

Moody High Class of '70 55 Year Reunion a Success

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The 55 year reunion for the Class of '70 ended late Saturday night, August 16, 2025. The reunion was a smashing success from all indications. The first-ever multi-class event featured alumni from 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974 hosted by the Class of 1970. There were 318 people at the Omni Corpus Christi who enjoyed a fine dinner, danced to the music from San Antonio's own Bandango and spent time catching up with old friends and teachers from school. The music was outstanding featuring Oldies from the 60's & '70's, Tejano and Country providing the perfect mix for our audience. The dance floor was full with classmates showing they still have their moves! Everyone appeared to really enjoy themselves and thanked us profusely for putting on such a good show.

Two of the teachers from the first full graduating class of Moody were also in attendance, Ms Andrea Villarreal ("Ms V") and Mr. Francisco Moreida. These teachers and longtime friends of the Moody High Class of '70 thoroughly enjoyed catching up with their former students, some from as far back as Cunningham Junior High School. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and reminiscing about those long past days. They are still an inspiration to all that know them.

Our reunion was indeed a labor of love but reunions don't just mysteriously happen, there has to be a leader. The Moody High Class of '70 has been very fortunate to have two such leaders; Lydia Cueva Tardif and Diana Perez Quintanilla. They were both recognized at the reunion for the tireless work they performed over the years leading the reunions starting with the first one in 1980, ten years after we graduated.

Richard Silvas, one of our class leaders, presented both awards on behalf of the Class of '70.

Trojan Hero Award
Presented to

Lydia Cueva Tardif

In appreciation of your many years of exceptional
dedication to the Moody Class of 1970 reunions

August 16, 2025

Award Citation: Lydia was the brave soul who chose to take on the very first reunion. There was no “Go-By” to follow on how to conduct reunions but she figured it out and led the way setting a standard for all the Class of ‘70 reunions. Lydia researched, toured and found venues that were affordable.....started the process of finding our classmates, sending our invites, and coordinating all the related duties, setting a standard all could be proud of not to mention helping form this bond the Class of ‘70 has enjoyed for 55 years! The work involved to lead the group in putting on 6 reunions was immeasurable, suffice to say, it took a very special person to lead what turned out to be very successful reunions. While small, this award represents our sincere gratitude for going through all the work needed to continuously help bring us together. We hope it will be displayed proudly on her mantel or desk at home to remind her of how much we appreciate her. Lydia led or helped lead the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 40 year reunions. Those reunions will forever be etched in our hearts and minds due to Lydia’s hard work and dedication.



Lydia reacts to award presented by Richard & Oralia Silvas
(Photos courtesy of Earl Parr Photography)



Lydia accepts her
Trojan Hero Award

Trojan Hero Award
Presented to

Diana Perez Quintanilla

In appreciation of your many years of exceptional
dedication to the Moody Class of 1970 reunions

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Award Citation: The face that says “Moody Class of ‘70 Reunions” with all the related fundraisers and dances, is our current leader, Diana Perez Quintanilla. It’s hard to put into words what Diana has meant to our class and reunions over the last several years. Her dedication is unparalleled, the amount of hours put in over the years must’ve made it seem like a full-time job. She works year-round in planning and putting on the fundraisers leading up to the reunions, and of course, the planning, coordination of the actual events themselves. Many late nights and long hours certainly with her cohort, Barbara, in working announcements, flyers, social media, ticket sales, seating

arrangements, entertainment, answering countless phone calls, emails, text messages continuous questions from people like DAN at all hours of the night and day, etc. This, in spite of having a life beyond Moody reunions with family, friends and amazingly, finding time for OTHER volunteer organizations like Harbor Lights to name just one. Her energy, smarts, willingness to help others and to accommodate everyone's needs and her organizational prowess is beyond description. Diana was a member of most of the reunion committees and took over the lead on the reunions for the 35th, 45th, 50th & the 55th. She was also the driving force for almost all the fundraisers having worked them since 2012. Her dedication to ensuring successful reunions through all the fundraiser dances she has organized is indeed commendable. The accolades could go on and on... Diana is truly a one-of-a-kind, the biggest, **baddest** Trojan there ever was! This small token represents our deep appreciation for Diana's hard work and dedication to making each and every one of our reunions professional, well organized and truly memorable.



Richard & Oralia Silvas present Trojan Hero Award to Diana
(Photos courtesy of Earl Parr Photography)



Diana accepts award and acknowledges others who have helped her put on reunions over all the years



Thank you both Lydia & Diana for everything you have done to make the Class of 1970 so very proud and helping us keep this tight knit group together through our reunions. We will be *forever* grateful.



Class of '70 gets ready to take official 55 Year Reunion photo (photo courtesy of Angie Ruiz Renojo)

Our 55 Year Reunion was indeed memorable with many reconnections, lots of smiles and laughter with promises to get together more often, having the Moody Cheerleaders perform for us was very special and having one of the best bands from San Antonio playing added to the luster of this year's event. Of course having the classes of '68, '69' '71, '72, '73 & '74 certainly lent a whole different level of excitement and fun to our reunion as well. All and all, a great time was had by all. Will we hold another reunion? Who knows, we thought the 50 year reunion was it and yet we held another one..... but if the enthusiasm of this reunion is any indication.....? Thanks to everyone who helped and to all our attendees, you made it happen.

Until we meet again....adios!