



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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Dear Fellow Gauchos and Friends of ECHS,

2022 is the beginning of a New Year and I am hoping each of you is doing everything possible to stay healthy and that you all will have a great coming year.

I would like to give special praise and thanks to all the teachers, administrators, classroom aides, site supervisors and custodians who have been working so hard since early summer to get school open and to function as closely to normal as possible.

Great job everyone!!

We continue to seek new members who care about the history of ECHS and would be able to help with future activities or fundraisers. Were you a leader while in high school or college? Do you have special skills or knowledge that you could share with the Archiving Project? If the answer to either of the questions is yes, we need you! Call Jackie @ 510 232-9149. Leave a message or send an email. I will get in touch with you. Please share our e-newsletters with family & friends.

Take care,

Jackie Fleming Fonken
President, ECHS Archiving Project
j_fonken@hotmail.com

Can you find yourself in your Class Panoramic Picture ?



Class Panoramic Pictures

Year*	Scan	Extras	Year*	Scan	Extras	Year*	Scan	Extras
2009	x	3	1989	x	13	1979	x	9
2006	x	0	1988	x	15	1978	x	5
2005	x	9	1986	x	5	1977	x	3
2004	x	2	1985	x	15	1976	x	25
2000	x	13	1984	x	4	1975	x	0
1995	x	8	1983	x	18	1973	x	8
1994	x	0	1982	x	1	1972	x	0
1993	x	5	1981	x	4	1970	x	3
1992	x	0	1980	x	11	1969	x	1
1991	x	6				1967	x	0
1990	x	3						

Do you still have your class panoramic picture? Misplaced it? Want to replace it?
 Your high school's archiving project has extras to sell for only \$25.
 Contact Donna Houser : houserini@sbcglobal.net .

* Only years available



New Donation for the ECHS Archiving Project Collection!

Lucy Bonomi Nordahl, class of 1950, has donated memorabilia from her El Cerrito High School days.

In addition to yearbooks from the early 1950s to newspaper clips and a scrapbook, Lucy donated a twelve-inch GAA or Girls Athletic Association banner with the old ECHS logo and a pair of white suede Spalding gym shoes.

Lucy met her husband Donald of 50 plus years at ECHS. They graduated the same year.

The Nordalhs are Gaucho family! Donald and Lucy's daughter Donna graduated in 1978 and Donald's three brothers, Dennis, Dale and David, are all Gauchos, too.

Lucy's donations will be able to be viewed soon in the high school's museum.

If you would like to donate your memorabilia, please email
jsbayat1@comcast.net.

Class of 1981 Memorial Scholarship Award



1981 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The **Class of 1981** has a long history of **school spirit** and **community spirit**, and a **heart of giving back to others**. We are proud to announce the establishment of the **1981 Memorial Scholarship Award** to honor our classmates who have passed away but *will always be Gauchos*. This \$500 award was raised by a select group of 1981 El Cerrito High School graduates to provide a gift of financial support for a deserving **2022 El Cerrito High School graduating senior**.

REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to receive this Award are as follows:

1. Be a graduating 2022 El Cerrito High School Senior
2. Have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or above
3. Plan to continue education at a Two-Year College, Four-Year College, Technical School, Trade School, or Military (Must submit proof of acceptance)
4. Submission of a one-page, single-spaced essay. **Topic:** *What Will You Do, as a Graduate of El Cerrito High School, to Continue the Spirit of Giving Back to Your Community?*
5. **Deadline to apply: March 1, 2022**
6. One recipient will be chosen by the Memorial Scholarship Committee to receive the \$500 award, no later than June 1st, 2022.

How to Apply:

Submit the above required documentation to Paula Ghione Lucas:
nevada144@yahoo.com. Questions: 916.597.8871

GO GAUCHOS!

Great Gifts for the Graduating Class of 2022

Second Tile and Brick Installation Scheduled for Spring

Last Call to purchase a Brick Memento for the Front of the School!

Last Call to purchase a Tile for the Stadium!

Alumni of El Cerrito High School...Stadium Tiles

Were you an athlete or member of a sport group at El Cerrito High? Are you proud of your contributions as a Gaucho? Do you want your performance to be remembered for generations to come? You know you do! Here's your opportunity to let everyone know your greatness! **Order a tile with your name, sport(s) or spirit group and year of participation. We will install it for all to see in the new El Cerrito High School Memorial Stadium! Great gifts or graduation presents!**

*We are the El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, and it is our mission to support the development of a strong ECHS community, to create, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School, and develop connections to current students and to the El Cerrito community. Our Tile Project will install bricks exclusively for 2022 student athletes.

Please help support the Archiving Project and the ECHS community by purchasing a tile today - remembering your contributions to the present!

