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## EAGLE NEWS February 2025



Dear Supporter,

I hope you're staying cozy as we bid farewell to Winter!

As we gear up for an exciting year ahead, we have a lineup of fantastic events you won't want to miss. **Mark your calendars for March 5th – our annual giving day, [One Day for Central](#), is just around the corner!** Plus, we're thrilled about Rock the Nest, Senior Recognition Night, and Golf Fore Eagles. For all the latest updates, be sure to follow us on social media and check out the [events page](#) on our website.

**The 2025 Central High School Rock the Nest Silent Auction is launching on March 16th**, and you won't want to miss out! Whether you're joining us for trivia night or not, you can still bid on an incredible selection of items and packages. **Register now for the Silent Auction by [clicking here](#).** Remember, bidding ends on Sunday, March 30th at 8:45 p.m. CT. Your participation helps fund scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and so much more for Central's students and staff.

Dive into this newsletter to discover more about our upcoming events and reunions, important deadlines, alumni highlights, and – most importantly – the incredible impact of your support! Thanks to amazing supporters like you, our Eagles continue to soar. **To keep making a difference, [join Generation "C" today](#).**

Thank you for being a part of 166 years (and counting) of tradition and excellence. Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

*Michele Roberts*

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*



# SAVE THE DATE!

ONE DAY FOR

# CENTRAL

MARCH 5, 2025



[CHSFOMAHA.ORG/GIVE-EDUCATION](https://CHSFOMAHA.ORG/GIVE-EDUCATION)

Get ready for an exciting 24-hour fundraiser that will make a real difference in the lives of Central students! On March 5th, you can play a crucial role in bridging the opportunity gap and helping to provide our students with an exceptional education.

Here's the best part: **Col David A. and Sharon Holmquist Napoliello, CHS 1964, will match every dollar donated, up to \$25,000!** This means your contribution will have double the impact, thanks to their generous challenge fund.

#### How can I Participate?

You can [schedule your gift now](#) or donate on March 5th. Offline donations will also be accepted and uploaded to our online leaderboard.

[Donate Now](#)

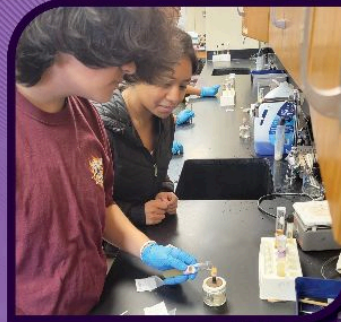
# YOUR IMPACT: EPIDEMIOLOGY

ONE DAY FOR  
**CENTRAL**  
MARCH 5, 2025

"The Foundation's generous support of our epidemiology class provided resources that have enhanced our educational experience and deepened our understanding of bacteria and infectious diseases. Without the Foundation, this class would not be possible, and my senior year would not be as interesting."

**Erin Nelson**

Class of 2025



[Learn More About One Day for Central](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!



Trivia Night



**SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**

*New Location: The Pella at Blackstone*

After 15 years, it's time for our final round of trivia. Rock the Nest isn't going anywhere, but this will be the final year we play an interactive trivia contest. Please join us at The Pella at Blackstone to raise money for Central High School! The event will feature dinner, trivia, and prizes for the trivia team

winners. In addition to the trivia night, there will be an [online silent auction](#) with items and experiences available!

[Register For Trivia](#)

## Where Is the CHS Logo?



This month, we're thrilled to showcase Marsha Curran Holden, CHS Class of 1962, proudly showing her central logo at a market in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Want to see more? Follow us on [social media](#)! Have your own photos to share? Send them to us via [email](#).

[Submit Your Pictures](#)

**Alumni Spotlight: Vincent 'VJ' Orduna, CHS 1987**



Via the [Omaha Playhouse](#):

Vincent Orduna, CHS 1987, will be joining the Omaha Playhouse as its creative director. A graduate of Omaha's Central High School, VJ earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Midland Lutheran College. During that time, he made his OCP debut as the Scarecrow in the production of *The Wiz*. VJ went on to complete post-graduate work at the National Shakespeare Conservatory in New York City.

