

In order for the Alumni Association to build and maintain a current database of it's members and friends of Rancho Alamitos High School, please fill out the contact form below. That way you can be notified of upcoming events and other news items that pertain to your class and/or the Association in general.

RA Alumni Association Membership form:  
~ Please print clearly ~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grad year associated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Most **RA<sup>3</sup>** communications will be via Email and/or our website ...

- ◆ Activities you were involved in when you attended RAHS: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Current type of employment / hobbies / associations you are affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to:

**Rancho Alamitos Alumni Association, Inc.**  
c/o Rancho Alamitos High School  
11351 Dale Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92841

Note: this info will **not** be shared with any third parties without your permission.

**The purpose of RA<sup>3</sup> is to maintain a network of alumni and to promote Rancho Alamitos High School and its students through scholarship, social and educational activities and community services.**

**El Poco Vaquero History**  
(Poco is pronounced pō'kō / poh-koh)

In the beginning of the 60's, the Bee Football team, coached by John Callard, was a successful team. They were fighting for victory, each week shadowed by the mighty Varsity team. Some students started referring to the Bee team as the "little" Vaqueros. Doug Rowell was a member of that Bee team. He came to practice one day with his drawing of a team mascot, "El Poco Vaquero." All his buddies on the team and Coach Callard embraced this mascot.



As with any great idea, "El Poco Vaquero" spread like wild fire throughout the school. He was embraced by the student body and faculty, not just for the Bee team, but for the Varsity and all sports. "El Poco Vaquero" was shortened to "Poco."

The alumni from the classes of 1961 to 1975 hold Poco in high esteem and deep love. He is the embodiment of the Spirit of Rancho during those years. He will always represent our golden days of high school... our great school spirit, our victories, our friends and our joys.

**Long Live**  
**"El Poco Vaquero"**



**RANCHO**

**ALAMITOS**

**ALUMNI**

**ASSOCIATION**

**Honoring the past by helping build the future for Rancho Alamitos High School students.**

## History of Rancho Alamitos High School

Rancho Alamitos High School opened its doors in 1957. Its name means ranch of the little cottonwoods and is an acknowledgement of the Hispanic heritage of this area. The forty acres of the Rancho Alamitos High School campus was part of the original Rancho Los Nietos (grandchildren), circa 1784. Later, the land was divided among many family members into smaller Ranchos. In the 1950's, the Garden Grove Union High School District purchased the land from the Evans family. Construction of Rancho Alamitos High School began in 1956 and was nearly complete by 1957. There were two homes on the property facing Dale Street. The homes belonged to the Evans and Miller families and were located just north of the faculty parking lot. The homes were used as classrooms until construction was completed in 1959.

The Rancho Alamitos mascot is the *Vaquero*. Vaquero is a Spanish word for cowboy. The Vaquero was chosen in respect for the men who worked the lands of old Rancho Los Nietos. Over the years, the Vaqueros have been known for their hard work, dedication and pride of accomplishment. The traditions started many years ago still continue. We are proud of our heritage and proud to be Vaqueros!



## What can RA<sup>3</sup> do for you?

Provide a way to reconnect with friends and former classmates at:

- ◆ Homecoming
- ◆ Post Homecoming Game Reception
- ◆ Annual Alumni Picnic
- ◆ Alumni Website

Provide stronger futures for Rancho students through scholarship programs:

- ◆ John Callard Memorial
- ◆ Top Female Athlete
- ◆ Top Male Athlete

Check out the RA Alumni Association website for events and upcoming activities in the works.

[www.ra3vaqueros.com](http://www.ra3vaqueros.com)

Or do a Google search for "Rancho Alamitos Alumni" and we will be the #1 hit ...

### Membership Classifications:

Active Alumni .....	\$ 25.00
Friends of Rancho .....	\$ 25.00
Lifetime Dues .....	\$250.00
General Alumni (non-voting).	\$0

Please fill out the contact form on the back, and submit with your annual dues and/or a donation to the scholarship fund.



Alma Mater

Rancho Alamitos High, You're in a setting old,  
Beneath the western skies, Your colors Green and Gold.

The past gave you your name

The future you'll defy

As generations bring you fame

Rancho Alamitos High,

As generations bring you fame

Rancho Alamitos High.

Rancho Alamitos High, Our Alma Mater true,

We pledge, we'll edify, and conquer all for you.

Your Lamp will light our way,

Shine on as years go by,

And all night through we'll honor you,

Rancho Alamitos High,

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Rancho Alamitos High.

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