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The 2023 Rock the Nest Trivia Night on April 2nd was filled with fun, trivia, and time spent with good friends! We are already looking forward to next year's event!



Dear Supporter,
Happy Spring!

First, I wanted to specially thank everyone who supported Central High School this past month at our Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"! Eagle Nation made this event a great success, and your generosity will go to supporting the next generation of Central Eagles. Thank you!

In this newsletter, we are happy to announce the 2023 Hall of Fame inductees! Please save the date for the Hall of Fame ceremony at Central High School on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Coming up on Monday, June 5th is our 21st annual Golf Fore Eagles Golf Outing! This year's event will honor Dr. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966. There are still some spaces available, so gather your team and [register](#) by May

22nd! Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels.](#)

Mark your calendars now! On Thursday, May 11, 2023, the Central High School Foundation will be hosting Scoops of Support for Central High School at eCreamery Ice Cream and Gelato on 50th and Underwood Ave from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stop by and sample our signature flavor "Cones, Caps, & Gowns" in honor of the Class of 2023!

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michèle Roberts

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Hall of Fame 2023 Inductees Announced!



It is our pleasure to announce the incoming Class of 2023 of the Central High School Hall of Fame! These inductees have exemplified the Eagle spirit of excellence in their respective communities, in their professional endeavors, and in their ceaseless efforts to give back to others. **The 2023 Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Central High School.**

Hubert "Hub" Brown, CHS 1976

Gregory Erwin, CHS 1958

Dr. Edward Fogarty, CHS 1989

Bruce Hoberman, CHS 1965

Richard Kaslow, CHS 1961

Rachel Tomlinson Mindrup, CHS 1992

Rodney Mullen

Susan Breeding, CHS 1974

Harold Reynolds, CHS 1958

D. David Slosburg, CHS 1970

Richard Zacharia, CHS 1961

Keep an eye out for their forthcoming biographies and photos! Congratulations to all who were inducted!

Is there someone you would like to see in the Central High School Hall of Fame? Remember for them to be considered by the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee, they have to be nominated! [Click here to nominate an Eagle for the CHS Hall of Fame!](#)

Eagles all "Caw" for Ice Cream!



On Thursday, May 11, 2023, the Central High School Foundation will be hosting Scoops of Support for Central High School at eCreamery Ice Cream and Gelato on 50th and Underwood Ave from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stop by to get your picture taken in the 2023 Graduation Selfie Frame or pick up some Central gear to show your Eagle pride! 10% of all sales on Thursday will go to the Central High School Foundation. So, start rounding up your former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who loves ice cream! We hope to see you on Thursday, May 11th!

Central Math Team Adds Another Win!



The Central Math Team recently competed at the Northwest Missouri State Contest and swept the competition! Their talented team of athletes, consisting of juniors Sam Morris, Sam Joyce, and Lachlan O'Keefe, had the top overall individual scores of all participants with an impressive score of 72.

But that's not all! Our team also achieved the top team contest score out of 16 teams, beating out strong competitors like Omaha North who came in 3rd in that category. And to top it off, they dominated the relay events, taking 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th place out of 28 relay teams. We couldn't be more proud of CHS mathletes' achievements and the hard work they put into preparing for this competition. However, we know that this kind of success doesn't come easy. Thank you for your support in helping the mathletes continue to excel in their academic pursuits.

You have helped fund future competitions by providing resources and opportunities for the mathletes to continue to hone their skills and achieve their full potential. Join in Generation "C" below to help us continue to foster a love of math and cultivate the next generation of problem-solvers and critical thinkers.

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

Alec Rome is the "Top Bird" in the March Madness Bracket



Congratulations to Alec Rome ('18) for winning the Eagle Nation March Madness Bracket Challenge! With 80 total points and 40 correct picks, Alec edged out a victory over Thelma Cordes ('17) and his mother Tanya York Rome ('81).

