



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Dear ECHS Alum and Friends of ECHS,

First of all, the Archiving Project members are sending Congratulations to the class of 2021. They survived this weird last year. This class has been unique in many ways. They did not come to school most of their senior year and still got to graduate. Also, they are the 1st class in ECHS history that had their graduation held on the football field. Maybe they will start a new tradition.

We want to welcome our new WCCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth “Chris” Hurst Sr. and wish him lots of success in his new job. WCCUSD school will be returning to full time, in person learning in August 2021.

I am always looking for EC Alumni that really care about the history of ECHS. PLEASE consider joining our group and sharing your ideas. About 30,000 students have graduated from EC since the 1st class in 1944. I hope some alums cares enough to give me a call and to join our group. Happy 80th Birthday to our beloved ECHS!

Don't forget to share our e-newsletter with other EC alums & friends that may not receive it.

Jackie Fleming Fonken, “1956” 510-232-9149 or j_fonken@hotmail.com

El Cerrito High School Archiving Project Scholarship Recipients

2021 Howard Mackey Spirit Scholarship Recipient



Wyatt Dew

University of California, Davis

2021 Archiving Project Recipients

Amaya Ruiz

University of Miami



Alexa Banuelos

University of California, Berkeley

Kashaf Igbal

Contra Costa Community College



Gauchos in the Spot light

A Gaucho, a Dommer, a Niner



**Who are the Americans riding the
Tour de France 2...**

Aaron Banks, ECHS Class of 2017, (born September 3, 1997) is an **American football offensive guard** for the **San Francisco 49ers** of the **National Football League** (NFL).

He played **college football** at **Notre Dame** and was drafted by the 49ers in the second round of the **2021 NFL Draft**.

Banks grew up in **Alameda, California**, and attended **El Cerrito High School**. Banks was rated a four-star recruit and committed to play college football at Notre Dame over offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon, UCLA, Baylor, Florida, Michigan and Miami.

Banks did not play in any games as a true freshman, preserving his NCAA eligibility for an extra year. He played in all 13 of Notre Dame's games and started the final six as a sophomore. He started all 13 of the Fighting Irish's games as a junior. As a senior Banks again started every game for Notre Dame and was named first-team All-ACC.

Banks was selected by the **San Francisco 49ers** in the second round (48th overall) of the **2021 NFL Draft**. On May 13, 2021, Banks officially signed with San Francisco on a deal worth \$7.07 million.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron_Banks_\(American_football\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron_Banks_(American_football))



Sean Bennett, ECHS Class of 2016, (born March 31, 1996) is an American cyclist, who currently rides for **UCI WorldTeam Team Qhubeka NextHash**.

In February 2018, Bennett was offered a contract with **UCI Professional Continental team Hagens Berman Axeon**, following the departure of **Adrien Costa** from the team. He joined the team on February 5, leaving his previous team, **CCB Foundation–Sicleri**.

He made his **UCI World Tour** debut in the **2018 Tour of California**, finishing in second on stage 3. In May 2019, he was named in the startlist for the **2019 Giro d'Italia**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SeanBennett_\(cyclist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SeanBennett_(cyclist))

<https://www.cyclingweekly.com/news/who-are-the-americans-riding-the-tour-de-france-2021>

Current update: 7/11/21

From: Sean Bennett

It's a bit frustrating to get into the break and then only be three of us. We knew beforehand that it was 50-50 if they would let a big break go up the road and it sticks to the line or something like today happens where there's just three of us and there's really no chance. I tried to make the best of it and a long, fun day in the end.

There's still a week left of the race and there'd better be something left in the tank, I'm now just going to recover for the next days and then see what we can do in the next week.

I want to thank everyone for all of their support. I really miss my family and friends back home but thank you for everything.

Distributed by APO Group on behalf of Team Qhubeka NextHash.

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---

Corona Virus update.Class of 1971 and 1970 Combo...50 year Reunion

Save the Date – October 16, 2021

Due to an issue at Richmond Country Club, the committee has moved the Reunion to the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley on October 16, 2021. (originally 10/2, now changed)

Come and renew old friendships and share memories as El Cerrito High School Classes of 1970 and 1971 combine to celebrate our 50th reunions. We will get together to eat, drink and dance the night away at the Turf Club at Golden Gates Fields in Berkeley on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 5 to 11 pm.

Please reserve your spot as early as possible by completing the registration form which will be emailed to you shortly. We need your help in finding classmates! If you are still in touch with any classmates, please send or have them send their contact info to Donna Marsicano at 71echs50reunion@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Since the majority of contact will be made via email, email addresses are needed so the flyer can be sent and any updates be shared. This will be our best reunion ever, but it won't be the same if you aren't there.

Please let me know that you received this email. This will be our main form of communication to you about the reunion.

Look forward to seeing you October 16, 2021!

Class of '71 Reunion Committee

Donna Marsicano - 71echs50reunion@gmail.com

Gene Staus - 510-526-3192 - echs1971@sbcglobal.net

Janet (Morrison) Damm

Julius Chiang

Class of 1980-81

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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

Class of 1967

Thinking about it, 55th is 1 1/2 years out.....

The Committee has been meeting.

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE

MEMBERS OF THE ECHS CLASSES OF 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969



WHO WILL BE OUR LEADERS?

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2022**

ECHS CLASS OF 1967 55TH REUNION OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

The El Cerrito High School Class of 1967
will be celebrating at a 55th Reunion.

The Reunion for the 1967 class will be a reunion for those they may
have encountered during their time learning at El Cerrito High
School.

Classes 1965 through 1969 are invited.

More Information to follow
<https://www.wccusd.net/Page/11951>

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday,

October 8, 2022

LOCATION:

Berkeley Country Club

ACTIVITIES:

No-Host Bar, Dinner,
Dancing to the
Mite Owe,
Reminiscing

BONUS EVENTS:

Pre-Reunion Gathering TBD
Friday, 10/7/22
Picnic Sunday, 10/9/22

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Roddy Lee (Class Leader
of 1967), ech1967@aol.com or
your class leader

- 1965-Dennis Kala - dkala@bigglobal.net
- 1966-Buzz Sherwood - bsherwood@earthlink.net
- 1968-Reunion Committee - paulbailey524@yahoo.com, mitchwick@aol.com
- 1969-Sandra KCS72851@aol.com

TICKET INFORMATION: TBD

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 rcmendonca@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

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Member- Sam Burns, '71

Member-Kent Sanctuary, '64

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ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT
All the 77 past graduating classes of ECHS wish the Class of 2021 our very best!

The El Cerrito High School Archiving Project was started in 2004 to gather, preserve, and display the artifacts and history of our beloved high school. Since 2005, we have helped students achieve their goal by awarding over \$30,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

We are a resource for:
Alumni & their families
Parents & their families
Former faculty & staff
The community

We also maintain:
School memory 1915-2021
Historical photos & videos
Archiving & display cases
Visit our website for more details on ways to contribute.

Join us in giving back to our school.
We raise funds for scholarships by selling:
Commemorative bricks
Sports stadium tiles
and
"Green & White"
an award-winning documentary film about the history of the school.

To join our group email: ecarchproject@aol.com
Visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter:
<https://www.ecand.net/domain/2921>