VJ's career has taken him across the country, including directing for the New York Board of Education's SPARK program, which serves high school students; serving as Cultural Arts Coordinator, Acting Instructor, Director, and Summer Teen Musical Director at Carco Theatre in Renton, Washington; and working as Theatre Manager and Technical Director at the Mountlake Terrace Performing Arts Center in Lynnwood, Washington.

For the past three summers, VJ has directed productions at the UNO Summer Musical Theater Academy, including *Fame*, *Footloose*, and *Legally Blonde*. His additional directing credits span a variety of iconic shows, including *Rent*, *Pippin*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Next to Normal*, *Steel Magnolias*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Sweeney Todd*.

As Artistic Director, VJ will be responsible for programming and season planning; cultivating and maintaining relationships with artists; oversight of all artistic staff; and contributing to the long-range vision of OCP.

His expertise in stage direction, program leadership, educational initiatives, community engagement, and administrative oversight will be instrumental as the Omaha Community Playhouse enters its second century of service to the Omaha community.

**Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight**

## 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"](#)

[Join the 1859 Society Today](#)



What is Your Legacy?

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](mailto:michele@chsfomaha.org).

[View the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

## 2025 Class Reunion Schedule



Class of 1989 at their reunion in September!

## Upcoming Reunion Schedule

### **Class of 1960**

September 26, 2025

[Contact JoAnn Kratky](#)

### **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 1975**

October 10-11, 2025

Susan Vrbanac Lerdahl, Mark Kresl, Suzanne Tarver, Bridget Brown

[Contact Sue](#) 402.320.6489

### **Class of 1985**

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Daniel Schinzel](#)

[Contact Carrie Roberts](#)

[Facebook page](#)

### **Class of 1995**

September 12-14, 2025

[Contact Clay Wulf](#)

### **Class of 2000**

September 19-20, 2025

Contact [Jono Croskey](#)

Contact [Tanesha Burns](#)

Contact [Mary Jane Tritsch](#)

[Facebook page](#)

### **Class of 2005**

October 10-11, 2025

[Contact Michael Smith](#)

### **Class of 2010**

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Anna Venditte Dietrich](#)



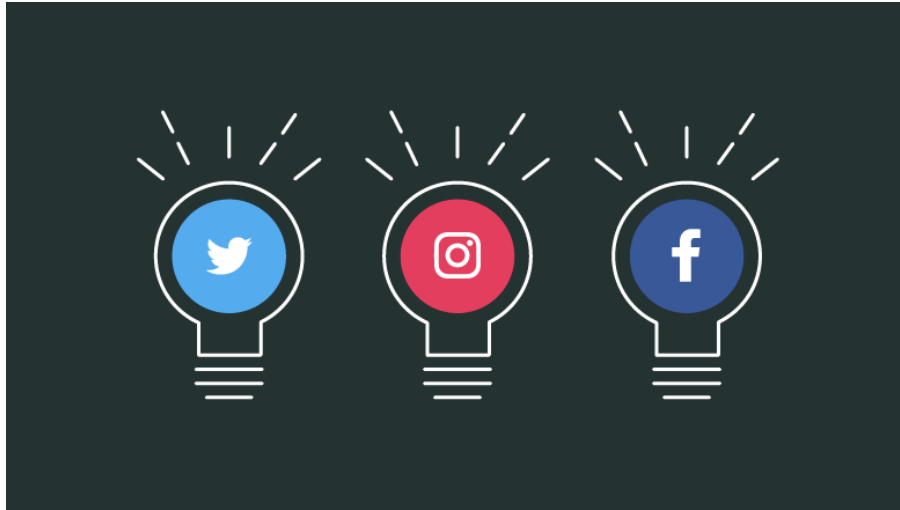
## Class of 2015

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Elexis Martinez](#)

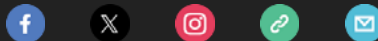
**\*If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date, please [contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) or call 402-556-1996.**

### Follow and Like Us on Social Media



Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) or [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)? 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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