Next year, we will be hosting a bracket challenge for the women's tournament in addition to the men's tournament. Thank you to those who participated and filled out brackets!

Congratulations to our Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" Winning Teams!

More than 350 Eagles rocked the nest at Rock the Nest Trivia Night virtually and in-person on Sunday, April 2nd. For the event, parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered at the Omaha Design Center in Omaha for a night filled with good food, fun trivia, and prizes! The events raised over \$35,000 for Central High School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRIVIA WINNERS!

1ST PLACE

James & Vicki Deniston-Reed
Brooks Humphreys
Matt & Christine Shafer
Jennifer Stastny
Scott & Beth Wilson

2ND PLACE

Steven & Amy Andrews
Tom & Christina Flaherty Colling
Brent & Jennifer Larson
J.R. & Erica Meyer

3RD PLACE

Stephen, CHS 1981, & Lyn Bouma
Brian Fahey, CHS 2003 & Sara Cowan, CHS 2004
Beth Myers
Chiyo Trauernicht



Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased wine from the wine pull, or bid on a silent auction item! A big thank you to Mike DiGiacomo ('91) for emceeding our event as well as to the volunteers for making sure the event ran

smoothly. In addition, a big thank you to the CHS jazz band for providing music for the evening. We will see you in spring 2024 for another edition of Rock the Nest Trivia Night!

Reserve Your Spot Today for the 21st Annual Central High School Foundation Golf Outing



**Golf For Eagles 2023 – Monday, June 5, 2023
Field Club of Omaha – 10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

2023 Honoree: Dr. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and hitting cages
- Brunch and Banquet Dinner for all players
 - Awards Banquet will begin immediately following the conclusion of golfing

- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (Hole-In-One Challenge on the 14th hole)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees on 6th Hole

Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.” Telephone calls will not secure a spot. Previous participants will receive preferred status if payment and entry form are received by the **registration deadline of May 22, 2023**. If you have any questions please contact Michele Roberts at 402-556-1996 or email events@chsfomaha.org.

Make your check payable to: The Central High School Foundation. Both women and men players are encouraged to participate! Golfers of all abilities are welcome. Sign up as a foursome, individual or a co-ed team. Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels](#) or signup for a sponsorship below.

- Four person Texas Scramble
- 10:00 AM flight
- Open to women and men
- Golfers of all abilities are welcome
- Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.”

Join in the Fun!

Alumni Spotlight: Asst. Secretary Russell Rumbaugh



Russell Rumbaugh was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Navy Comptroller on December 20, 2022 and took up his duties in the Pentagon on January 3, 2023. The nomination was Confirmed by the US Senate with Senator Deb Fisher voting for the confirmation.

Russell was born in Omaha, where he attended Dundee and Howard Kennedy Schools, Lewis and Clark Junior High School, and graduated Omaha Central High

School in 1994 where he won a National Merit Scholarship. He was an Eagle

Scout of Boy Scout Troop 42.

After studying political science at Chicago University, he was commissioned in the US Army and served in the 1st Infantry Division. He lead a mortar platoon in Germany and a rifle platoon in Kosovo. When he returned to Chicago, he worked for the Pritzker Military Foundation before attending graduate school at MIT where he graduated in Security Studies. While in grad school, the CIA recruited him as an analyst. Russell Rumbaugh was most recently Systems Director at the Center for Space Policy and Strategy at the Aerospace Corporation. He has previously worked on national security budgets in the Department of Defense, the U.S. Congress, and in think tanks. He served as the Defense and International Analyst on the Senate Budget Committee twice in the Pentagon at the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation office as well as on personnel staff in the House of Representatives as a Military Legislative Assistant. Additionally, he was the Director of Budgeting for Foreign Affairs and Defense at the Stimson Center and worked at the Congressional Research Service as an Analyst. He has taught a graduate seminar on defense budgets at Georgetown University, George Mason University, and the University of Maryland, and has been published on this topic.

