



February 2023

Dear Class of 1973,

Each spring, Hardin-Simmons University hosts a ***Golden Reunion*** for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary class. While it might not seem possible, this year we are celebrating you – the class of 1973!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion – your Golden Reunion – is **Monday and Tuesday, April 3-4, 2023!** The Alumni Office is preparing what we hope will be a memorable two days filled with special events, memories, and fun.

You will only have this Reunion once, so we certainly hope you'll join us.

Events will feature a dinner on Monday, several opportunities to interact with current faculty, staff, and students, and a luncheon on Tuesday with HSU's President ***Mr. Eric Bruntmyer***. More exciting details are on the Reunion Highlights page that follows.

Please encourage all your friends to attend. A personal call from you will do wonders (the Alumni Office can help you find phone numbers and addresses).

Registration is online at [connectnow.hsutx.edu/register/1973GoldenReunion](https://connectnow.hsutx.edu/register/1973GoldenReunion). Cost for the reunion is \$60 for class members and \$50 for non-class member guests. Please register online and return the enclosed biographical form by March 24, 2023.

**If you cannot attend**, please take time to fill out and return the biographical form. We will include these in the 1973 Golden Reunion Memory Book. It is your way to be a part of the reunion. Digital copies of all documents have been emailed to you as well (if we have your email address).

We look forward to seeing you in April for what will be a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion!

Alumni Engagement Office



# HIGHLIGHT

**APRIL 3-4, 2023**

**Monday:** Reunion begins on Monday, April 3, at **10:00 a.m.** with a Golden Reunion registration reception, followed by lunch in the cafeteria and a bus tour of the campus.

During the bus tour, we'll stop at **The White Horse Barn** (*View the museum*), the **Fletcher Fitness Center** and more. We will conclude the afternoon with an exclusive concert by the **HSU Cowboy Band**, giving everyone the chance to revisit the uniqueness that is the Cowboy Band. Band alumni are welcome to sit in for a few numbers (bring your instrument).

At **6:30 p.m.**, there will be a dinner on campus where Heather Hadlock, Associate Vice President of Alumni Engagement, will induct the class into HSU's Golden Lariat Society and give each of you the exclusive Society Pin during dinner. You'll also have time to catch up with one another and share a few good HSU stories (be thinking now about what you'll say). Please return your biographical Memory Page, then be sure to order the Memory Book which will be handed out at Registration, so you can glance through it before dinner. Once home, you can give it a good read.

**Tuesday:** As you will see on the schedule, Tuesday begins with breakfast and continues with chapel/assembly in Behrens Chapel. You'll also experience the annual Founders Day Observance and then a group photo will be taken.

The Golden Reunion luncheon will take place Tuesday. Highlighting this event will be the one-by-one presentation of the Golden Reunion medallion by **Mr. Eric Bruntmyer**, HSU President. This medallion is a gift from HSU to each class member who attends the Golden Reunion.

**Registration Deadline:** Please register online and return your biographical Memory Book page by **Friday, March 24** so the Alumni Office can finalize plans for the reunion and printing of the Golden Reunion Memory Book.

**Memorabilia Display:** Many of you have boxes of memorabilia from your college days. The school will have space set aside for you to display any HSU-related photos, programs, souvenirs, and other items you'd like to share with your classmates. Please bring your keepsakes to registration on Monday morning. Put your name on the items so they can be returned to you unless you would like to donate them to HSU's Alumni Office.



## MONDAY, April 3, 2023

- 10:00-11:30a**    **Reunion Reception and Registration** in **Moody Student Center** next to the HSU bookstore. Catch up with classmates and renew friendships after picking up your Reunion materials.
- 11:30-1:30p**    **Informal Lunch in the Dining Hall.** Experience today's HSU food service.
- 1:30-3:45p**    **Bus Tour of the HSU Campus.** Departs from in front of Behrens Chapel. Planned stops include the W.O. "Doc" Beazley White Horse Center, Fletcher Fitness Center, and more. Even if you are familiar with the campus, don't miss out on this lively interactive guided tour.
- 4:00-4:45p**    **Private Concert** by the World Famous Cowboy Band (there's room for all!) in the Band Hall. Band alumni, bring your own instrument & sit in for a few numbers.
- 6:30p**    **Memory Banquet and Golden Lariat Society Induction** in the Johnson Building.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

