husband, Robert, were married in July of 2002 in Jamaica and now live in Fort Worth with their two Boston Terriers.

Troy Cox, Class of '98, was the Horticulture Club president and a member of PTK. He is Propagation Manager and Color Grower at Creekside Nursery in Hempstead, Texas.

Daryl Davis, Class of '93, graduated from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 2001. He passed the State Board of Funeral Service in February of this year. He was married in May of this year. He is currently funeral director and operations manager for Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors, Inc. in Fort Worth.

Kathy Guilhas, Class of '95, now has her Master's in counseling from TAMU-Commerce. She is currently the Area Director for Lutheran Social Services in Tyler, Texas. She serves 16 families and has 40 children under her care. She stated that she got her start at TVCC and loved it while she was here. She worked for Coach Pippin the year TVCC won the championship.

Yvonne Ruiz Hughes, Class of '97, was a member of the Cardettes. She received her Master's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas in December of 2002. She is a speech language pathologist. She married in February of this year.

Travis Johnson, Class of '93, who was a member of Student Senate, Theater and was a Cardette Escort, has recently received his Master's degree from Amberton University. He is working for Broadlane, Inc. as a contracting executive.

Roxie Grissom-Jackson, Class of '97, is Business Manager for Westwood ISD. She graduated with a BBA degree in May, 2003 from Dallas Baptist University. Her son, Marcus Brett Jackson is attending TVCC at the present time and is on the Cardinal football team.

Kari Stephens Long, Class of '98, graduated from UT Tyler and teaches 2nd grade in Eustace, Texas. She was married in June of 2001.

Mindi Ellison Siegley, Class of '95, was a cheerleader while at TVCC. She is currently a pharmaceutical sales representative, married and has a 3 year old son, Colby.

Donna Jenkins Simmons, Class of '93, was a member of the Cardettes and graduated with Honors. She is married to Larry Simmons, a former TVCC football player. They have 2 daughters. She is teaching the third grade for Dallas ISD.

Todd West, Class of '92, was a member of Student Senate. He is employed with U-Haul Co. of Dallas and was promoted to Marketing Company President in July of 2002.

2000's

Hemaxi Desai, Class of '02, is currently attending UT Tyler, seeking a Bachelor's degree in computer science.

Jigna Desai, Class of '02, is currently attending UT Tyler, seeking a Bachelor's degree in computer science.

Liz Ensign, Class of '01, was a member of Cardettes, PTK and Student Senate. She graduated with High Honors from TVCC. She is currently attending UNT working on her honors thesis. She has recently received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award in Psychology and plans to graduate in December of 2003.

2003 CARDINAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 30	Butler County College	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Paul Quinn	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Open	
Sept. 20*	NEO	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27*	@ Cisco	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 4*	Navarro	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 11*	@ Blinn	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 18*	Kilgore <i>HOMECOMING</i>	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 25*	@ Tyler	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	@ Texas College	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	1st Playoff	TBA
Nov. 15	SWJCF Championship	TBA
Dec. 6	Heart of Texas Bowl <i>Copperas Cove, TX</i>	TBA

*Southwest Junior College Football Conference Games