

Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"Regardless of parentage, home conditions or financial circumstances, every child is born as honest as God." –Cal Farley

Happy Holidays!
from Mark Strother



Hello, everyone!

I'm sure by now you've heard that Dan Adams has resigned and the board has appointed me interim president and CEO of Boys Ranch. Until a new person officially takes the wheel, I'm happy to continue communicating with our Boys Ranch alumni.

Many of you will remember Sandy and Jesse Pape, who were houseparents at Girlstown for many years before moving to Boys Ranch. We're so proud to be able to say that they have been named Houseparents of the Year for the Coalition for Residential Excellence and General Residential Operations Staff of the Year for the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services.

That's one national and one state award in the same year. We **think** we were able to keep the secret until they received the awards.

Here's what Sandy said when we told them about the nominations:

"We could not have done this job or accomplished the things that we have without countless hours of support and help from Cal Farley's and everyone who has helped us along the way," she said. "We are a very small part of an amazing team of people who are all passionate about making a difference in the lives of the kids we work with every day. We are grateful to each and every one of them for all that they do."

I'm sure many of you will agree that houseparents are the bedrock heart of what we are able to do at Boys Ranch and that these are well-deserved honors.

We're also pleased that we have kept Adrian and Telita Jackson on staff for so long. They will celebrate 25 years with us in January. I cherish my relationship with Adrian and the wise advice he has given me on many occasions.

As I write this letter, the boys and girls cross-country teams are running strong and hard. Both teams qualified to run at regionals. Basketball and wrestling seasons begin soon. Our FFA woodworking students had success at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair, and now we have animal projects up at the barn.

We're proud of our residents and their hard work.

We're also proud of our alumni. We see you out in the world, strong parents with good jobs, making positive contributions to the community. We see your hearts and we know that you are Boys Ranch strong.

I wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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2022 Calendar

Dallas Gathering – Feb 5
 Houston Gathering – Mar 13
 BR Graduation – May 21

Rodeo Reunion – September 2-4
 See alumni website for more details

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Condolences



Makayla Crockett

Boys Ranch 15-17
January 15, 2022
Amarillo, TX



Crystal Perez

Boys Ranch 01-03
January 13, 2022
Spring, TX



Jade Fenhaus

Boys Ranch 17-18
January 2, 2022
Rapid City, SD



Wes Brown

Boys Ranch 01-20
December 11, 2021
Amarillo, TX



Buddy Rogers

Boys Ranch 55-57
December 9, 2021
Lubbock, TX

BR
STAFF

Helen Harms

December 25, 2021
Loveland, CO

BR
Friend

Callie Hamner

December 16, 2021
San Antonio, TX

Prayers

Prayers go out to **Shawn Patrick** (99) and his family. They lost their home to a fire in Channing, TX during Thanksgiving holidays. Those who wish to help Shawn and wife Michele rebuild, please make donations to a special account set up at Boys Ranch bank.

Sympathy is extended to **Glen Porter** (74) on the recent passing of his wife on January 23, 2022. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayers to **Ty Lightfoot** (81) on the sudden loss of his son, Chris Duffy. Chris died on December 9, 2021 in Amarillo, TX.

Mary Lee Penton, wife of Billy Penton, passed away January 20, 2022. Mary was a long time employee of the Maverick Club and was a friend and acquaintance of Cal Farley.

It was recently discovered that **Robert Harrod** (51-52) passed away May 25, 2009 in Ft Worth, TX

Alumni Support Services

Kim Reeves

Nate Miller is a quiet young man. Even his smile is somehow “quiet”. But behind that mild demeanor are dreams and ambitions – many of which took root while he was a resident at Boys Ranch. Nate first came to the ranch in 2015. He arrived amidst conflict and fighting between his adoptive parents and himself. “All I wanted was for my relationships with family to get better. But I didn’t want to go to Boys Ranch. Anger was a real problem for me. I didn’t understand my emotions or how to regulate myself.” With family relationships strained, Nate had begun skipping school and his grades were suffering. Although he didn’t want to go to Boys Ranch, he, as well as his family, knew something had to change for Nate to reach his potential.



