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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ECCHS Alumnae and Friends,

Welcome everyone to a new decade! Hopefully the coming days will be good for everyone.

We will continue to highlight the decade of the '40s in our school museum until the end of this school year. Drop by for a visit and look for the little Red Dots on items in the museum that mark that they are from the 1940s. The museum is located in the main rotunda of the school across from the office.

Once again we are reminding everyone that you can honor a relative or friend with a tile on the wall of the stadium. They should have been an athlete in any sport or in a spirit group such as band, cheer leading or pom-pom. The money for the tiles goes to scholarships that are given each year to qualifying graduating seniors. The cost of the tiles is tax-deductible.

The Archiving Project is seeking additional new members who care about their days or their children's days at ECCHS and who would like to help save the school's history for future generations to know about and appreciate. Our school has many students attending that are part of multi-generations of Gauchos.

ECCHS will be celebrating 80 years in existence in 2021. GO GAUCHOS!

Good memories Gauchos.

## ECCHS Brick Mementos

Are you a graduating senior, parent, friend, gaUCHO supporter?

Are you proud of your contributions as a GaUCHO? Do you want to be remembered for generations to come? You know you do! Here's your opportunity to let everyone know your greatness! How? Order a brick with your information. We will install it for all to see in the front of the school. Spaces are limited, reserve your brick now.



### Get your Brick!!

Please help support the Archiving Project and its ECCHS "Howard Mackey" scholarship students by purchasing a brick today – memorializing your contributions in the process!

RESERVE YOUR BRICK TODAY – ORDER FORM

Standard 4" x 8" Beige Brick \_\_\_\_\_ x  
Minimum Donation \$150= Total Due \$\_\_\_\_\_  
1-3 lines of text inscription, 23 characters per line  
(see inscription page)

SAMMY BURNS  
VARSITY FOOTBALL  
1968-70

Name (Last, First, (Maiden)) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Graduated (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your [inscription \[page #2\]](#) along with your check or money order payable to: ECCHS Archiving Project

c/o Diane Sericati  
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If you have questions, please contact Roddy Lee, [ecarchproject@aol.com](mailto:ecarchproject@aol.com)  
<https://www.wccusa.net/Page/11954>

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Were you an athlete or member of a spirit group at El Cerrito High? [Click here](#)  
<https://www.wccusa.net/Page/11969>

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## Coach Quirico's Corner



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Offensive Lineman:  
Aaron Banks, El Cerrito

What he did: The 6-foot, 325-pound lineman paved the way for an offense that averaged 29.4 points per game as a senior in 2016. A first team all Bay Area News Group Selection, the four-star recruit committed to Notre Dame over other finalists that included Cal, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, Tennessee and UCLA.

Where he is now: After spending his freshman season on a scout team, Banks played in all 13 games as a sophomore in 2018 and made his first career start against Navy. Entrenched at left guard this fall, he closed out a 10-2 regular season with a 45-24 win at Stanford.

## Old Football Game

### Film

Alumni interested in obtaining ECHS Football Film.  
Contact Roddy Lee  
ECarchproject@aol.com

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## Hall of Fame Information

Coming Soon!

Contact Coach Quirico  
bquirico@comcast.net



### Alumni of El Cerrito High School...Stadium Tiles

Were you an athlete or member of a spirit group at El Cerrito High? Are you proud of your contributions as a Gaucho? Do you want your performances to be remembered for generations to come? You know you do! Here's your opportunity to let everyone know your greatness! How? Order a tile with your name, sport(s) or spirit group and years of participation. We will install it for all to see in the new El Cerrito High School Memorial Stadium! Great gifts or Graduation presents!

Get your Tile!! Deadline to order tile is December 15, 2019. Installation will take place summer 2020!

"We" are the El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, and it is our mission to support the development of a strong ECHS alumni body, to collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School, and develop connections to current students and to the El Cerrito community. Our Tile Project will raise funds exclusively for ECHS student scholarships.

Please help support the Archiving Project and its ECHS scholarship students by purchasing a tile today -- memorializing your contributions in the process!