- 6:30-9:00a**    **Breakfast On Your Own – two options (Hotel & HSU)**  
Some of the hotels provide breakfast.  
*OR* Pop over to the HSU Cafeteria for a full Breakfast (Reunion Rate \$5.00)\*
- 9:20a**    **Meet down front in Behrens Chapel on the HSU campus.**
- 9:30-10:10a**    **Special Chapel Presentation and Founders Day Observance** in Behrens Chapel.
- 10:20-10:30a**    **Class Photograph**
- 10:30-11:30a**    **Visit the Alumni Wall.** Find your name and create a wall rubbing to take home, **shop** at the HSU Bookstore (use your discount coupon), **roam** campus, or find a bench and **visit**.
- 11:30-2:00p**    **Reunion Luncheon** (Johnson Building) with special guest speaker *Mr. Eric Bruntmyer*, President of Hardin-Simmons.
- 2:00p**    **HSU Hymn Sing in the Logsdon Chapel.** Join the HSU School of Music in an old fashion hymn sing in the beautiful setting of Logsdon Chapel.

*\*pay at the door*



## HOTEL INFORMATION

Golden Reunion April 3-4, 2023

CONTACT INFO	MENTION "HSU 50-Year/Golden Reunion" TO GET THIS SPECIAL RATE
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Abilene Southwest</b> 4350 Ridgemont Drive Abilene, Texas 79606 325-695-9600	<b>\$104</b> <b>Breakfast available for purchase</b> <b>Special price expires March 13, 2023</b> <a href="#">Book your group rate for Hardin Simmons 2023 Golden Reunion</a>
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Abilene Northeast</b> 2141 Scottish Rd Abilene, Texas 79601 325-673-0300	<b>\$116</b> <b>Breakfast available for purchase</b> <b>Special price expires March 13, 2023</b> <a href="#">Book your group rate for HSU Golden Reunion</a>
<b>Residence Inn Abilene</b> 1641 Musgrave Blvd Abilene, Texas 79601 325-677-8700	<b>\$139</b> <b>Includes complimentary continental breakfast</b> <b>Special price expires March 13, 2023</b> <a href="#">Book your group rate for Hardin Simmons 2023 Golden Reunion</a>

## Deceased 1973 Classmates

Because many have requested this information, the Alumni Office has provided the names of your 1973 classmates who are listed as deceased.

*As of January 11, 2023*

Ms. Earline (Jones) Allison  
Mrs. Gloria “Jane” (Taylor) Allred  
Mr. David Archer  
Mr. Herman Arthur  
Mr. Nicholas “Nick” Barbato  
Mr. George Barnum  
Mrs. Sally (Pritchett) Beavers  
Mr. Lester Dalton  
Mr. J. (Henry) Doscher  
Mr. Phillip Drake  
Mr. Norman Esh  
Reverend Gary “Don” Fuller  
Mrs. Wanda (Debnam) Gann  
Mr. Roger “Hiram” Garza  
Ms. Sherry George  
Mr. Troy Gifford  
Mr. L. Scott Goldsmith  
Mr. John Gore  
Mrs. Eleanor Green  
Ms. Wanda (Shaw) Ham  
Reverend Bob Hamilton  
Mrs. Mary (Cadenhead) Harvey  
Mr. Fredrick Henry  
Major Wesley Hill  
Mrs. Marsha (Perritt) Hopper  
Mr. Daniel Isbell  
Mr. Andrew Jackson  
Mr. Travis Johnson  
Mrs. Peggy (Reves) Jordan  
Mrs. Arleigh (Smith) Kennedy  
Mr. Danny Ladd

Mrs. Frances (Pena) Laredo  
Mrs. Hellen (Bates) Lindey  
Mr. Steve “Raymond” Loos  
Mrs. Arvonne (Renkes) Loos  
Mr. Joey Lucas  
Mr. Craig Lyons  
Mr. James McClellan  
Mr. Otis McLin  
Mr. Clint McNealy  
Maj. Bennet “Ben” Monde  
Mr. Richard Morrow  
Mrs. Sylvia Newman  
Mr. Charles Nolen  
Mr. Dennis Noska  
Mr. George Oerline  
Mrs. Carolyn (Gibson) Pattillo  
Mr. Milton “Gene” Perry  
Mr. Harold Pyeatt  
Mr. Ramen Raj  
Mrs. Nina (Carter) Reynolds  
Mr. James Sewell  
Mr. Ujwal Shah-Gandi  
Mr. Bobby Simpson  
Mr. P. “Douglas” Smith  
Dr. Billy Smith  
Mrs. Susan (Prestidge) Swindel  
Mrs. J. “Elizabeth” (Haffey) Valkenaar  
Mr. Phil Westmoreland  
Mrs. Charlsie “Charley” (Evans) Wilkins  
Mr. Aaron “Wayne” Wilson