Nate describes the move to campus as “difficult” but remembers that there were many caring adults that helped him “melt the ice.” He said his houseparents, the Thompsons, recognized when he was struggling and took time to help him through frustrating situations. “They talked to me. They were totally present and that was immensely helpful.” Nate began making friends and was also introduced to Phillip Miller, who became his work supervisor in the Boys Ranch’s Community as Lab department. He describes Phillip as, “caring and genuine.” “Phillip taught me to use the 3-D printer and a wood carving drill. I learned how to make furniture and other items out of wood.” Nate said it was this time with Phillip that sparked his interest in computer science. He decided that after graduation from high school, he would pursue a career in Information and Technology (IT).

Nate graduated from Boys Ranch High School in 2020 and promptly enrolled in IT classes at Amarillo College. He recently completed his Beginner CompTIA certification, and he is now working on a certification in Internet Security. Nate also plans to pursue a certification in Advanced Internet Security. Ultimately, he hopes to work locally for Pantex and become a permanent part of the Amarillo community.

When asked what advice he would give to a new resident moving to Boys Ranch, Nate stated, “If you walk in with an attitude, you’re going to walk out with one as well. Try to be positive and open to the experience and opportunities that are going to be offered to you.” Regarding advice to recent graduates of Boys Ranch, Nate offered this: “The cost of the real world is more expensive than you realize. It’s excessive -food, vehicle maintenance, just daily living costs. Save your money and stay away from the distractions of drinking and drugs. Start focusing on things that are good and don’t let negative things take the lead. Focus on the good and more and more good things will come to you.”

Nate reports that his relationships with family members have indeed improved. He visits with his family frequently and said, “now we actually have fun together. We cook, fish, and just spend time hanging out.” Nate feels the relationships he developed with adults at Boys Ranch helped him find a path to healing broken relationships at home.

Nate is currently a resident of Cal Farley’s Alumni Support Center. He works part-time at Toot ‘n Totum while attending Amarillo College as a full-time student. He is an excellent cook, a jazz musician (he is an avid Charlie Parker fan) and can hold his own in the video game arena. Nate is a great example of making the most of the opportunities offered by Boys Ranch. He says indeed that, “Cal Farley’s gave me a shirttail to hang on to.”



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jimmie Boatwright (70)



Dear Alumni,

We hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays and welcomed in 2022 happily and safely.

Just when we thought things were getting back to some normalcy, up jumps another Covid variant, please keep yourselves well and stay safe.

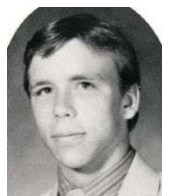
The Alumni will be hosting a Dallas Gathering on February 5, at the Haggard Party Barn where it has been in the past. The 50/50 and Safe Raffles winners will be drawn at this Gathering, so hopefully your phone rang telling you of your winning number. This newsletter will probably not reach you before the Gathering has passed. If you are in the Houston area, the Houston Gathering will be held on Sunday March 13, at mid-day. We have not confirmed reservations at a place at this time but be sure to let us know if you wish to attend. We will keep you up to date with the place. If any Alumni in other parts of the country wish to host a Gathering please let Sherry know and she will help organize and set it up. It is always good to keep up with fellow Alumni. Even though we are scattered all over the country we are family and it is good to stay in touch.

The Alumni were able to go out to Boys Ranch and judge the Christmas decorations on December 11, 2021. Several Alumni, some of their children and even grandchildren were along for the fun. Several of the current older residents of the Ranch came along to help with the judging. It was a joyful time together and seeing all of the homes decorated for Christmas, several had made goodies to help with the judging decisions. It was a close race with only 2 points between the first and second place homes, MF edged out Carter, who has held the first place title for several years. Romersi 3 placed a close third. All of the homes did a great job of spreading the joy of Christmas. All of the "judges" enjoyed the large assortment of goodies, many that had been prepared by the students.

