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Five Eagles recently concluded the Nebraska Civic Leadership Program by visiting Washington D.C. This partnership between UNO, Omaha Public Schools and the Sherwood Foundation allowed students to visit the Nebraska State Capitol, Omaha City Hall, the Truman Presidential Library, and the United States Capitol to meet with representatives at different levels of government. Pictured left to right: Isabel Hoiberg, Maddie George, Alex Krasnoslobodtsev, Trentin McLaughlin, and Etta Salzman.



Dear Supporter,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and staying cool during this heat wave!

We are looking forward to hosting our annual Back-to-School teacher luncheon on Tuesday, August 8. We are fortunate to have countless incredible faculty and staff at Central, and the Foundation is honored to host this annual event to ensure our teachers are properly welcomed back before the start of the school year. Speaking of which, students return to the revered halls of

Central for their first day of class on Wednesday, August 16. The first day of school will be here before you know it!

Remember to check out our [class reunions](#) calendar to see which reunions are planned for this year. If you have a reunion coming up, make sure you [update your record](#) on our website so that your invitation will be mailed to the correct address. This pertains especially to recent graduates as we often have

parental addresses instead of graduate addresses.

Finally, I hope you take the opportunity to check out some of the excellent stories and podcasts that we have been working on. From the [Eagle Tales podcast](#) hosted by Josh Bucy, to the [Quill & Feather blog](#) featuring stories written by current Eagle Charlie Palmer ('24), to the [Chatting at the C podcast](#) with teacher Ben Boeckman, there are many options for you to select from. Although school may be out, we have been working hard to plan some fun summer stories for you!

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

Sincerely,

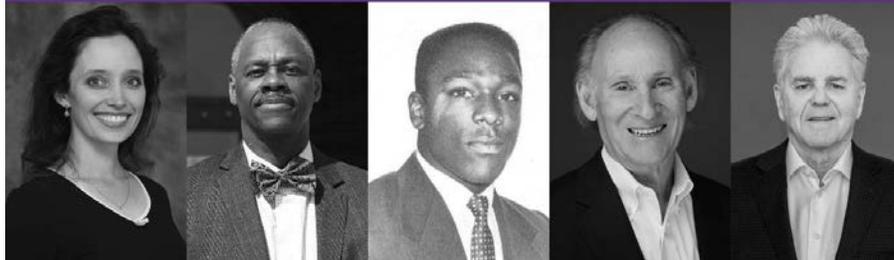


Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Register for the Hall of Fame Dinner



2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



We hope you will join us at the 24th Annual Central High School Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The Central High School Alumni Association is proud to induct 11 individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service.

To learn more about the Central High School Hall of Fame, [click here](#). 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](#).

Congratulations to this year's Hall of Fame class!

- Susan Breeding, CHS 1974
- 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, Distinguished Educator
- Harold "Art" Reynolds, CHS 1958
- David Slosburg, CHS 1970
- Richard Zacharia, CHS 1961

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CHS Singers Perform at Renaissance Festival of Nebraska



The CHS Singers often perform madrigals (secular choral pieces from the Renaissance) in their repertoire, so it made perfect sense for them to sing in this year's Renaissance Festival of Nebraska. They performed in the parade through the Faire and then sang several madrigals as well as folk songs on one of the stages. The students created their own "costumes" from items in their closets, things they found at thrift stores, or items donated to them (there were even a few Central teachers who donated costume pieces!) In addition to singing, the students had the opportunity to enjoy the faire and enjoy the beautiful weather.

The CHS Singers is under the direction of Ms. Sara Cowan ('04).

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[The Quill & Feather Returns With New Stories](#)

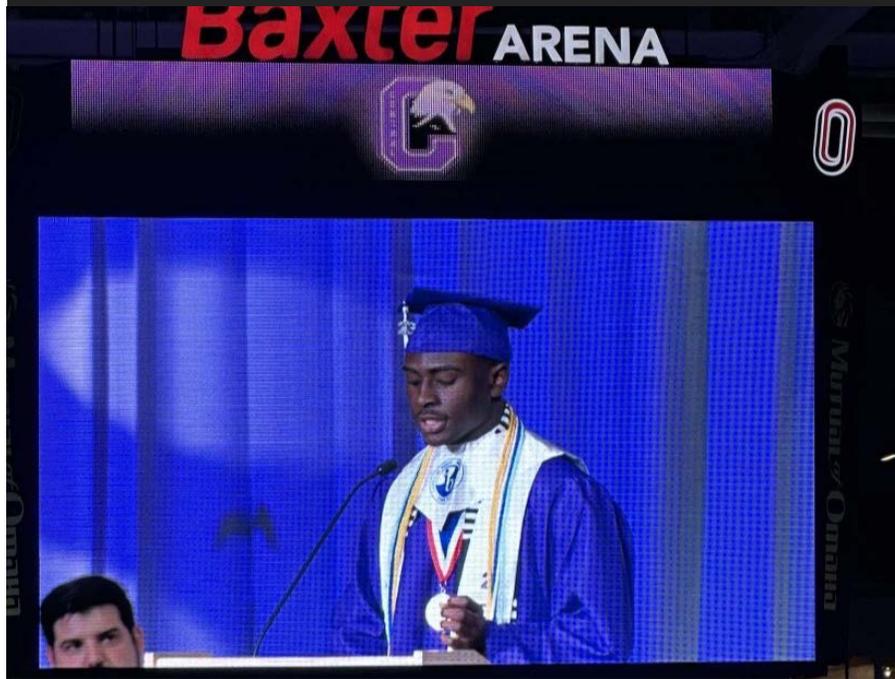


Official Blog of the Central High School Foundation

With summer in full swing, we have new stories posted on the Quill & Feather! The Quill & Feather is the official blog of the Central High School Foundation. These stories are written by incoming Central senior Charlie Palmer ('24). [Bookmark this page](#) and [follow us on social media](#) to be

notified when new blog articles are published.

