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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer.

If you are able to attend the El Cerrito July 4th celebration please stop by the ECHS Archiving Booth.

We have a drawing and a chance to win a basket full of fun stuff, lots of items to buy and a chance to learn more about what's going on at ECHS. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Jackie Fleming Fonken,
Class of 1956
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Upcoming Events

- 4th of July Celebration at the EC Community Center
- Grand Opening for the Athletic Stadium -TBD

2015 Archiving Project Scholarships

We are proud to announce the 2015 ECHS Archiving Scholarship recipients:

Lavonia Bobo, Maggie Li and Oghenefejiro (Feji) Etibo.

These outstanding students were recognized at Senior Awards Night on June 1, 2015. The presentations were delivered by Lu Tipping and Donna Houser. Each student will receive \$1,000.00

Lavonia Bobo will be attending Cal State Los Angeles. Maggie Li will be going to Contra Costa College and is a Culinary Institute Academy hopeful. Feji Etibo was accepted to Chico State.

For the past ten years, dedicated committee members have found themselves with a difficult challenge to review candidates' qualifications, interview many, and then select only three students from each graduating class.

Thank you to Howard Mackey, Class of '44, Kathie Weinstein '58, parent alumnus '82, '87, Roddy Lee '67, parent alumnus '97, '00, Jackie Fonken, '56, Gregg Mayer '76, Bobbi Griggs '72, Lu Tipping, parent alumnus '96, '98, '03, Joann Steck-Bayat, parent alumnus '02, '05, and Donna Houser, parent alumnus '04, '08, '11.

Thank you to all who support this much-needed scholarship project. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

All donations of any amount are welcome! Make checks payable to ECHS Archiving Project, note "Scholarships" on the memo line, and mail to:

ECHS Archiving Project
c/o Dianne Chambers
2234 Lupine Road

<http://elcerritogauchos.net/archiving/archiving-project-scholarships>

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November 9, 2014](#)

Take a Look!!



[Old and new, updated pictures of ECHS.](#)

GaUCHO Alumni

Editors Note:

We apologize for the abundance of emails from us these past few weeks.

We are updating our

4th of July Celebration



Join your friends and neighbors at the joyous, fun-filled, City of El Cerrito's July 4th Celebration

Saturday, July 4th, 2015
Cerrito Vista Park,
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,
Mooser Lane & Pomona Ave.,
El Cerrito.

Raffle, Raffle, Raffle, Spin the Wheel!! Prizes Drop by the booth to enter.

The El Cerrito Archiving Project will sell DVDs of "Green and White: The Gaucho Story," as well as ECHS memorabilia. ECHS Gauchos License Plate Holders will be available.

The Archiving Project Booth will be located on Pomona.

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

Portola Junior High School (Fred T. Korematsu Middle School)

A Night of Music, Merriment and Memorabilia

Please join us as we celebrate the history of Portola Junior High School!



An evening of fun, including a live band, dancing, no-host bar and snacks, and an exciting silent auction of artifacts. Your chance to own a piece of Portola history--from maps, globes and mid-century lighting to kitchen kitsch from home economics and tools from decades of classes in the wood shop!

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito
All proceeds benefit the PTA and ECHS Archiving Project Scholarship Fund
More info coming soon, see you at the party!

database and want to make sure all email addresses are current. If you are receiving this newsletter, thank you for your support, and please pass it on to a classmate.

Do you have a classmate who has contributed to society and you think we would like to hear about him or her? Contact Roddy Lee at ECarchproject@aol.com

Contact: Marnie Fricke Mufti 510-410-5028
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVHdSMh4rLo>

Relay for Life



Dear Gaucho Community,

Relay for Life is a 24-hour event designed to raise money for the American Cancer Society, as well as a chance for the community to come together and celebrate life, remember those lost, and fight back against cancer. Money is raised to sponsor this event, made up of multiple teams who have at least one team member walking on the track to represent the fact that cancer never takes a break.

Relay for Life has been a major part of the El Cerrito community. After its inception in 1984, it came to El Cerrito in 2002, where it was held on the football field every summer until 2006 when the old campus was being demolished for renovation. After that, it took a four-year hiatus and returned in 2010 to Cerrito Vista Park, where it has served as an important community event with support from Mayor Janet Abelson and District Supervisor John Gioia, along with the El Cerrito Fire and Police Departments, Playland-Not-at-the-Beach, the Home Depot, Staples, and other El Cerrito community leaders.

Once Relay returned to El Cerrito in 2010, a small team of Gauchos from ECHS Interact, a community-service club on campus sponsored by Rotary, formed and brought back an ECHS presence to the event. In 2011, they once again registered as a team. Since then, the team has continued to grow every year, from the three members that started in 2010 to over 25 last year.

Moving into their fifth year as a team, Josh Ko, co-captain of the Gauchos for the past three years, decided to reach out to the greater Gaucho community and set up a team of Gaucho alumni to participate in this event and have it serve as an annual reunion of sorts, while raising money for cancer research. For the inaugural year of this new team, the ECHS Archiving Project Gaucho Alumni team, we will walk in honor of Luis Porras, the beloved soccer coach and Spanish teacher at El Cerrito High, who passed away on February 8, 2015.

How can you get involved with this fantastic event? Start telling your friends and fellow alumni about this event, set for August 1, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. the next day. Look for info at the July 4 WorldOne festival at the ECHS Archiving Project and Relay for Life booths. Attend an info session, in person or online during the second week of July (more details to be

provided soon) and you'll learn more about how fundraising will work and what fun events we're planning for our alumni.

This event is shaping up to be an incredible one, and we'd love for Gaucho alumni, along with faculty, to be a part of it and start a brand new Gaucho tradition.

Sincerely,
Josh Ko
Captain, ECHS Archiving Project Gaucho Alumni
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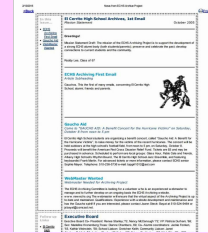
Updated ECHS Field facilities



For more information about the Grand Opening of
the Athletic Fields,
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Reunion Information Reviews and updates

Class of 2006

10 Year Reunion in the planning stages

Contact: Deven Sanders Trowers at

deven.trowers@gmail.com

Class of 2005--10 year

Class of 1995--20 year

Class of 1985--30 year

Class of 1985: 30th High School Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015

Location: T-Rex Restaurant and Bar, Berkeley CA

Please contact Andrea Lum

at andrealum@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1975--40 year

Event: Dinner and No Host Bar for ECHS Class of 1975
and friends

Date and Time: Saturday, August 15th from 5:00 PM to
10:00 PM

Location: Bottega Napa Valley, 6525 Washington
Street, Yountville, CA 94599

Please contact Arthur Chiang

at almchia@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1965--50 year

Contacts: please send me your information.

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[ECHS Website Link to All Reunions](#)

Website Link: items for sale

2015 Gift Ideas! Archiving Project Fundraisers!

Pencils 2/\$1.00
Pens 2/\$1.00
Pins \$1.00
School Photos \$1.00
Book Marks \$3.00

**"Green & White/The Gaucho Story" - the DVD -
\$15.00**

ECHS Bags \$10.00
Reunion Bags \$5.00

License Plate Frames . . . \$15.00

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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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