

August 2023

RHSAA

# RHSAA Newsletter

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Rusk, TX 75785

## 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Annie Beathard	Houston & Katherine White Memorial Scholarship
Adisan Burton	Lester Hughes Annual Scholarship (given by the James I. Perkins Family Foundation)
Lexsey Cleaver	Harmon & Laura Schochler Memorial Scholarship
Jackson Crysup	Helen Case Memorial Scholarship
Jackson Dowling	Frank Summers Memorial Scholarship
Jeran Driver	Hubbard Family Memorial Scholarship #2
Hayden Dyess	RHS Class of 1958
Kendall Filer	Dr. Jim Swink Memorial Scholarship
Gabila Flores	Frank & Mary Madden Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Hassell	Judge Morris & Mauriete Hassell Memorial Scholarship
Hope Jinkins	Stan Chapman Memorial Scholarship #4
Harlie Leonard	E. H. & Marie Whitehead Memorial
KayLynn Morris	Lovelady Family Scholarship
Ella Morton	Student Memorial Scholarship
Skylie Myers-Watson	Stan Chapman Memorial Scholarship #1
Cameron Robinson	Hubbard Family Memorial Scholarship # 1
Verity Smith	Stan Chapman Memorial Scholarship #2
Isabel Torres	Teacher Memorial Scholarship
Peighton Vargas	Stan Chapman Memorial Scholarship #3
Madalynn Woodruff	Stan Chapman Memorial Scholarship #5

*Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship*

## Words from RHS Graduates

Growing up in East Texas and attending Rusk High School taught me to appreciate the support of a small community. I transferred to Rusk ISD in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade from private school, and I remember how nervous I felt about how I would fit in to this completely new and different environment. Fortunately, I felt welcomed from the start by fellow students, teachers, and community members. I graduated from RHS in 2016 with financial support from RHSAA and other local

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## Meet & Greet

**Friday, September 15**

**RHS Cafeteria**

**5:00 —7:00 PM**

*Light refreshments will be served*

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# Those Who Have Gone Before Us

These names have been added to the memorial book from August 1, 2022—July 15, 2023

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| 1944 Doris Louise Holcomb Acker<br>Geneva Cummings Boyd*     | 1962 Louetta Bice Cates<br>Zona Pearl Hall               | 1972 Barbara Nelson Criner   |
| 1945 Norma Rider Peters                                      | Patricia D. Cotton Walker                                | 1974 Mary Lisa Wallace Penn*   |
| 1948 Hazel M. Williams Cummins*                              | 1963 Kathie Lindsay Knight                               | 1975 Ronnie David McGowan  |
| 1949 Thelma Oletta Bynum Steele                              | 1964 Richard Johnson                                     | 1977 Kathy Simmons Lewis   |
| 1952 Barbara Ruth Colville Brock<br>Ruby Pearl Norton Hudson | Norleine Morgan Power*<br>Sarah Graham Shields           | 1979 Allen Colquitt Sanders  |
| 1953 Nan Ellen Webb Pryor                                    | 1966 Arlene Wallace Todd*                                | 1980 Mike Dominy, Sr.<br>Delian Session<br>Sherri D. Sparkman Sinclair |
| 1955 Wanda Nance Boyett<br>J. Frank Brunt*                   | 1967 Edward Noble Goldsberry*<br>Mary Jane Huggins Jones | 1981 Diann Newman Dyess  |
| 1956 Loyce "Tex" Wilmer Bonner<br>James Robert Coker         | Marilyn A. Tullis Powell                                 | 1982 Kathy Lynn Buckner*   |
| 1957 June Gentry Leenen<br>Barbara Ann Conway Ricks          | 1968 Cathy Richards Penn*                                | 1986 Anthony Tyrone McDuff   |
| 1959 Patsy Ann Jones Eison*<br>Dan Williams                  | 1969 David Grimes<br>Theresa A. Owens Jeffries           | 1988 Ronnie McCreight  |
| 1960 Patsy Ruth Hudson Hughes<br>Tommy Dan Treadwell*        | Sarai V. Johnson*<br>Martin W. Morrow                    | 1989 Stephanie Robinson Jones  |
| 1961 Mary Ella Maitland Rankin<br>Mollie E. Trotter Spears   | 1970 Terry Robert Norris                                 | 1996 Kelvin Glenn  |
|  | 1971 Bettye Joyce Halbert Martin<br>Jerry Neil Warren    | 1998 Timothy Matthew Hatch   |
|  |  | 1999 Bobby J. Cook   |
|  |  | 2001 Daniel Lawrence Mims  |
|  |  | 2007 Scott Helm  |

\* Rusk High School Alumni Association member

\*\* Founding Board Member

Every effort is made to keep the memorial record correct and current.

