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## El Cerrito High School Archiving Project

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### July 4th Celebration

Join your friends and neighbors at the joyous, fun- filled City of El Cerrito's July 4th Celebration on Saturday, July 4, 2009, Portola Middle School blacktop, Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

Visit the hundreds of booths for arts and crafts, information from local organizations and plenty of food!

The El Cerrito Archiving Project will sell DVD's of Green and White: The Gaucho Story, as well as ECHS memorabilia.

### Grand Opening

*El Cerrito High School Grand Opening*

Almost four years ago the Archiving Project closed the old campus with celebrations and nostalgia. This year we have reopened with a bang! On Friday, February 27th, we began the Grand Opening event with a special production in our new theater that went through the decades since the school's existence. The drama, dance, forensics and music students put together a wonderful show. All the proceeds went to the participating student groups. A very successful fundraiser for them.



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The schedule for Saturday started with tours of the new campus given by the students of the Leadership Class. The first stop was the museum that was put together by the Archiving Project. The museum is a display of memorabilia from the 1940s to the present. This is something you shouldn't miss if you haven't seen the new school yet.

School groups and all classes were set up at tables in the Quad area, which is flanked by the Commemorative Brick Walls. A ribbon cutting ceremony happened in the new gym featuring Troop 104 Boy Scouts, the ECHS Gaucho Marching Band and speeches by district and city officials. There was a presentation to Mark Canepa, Class of '77, for his original heart sculpture which is displayed by the entrance to the theater, (a gift from Classes '05 & '06), and last but not least the official ribbon cutting. The program was complete with the singing of the Gaucho Fight Song along with the marching band and cheerleaders performing.

The day continued with the Mountain Bike Club doing a fundraiser by providing lunches for purchase. The Archiving Film was shown with bonus footage of the first ECHS football game followed by a live band named The Boys from El Cerrito. To top off the day, a student music combo performed as guests arrived to a sit down dinner which was served by students in the practice gym. At the dinner, recognitions were made to alumni classes, students, faculty, staff, and the architects/contractors that designed and built the school. Special recognitions were also made by the Archiving Project acknowledging their own members who have worked so hard preserving the past, present and future of ECHS.

The whole event came to an end as guests came out of the new theater after the second showing of the production put on by the students.

As I was cleaning up from all the festivities it warmed my heart to see alumni still visiting with each other, sharing stories, and obviously not wanting the day to end.

Go Gauchos!

Donna Houser  
Event Chair  
Archiving Project

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## **Class of 1958 Donates**

*As a Tribute to Claude Samples*

Class of 1958 thanks the Archiving Project with a donation over \$500.

As a tribute to Claude Sample, ECHS Principal 1948-68, the Class of 1958 50th Reunion has donated \$526.23, toward the Archiving Project's scholarship fund to seniors.

Co-Chairs

Joe Stadum  
Gerry Bertrick  
Ken Johnson

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## Reunions Happenings



Class of 1959.50th reunion, October 10th, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel, Concord. Contact Roberta Mendoca, rcmendonca@aol.com

Class of 1964 45th Reunion Contact Jackie Arnold Olson  
jackie.olson@alumni.berkeley.edu

Class of 1969 40th Reunion August 29th Mira Vista CC. For Info, Contact Bill Morris (510) 741- 7147. w morris@actransit.org

Class of 1970 40th Reunion, TBA. Contact Glen Bell jazzlines@sbcglobal.net

## 2009 Scholarship Recipients

### *El Cerrito High School Archiving Project Scholarships*

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients!

The process of selecting scholarship recipients is always challenging. All applicants are outstanding.

This year three scholarships were awarded to Eric Chen, Alisha Manandhar, and Marques Pitcher.

Both Eric and Alisha will be attending CAL, and Marques will attend Hampton University in Virginia. Congratulations to these outstanding Gauchos!

