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EAGLE NEWS December 2023



Students in Tri-M Honor Society sang carols at Methodist Hospital this past weekend, spreading holiday cheer for patients on the rehab, cancer, and elder/memory care floors.



Dear Supporter,

From our Eagle family to yours, the Central High School Foundation would like to wish you a very happy holiday!

The holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend. An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special occasion or to recognize family or friends. [Click here](#) to make an honor or memorial gift for that special Eagle in your life!

Our annual campaign, Generation "C," is also in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 164 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. [Click here](#) to join Generation "C" today!

We are also working hard to get ready for all the great things coming in 2024! A new year of class reunions is coming together. Scroll to the end of this email for the most up-to-date information if you have an upcoming class reunion. Also, make sure you [update your record](#) on our website so that your physical invitation and event communications are mailed to the correct address.

Finally, we are looking for donations of silent auction items for our 2024 Rock

the Nest Trivia Night! If you have an item, service, or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! Please contact [Erika Buffington](#) at (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions.

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 164 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Central Hosts Annual Robotics Tournament



Thanks to a grant from the Central High School Foundation, the Central Robotics team hosted its annual competition.

Activities such as robotics team competitions help students apply mathematics and technology learning to production, which translate to college and the real world. Such exercises give them a clear vision of what a major in technology and engineering might entail and provide them a glimpse into the world of professional robotics.

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps support our students at Central High School, including those involved on the robotics team. To continue to help our Eagles soar, join Generation "C" today!

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

Just Keep Swimming, Swimming, Swimming

Attention Swimmers!

The Central Swim Team is hosting its 2nd annual alumni swimming meet on Wednesday, December 20. The event will begin at 4:30 pm at Norris Middle

School and conclude with dinner at Paddy McGown's Pub & Grill for food and a silent auction. The swimming event is free for alumni who are swimming and \$5 for spectators.



[Learn More About This Event](#)

Last-Minute Shopping? Consider the Alumni Store



Your Eagle alumni, students, or soon-to-be students would love some new Eagle gear. Hoodies, t-shirts, *Stylebooks*, ornaments, and more are available in the [Central High Alumni Store](#). Orders can be shipped nationwide.

[Shop the Alumni Store](#)

New Eagle Tales Podcast Episode

Just in time for the holidays, a new *Eagle Tales* podcast episode has been published! 2023 Hall of Fame inductee Susan Breeding ('74) joins the podcast for Episode 16.



Eagle Tales is a podcast during 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 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](#).

[Listen to Episode 16](#)

Accepting Donations for Silent Auction



Trivia Night

If you have an item, service, or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! As always, proceeds from this spring event will support the needs of Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and much more. Through your support, the Central High School Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future. After you donate, you will receive a gift-in-kind letter for tax deduction purposes based on the retail value of your item or service.

Furthermore, you will be recognized on the Silent Auction publicity materials. For your convenience, click below for our Gift Information Form to submit with your donation. Please [contact Erika Buffington](#) at (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions! Your generosity is appreciated by the entire Central High School community!

[Donation Request Form](#)

Alumni Spotlight: Stacie Travis Moore, CHS 1990

Stacie (Travis) Moore, OD, has been named a finalist for the 2023 James Brownlee Optometrist of the Year by the Mississippi Optometric Association (MOA). The association presents the award annually to recognize significant contributions to the profession of optometry and to the public.

Practicing in West Point, MS, Dr. Moore attended Creighton University and is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The Columbus Air Force Base named her an honorary commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing Command in 2022 for her service as a community liaison with the Base and her assistance in coordinating two community events.



Dr. Moore has promoted vision health through her participation in InfantSEE and the Third Grade Eye Exam programs. She has served as the clinical director of the Opening Eyes component of the Healthy Athletes program of Special Olympics Mississippi since 2022.

Congratulations, Stacie!

[Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight](#)

Everything Goes Right in *The Play That Goes Wrong*



Last month, the Central drama department presented *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Each year, Central produces a full-scale mainstage drama production with students performing on stage and as part of the stage and tech crews. A grant from the Central High School Foundation supports the licensing, script and costume rentals, set and sound design equipment, choreographer's fees, and other related expenses.

For this year's production, funding from the CHS Foundation helped cover the cost of many aspects of the show including hiring guest artists to teach stage combat/sword fighting and aid students with correct articulation of British dialect.