RESERVE YOUR TILE TODAY - ORDER FORM

GAMMY BRICKS
UNIQUE! PERSONAL!
\$65.00 (tile)

Standard 6" x 6" Single Tile _____
Minimum Donation: \$65.00 (tile only)
2 lines of text maximum, 21 characters per line.
Name, Sport(s)/Group, Year(s) only

Large 12" x 12" Single Tile _____
Minimum Donation: \$130.00 (tile only)
4 lines of text maximum, 21 characters per line.
Name, Sport(s)/Group, Year(s) only

Small 4" x 4" Single Tile _____
Minimum Donation: \$26.00 (tile only)
1 line of text maximum, 21 characters per line.
Name, Sport(s)/Group, Year(s) only

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____
Street Address: _____ City, St, Zip: _____
Your Graduated (if applicable): _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____

Mail this form and your reservation (check \$65 along with your check or money order payable to ECHS Archiving Project) to:

El Cerrito Archiving Project
12 Ramsey Ave.
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Tel: 916.597.8871
Fax: 916.597.8872
E-mail: echsa@echshs.org
Website: www.echshs.org

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ECHS Brick Mementos

Are you a graduating senior, parent, friend, gaucho supporter?

Are you proud of your contributions as a Gaucho? Do you want to be remembered for generations to come? You know you do! Here's your opportunity to let everyone know your greatness! **Order a brick with your information. We will install it for all to see in the front of the school. Spaces are limited, reserve your brick now.**

Get your Brick!!

Please help support the Archiving Project and the ECHS "Forward Motion" scholarship program by purchasing a brick today - remembering your contributions to the present!

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The El Cerrito High School Archiving Project is seeking new members.

The archiving group is composed of alumni, interested parents, community members, and faculty and students. The purpose is to preserve the ECHS history, to promote the Gaucho spirit, to assist alumni networking and to encourage

the current students' education and activities. We achieve these goals by publishing an on-line newsletter, creating and maintaining the main lobby's Museum and the gym's Hall of Fame, selling Gaucho pride materials and quad and sports field tiles, and supporting on-campus events. Annually, we award scholarships to graduating seniors to assist with their higher education.

Your special memories of your ECHS days may be very similar to those of current Gauchos.

Might you especially recall Homecoming float building, the parade through El Cerrito, lunch on the field/ pit/ quad/cafeteria, drama productions, Senior Picnic, Junior Prom, debate tournaments, basketball/volleyball games in the old gym, walking to P.E. swimming at the EC Community Center, band practice, dance productions? Most would say the activities you remember are based on your fellow students and their acceptance and excitement. Current students share the same memories.

To carry the Gaucho Spirit forward, please consider being a part of the ECHS Archiving Project. We want you! Go Gauchos! Contact Roddy Lee: ECarchproject@aol.com, for more information.

Passing of Rosenda Thomas Archiving Project Member ECHS Class of 1972

Rosenda Jean Thomas (ECHS Class of '72) passed away on October 12, 2021. As a Gaucho, Rosenda was on the Senior Central Committee, BSU and Pep Club. While at UC Berkeley, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta sorority and earned her degree and teaching credential.

Rosenda taught elementary school children for 42 years in the Oakland School District. She was actively involved in many organizations including Delta Sigma Theta East Bay Alumnae, NAACP, Oakland Education Assn, Calif. Teachers Assn., National Education Assn.

Being true to her Gaucho high school roots, Rosenda was a contributing member of the ECHS Archiving Project to preserve and promote Gaucho history and spirit. As a member of the Class of '72 Reunion Committee, she will be dearly missed. In her honor, Rosenda's former classmates have established a scholarship for a graduating senior. Rosenda will be remembered by many students, friends and colleagues as the one "who made a difference." We are so lucky she passed our way.

CURRENT REUNION INFORMATION

Updated 7/15/21

People who went to El Cerrito <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2224192800/?ref=bookmarks>

The 70's <https://www.facebook.com/groups/119897442221977/>

Class of 1973, 1974, 1975, Someone is thinking about it.

More information to follow..dialogue in the facebook pages above.

Class of **1993** Click here for more information

Class of 1970-71-50 Year Reunion---August 17, 2021 ...Update

The Reunion Committee has had many discussions concerning the current Covid situation, and for everyone's safety, the difficult

decision has been made to postpone the reunion scheduled for October 16, 2021, until April 9, 2022.

