



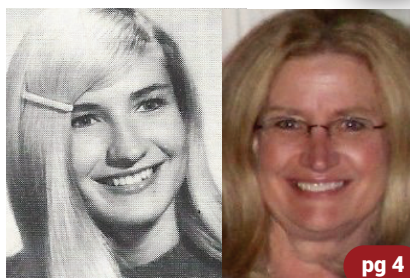
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Newest Members of the Cougar Hall of Fame Announced

The Sahuaro High Cougar Foundation cordially invites Cougar Alumni, Faculty, Parents, Students, and Friends to attend the Annual Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction on October 26 2019 at the Sahuaro High School Auxiliary Gymnasium. See the registration form on page 3 or at sahuarocougars.org/hall-of-fame-breakfast/



Captain Edward "Alan" Schrader, class of 1988

Alan attended Sahuaro from 1984 - 1988 where he was an outstanding student and athlete. Alan scored a perfect score on his SAT test which helped him on his application for the Naval Academy. He was sponsored by Senator John McCain and excelled at the Naval Academy in baseball and his studies.

Captain Schrader has commanded several nuclear submarines during his time with the Navy, and also has served as a Naval ROTC instructor. He is currently the Commanding Officer of Naval BASE Kitsap in the State of Washington, where he oversees 3600 personnel.

He has personally earned many awards but is most proud of three Battle E awards for excellence for his submarines.

In 2017 Captain Schrader earned the Commander in Chief Award, which "recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The five recipients of this highly competitive presidential award were selected for their exemplary support of Department of Defense missions."

Alan currently resides in the State of Washington with his wife and two sons.



Dr. Edwin Torrejon, class of 1973

Ed attended Sahuaro from 1969 - 1973 where he was an outstanding wrestler and student. He was undefeated in wrestling 3 of his 4 years, winning 96% of all his high school matches.

Ed attended Eastern Illinois University on a wrestling scholarship where he was a 2-time All American and an NCAA champion.

Ed's wrestling accomplishments helped him to earn a scholarship to the University of Arizona where he wrestled in the first wrestling match held in McKale Center.

Ed earned his Masters and Doctorate Degrees from the University of Arizona. Dr. Torrejon was the principal of Homer Davis elementary school until he retired in 1992.

After his retirement Ed became the director of the 6th Street Gym here in Tucson, which along with the non-profit Foundation Youth Ministries focuses on at-risk youth and other members of the community who need the assistance of a support system.

Ed is always looking for ways to help the youth of Tucson. Ed currently resides in Tucson.

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COUGAR FOUNDATION / HALL OF FAME FOUNDING MEMBERS:

Harry Johnson
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Founder's Corner - Notes from Dr. David Ashcraft

In appreciation of those who led the way for Sahuaro High

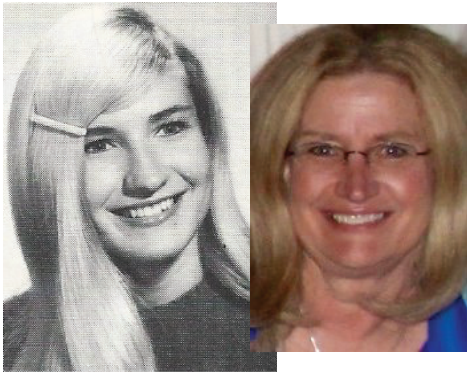


Dr. David Ashcraft (1970)
Co-Founder and Founding
President of Cougar Foundation

The term "town and gown" is utilized by colleges and universities to describe the acquisition of faculty who are graduates of the particular institution.

In some higher education cultures, such customs are discouraged due to the notion that outside influence and expertise is more healthy and desirable. Yet, many more familial, or close-knit institutions encourage such hiring, and actually seek out their own.

Sahuaro has long embraced the practice of welcoming returning graduates to the faculty and staff. The first two returning alums were **David Ashcraft** and **Carol Orcutt Holly**, both graduates of the inaugural Class of 1970 who arrived back at Sahuaro together in 1974.



