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Watch the video above to meet our 2024-25 Generation "C" Chair:
Evelyn "Eve" Mayberger, CHS 2005



Dear Supporter,

Fall is here! Central recently opened its doors to the Class of 2028, and we want to welcome them to the Eagle Family! Read on to learn more about their first day, and our back-to-school teacher luncheon!

We are excited to announce Eve Mayberger, CHS Class of 2005, as our 2024-2025 Generation "C" chair! To learn more about Eve, click on the video above and read the details below. Thanks to the dedication of Generation "C" members, we can

continue to help our Eagles soar! [Please join Generation "C" today!](#)

The Central High School Foundation has several alumni events on the horizon, including our [Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon Series](#) and the [2024 Hall of Fame!](#) Register today to be part of the fun!

Keep your eyes open for our 2024 Annual Report! Every graduate and supporter will receive one in the mail over the next couple of weeks. This year's annual report details what was accomplished during the 2023-24 fiscal year. I want to thank our Creative Director and Database Administrator, Josh Bucy, for creating the Annual Report. A reminder that if you haven't received our mailings recently, we encourage you to [update your record](#) to ensure that we have your current contact information.

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 165 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Announcing The 2024-2025 Generation "C" Chair



Evelyn "Eve" Mayberger (CHS 2005) has long been a fierce supporter of Central High School. Since graduating, she has watched her younger brothers and cousins pass through the esteemed classrooms of Central. While a student at Central, Eve was involved in music (concert band and orchestra), athletics

(cross-country, swimming, and track), and Academic Decathlon. Eve took full advantage of the honors and AP courses offered and particularly loved history, math, and English classes. Eve credits her dedicated Central teachers for her interest and passion in these subjects.

Using what she had learned at Central, Eve earned a scholarship to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Eve fell in love with the interdisciplinary field of art conservation; a profession that combines art history/archaeology, chemistry/material science, and studio art/craft skills. After finishing her undergraduate degree, Eve interned for two years at different East coast museums to gain more practical art conservation experience.

Eve was then admitted into the art conservation graduate school program at New York University. In 2016 she accepted a post-graduate fellowship at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston (MFA). Upon completing her fellowship, Eve was promoted to Assistant Conservator at the MFA. During her career, Eve has participated in multiple excavations as an archaeological conservator in Turkey, Sicily, Egypt, and Sudan.

Her time at Central laid the foundation for her professional trajectory; Eve feels it is important to give back so others can follow their dreams and aspirations. She believes it is our duty to invest in our communities and to contribute what we can for the betterment of society for current and future generations. A tangible way to do this is to keep our public educational institutions, such as Central High School, strong and well resourced.

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon Series



Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Central High School Foundation's Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon Series, and we hope to bump into you there! For \$20, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends and teachers you haven't seen since first period, and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers.

Join us for our next luncheon:

Friday, October 18, 2024
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Field Club of Omaha
3615 Woolworth Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

Guest Speaker: Pat Venditte, Class of 2004

Pat Venditte made MLB history as the first ambidextrous pitcher, leading to the creation of "The Venditte Rule". He is a 2024 Central High School Hall of Fame inductee.

Please register and pay using the online registration button below. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your online registration and payment.

To register by mail, please mail your registration and check to:

Central High School Foundation
1111 N 13th Street Suite 318
Omaha, NE 68102-4252

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Buffington at 402-556-1996 or events@chsfomaha.org.

[Register to Attend Passing Periods](#)

Back-to-School Teacher Luncheon a Success



Central faculty and staff were welcomed back to the Nest at the annual Back-to-School luncheon on August 7th at Field Club of Omaha. After being greeted with CHS themed goodie-bags, faculty and staff were given raffle tickets and then sat down for a delicious Mexican buffet lunch.

Raffle prizes included CHS classroom door bookends, concert tickets, a one-of-a-kind stained-glass lamp, and more. In their goodie bags, teachers were given various classroom supplies to help them prepare for the coming school year.