We have established a new date, April 9, with Golden Gate Fields. In the event ticket price increases, we will grandfather (your cost does not change) your funds. In order to reduce bookkeeping efforts, we would ask that you hold off on requesting a refund unless absolutely necessary. However, if you would like a refund, please email:

Class of '70 - Charlene Slemmons echs1970@hotmail.com

Class of '71 - Donna Marsicano 71echs50reunion@gmail.com

We are currently renegotiating with The Berkeley DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, in the offering of discounted room rates to accommodate our new date. Therefore, if you have made a reservation for October 2021, please be sure to cancel your room reservation.

Please know this was not an easy decision to make and foremost in our decision to postpone was your safety. Please be patient and we will continue to communicate updates to you. Thank you for your understanding.

The Reunion Committee

- Charlene Slemmons
- Rick Pyle
- Jennifer (Brown) Gomes
- Donna Marsicano
- Gene Staus
- Janet (Morrison) Damm
- Julius Chiang

Contact : Charlene Slemmons grandmachar2008@hotmail.com

Class of 1980-81

Contact : Charlene Slemmons grandmachar2008@hotmail.com

Contact: Chris Misa-Mackey: bcmackey7@hotmail.com

Class of 2011

Contact Marisol Clemens- mclemens423@gmail.com

Class of 1990! update 6/1/20 We have tried to keep our reunion plans for July 2020 on active as long as possible, but given the current state of the world with COVID-19, it is not practical to move forward in good conscious. With greatest of concern for our classmates and families, the reunion committee has decided that we will postpone our 30th Reunion celebration to the summer of 2021. We are hoping that the world will be in a more secure place where large gatherings will not be problematic. On a personal note I was truly looking forward to meeting with everyone and getting to re-connect in person. If anything this time has reminded me how important our connections are and how our time at ECHS helped to shape the kind of people we are today. So we don't lose the momentum of reconnecting I invite everyone to share some of their favorite ECHS photos with a Google Photo Drive. After a reasonable amount of time we will put together a slide show that we can enjoy. Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Go Gauchos!

All the Best,

Larry

- Planning your reunion or need information about your reunion. Please Contact Roddy Lee: ECArchProject@aol.com

Class of
1965, 1966, **1967**, 1968, 1969

The 55th Reunion for the 1967 class is on.

October 8, 2022

Jonathan is flying 7857 miles to join us.

Email me if you would like to join us.

ECHS1967@aol.com

[Class of 1967 Facebook Link](#)



[Brennan's, Berkeley CC, Nite Owls, Wrecking ECHS, Arlington Park, Jonathan Rogers]

El Cerrito High School Class of 1967 (and the Classes of 1965 - 1969) 55th Reunion!!!

Your presence is requested at the
Berkeley (Mira Vista) Golf and Country Club, El Cerrito, California, on
Saturday, October 8, 2022.
5:00 p.m. for dinner, dancing, reminiscing, nostalgic décor, and more.
Entertainment by the Nite Owls,
our own band that was the hit of the 40th, 45th, 50th reunions.

Cost: \$135.00 per person. Deadline September 1, 2022.

Mail your payment to:

- ECHS 1967 c/o Roddy Lee, 3333 Rosemoor Parkway Manor #1, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.
- PayPal available, let us know and we will send you an invoice.
- Contact: ECHS1967@aol.com or 925-954-1861.

Reunion Events	Schedule for Saturday night:
TBD, Friday 10/7/22.	5:00 Check in, cocktails and conversation.
Gala at Berkeley (MV) CC, Saturday, 10/8/22.	7:30 Buffet Dinner, Carved Prime Rib, Miso Seared Salmon, and Vegetarian Option. Dinner will include a program, recognitions, and announcements.
Picnic at Arlington Park, Sunday, 10/9/22.	9:30 Entertainment: The Nite Owls, hit of the 40th, 45th and 50th reunions. Dancing and reminiscing.
CDC guidelines	11:30 Lights out.

Visit our website: <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/11951>

Post Reunion Information

- Class of 1979 Lisa Hughes Brown @ teardropkids6140@gmail.com
- Class of 1969 ECHS1969Reunion@gmail.com
- Class of 1959 Barbara Cornish Barichello at 510-724-4988, Lyn Martinez Kelly at 925-937-1437 or Roberta Mendonca at rmendonca@aol.com
- Class of 1963 Marc Bautista marcusec63@aol.com
- Class of 1988 Mylika Lisa Smith
- Class of 1978 Luanne Canestro canestro4@gmail.com
- Class of 1987 CONTACT: TOSCHA CONROE - ECGAUCHOS1987@GMAIL.COM
- Class of 1968 Paul Bailey paulbailey524@yahoo.com, Rich Runswick mitchwick@aol.com

Reunion leaders, classmates: If you are planning your reunion or need information about your reunion.
Please Contact Roddy Lee: ECArchProject@aol.com

Executive Board

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