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Thank you Eagle Nation for coming together and raising over \$63,000 for Central High School on our giving day!

EAGLE NEWS March 2023



Dear Supporter,

It is warming up and spring is in the air!

This year's annual 24-hour day of online giving was a great success thanks to the power of Eagle Nation! Give-Education Day 2023 raised \$63,760 for Central High School. Thanks to your generous support, the Central High School Foundation can support our Eagles in the continuance of our #TraditionofExcellence! Thank you, Eagles!

Missed Give-Education Day, but still want to support the Central High School Foundation? You can by joining Generation "C," our annual giving campaign! Click [here](#) to join!

The 2023 Central High School Rock the Nest Silent Auction is open! You can bid on an array of awesome items and packages regardless of if you are joining us for trivia. To register for the Silent Auction, [click here](#)! As always, proceeds from this event will support the needs of Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and much more

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

Sincerely,

Michèle Roberts

Michèle Roberts, *Executive Director*

Register for Rock the Nest Trivia Night



Rock the Nest Trivia Night: April 2, 2023

Back by popular demand, our annual Rock the Nest “Trivia Night” Fundraiser for Central High School will offer Eagles an opportunity to participate however they’d like! With our hybrid event, Eagles can choose to participate in-person at the Omaha Design Center or virtually with a team on Zoom. So start rounding up your team of eight now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ole fun, add “watch Jeopardy!” to your to-do list, and get ready for an evening full of fun, prizes, dinner, and some “very special guests”... Our Rock the Nest events will include the following:

- A professionally-produced, high-quality experience
- Emcee for the evening, Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991
- Teams of eight – If attending virtually, you can still pick your teammates! And the cool part? They can be located anywhere in the country! You don’t have to log in from the same location.
- Dinner served – If attending virtually, a GrubHub gift certificate will be provided!
- Special Appearances and Performances
- Social Media Interaction – Share selfies in your Central gear, or take pictures of your team as you’re competing using the hashtag #RocktheNest2023! Your tweets and posts will be cast during the event!
- [Online Silent Auction](#)

- Bidding is open now
- Bidding Closes April 2 at 8:45 PM CT
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

As always, proceeds from this event will go to support the needs of our students and staff at Central High School through scholarships, classroom grants, capital grant projects, and much more. Through your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future. *Please note: registration will close on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.*

Order of Events

- 5:30 p.m. CT – Registration & Social for those attending in-person at the Omaha Design Center
- 6:00 p.m. CT – Zoom Meeting Opens for those attending virtually
- 6:15 p.m. CT – Dinner at Omaha Design Center for those attending in-person
- 6:30 p.m. CT – Assigned to Zoom Breakout Rooms for those attending virtually
- 7:00 p.m. CT – Trivia Begins for all participants
- 9:00 p.m. CT – Winners Announced for all participants

[Register for Trivia](#)

Brainy Central Student Now Has The Award To Prove It



Congratulations to Marcus Sherrod, CHS 2023, who won Nebraska's local USA Brain Bee competition held at Creighton University on Feb 18th.

Brain Bee at Creighton is hosted by the Nu Rho Psi Neuroscience Honors Society. The Brain Bee competition is a test of student knowledge about the brain and its diseases. A written exam is taken by all who prepare to compete, and the top three competitors then compete to advance to compete in the USA National Brain Bee Championship.

Second place in the competition went to another Eagle, Dipika Karki, CHS 2023! Supporting students like Marcus and Dipika is just one way that the CHS Foundation helps impact students. If you would like to make an individual donation to support the Central High School Foundation, join Generation "C" by clicking below.

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

[2023 Rock the Nest Silent Auction](#)



No matter whether or not you are playing trivia, you can still bid on an item and/or packages. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/CHSF2023SA>, and select "Register Now." **Bidding is now open and will close on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 8:45 PM CT.**

As always, proceeds from this event will support the needs to Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and much more. Through your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated items to this year's Silent Auction. Your generosity allows us to continue these events that bring our Central community together and to support our students and staff. Thank you!

