



Recognition and Appreciation of Allen Monasmith

by Frankfurt American High School Alumni Association (FAHSAA)

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Summary: FAHSAA is deeply appreciative of the contributions Allen has made over the years in support of the alumni association and has chosen Allen to be the first recipient of a newly created award of recognition.

Allen is a graduate of the Class of 1961. He started at FAHS in 1958 and left in 1959.

Our interview with Allen: In 1984 Allen attended a FAHS reunion in Georgetown for the classes of '56 to 62. "While at the reunion, Gennie Dexheimer was making a list of the attendees on a laptop computer. I got her to send me the list and I translated it to Dbase, which is now Excel.

In 1986 I decided to expand the list that Gennie sent me by recording the nearly 30,000 people who attended or taught at our high school. I

accomplished this by copying all the names in the year books from 1947 to 1995. I obtained the information by calling people on the phone and asking them to Xerox copies their yearbook and mail them to me. This time-consuming process took over of period ten years. By 1997, I was pretty much finished with the database.

From that point upon request, I could print out a specific class year. This valuable information allowed the alumni to start locating and reconnecting with their classmates from FAHS. I also created a data base of Fallen Eagles which is quite extensive covering all the classes of FAHS and which I have continued to update painstakingly over the years.”

Allen’s Favorite Memory/Memories of FAHS: Being exposed to a foreign culture during the impressionable teenage years was a life changing experience. Other highlights included living in the Dorm as a Sophomore and being elected as Vice President of the Sophomore Class in 1958-59.

FAMILY BIO OF ALLEN:

- **BORN:**
JANUARY 16, 1943, MCALISTER, OK

- **PARENTS:**
MAURICE AND GLADYS(PFLANZE) MONASMITH

- **SIBLINGS:**
MARILYN KAY MONASMITH
SHARON LEE MONASMITH

- **SON:**
JOEL LEE MONASMITH.

CURRENT HOME:

HAVE LIVED IN FAIRFIELD, CA SINCE 1988.

EDUCATION:

POLITICAL SCIENCE BA FOR UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS IN 1966.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER DEGREE BS FROM UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS 1974

CAREER:

MY SPECIALTY WAS FLUID MECHANICS, PUMPING AND PIPING SYSTEMS. I WORKED IN CHEMICAL PLANTS AND REFINERIES.



**Class of 1961 High
School Class Photo as a
Sophomore and Class
Vice President:**

ALLEN MONASMITH
Vice-president