#### RESERVE YOUR TILE TODAY - ORDER FORM

<b>SAMMY BURNS</b> VARSITY FOOTBALL 1968-70	Standard 4" x 8" Beige Tiles _____ x Minimum Donation \$150= Total Due \$_____	
	1-3 lines of text inscription, 23 characters per line, Name, Sport(s)/group, Year(s) only	
Large 8" x 8" Beige Tile _____ x Minimum Donation \$300= Total Due \$_____	CLASS OF 1988	Donor 12"x12" Black Granite Tile _____ x Minimum Donation \$750= Total Due \$_____
1-6 lines of text inscription; logos extra 23 characters per line, Donor(s)/Company name		1-6 lines of text inscription, plus logo, if desired 23 characters per line, Donor(s)/Company name

Name (Last, First, (Maiden)) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Our Tile and Brick Projects raise funds exclusively for ECHS student scholarships. Over the past thirteen years we have awarded \$41,000 to deserving ECHS students.

Please help us continue this important tradition.

Order your brick or tile now at our website !

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## Stories from "Uncle Hale"



Which one of these lads ran in the 1976 Olympics?



## 1961 Relay Queen

### Quick Links

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## Gauchos in the Spotlight

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](mailto:ECArchproject@aol.com)

## Take a Look!!\*

Visit our Museum!

We found a number of [El Caballero Issues](#) that need to be scanned. We are looking for volunteers to scan these issues for our digital files.

Would you like to help archive items in for our catalog?

Did you earn your silver trunks?

Roddy Lee, [ecarchproject@aol.com](mailto:ecarchproject@aol.com)

Photo from the [ECHS Archiving Project Collection](#)



## Attention Museum Visitors!

The display now highlights artifacts from the classes of the 1940s.

Excerpt from a classmate

### El Cerrito High in the Forties: a Snapshot

THE TIMES. As the 1940s began, El Cerrito was still in the grip of The Great Depression. But on a promising first day, graduates of Fairmont, Harding, and Kensington grammar schools gathered at their new high school and warily sized each other up. Money was scarce, which was why even for that important event, few of them wore new clothes and most carried bag lunches. War raged everywhere except in America, and the Japanese aircraft carriers which would destroy much of the U.S. Pacific fleet a year later were getting set. Times were bleak. Still, for those new seventh graders there was a silver lining. El Cerrito was to be a junior-senior high school. So they would grow up together for six years. Lifelong friendships would begin on that day.

Richard A. Jones  
ECHS 1947  
U.C. Berkeley 1954  
Colonel U.S. Army Special Forces 1976

How many students were in this six-year class in February 1944?

Where are they now?

Photos from the [ECHS Archiving Project Collection](#)

## Current Reunion Information

Updated 1/12/2020

### Class of 1970

Contact : Charlene Slemmons  
Save the date October 17 !  
Richmond Country Club, TBA



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

## Missing - Alumni Class Reunion Leaders

We are looking for you. Your fellow classmates would like to know when your next reunion is scheduled, and they look to the Archiving Alumni Liaison to give them that information. So, PLEASE, tell us who you are and where you have been hiding.

We need to have the following information for your classmates:

Name, Email, Home Address, Phone #, Cell # and, of course, year you graduated.

Ladies, if you have a maiden name, we need that information also.

If you are not someone who plans your reunion, please go online and register with the Archiving Project Newsletter Editor Roddy Lee, and he will add you to our mailing list and keep you up-to-date on what your school alumni are up to. [ECArchProject@aol.com](mailto:ECArchProject@aol.com)

Contact Alumni Liaison: Kathie (Nemy) Weinstein, Class of 1958; email [Bjhardy4@att.net](mailto:Bjhardy4@att.net), phone (510) 215-5570.

## Special Events & Newsletters

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Get the word out!

## Class of 1990!

We have a date set for our 30th Reunion!!!  
Saturday, July 11, 2020 - Put it on your calendars!  
We have reserved Arlington Park in EC for a picnic & BBQ.

More Information to follow

Class of 1960, 1980, 2000, 2010,

What's happening???????

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### Post Reunion Information

Class of 1979

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Contact: Mylika Lisa Smith

Class of 1978

[Luanne Canestro-canestro4@gmail.com](mailto:LuanneCanestro-canestro4@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/996298050429897/>

Class of 1987

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<HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/990845987615102>

Class of 1968

Paul Bailey, Rich Runswick

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elcerritohs1968/>

Class of 1967--50 year

Did We Have a Good Time??

Roddy Lee-- [echs1967@aol.com](mailto:echs1967@aol.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/278113378923236/>

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Reunion leaders: If you are planning your reunion or need information about your reunion, please Contact Roddy Lee: [ECArchProject@aol.com](mailto:ECArchProject@aol.com).

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Book Marks	\$3.00
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Mugs	\$10.00
GaUCHO 75th Anniversary Cushion	\$5.00
"Green&White"/TheGaUCHOStory	\$15.00

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*Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.*

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