Tons of fun was had by all! This event provides a special opportunity for teachers to catch up after the summer and enjoy each others' company.

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps support our teachers at Central High School. To continue to help our Eagles soar, join Generation "C" today!

[Join Generation "C" Today](#)

Snapshots: Welcome Class of 2028!



Central High School officially welcomed the Class of 2028 with the first day of class for freshmen on August 14th. They had a great first day at the Nest, with tours of the school led by upperclassmen. The day concluded with a lively pep rally featuring the amazing band, cheerleaders, drill team, step team, and of course our beloved Eagle mascot!

Thank you to the Black Student Leaders and all of the upperclassmen who welcomed the class of 2028!

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[Register for the Hall of Fame](#)



2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



The 25th Annual CHS Hall of Fame will held on **Thursday, October 17, 2024**, at Central High School. The Central High School Alumni Association is proud to induct ten individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service. RSVP now to celebrate this special day with your fellow Eagles! Inductees are selected by the Central High School Alumni Association and the program is presented by the Central High School Foundation.

Schedule of Events:

Social Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:15 PM

Ceremony: 7:30 PM

Registration is \$60 per person, \$480 for a table of eight, or \$600 for a table of ten. Please contact the Foundation office at 402-556-1996 with any questions or click the button below to register online.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Central High School Hall of Fame. 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](#).

[Register for the Hall of Fame](#)

2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



Matthew Aden, CHS 1974

The longtime successful businessman has been a strong, passionate, and transformative leader for the CHS Foundation. Aden's 40-year career in sales saw him rise to senior leadership positions with General Instrument, Motorola, Casa Systems, Harmonic, Concurrent and the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers. He has also been a cable television business consultant and was honored in 1984 a Cable TV Pioneers Award for his industry leadership. Aden served as president of the CHSF Board from 2012 to 2019, a noteworthy tenure that saw the school reshaped by two major fund drives. Aden and wife Sheri chaired the \$1 million campaign to update technology infrastructure. Then he served on the committee that spearheaded the \$19.5 million Arts and Library Addition. Opened in 2019, it will benefit Eagles for years to come and stands as a legacy of Aden's impact at Central.



Robert X. Fogarty, CHS 2001

The entrepreneur has lifted his adopted home of New Orleans through the founding of organizations aimed at protecting vulnerable citizens in disasters as well as promoting artistic expression and love for the city. He was working in the corporate world in 2007 when he felt a calling to join Americorps. He worked as a volunteer coordinator for the mayor as New Orleans activated an evacuation plan with the approach of Hurricane Gustav. Afterwards, Fogarty founded evacuteer.org, a non-profit that recruits and trains evacuation volunteers to assist vulnerable citizens in an emergency. In 2010, he founded Dear New Orleans, an arts organization encouraging people to take photos with messages written on their bodies expressing love for the city. It exploded into Dear World, with countless people globally expressing themselves and spreading hope through the interactive storytelling method.



Kristie Hayes, M.D., CHS 1973

Dr. Hayes is an Associate Professor Emeritus in Dermatology and a leader in inclusion and diversity work at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She earned her medical degree in 1989 at UNMC and completed post-graduate training at both UNMC and at the University of Illinois-Chicago to become certified in dermatology and pediatric dermatology. Her UNMC appointments have included Distinguished Chair of Dermatology and Assistant Dean for Students and Multicultural Affairs in the College of Medicine. Dr. Hayes has been recognized numerous times as a top teacher in UNMC's Department of Internal Medicine. In 2023, she received the Distinguished Service to Medicine Award from the Nebraska Medical Association, the Women's Dermatologic Society Volunteer of the Year Award, and the UNMC Unsung Hero Award. She continues to give back to Central as a member of the CHS Foundation Board.



