

Rockdale Independent School District

Distinguished
ALUMNI AWARDS

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Rockdale High School

6:00 P.M.

Friday, October 11, 2019





Dennis Brooks, Sr.

Aycock High School, Class of 1960

Dr. Dennis Brooks Sr. is the founder and president of the Institute For Teaching God's Word Seminary, headquartered in Rockdale, with satellite campuses in Houston, League City, Oceanside, San Francisco and San Diego, California and Seattle, Washington along with Paris, France; Aachen, Germany; Brussels,

Belgium and the island of Dominica.

He also founded the New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church and the American Academy of Crisis Counseling in Rockdale.

Dr. Brooks is also the founder of Sho' Nuff Soul Food Diner in Rockdale and is the author of two books.



L. B. Kubiak

Rockdale High School, Class of 1964

Dr. L. B. Kubiak served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives and was president of the 72-member Texas Conservative Coalition in that chamber. The coalition twice selected him as one of its top 10 members.

A licensed veterinarian he practiced veterinary medicine for 25 years and was owner of the South First Animal Clinic in Austin. He is a past president of the Capital Area Veterinary Medicine Association.

A standout athlete at Rockdale High School and Texas A&M University, he was inducted into the Rockdale Athletic Hall of Honor in 2007.



John M. Weed III

Rockdale High School, Class of 1964

Recently retired after a 44-year career as "Rockdale's doctor," Dr. John M. Weed III is one of the most recognizable faces in the community.

He was the first drum major of the Big Blue Band. "I was drum major for two years, was once dubbed 'Little Napoleon,' enjoyed giving orders and learned

a lot from (director) Bill Grusendorf about leadership," he said.

After graduating from medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and training for family medicine at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, he came back home to Rockdale to join Drs. John Richards, Philip Young and L. E. Selden at Rockdale Medical Association. Dr. Weed retired in 2018.



Arthur C. Perry

Rockdale High School, Class of 1965

Known as “Copie,” a shortening of his middle name, in high school, this graduate invented and patented an orbital (eye sphere) which is the gold standard in the field and is sold worldwide.

After graduating medical school, and working in hospitals in Georgia, Florida and Arizona, he opened a private ophthalmology (eye and vision care) practice in San Diego, California, in 1979 and

continues that practice today.

He is on the teaching faculty at the University of California-San Diego and was a consultant for the U.S Navy Balboa Hospital.

He has taught and lectured at the American Academy of Ophthalmology for over 30 years and has received its Senior Achievement Award.



Ken Cockrell

Rockdale High School, Class of 1968

Cockrell became an astronaut in 1990 and flew five space shuttle missions.

Three times he commanded shuttles, once he was the pilot and once a mission specialist. He conducted seven rendezvous with orbiting spacecraft and docked twice with the International Space Station.

Cockrell, a U. S. Navy veteran, was Astronaut Office Chief in 1997-98, Director of Operations in Star City, Russia in 2003 and was a test pilot before and after his astronaut duties.

He still works as a test pilot for a jet engine development company and flies for a Houston skydiving team.



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Aycock High School Song

Composer ~ Susie Sansom Piper

Dear Old Aycock High School
Of the Purple and White
Dear Old Aycock High School
For them we'll always fight.
Dear Old Aycock High School
Keep your colors flying
Let them be our guiding light,
Dear Old Aycock High School
For you we'll always fight.
Dear Old Aycock High School
We're in love with you.
Dear Old Aycock High School
Say you love us too.
Keep your Home Fire Growing
In your heart so true.
Dear Old Aycock High School
We're in love with you
We're in love with you

Rockdale High School Song

Hail to old Rockdale High
Long may you reign supreme
We love thy honored name;
You have built our hopes and dreams.
We'll give a cheer for old Rockdale
High,
Faithful we will remain.
Shout 'til the echoes ring,
For the glory of your name!

Rockdale High Fight Song

Onward Tigers, Onward Tigers
Go right through that line,
Grab that pigskin, hold it tight,
And Victory is thine, Rah! Rah! Rah!
Onward Tigers, Onward Tigers,
We'll fight to the end,
Fight Tigers, Fight, Fight, Fight
We're sure to win!