In 2008, Russell married Dr. Candice Chen of Virginia and currently lives in Potomac, Maryland. They have two children: Xanthe and Henry. His wife, Candice, is a pediatrician and Professor of Public Health at George Washington University.

Spotlight an Alum in a Future Newsletter!

CHS Alumni Travel Program Prepares for the 2024 Trip



Planning continues for the inaugural trip to important Eagle sites in Europe in 2024. We have several travelers already searching for their passports! This will be a rich travel experience thanks to the educational content, unique access to special events, and, most importantly, traveling with your fellow Eagles!

[American WWII History: London to Amsterdam for Omaha Central Alumni and Friends:](#)

Step into the past, look toward the future. Victory in Europe marks the surrender of Nazi forces, but this momentous event holds a much deeper meaning. It's a time for people across the former wartime fronts to reflect on their shared history while celebrating the enduring spirit within us all. Follow in the footsteps of the American soldiers and Central graduates as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe.

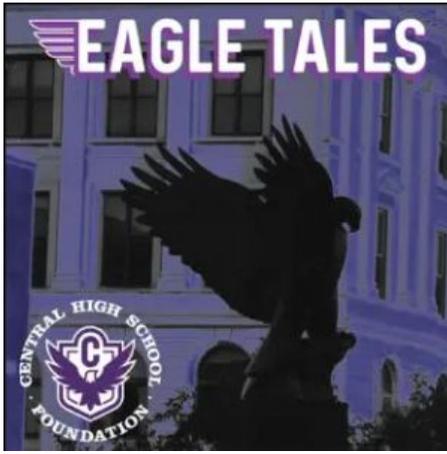
From June 5-17, 2024, follow in the footsteps of the American soldiers and Central graduates as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe. Starting in London, your group will cross the English Channel and tour Normandy and the D-Day beaches. You will spend time in Paris before heading east for Compiegne and Reims to see where WWI and WWII ended. The group will also visit the grave of Marion Crandell, CHS 1889, at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in eastern France. Marion was the first American woman killed in WWI. From there the group will venture to the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten and visit the graves of six CHS graduates from WWII that are buried there. Stories of CHS students at Normandy and Battle of the Bulge, as well as the Western Front of WWI and elsewhere will be shared. This group will be led by Central history teacher Scott Wilson.

*** Registration is now live. Trip is limited to 28 travelers. If you would like to participate, please contact Scott Wilson at scott.wilson@ops.org for further information.

[Learn about the 2024 Trip](#)

[Keep Up With Eagle Nation Anytime](#)

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you like to learn new information about Central High School? There are two fascinating podcasts about the faculty, staff, and students (current and former) of our favorite high school!



Eagle Tales is a podcast in which our creative director, Josh Bucy, sits down with a Central High School alum to talk about their time at Central and how it has impacted them. Listeners get to hear all about the amazing things that Alumni are doing to change the world! You can find this podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or the [Central High School Foundation website](#).

Ambidextrous baseball pitcher Pat Venditte joins host Josh Bucy for Episode 12 of *Eagle Tales*.

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps our Eagles connected to Central High School. To continue to help our Eagles connect to the nest, join Generation “C” today!

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

The 2022-2023 Generation "C" Chairs

The Central High School Foundation is proud to announce Charles “Chuck” Dickerson III, CHS 1959, and his wife, Judie, as the 2022-2023 Generation “C” Chairs.

Chuck Dickerson is part of a Central High School legacy dating back to 1900. Chuck was raised in Omaha and describes himself as a “dyed-in-the-wool Midwesterner.” He graduated from Central in 1959 and attended Penn State University for his undergraduate degree. After graduating from Penn State in



Chatting at The C, run by current Central High School teacher Ben Boeckman is a podcast for Omaha Central Eagle Nation! Their goal is to share the groundbreaking things that happen at Central High and to get to know people in the Eagle family. They interview different people from the legends of Central High to new teachers just getting their start. You can find their episodes on [Spotify!](#)

The latest podcast includes a conversation with 2004 alumnus Matt Storm.