Carol Orcutt Holly, Class of 1970

Carol most likely retains the distinction of being the longest tenured faculty member in school history, far eclipsing David's 33-year ride. Carol has been said by many to be "the glue that has held the school together" or "the gift that keeps on giving."

Well-known for her distinctive work in the Exceptional Education Department, Carol was among the first on campus to become expert in all things Mac in the mid-eighties and beyond. She also has, along with Harry Johnson, served as an invaluable historian, creating a multitude of photo collages that have graced various class reunions, as well as the annual Cougar Foundation Breakfast.

Carol has maintained a database of grads, and has coordinated the publication of several commemorative school directories. It is no surprise that she was inducted into the Cougar Foundation Hall of Fame in 1998. Her legacy lives on through the three Sahuaro grads currently serving in the Exceptional Education Department.

Other alums have returned and subsequently left the faculty in the past few years. In pondering the current state of Sahuaro alums on campus, yours truly identified six individuals that immediately came to mind.

After reaching out (with Paula Saldutti's assistance) five more proudly came forward for a total of eleven former Cougars.

The Classes of 1986 and 2000 lead the way with three Sahuaro grads each. The Classes of 1981, 1993, 1998, 2008 and 2010 each boast one graduate.

The list includes, among others: Activities Director; four head coaches (Baseball, Boys Basketball; Girls Golf; Boys Volleyball; Yearbook Advisor; Drama Teacher; English Department Chair; Exceptional Education Department Chair; Foreign Languages Department Chair; and, a Guidance Counselor.

Current Sahuaro Faculty Alums:

Robert "Rocky" Lane – Class of 1981
Spanish Teacher; Foreign Languages Department Chair

Jasmine (Daneri) Bork – Class of 1986
Spanish Teacher; Yearbook Advisor

Steve Botkin – Class of 1986
Activities Director; Girls Basketball Coach

Meghan (Giles) Hughes – Class of 1986
English Teacher/Department Chair; Girl's Golf Coach

Rachel Warden – Class of 1995
Exceptional Education Teacher's Aide

Britt Echols – Class of 1998
Physical Education Teacher; Baseball Coach

Beth (Moore) Cullop – Class of 2000
Exceptional Education Teacher; Department Chair

Ki'Jev Gurley-King – Class of 2000
Exceptional Education Teacher

Chris Wharam – Class of 2000
Physical Education Teacher; Freshman Boys Basketball Coach; Boy's Volleyball Coach

Megan Boice – Class of 2008
Guidance Counselor

Bridget Rossmeyssl – Class of 2010
Drama Teacher

I am proud of the noble work accomplished by these individuals and the contributions they have made to the Sahuaro community. Cougars lead the way!

The best way to honor Sahuaro? Give back.

We can't all donate money or scholarships, but many can donate time.



Jeffry Gardner (2002)
President, Sahuaro High School
Cougar Foundation

Now that the school year is in full swing and the activities of the Cougar Foundation are ramping up, a flurry of activity is afoot. This increase in activity highlights the need of the Cougar Foundation for energetic alumni to join the board and give some of their time in order to better serve the current and future students, neighbors, and families of Sahuaro High School.

In past issues of the Cougar Tracks, I've written extensively about what drives me to donate my time to the Foundation. To summarize, I feel that I've been given a lot by my high school experience with no real cost to me. The benefits of my high school experience followed me throughout my time at the University of Arizona.

It seems only fitting that I give of myself in order to try to pay back the gifts I received as a student at Sahuaro.

I notice that alumni groups and foundations can appear almost singularly focused on monetary donations. While it is true that money is what drives forward the activities and goals of the Foundation, it is also just one way we can assist. Below are some ways you can help the Foundation in our goal to increase the \$25,000 in gifts and scholarships administered last year.

One great way to give back is by joining a committee. The Cougar Foundation has a number of committees that meet monthly: **The Golf Committee** (chaired by Amy Fitch-Heacock) which plans the Foundation's only fundraiser, held at the Forty Niner Country Club each spring. The group meets about once a month to discuss how to improve the event and provide participants and sponsors with a fantastic experience. **The Hall of Fame Committee** reviews materials submitted for potential Hall of Fame nominees.