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## Thank you for your Donation

- Martha Coleman
- Rudy & Sue Moore Penn
- David Crysup
- Citizens First Bank
- Austin Bank
- Texas National Bank
- David & Frances Long
- Michael Russell
- Mike & Sissy Crysup
- Rachel Loden
- The Daily Grind
- Connie Martin Catalani
- Denise Klapp
- Robert & Terrie Gonzalez
- Jeanie Swink
- Dan Heard

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organizations to support my college journey. I remember telling my 9<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Zach Williams, that I would be a marine biologist one day. I am happy to say that I have fulfilled that goal! I graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) in 2020 with a BS in environmental science with a concentration in marine and coastal resources and a minor in technical and professional writing. I then decided to pursue my master's degree, and just graduated with my MS in marine biology in May of 2023, also from TAMU-CC. My research has taken me worldwide, from studying tropical reef fish in the Philippines to presenting my research in Puerto Rico and Germany to studying corals in Hawaii. I have now accepted a science policy position, where my goal is to use the results of scientific research to inform positive policy changes in order to better conserve and restore our marine ecosystems. This small-town gal could not have dreamt this big and FULFILLED those dreams without financial assistance and unwavering support along the way. Thank you RHSAA!

*Zoe Ruben*

## Memorial Donations August 2022– June 2023

Donor	In Memory of	Donor	In Memory of
	<b>August</b>		
Callie Smith	Arlene Shankles Frazer '62	Randy Burchfield	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67
Sherrel Burton Price	Mike Byrd '67	Ronny McElroy	Cathy Richards Penn '68
Lisa Townsend Parr	Wayne Townsend		Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67
Foster & Donna Webb	Arlene Frazer '62		Jo Philbrick Lee
	Nan Ellen	David & Frances Long	Billy Watson
	Webb Pryor '53		Cathy Richards Penn '68
Ken & Lindy Finley	Diann Newman Dyess '81	RHS Class of 1960	Billy Watson
Stephen Cary	David A. Brown '74	David & Lila Murray	Patsy Hudson Hughes '60
Jim Harper	Mike Byrd '67		Cathy Richards Penn '68
	Johnnie Richey '67		Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67
David & Cindy Fulton	Bob Nation	Gary & LuAnn Halbert	Billy Watson
David & Lila Murray	Larry Cotton '64	Genny Butler Mantzurani	Brenda Smith York '74
Mike & Valerie Murray	Anthony McDuff '86		Cathy Richards Penn '68
Robin Ramey Townsend	James Damon Ramey '61		Billy Watson
Angela Dickey	Mary Ethel Guinn '51		Joanna Williams Lee '67
	<b>September</b>		Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67
Jane Sartain Woods	David Grimes '69	Carol Burson Byrd	Cathy Richards Penn '68
	Theresa Jeffries '69		Billy Watson
Gallatin Water Supply Corp.	W.R. Baggett Jr.	Roger & Rose McCrary	Cathy Richards Penn '68
RHS Class of '69	David Grimes '69		Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67
	Theresa Jeffries '69		Billy Watson
Glenda Graham Johnson	Arlene Wallace Todd '66	Sue Sartain	<b>December</b>
Don & Cathy Jones	Arlene Wallace Todd '66		Michael Brunt Sartain '65
Britt Clay RHS '82	Julie Buchanan '82		Donald Clark Pledger '65
	Sheila Cobb Gray '82	Suzanne Mehner McCarty	Tommye Sartain Pickett '56
	Scotty McElfresh '82		Cathy Richards Penn '68
	Lee Ann Miller '82	Rudy & Sue Penn	Jo Philbrick Lee
	Lee Marvin Williams '82		Lisa Wallace Penn '74
	Adam Mallard '82	Mary Hassell Family	Cathy Richards Penn '68
	Robbie Garner '82	Molly Dear Abshire & Family	Cathy Richards Penn '68
	John Truesdale '82	Don & Cathy Jones	Cathy Richards Penn '68
Jhan & Ernestine Echols	Emadean Wilcox French '56		Mary Jane Jones '67
RHS Class '89	Stephanie Robinson Jones '89		David Grimes '69
Jana Ham Irby	Estelle Bowman Ham '55		Jo Philbrick Lee
	<b>October</b>		<b>January</b>
Jeanne Duncan Waggener	Cathy Richards Penn '68	Candace Crysop Maddox	Jo Philbrick Lee
Larry & Beth Long	Cathy Richards Penn '68	Ronny & Paula Travis	Cathy Richards Penn '68
RHS Class '68	Cathy Richards Penn '68		Tim Hatch '98
Ronny McElroy	David Grimes '69	Sue Sartain	Billy Watson
Lem & Linda Derrington	W.R. Baggett, Jr.	RHS Class of '79	Michael Brunt Sartain '65
	Wilmer Eli Clifton '58	David & Lila Jean Murray	Allen Sanders '79
David & Lila Murray	Jim Bob Coker '56		Lucille Sword
	Arlene Wallace Todd '66		Timothy Hatch '98
	David Grimes '69		Jo Philbrick Lee
Roger & Rose McCrary	Arlene Wallace Todd '66		<b>February</b>
	David Grimes '69	David & Lila Long Murray	Daniel Mims 2001
RHS Class of '69	David Grimes '69		Mollie Trotter Spears '61
	<b>November</b>		Darlene Cotton Walker '62
Sharon Randall	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67	Genny Butler Mantzurani	Mary Maitland Rankin '61
June Hensley	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67	Class of 1960	Eddie Goldsberry '67
Gloma Aultman	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67		Tommy Dan Treadwell '60
Shirley Newell	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67		
Judy Williams	Mary Jane Huggins Jones '67		