Keith Kretschmer, Last attended 1951

Kretschmer's varied career has taken him from Korea's DMZ to the White House to Wall Street. After graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Wentworth Military Academy, Keith served as an Army ranger in Korea from 1956-58. For six years beginning in 1970, he served on the White House advance staff under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He went on to have a 30-year international career in financial services. He was a General Partner of Bear, Stearns & Co, in Los Angeles and a Senior Managing Director with the firm in Boston. In 1994, he joined Oppenheimer & Co. in New York, where he was responsible for starting the firm's Australian business. Prior to his investment career, he was CEO of a computer company and helped start a life insurance company. He also authored the 1978 book *Your*

Option, a guide to understanding and utilizing stock options.



Col David A. Napoliello, CHS 1964

Napoliello distinguished himself in a 28-year Army career, serving around the globe and retiring as a colonel. After commissioning, he served in Vietnam as a field artilleryman, participating in over a dozen operations and flying 152 combat missions. His career took him to 35 assignments in the U.S.,

Germany, Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt. As a United Nations observer in Sinai and the Golan Heights, he shared in the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize awarded to UN Peace-Keeping Forces. Besides command and staff assignments, he was program manager for the \$12 billion Advanced Field Artillery System, with responsibilities in both research and development. He received over 30 decorations and awards, including the Army's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal. In retirement, he worked in the defense industry, served with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, and was active in Native American veterans affairs.



Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997

Jed became the first Omaha native and Central graduate to play in the National Hockey League. Jed first led the Omaha Lancers in scoring and won a league championship with his brother, Jake. He earned a scholarship to Michigan, where he served as team captain for two years and helped the

Wolverines to three straight Frozen Fours. The defensive-minded forward made his NHL debut in 2003 with the New York Rangers. In 2004 and 2007, he earned the Rangers' Steven McDonald Extra Effort Award after returning to the ice from a serious health condition that nearly ended his career. He played eleven years professionally, including 362 NHL games with New York, Nashville, San Jose, and Minnesota, recording 23 goals and 32 assists, and lining up for 384 games in the American Hockey League, recording 68 goals and 107 assists. He was inducted into the Omaha Hockey Hall of Fame in 2015.



Harold Pharoah, CHS 1966

Pharoah has been a stalwart member of the Central High School Alumni Association, particularly providing leadership on matters related to the school's veterans. Since joining the association's board more than a decade ago, the Navy veteran has been active on the History, Alumni Engagement, and Hall of

Fame Committees and co-founded the Veterans Committee. Pharoah took the lead to restore the school's 30-year-old Vietnam memorial, which had suffered weather damage. Pharoah, a prostate cancer survivor in 2011, started the Cruisin' for a Cure Car Show, to provide free prostate cancer screenings to men over 40 years of age. In 2018, he started the Nebraska Prostate Cancer Alliance, a 501c3 organization raising awareness of prostate cancer in the Omaha metro area. In 2019, he led the push for the creation of a Nebraska prostate cancer license plate.



Richard Steele, CHS 1961

Steele built a company specialized in maintaining locomotive engines, instilling it with a unique cooperative culture. After graduating from Iowa State University in 1971, Steele with two friends founded Peaker Services, a firm that maintains the engines of the backup generators electrical utilities used to

meet peak demand. Starting with three trucks and working out of a two-car garage, Steele helped grow Peaker Services into a \$35 million company servicing large engines for a range of industrial customers, among them utilities, railroads, and the maritime industry. As the CEO, he adopted the industrial model of post-war Japan and established a company culture built around extreme cooperation over internal competition, continual learning and a shared vision of quality, creating an environment where workers experienced a greater sense of purpose and fulfillment. He remains chairman of the now employee-owned company.



Judy Storm, Distinguished Educator

Judy taught for 27 years at Central, serving as chair of the Special Education Department, where she was active in the lives of students and was a mentor to fellow faculty. After graduating with an education degree from UNO in 1980, Judy launched her 32-year OPS teaching career, joining the Central

staff in 1985. In addition to teaching, she served as sponsor for the Student Council and helped coordinate the spring prom for 20 years. She received the National Association of Student Councils Award for Leadership of Youth in 2005 and the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2008. In retirement, Judy continues to substitute teach at Central and is a regular at Eagle activities. Her children, Central graduates Jennifer and Matt, followed her into education in OPS, Matt now a physical education teacher and wrestling coach at Central, and Jennifer a counselor at Dundee Elementary. This is her second OPS Hall of Fame induction, as she was inducted into South High's Hall of Fame in 2012.