There were 3 mid-term graduates that finished their requirements and graduated. The Alumni proudly presented these graduates with a Kohl's gift card along with a letter congratulating them and letting them know the Alumni Association will always be their connection to fellow Alumni.

December 19, we took an individual pizza along with cookies to each resident of the Alumni Support Center for the quarterly luncheon. They were very appreciative as most are always busy and on the go. Be sure to read the article about the Oldham County Stock Show results. Congratulations to all the students, and the Best of Luck in Fort Worth and San Angelo.

A BIG thank you to everyone that bought or sold raffle tickets for the February 5 drawings. It takes everyone working together to accomplish getting these tickets sold. The raffles are the largest fund raiser for CFBRAA. A BIG thank you to **Tony Wade** for his leadership and organization of this fund raiser. He drives all over the panhandle, setting up to sell tickets on the days off from his regular job and keeps everyone organized!



We apologize for the computer glitch that occurred while emailing the Fall newsletter. Some of you may not have received your copy. If you did not receive your copy, it is posted on the website. Please go to www.calfarleysalumni.com and read or download a copy.

Sherry Boatwright is acting as the Executive Secretary for the CFBRAA. All communications may be channeled through her until further notice. All mail to the Amarillo PO Box will be delivered to Sherry for handling. She will serve as the first source of information and direction for questions about the CFBRAA.

Sherry can be reached at the CFBRAA address or by email rsher9@aol.com

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Oldham County Stock Show Results

The Alumni would like to congratulate all of the students that participated in the Oldham County Stock Show held on January 8, 2022. There were 24 students from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch that placed! Great Show Everyone! Alumni Proud! The Alumni Association is donating \$100 to each student for a job well done with your projects. We wish you the Best of Luck at future stock shows. Many will be traveling to Fort Worth and San Angelo to compete.

Goats

Kevin – 2nd place
Jonathan – 1st place
Dawson – 2nd place
Linda – 3rd place
Jonathan – Reserve Grand

Hamps

Ariah – 2nd place
Gabby – 4th place
Summer – 3rd place
Avery – 1st place
Jaina – 2nd place
David – 2nd place
Jonathan – 3rd place

Sheep

Kevin – 2nd place
Garrett – 3rd place
James – 1st & 2nd place
Annmarie – Champion Finewool
Avery – Champion Finewool Cross
Oziris – Champion Dorper
James – Champion Medium Wool
Avery – Grand Overall
James – Reserve Grand

Pigs / Black Other PureBreds

Grant – 1st place & Champion Black OPB
Hayley – 2nd place
Ella – 3rd place

Crosses

Annmarie – 1st place & Reserve Cross
Hazel – 3rd place
Terry – 4th place
Joe – 2nd place
Blake – 1st place & Champion Cross
Mercedes – 3rd place
Isaiah – 2nd place
Kaydance – 3rd place
Grant – Reserve Grand Overall

The proceeds for the Veterans Memorial and Boys Ranch Cemetery from the Alumni golf tournament at the Reunion were presented to Mike Pacino by Jimmie & Sherry Boatwright and Beverly Hall.



Christmas Light judging
at Boys Ranch!

Congratulations Recent Graduates!

Clayton Carozza (01) M.S. Personal Financial Planning
Stuart Edwards (17) B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Hannah Holder (18) A.A.S. Pre-Health Care/Pre-Nursing
Issac Holland (09) B.S. Integrative Studies
Brisha Holleman (08) B.S. General Studies
Winter Long (11) A.S. General Studies
Marcy McDonald (08) B.S. Political Science
Justin Tingley (11) AWS Certified Cloud Practioner
Sydney Cortes-Woodland (16) B.S. Criminal Justice

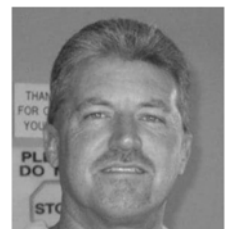
Greetings Cal Farley's Family!