## Memorial Donations continues

Donor	In Memory of
Class of 1962	Zona Hall '62 Darlene Cotton Walker '62
Judith Duncan Edwards	Mollie Trotter Spears RHS '61
<b>March</b>	
RHS Class of '68	Kenneth "Dick" Sessions '68
Nancy Verbick Adkins	Louis Verbick, Jr '60
RHS Class of '80	Delian Session '80
RHS Class of '98	Tim Hatch '98
<b>April</b>	
Wanda Carpenter Goff	Patsy Ann Jones Eison '59
Alice Reinkemeyer Hanson	Patsy Ann Jones Eison '59
Sally Stolle Kallina	Patsy Ann Jones Eison '59
<b>May</b>	
David & Lila Murray	Dan Williams '59 Sarah Graham Shields '64 Richard Johnson '64
Ronny McElroy	Sarah Graham Shields '64 Richard Johnson '64
RHS Class of '69	Morton Morrow '69
Don & Cathy Jones	Sarah Graham Shields '64 Richard Johnson RHS '64
Gordona Duca-Helliger	Patsy Jones Eison '59
<b>June</b>	
Dewayne & Beverly Womack	Tommy Mabry '66 Mike Bryd '67 Johnnie Richey '67
Don & Cathy Jones	Norleine Morgan Power '64
RHS Clas of 1977	Kathy Simmons Lewis '77
Lawanda Jones Hinton	M. Don Hinton '46
RHS Clas of '62	Louetta Bice Cates '62

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## Class Gatherings

RHS Classes of 1963 & 1964 are meeting at the Pizza Hut, Rusk, Saturday September 16 at 11AM and then later at the Heritage Center of Cherokee County, 208 S Henderson St.

## Welcome New Members

1952	Lawanda Jones Hinton
1956	Kenneth M. Berry
1960	Rosemary Butler (In Memoriam)
1962	Callie Smith
1966	Jimmy Brooks Charlotte Burton McCarty
1967	Jennifer Swift Hall James H. (Jim) Harper
1970	Rosemary Weaver Cannon Bob Parrott
1971	Steve Dupree (In Memoriam)
1972	Janice Beard Poteet
1973	Dennis Slaton
1976	Steve Shingle Robert Glenn Wick
1977	Laurie Townley Shingle
1978	Michele Halbert Slaton
1980	Robert Choate Willie Wallace
1981	Jana Ham Irby Jeff McRae
1982	Britt Clay Robin Ramey Townsend
1983	Christen Wimer Holcomb
1987	Lisa Townsend Parr
1991	Casey Harrison Schultz

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## Become A RHSAA Member

RHSAA Membership is open to everyone and the sole purpose of the Rusk High School Alumni Association is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of RHS. Founded in 2002, the Association has awarded over \$236,000 in scholarship as of May 2023. A Lifetime membership is \$100. Please mail memberships to RHSAA, PO Box 711, Rusk, TX 75785.

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