Thank you to the committee members for their continued dedication and time-Mike Aaronian, Bobbi Griggs, Donna Houser, Howard Mackey, Gregg Meyer, Joann Steck-Bayat, Lu Tipping.

Please continue to support this much needed fund-donations in any amount are very much appreciated. Checks payable to ECHS Archiving Project, c/o Dianne Chambers, 2234 Lupine Road, Hercules 94547.

## Do You Have Items You Would like to have in the New ECHS Museum?

If you have articles you would like to see displayed in the ECHS museum, please follow the steps below.

1-Type out the following information for each item:  
Department used in such as social science, football, music  
Physical description of item. Type of item such as trophy, newspaper article. Date of use. Size of item. Donor's name, phone number, email address. 2-3 sentences of background information



2-If the item can be framed, take to the following shop to be framed- The Glenn 7027 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito 510 558 1078. The likelihood of your article being displayed quickly increase dramatically if they come to us framed by The Glenn and ready to be hung. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that it will be displayed in the foreseeable future and will be put into our storage room.

3-If the item cannot be framed or you do not want to frame it, please deliver it to use in acid free envelopes or wrapping. Make sure the wrapping is transparent. Package articles in a durable fashion with the information included.

Joann Steck-Bayat 510 524 9464 Jsbayat1@comcast.net Museum Curator

## History Scattered Throughout the New High School

Many archive articles are scattered throughout the school in various formats. The first item visitors will see as they enter the school is the bronze sundial which was a gift from the class of 1946. It is placed prominently in the garden area at the entrance. As you enter the main entrance, visitors will notice old silk screen posters from 1960's plays, play programs from the 1940's and a three foot round mosaic tile work of a handsome Gaucho.

Each academic department has glass cases in their hallway. Most departments have a archive items that illustrate the department's history. The cafeteria has the original lunch tray and menus from the 1950's and the last one from 2004. The auto shop has its original outside art deco letters hung in their new classroom. The library has a full collection of yearbooks and two of their original wooden library chairs. The office has pictures of all ECHS principals and the date of their reign, blueprints from 1938 and aerial shots from the 40s, 60s and 80's. The gym lobby's display cases are full of great historical items such as the first letter sweater, a life size silver football with the game scores between ECHS and BHS, 40s and 50s football programs, championship baseball teams and a few boys' wooden locker doors with graffiti by students back to the 60s. In the main gym, all the sport banners have been hung with oldest one being from 1951.

On the wall are Coach Nules's life size Gaucho on his horse and EL CERRITO letters that he designed and made for the school in the 60s. The music hallway has an old drum major uniform and albums from choir's performance.

An item on the archive committee's agenda will be to develop a walking tour of the school's archive objects. Please stay tuned for its completion.




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## Alumni Information Needed

If you know any Alumni who have not subscribed to the ECHS Archiving Project New letter, please forward their information to [ECarchives@aol.com](mailto:ECarchives@aol.com).

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## Reunion Leaders

Are you a reunion leader for one of our ECHS years? Please send us an updated class list.

We would like to ask for your help to notify us as to whom the reunion leaders are from each missing year. If you know of a missing alumni chair, please notify

David Bilyeu at [davidechs65@att.net](mailto:davidechs65@att.net).

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 Reunion Leaders, To change or add your contact information please email, Roddy Lee--  
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[ECHS Alumni Website](#)

### How to donate to the ECHS Archiving Project

The ECHS Archiving is in need of continuous monetary support! In addition to restoring, preserving and displaying the many artifacts that were saved from the wrecking ball, this year we were able to give four ECHS seniors \$1000 each in scholarships toward their college expenses.

We would like to continue our work in the future and here is how you can help. Contact Diane Chambers dianneminard@yahoo.com or just mail your check to; ECHS Archiving Project 2234 Lupine Rd, Hercules, CA 94547. All donations are tax deductible.

Diane Chambers

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:  
 Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School - Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.

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