The Scholarship Committee reviews submitted materials from students applying for one of the Foundation's many offerings and also gets the word out to counselors and students about the student aid options available.

Another way to give back is to use Amazon Smile when you shop at Amazon. Your purchase price remains the same but a portion of your purchase goes towards the charity of your choice. This is a great way to give back at no additional cost, especially for those of us who do a lot of purchasing for work. Visit Sahuarocougars.org for our Amazon Smile link.

However you choose to give back, you're welcome here. We could use the help and the satisfaction of donating your time is well worth it! If you're interested in giving your time, please email jeff@sahuarocougars.org.

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Hall of Fame Breakfast

The Sahuaro High Cougar Foundation cordially invites Cougar Alumni, Faculty, Parents, Students, and Friends to attend the Annual Breakfast and Hall of Fame Induction:

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:30 a.m.: Registration & Check In

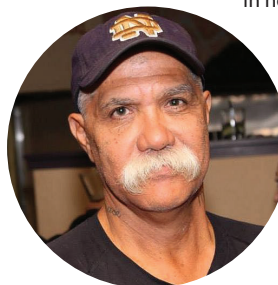
9:00 a.m.: Program Begins

Sahuaro High School Auxiliary Gymnasium
545 North Camino Seco Tucson, Arizona 85710

Cost:

- \$300 for a table of 10 (a savings of \$50)
- \$35 for an adult admission (*\$15 is tax deductible*)
- \$25 for Cougar Hall of Fame Members
- \$20 for Current Faculty & Staff (*includes membership*)
- \$20 for Alumni celebrating a reunion this year (*includes membership*)
- \$15 for children 6-18
- FREE admission for children age 5 and younger

In honor of:



Dr. Edwin Torrejon, ('73) and Captain Edward "Alan" Schrader ('88)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Ticket Purchases

Table of 10:	_____ x \$300 = _____
Adult Admissions:	_____ x \$35 = _____
Hall of Fame Members:	_____ x \$25 = _____
Current Faculty/Staff:	_____ x \$20 = _____
Alumni (reunion year)	_____ x \$20 = _____
Children 6 -18:	_____ x \$15 = _____
Children under 6 (free):	_____

2020 Foundation Dues (optional)

Individual Dues:	_____ x \$15 = _____
Family Dues:	_____ x \$25 = _____

Donations (optional)

Donation amount (thank you!): _____

Total Amount Enclosed

Please list names of other attendees in your party:

Checks and Cash Accepted. We proudly accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Card

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ CSC # _____ Expiration _____

Mail registration to: Sahuaro Cougar Foundation, PO Box 18181 Tucson, AZ 85731

For additional information call: 520-886-7895 *RSVP DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 19, 2019*



Saharo High School Cougar Foundation

Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday April 18, 2020

Forty Niner Country Club

Join us for 18 holes of golf at the world-class Forty Niner Country Club!

Win cash at the **money hole!** Enjoy a **delicious lunch!**

Win some fabulous **raffle** or **silent auction** prizes!



Cindy Rarick
Saharo Class of 1978
Former LPGA Pro
Honorary Tournament Chair

» Contact Information

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Company _____
Address _____

☐ **YES**, I would like to donate a raffle prize!
a Foundation representative will contact you. Donations are tax-deductible, ID 86-0720942.

☐ **YES**, I would like to join the Cougar Foundation (add \$15)

» Player Information

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

» [A] Golf and Lunch Selections

Golf and Lunch _____ x \$80 = _____

Fdn Membership _____ x \$15 = _____

Lunch Only _____ x \$15 = _____

Donations _____

[A] Subtotal _____

» [B] Sponsorship

Title ☐ \$5000 Red ☐ \$2500

Blue ☐ \$1000 Plat. ☐ \$400

Hole ☐ \$225 Tee ☐ \$175

Green ☐ \$75

[B] Subtotal _____

Total owed: (total of sections [A] and [B]) _____

Event Information

Registration 6:30am

Start Time 7:30am

Contact Information:

Fran Johnson 520-247-0336
Fred Knapp 520-609-6392
Debbie Glasser 520-360-3788
Jeffrey Gardner 520-990-1190
Ed Rothlisberger 520-465-9048
Amy Fitch-Heacock 520-331-2261

Find out more at saharocougars.org

Sponsor the event!

