

## ***The Importance Of A Good Education***

During their high school career, students may begin to question the importance of a higher education. They might find themselves asking, "Why is it important to go to college?" The answer is that, more than ever, attending college provides opportunities which are not as widespread to those who have not received a higher education.

For many high school students, being able to immediately generate an income after graduation is an appealing thought. They may also be repelled by the rising \*cost of tuition, and while it is true that a higher education may be one of the largest expenses you will ever face, the importance of a college education has become quite evident in terms of earning potential within today's economy.

As opposed to generations of the past, high school graduates today are unable to obtain the number of high-paying jobs that were once available. The U.S. has been transformed from a manufacturing-based economy to an economy based on knowledge, and the importance of a college education today can be compared to that of a high school education forty years ago. It serves as the gateway to better

There are additional reasons as to why it is important to go to college. When students experience a post secondary education, they have the opportunity to read books and listen to the lectures of top experts in their fields. This stimulation encourages students to think, ask questions, and explore new ideas, which allows for additional growth and development and provides college graduates with an edge in the job market over those who have not experienced a higher education.

The importance of a college education is also accentuated because of the opportunity to gain valuable resources during their tenure. The more connections which are collected during their college career, the more options they will have when they begin their job search. Once they have ended their job search and have started their career, however, the importance of a college education has not been exhausted. Having a college degree often provides for greater promotion opportunity.

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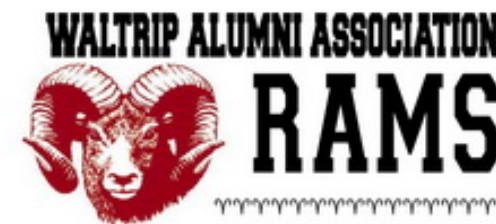
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## **Bridging The Generations**



**Striving For Excellence  
Through Scholarship  
and Service**



**WALTRIP ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION,  
INC.**

## Waltrip Alumni Association, Inc.

### ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Alumni may join the Alumni Association at the following membership levels:

Free Membership

Annual Dues Membership

Lifetime Membership



Waltrip Alumni Association, Inc. formation  
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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Waltrip Alumni Association is a nonprofit organization. The exclusive purpose of the Association is to work in a team environment with community focus and appeal to achieve the goals of building strong youth, strong families and a strong community. Our goal is to offer opportunities enriching our hometown by providing educational and vocational scholarships to deserving and talented Waltrip High School students and stipends for Waltrip High School faculty. From time to time, the Waltrip Alumni Association may fund school projects or capital improvements to the school facilities as agreed upon by the Waltrip Alumni Association and Houston Independent School District administration.

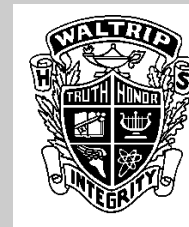
Our organization was formed by alumni of Waltrip High School, Houston, Texas, to provide both academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors. Our mission statement also includes providing stipend funds for teachers and school staff to better facilitate the learning environment.

We are a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt public charity as designated by Internal Revenue Service and we rely on funds received from the public to be able to provide the scholarships and stipends. We are willing to work hard to raise these funds. Our alumni association is aware that possibly the most important goal in the lives of students is in obtaining a good education and to that end, we pledge to do our best to meet the ever growing need for funds to achieve that goal.

We need your help with our annual fundraising efforts. While we hold an annual fundraiser each year, we are not limited to only one event. We must raise funds throughout the year in order to meet our mission statement requirements.

The award of scholarships and stipends is approved by our Scholarship Committee who uses a "blind review" of applicants and then make a determination as to which applicants are to receive an award. For those graduates

who are given a scholarship award, the funds are sent directly to the college or university where they will be attending. Your generous donation, which is tax deductible to the full extent as allowed by federal law, will be publicly acknowledged at our annual awards event, held in May of each year, through promotional announcements, a business logo and prominent note in our Awards Banquet program. We feel that you or your business entity, if that is the case, will benefit from the community goodwill generated by your kind donation to our group. To learn more about our alumni association, please visit our web site at: [www.waltripalumni.org](http://www.waltripalumni.org)



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