[Register for the Silent Auction](#)

Call for Film Footage From Eagle Nation

A possible documentary on Omaha Central in the 1960s is in the works. They are looking for film footage of life inside and outside of Central High School in the 1960's. This would include extracurricular activities, cheerleading and basketball practice and especially the Rhythm Boys on and off the court. Footage of the final 1968 basketball tournament is especially welcome. If you have any information that might help, please contact Steve Marantz at marantzsteve@gmail.com

[Enjoy A Central Sunrise in the Stacks](#)



The Sunrise in the Stacks event will be hosted by the Central High School Alumni Association next weekend. Join the early birds Saturday, March 25th in the beautiful Central High School Library at 6:45 am for donuts and coffee and an Eagle-eye view of the sunrise! Following the sunrise, stay to listen to librarian Beth Wilson and receive a behind-the-scenes historical tour of the building with Central history teacher Scott Wilson.

This free event will benefit the Central High School Nest program which provides high-needs students with necessities. They will be accepting donations at the event, which will include a raffle to win a Central T-Shirt.

Spaces are limited for this event. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/SunriseStacks2023>

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](#)

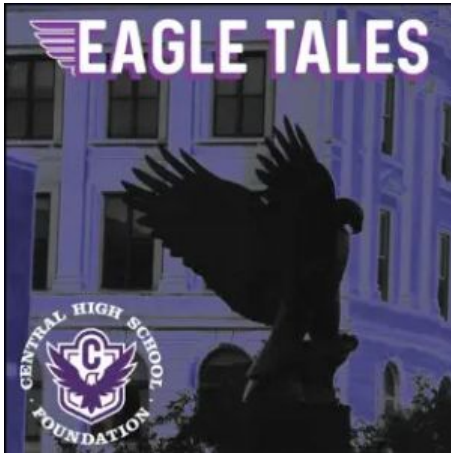
Alumni Spotlight: Natalie Brown, CHS 1985

Natalie Brown (CHS Class of '85) has worked in foreign service for the past 32 years. Throughout her career she has held numerous high-level positions with a focus on Africa and the Middle East. Most recently, Natalie was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the ambassador to Uganda in 2020. She traveled to Uganda in late February of 2022 to participate in the unveiling of a restored memorial in Mayuge District near Lake Victoria and to celebrate Black History Month. The Luba Thurston Fort Memorial was created to honor all those who had been sold there as slaves. Natalie continues to love her job of representing the United States and hopes that more people of color and those from the Midwest consider serving their country in similar jobs of diplomacy. Way to go, Natalie!



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 monthly 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](#).

Epidemiologist and author Dr. Thomas Novotny, CHS 1965, joins host Josh Bucy to talk about his life experiences and Central's impact on him in the latest episode 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!



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 Mr. Francisco Juarez, CHS Spanish Teacher in the episode titled "Embracing Community in Education"!

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 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](#)

Your Support Adds Up For Math Club Eagles!



Math Club and Enrichment Math provides Central with an inclusive activity that caters to dedicated math students at all levels. Students who find their way to Math Club have many opportunities to be involved and develop leadership skills.

Maggie Ernst, CHS 2023 and Math Club President, thanks the Foundation and all supports for their help: "The Foundation's funds have allowed me to explore particular applications of math through the Enrichment Math Course. I have also been able to grow my leadership skills while competing at the highest level as the President of Math Club. My favorite memory was being on stage for the final round when we won Math Day at UNL!"

Supporting student clubs, like Math Club is just one way that the CHS Foundation helps impact students. If you would like to make an individual donation to support the Central High School Foundation, join Generation "C" by clicking below.

[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 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

Details TBD

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 or call 402-556-1996.

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!

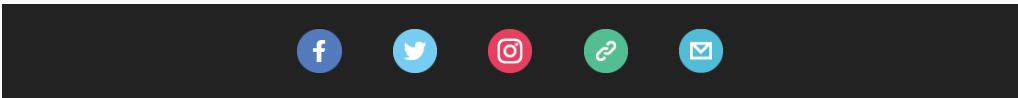
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