It's that time of year to choose your nominees for the Distinguished Staff and the Distinguished Alumni Awards to be presented at the 2022 Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association Reunion Banquet in Amarillo. Both forms are available to download and print from the calfarleysboysranchalumni.com website and can be Mailed via the USPS and or Emailed to the addresses listed on the forms.

We would like to have these nomination forms returned ASAP as there is a Deadline of April 1st.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these nomination forms and we look forward to seeing y'all at the Reunion Banquet in September.

Daniel Scroggs (83)
CFBRAA Board Member & Chairperson Distinguished Alumni and Staff Committee



Cal Farley's Alumni Association

Distinguished Staff Award Nomination



Use this form to express appreciation and recognition to present or past staff members, employees, or faculty members of Cal Farley's, including Boys Ranch, Girlstown and associated Cal Farley's entities.

Nominees must have demonstrated the Cal and Mimi Farley values of integrity, excellence, cooperation, innovation, motivation, respect, as well as positively affected the lives and performance of the residents (to include at least one of the following: provided superior sustained service, special one-time contribution, improved the Cal Farley's environment, and/or showed exceptional creativity in bettering Cal Farley's).

A Little About the Staff Member Being Nominated:

I nominate:

Who worked at:

Boys Ranch

Girlstown

Other:

During (Check all that apply):

1930's

1940's

1950's

1960's

1970's

1980's

1990's

2000's

2010's

Position (i.e., Dorm Parent, Teacher, Coach, Counselor, etc.):

Reason for Being Nominated

Briefly summarize in the space provided what this staff member did above and beyond his or her normal job responsibilities to merit such recognition.

How the Staff Member Affected You

Briefly summarize in the space provided how the staff member enabled you and or others to be better off than you might have been.

Things You Need To Do

- Attach two Support Letters from Alumni, Staff, or affiliates who can corroborate the circumstances of the nomination. Be sure the support letters include names and contact information.
- You have the option of attaching a more detailed summation (not to exceed two pages) in support of your nomination.
- Complete, print, and sign this form and send to:

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or

Email as a PDF to:
cfbraa@sarpserv.com

Remember

The more information you provide, the better the chances the nominee has of receiving the credit he or she deserves.

Tell Us How to Reach You

Name:

An alumni and former resident of (dorm/home):

Arrived during the year of:

Left during the year of:

Street Address:

City, State, & Zip Code

Best Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in the termination of this recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date:

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities for recognition without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

All nominations submitted by April 1st will be considered for award at the upcoming Annual Alumni Reunion during Labor Day Weekend Rodeo. Other nominations will be considered the following year.

Thank you for completing this application form accurately and completely.

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Distinguished Alumni Recognition

We invite your nominations. Please use this form and return it by April 1.

This award will honor alumni who meet the following criteria:

- Nominee must have been admitted into Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Girlstown USA as a resident.
- Each must have achieved significant prominence in his or her field as defined by the standards of the respective profession and have effectively served his or her community and country.
- Each must have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.
- Each must serve as an example that can challenge and inspire boys and girls.

Your letter of nomination, supporting documentation, a biographical sketch and resume (single-spaced on not more than two pages) are required for each nomination. Nominator may send electronic files via e-mail and send hard copy materials separately via courier or postal service.

PLEASE PRINT

Nominee's Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Other) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Nominee's Business Title _____

Describe nominee's primary occupation or achievement meriting nomination for this honor:

Years at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Girlstown USA: _____ to _____

List nominee's top three career achievements:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List nominee's top three Boys Ranch and/or community service achievements:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominated by _____

Nominator's relationship to nominee: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Other) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Mail or Email to: Distinguished Alumni Award Coordinator (cfbraa@sarpserv.com)
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