Patrick Venditte, CHS 2004

Pat made Major League Baseball history as the first ambidextrous pitcher in the modern era. His unique skill led to a change in baseball's rules unofficially dubbed "The Venditte Rule" which requires the pitcher to declare his pitching hand before facing each batter. Pat was second-team All-State at Central and an All-American pitcher for Creighton before being drafted by The New York Yankees in 2008. In June 2015, he became just the second Central grad to play in the big leagues. Pat pitched in five major league seasons with Oakland, Toronto, LA Dodgers, Seattle, San Francisco and Miami, striking out 58 batters in 72 innings and compiling a 4.73 ERA. He also twice pitched for Italy in the World Baseball Classic and numerous international completions. He was named to Creighton's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Alumni Spotlight: Quinn Metal Corbin, CHS 2001



After graduating from UNO with a degree in theatre, Quinn served as the inaugural Great Plains Theatre Conference Coordinator (GPTC). In 2008 she moved to NYC where she worked in the theatre industry for thirteen years before returning to Omaha (and GPTC) during the global pandemic. While in NYC, she worked on Broadway and off-Broadway productions, and for the National Theatre of London.



She concurrently pursued her love of visual arts and co-founded C+C Mini Factory, a nostalgic and whimsical photography project. C+C received the 7th Annual Shorty Award for "Best Instagrammer" in 2015. Their first picture book *A Night at the Farm: A Bedtime Party* was released at all major booksellers in 2021 and adapted into a children's musical produced by The Rose Theater in 2024.

Quinn was also co-chair for the CHS class of '01 twenty-year reunion, and she has been a part of the "CU at The Ranch Bowl" Trivia Team at Rock the Nest for the past four years.

Quinn currently lives in a shrine to all things tiny with her longtime human and their two adopted dogs.

[Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight](#)

Catch up with the Quill and Feather



As the school year kicks off, keep an eye out for new stories from the *Quill and Feather*, written by Brett Comstock. [Bookmark this page](#) and [follow us on social media](#) to stay up-to-date on our latest articles!

Meet Dave Rennard 1999 Student of the Year

This month, you can read about what's new with our original Student of the Year, Dave Rennard, CHS 1999. Find out what this Eagle has been up to in the twenty-five years since he graduated from Central by clicking the button below.



[Quill and Feather Blog](#)

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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.

[View the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

2024 Class Reunion Schedule



Class of 1976 at their reunion in 2021!

Upcoming Reunion Schedule

[Class of 1964](#)

September 20-21, 2024

Contact [Jeannene Rice Mason](#) 402-301-9234

[Jeannette Rice Johnson](#) 402-699-0820

Class of 1965

September 5-6, 2025

Contact [Holly Jepsen Hoberman](#)

[Contact Gary Green](#)

Class of 1970

July 25-26, 2025

[Contact Gary Willis](#)

[Class of 1979](#)

November 9, 2024

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

[Class of 1984](#)

September 6-8, 2024

Contact [Beretta Smith-Shomade](#) or [Betty Brown-Broughton](#)

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[Class of 1989](#)

September 13-14, 2024

[Join the Facebook group](#)

[Class of 1994](#)

October 18-20, 2024
centralhigh1994@gmail.com
[Join the Facebook Group](#)
[RSVP to Attend](#)

[Class of 2004](#)

September 6-7, 2024
Contact Ally Thomson, Steve Hogan, Daniel Gutman
omahacentraleagles04@gmail.com

[Class of 2014](#)

October 4-5, 2024
[Contact Tanzy Givens](#)

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.

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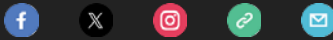
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