"Performing in *The Play That Goes Wrong* was a new and thrilling experience. The British accents, stage fighting, and technical elements created so many great memories and allowed me learn more about

acting. I loved being a part of this production and it has helped me to connect with more people through the CHS Drama Department."

- Sofia Detisch, Class of 2024

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps support our students at Central High School, including those involved in the drama department. To continue to help our Eagles soar, join Generation "C" today!

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Jill Anderson ('85) was the British dialect coach for the CHS production of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. She joined drama class to discuss her experience as a professional theater artist, actress, writer, technician, singer, teacher, and producer.

Central Invites Class of 2028 Students



Potential Omaha Central High School students and their families are invited to attend Central's Open House on **Saturday, January 20, 2024**. This event allows potential students and their families to explore the school, interact with

faculty and staff, and have any questions answered before the enrollment process begins. Here is the schedule for the event:

- 9:00 a.m. - IB Diploma Programme Presentation
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Open House

Parking: Please park in the staff parking lot at 22nd and Davenport Street. Enter Central through the main entrance on the west side facing the Joslyn Art Museum. For more information, please call the main office at 531-299-2660.

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](#)

Former Eagle Educator Receives Award

Congratulations to Lyn Bouma, long-time CHS Choral director, who was inducted into the Nebraska Music Education Association Hall of Fall last month. Over her 36-year career, Mrs. Bouma had more than 400 students selected for the NMEA All-State Chorus. Mrs. Bouma also had the privilege of conducting eleven performances at the NMEA conference, featuring the CHS A Cappella Choir five times, CHS Singers four times, and Bel Canto twice. Congratulations, Lyn!



Honor an Eagle With a Tribute Gift

2023 Class Reunion Schedule



The Class of '02 at their class reunion in 2022!

Upcoming Reunion Schedule

Class of 1959

April 26-27, 2024

[Terry Foster](#) 402-871-7275

[Dave Krecek](#) 402-677-3607

[Larry Gilinsky](#) 402-598-7006

[Join the 1959 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1964

September 20-21, 2024

[Contact Jeannene Rice Mason](#) or [Jeannette Rice Johnson](#)

Class of 1970
POSTPONED
July 25-26, 2025

Class of 1974
May 31 – June 3, 2024

Contact information for each day:

[Shelli McCall-Vodicka](#) 402-677-1227, Fri and Mon activities

[Cindy Goff](#) 402-510-6537 Sat, activities

[Sara Achelpohl](#) 402-707-9190 Sun, activities

[Kevin Buckner](#) 240-432-7268

Class of 1984

Date TBD

Contact [Todd Smith](#) or [Betty Brown](#)

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

2023-24 Generation "C" Chair - Leslie Gotch



The Central High School Foundation is proud to announce Leslie Gotch, CHS 1964 as the 2023-2024 Generation "C" Chair.

With 27 years of consecutive giving, Leslie Gotch has never wavered in his support

of Central High School.

Born in San Diego to two WWII Navy veterans, Leslie, the eldest of five children and his family moved to Omaha in 1952. He attended Pickard, Belle Ryan, and Jackson Elementary Schools. "I could not wait to get to Central High School in 1960. My grandmother had just retired as the pastry cook in the cafeteria, so when I went through the lines, the ladies would sometimes put a brownie or piece of cake on my tray and not charge me the 7 cents!"

Leslie has fond memories of his time at CHS. "I loved being a student at Central - the opportunity to be able to study several courses with different teachers was exciting. My teachers taught me to be a critical thinker which was integral in my future career as a computer security engineer."

His talents were in high demand by not only the private sector, but also the U.S. military. "My company produced a specialty product that would scan

every email and file passing through the network. This product was incorporated into the military's new messaging systems used on bases from Qatar to Pearl Harbor. Eventually my customers included NATO, The Department of State, and other intelligence agencies."

While at Central, Leslie participated in activities outside the classroom. "I was very involved in the JROTC program. I was on the crack squad rifle drill team for two years and the Hussars my senior year. The Hussars were a precision drill team that performed at the Aksarben coronations."

Now enjoying his retirement, Leslie continues to value the importance of education and giving back to his community - core values he learned, in part, during his time at Central High School - he volunteers at the information desk at a local library and went back to school to study five international languages.

Join Generation "C"

Support CHSF While You Shop



The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation.

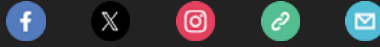
It's easy to do! Just go to the link tagg.today, snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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