[Interview with 2023 Male Student of the Year Joshua King \('23\)](#)



[Remembering Eagle Veterans on Independence Day](#)



[Interview with 2023 Female Student of the Year Rayya Haider](#)



[Ms. Martha Omar: Inspiring Excellence](#)



Where's the Central Eagle?

This month, Central history teacher Scott Wilson was spotted wearing his Central swag while snorkeling off the coast of Saipan, the largest island in the Northern Mariana Islands in the western Pacific Ocean. Near or far, Eagle pride is worldwide! Enjoy the rest of your trip, Mr. Wilson!

Submit photos of yourself featuring the Central logo to be included in future editions of this segment.



Submit a Photo

Freshman Jump Start Experience



Incoming Eagles flew around The Nest during the Freshman Jump Start Experience, a new program designed to help incoming freshman get more familiar with Central before the school year. Students had the opportunity to discover what Central had to offer and become comfortable with navigating the school before the first bell rings. All students have the opportunity to pick up their class schedules and fill out the necessary paperwork before the school year at All-Student Orientation.

All-Student Orientation will take place:

- August 1 from 9 am - 3 pm
- August 2 from 12 pm - 7 pm

- August 3 from 12 pm - 3 pm

Learn About Your Impact on Eagles

2023 Class Reunion Schedule



Old friends reunited during the Class of 1990's class reunion!

Upcoming Reunion Schedule

[Class of 1958](#)

September 23, 2023

[Contact Jackie McLellan](#)

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

August 4-6, 2023

[Contact Dick Zacharia](#)

[Class of 1963](#)

CANCELLED

[Contact Lyle Karre](#)

[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

Email Contact: centralclassof83@yahoo.com

Facebook Page: [Omaha Central Class of '83](#)

Reunion Website: <https://myevent.com/CHS1983-40th>

[Class of 1993](#)

September 1-2, 2023

[Reunion Website](#)

[Class of 2003](#)

September 29-30, 2023

eaglesunite03@outlook.com or [Facebook](#)

[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:contact.Erika.Buffington@events@chsfomaha.org) or call 402-556-1996.

[View Reunion Schedule](#)

The Latest News from "The Nest" with Chatting at the C



Did you know that Central has an esports team? Listen to episode 25 of Chatting at the C, featuring teacher and coach Jon Franta.

Chatting at The C, run by current Central High School teacher Ben Boeckman, is a podcast for Omaha Central Eagle Nation! The goal is to share the groundbreaking things that happen at Central High and to get to know people in the Eagle

family. Ben interviews different people, from the legends of Central to new teachers just getting their start. You can find their episodes on [Spotify](#), [YouTube](#), and [Apple Podcasts](#).

[Listen to Chatting at the C](#)

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 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 donated 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"](#)

[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](#)

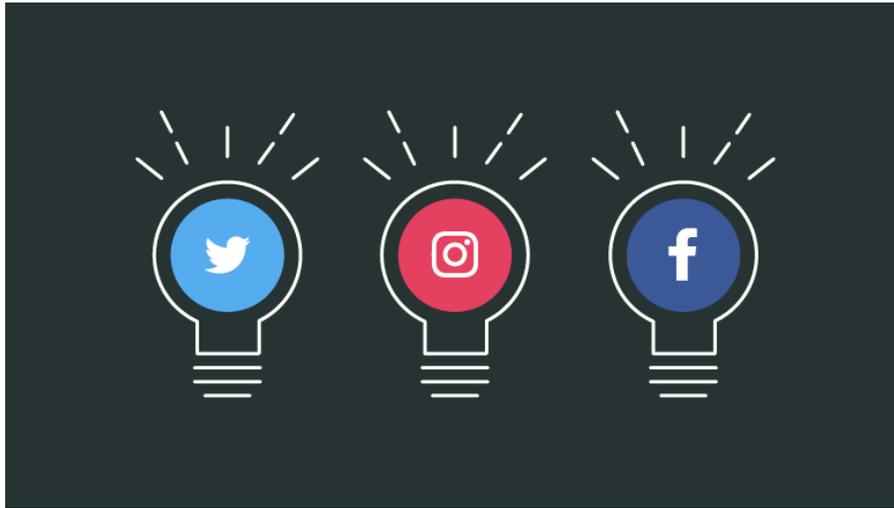
Support CHSF While You Shop



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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Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)? Follow and Like us across the social media platforms to stay connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news. As we hit fan milestones on each platform we will be giving out great prizes! Keep an eye out!

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