1963, Chuck served as a navigator and in communications and cryptology aboard the light cruiser *USS Springfield*, the flagship of the Sixth Fleet. He served on active duty for two years and in the reserves for another five before resigning his Navy commission in 1970. Following his time in the military, Chuck attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin. Following graduation, he took a job with AT&T, where he worked for more than thirty years before retiring as a division technical manager in

1997.

His wife, Judie, is an alumna of the University of Iowa. She is a fourth-generation college graduate whose great grandfather was the first Black lawyer to pass the Illinois state bar in 1869. Together, the couple has two daughters, two granddaughters, and one grandson. In his retirement, Chuck started a company that assisted in the installation of an undersea internet cable from New York City to London. In addition, he taught at County College of Morris in Randolph, New Jersey, where Judie was working, and later became an adjunct instructor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Today, he and Judie volunteer for several nonprofit organizations, are active in the Episcopal Church, and are philanthropic supporters of multiple educational institutions including the University of Iowa, Penn State University, and the Central High School Foundation.

Chuck and Judie have been very involved with Central High School. During the unveiling of the Central High School Arts and Library Addition, the Dickerson, Myers, and Wright families honored their Eagle lineage with a Legacy paver donned with fourteen names of family members who had graduated from Central dating back to 1900. They recently endowed a scholarship for a graduating Eagle to continue their education. This award, named the Dickerson/Fletcher/McWilliams Scholarship, highlights the several generations of family members who have graduated from Central High School.

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

[Join the 1859 Society Today](#)



Named for the year of Central's founding, the 1859 Society honors donors who have included The Central High School Foundation in their estate plans. By arranging for such deferred gifts, alumni, parents and friends of CHS play a vital role in securing the future of Omaha's oldest educational institution. Combining financial planning, estate planning, and tax planning techniques, planned giving enables donors to make gifts of significance often with tax and financial rewards. If you're interested in joining the 1859 Society and making a planned gift, contact Michele Roberts at the CHSF Office at 402-556-1996 or michele@chsfomaha.org.

[Click Here for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

[Share Your Memories From Your Time at Central](#)



Did you know that the Central High School Foundation collects the memories of our alumni to paint a full, bright picture of life at Central for future generations? In fact, you can read all of the memories others have submitted on our [website!](#)

We would love to hear from you!

Submit your memory to the Central High School Foundation!
You can also share photos of your time at Central, which will be entered into our archives!

[Submit Your Memory](#)

[2023 Class Reunion Schedule](#)



Old friends reunited back at the Nest last year during the Class of
1991's class reunion!

Upcoming Reunion Schedule

[Class of 1961 80th Birthday Reunion](#)

August 4-5, 2023

[Contact Dick Zacharia](#)

[Class of 1963](#)

September 8-9, 2023

[Class of 1968](#)

September 8-9, 2023

[Contact Pam Weiss Friedlander](#)

[Contact Joanne Wagner Givens](#)

Class of 1970

POSTPONED

July 25-26, 2025

[Class of 1973](#)

October 13-14, 2023

omahacentral73reunion50.myevent.com

Class of 1974

May 31 – June 3, 2024

Contact [Shelli McCall-Vodicka](#)

[Class of 1978](#)

45 Year Class Reunion

August 11-12, 2023

Contact [Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier](#) (402-670-8986)

[Reunion Website](#)

[Class of 1983](#)

September 29-30, 2023

Details TBD

[Class of 1993](#)

September 1-2, 2023

[Reunion Website](#)

[Class of 2003](#)

September 29-30, 2023

Details TBD

[Class of 2013](#)

September 29-30, 2023

[Mecca Slaughter](#)

402-981-7351

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date for your class reunion or would like to look at postponing or cancelling it, please [contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) or call 402-556-1996.

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