Sponsors are incredibly important to the results of the tournament - and it's a great way to have your business seen by local, well-qualified residents.

We assure you that your sponsorship will be of tremendous value to your company and that the Cougar Foundation will work hard to promote and support those who have helped us support the Saharo community.

To find out about all the sponsorship opportunities available for this years' event, please see the next page!

Please mail this form to the Saharo Cougar Foundation - PO Box 18181, Tucson, AZ 85731

Checks should be made out to Saharo Cougar Foundation. If you prefer to use credit card, enter information below or visit saharocougars.org



Name on card: _____
Card # _____

Expires: ____ / ____
CSC/CVV: _____





Sahuaro High School Cougar Foundation

Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday April 18, 2020

Forty Niner Country Club

Last year the Sahuaro High School Cougar Foundation distributed **over \$25,000 in scholarships** to graduating seniors towards their college education. These scholarships are paid for by our only annual fundraiser – our charity golf tournament.

Based at the beautiful Forty Niner Country Club on Tucson's northeast side, the tournament has attracted hundreds of golfers, local businesses, and the Sahuaro community at large. Golfers, by and large, tend to be affluent and businesspeople. Guests enjoy 18 holes of golf, a delicious catered lunch, prizes and so much more.

We assure you that your sponsorship will be of tremendous value to your company and that the Cougar Foundation will work hard to promote and support those who have helped us support the Sahuaro community. Whether you support the Cougar Foundation's efforts with a Title Sponsorship, one of our subsidiary sponsorships, a raffle prize or other form of support, please accept our sincere gratitude!

Title Sponsorship (limit 1) - \$5000

- Exclusive position as the ONLY Title Sponsor
- Tournament foursome with preferred seating at Lunch
- Additional lunches provided for up to 2 lunch guests
- Strong association with the Sahuaro Community
- Opportunity to insert prizes into golfer's goodie bags
- Opportunity to insert literature into golfer's goodie bags
- Opportunity to speak to event attendees at the lunch
- Visibility for your company name/logo
- Tournament literature
- On-course signage (includes 1 tee sponsorship)
- Golf Cart signage
- Cougar Foundation Website and social media
- Thank-you letters to participants

Other sponsorship opportunities

Sahuaro "Red" Sponsorship (limit 3) - \$2500

- Tournament foursome with preferred seating at Lunch + 2 lunch guests
- Visibility for your company name/logo
 - Tournament literature
 - On-course signage (includes 1 tee sponsorship)
 - Cougar Foundation Website and social media platforms
 - Thank-you letters to participants
- Strong association with the Sahuaro Community
 - Opportunity to insert literature in golfer's goodie bags
 - Special recognition during lunch

Sahuaro "Blue" Sponsorship (limit 5) - \$1000

- Tournament foursome + 2 lunch guests
- Visibility for your company name/logo
 - Tournament literature
 - On-course signage (includes 1 tee sponsorship)
 - Cougar Foundation social media platforms
 - Thank-you letters to participants
- Strong association with the Sahuaro Community
 - Opportunity to insert literature in golfer's goodie bags
 - Special recognition during lunch

Platinum Sponsorship - \$400

- Tournament foursome + admission for up to 2 additional lunch guests
- Visibility for your company name/logo
 - On-course signage (includes 1 tee sponsorship)
- Strong association with the Sahuaro Community
 - Special recognition during lunch

Hole Sponsorship (NEW!) - \$225

- Set up a tent with exclusive signage on the hole of your choice.
- Meet every golfer, gather leads and distribute literature/goodies

Green Sponsorship - \$175

Tee Sponsorship - \$125

If you'd like to sponsor the event, please contact Fran Johnson at 520-247-0336