



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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New Scholarship Funding Information

President's Message

Dear Gaucho Family,

I want to thank the family of Howard Mackey for creating, in 2020, the Howard Mackey Gaucho Spirit Scholarship and their continued generous donation to the scholarship fund. Howard was in the first graduating class of ECHS in 1944. After the Army and college, he returned to ECHS to become a beloved, long-time teacher.

The Archiving Project administers three scholarships. Two of the scholarships are funded by fundraising and donations and named the ECHS Archiving Scholarships. Each is \$1000. The third scholarship is the one funded by the family of Howard Mackey and is \$1500.

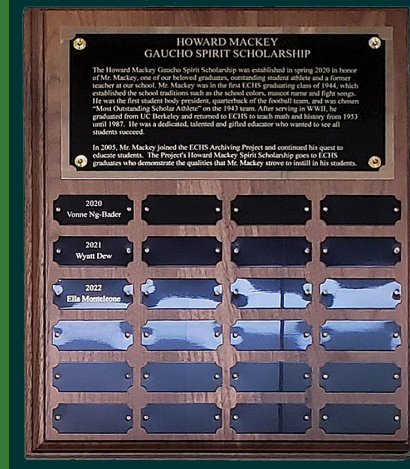
I know everyone has many financial things to deal with. If you ever had a little extra to donate to the Archiving Project Scholarship Fund, it would be greatly appreciated by our group and any future student that receives a scholarship. Who knows, we might be helping to fund the education of the next President of the United States! Thank you to C. Swan, class of 1944, and Lu Tipping, parent, for their generous donations to the Scholarship fund.

If you care to donate, you can make out a check to "ECHS Archiving Scholarship Fund" and send it to me, Jackie Fonken, 1486 Olive Ave. Richmond, CA 94805. The Archiving Project is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We will send you a thank-you letter with our tax ID number for tax purposes.

Best wishes for a healthy New Year.

Jackie Fleming Fonken – Class of 1956
President, ECHS Archiving Project

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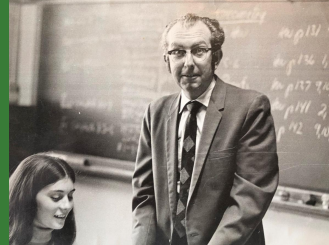
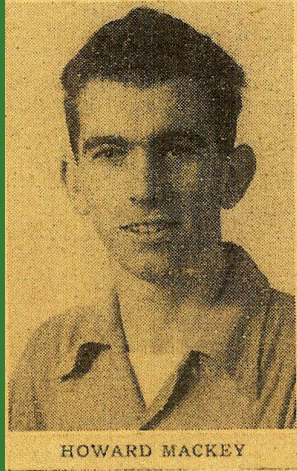
The sons of Mr. Howard Mackey, a member of the ECHS's first graduating class and life-time teacher, recently donated \$2500 to the El Cerrito Archiving Project Scholarship Fund. These monies, together with the sons' original donations, will continue to enable outstanding seniors to help defray the costs of college. The Howard Mackey Gaucho Spirit Scholarship was started in the Spring of 2020. To date, there have been three students who have each received \$1500.



Throughout Howard Mackey's life, he exemplified what it meant to be a Gaucho, and as a member of the first graduating class in February 1944, he was involved with the school from the beginning. Born in San Diego, the family moved in the 1930's to El Cerrito where he grew up on C Street near Harding School and became a lifelong resident of El Cerrito. He and his classmates helped establish many ECHS traditions, including the school colors, mascot name, and fight songs. He was the very first student body president, quarterback of the football team, and was chosen the "Most Outstanding Scholar Athlete" on the 1943 team.

Mr. Mackey worked in the Richmond shipyards after school hours, and after completing high school, he joined the U.S. Army. He served in Germany and France. At the end of World War II, he went on to college, graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1950. He met his future wife, Barbara, at the University of California, Berkeley, and they married in 1951. They built their house in El Cerrito, and in 1953, he returned to ECHS to become a math and history teacher before teaching only math and becoming the Math Department chair. He and Barbara had three sons, Kevin, Patrick, and Bruce. He was active in the Richmond Federation of Teachers Union and was president of the union when they organized the first teacher's strike in California in 1966. He taught at ECHS until he retired in 1987.

In 2005, just before the original school buildings were torn down, Mr. Mackey became involved in the ECHS Archiving Project. He helped go through the old buildings to save artifacts representing the school's history. He also participated for 12 years on the scholarship committee. He found it challenging to make a decision on who would become a scholarship recipient, as he thought all the students were deserving. Mr. Mackey passed away at the age of 95 years old.



Howard Mackey Spirit Recipients



2022
Ella Monteleone
University of
California, Berkeley



2021
Wyatt Dew
University of
California, Davis



2020
Vonne Ng-Bader

Visit our Website Link to Howard Mackey Scholarship Website

Post Reunion Information

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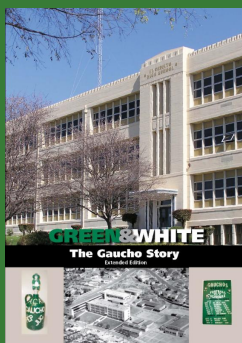
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