



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

EAGLE NEWS March 2025



With more than 200 supporters contributing over \$84,000, One Day for Central was a tremendous success. Thank you for your support on this day of giving.

Dear Supporter,



It is slowly 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! One Day for Central 2025 raised \$84,877 from 209 donors for Central High School. Thanks to your generous support, the Central High School Foundation can help our Eagles soar. Thank you, Eagle Nation! Did you miss One Day for Central but still want to support the Central High School Foundation? [You can join Generation "C," our annual giving campaign!](#)

The 2025 Central High School [Rock the Nest Silent Auction](#) is open! You can bid on an array of awesome items and packages regardless of whether or not you are joining us for trivia. [Click here to register for the Silent Auction.](#) 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.

It's hard to believe that another school year is almost over, and the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 13 is right around the corner. In May, we will award 90 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition, to Eagles who will attend colleges all across the country. Among these are the DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships. If you would like an invitation to attend this special event

honoring our graduating seniors, [please email the Foundation office.](#)

Coming up on Monday, June 2nd is our 23rd annual Golf Fore Eagles Golf Outing! There are still some spaces available, so gather your team and [register](#) by May 16th! Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels.](#)

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate more than 166 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Register for Rock the Nest Trivia Night



Rock the Nest Trivia Night: Sunday, March 30

Join us for our last round of trivia at the Pella at Blackstone to raise money for Central High School! Start rounding up your team of eight now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ol' 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.

Rock the Nest will include the following:

- A professionally-produced, high-quality experience emceed by Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991
- Teams of eight for trivia
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
- Dinner and dessert
- Special Appearances and Performances
- [Online Silent Auction](#)
 - Bidding is open NOW!
 - Bidding Closes March 30 at 8:45 p.m. CT

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. With your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future. *Please note: registration for this event will close once it is sold out or on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.*

Order of Events

- 5:30 p.m. – Registration & Social
- 6:15 p.m. – Dinner Served
- 7:00 p.m. – Trivia Begins

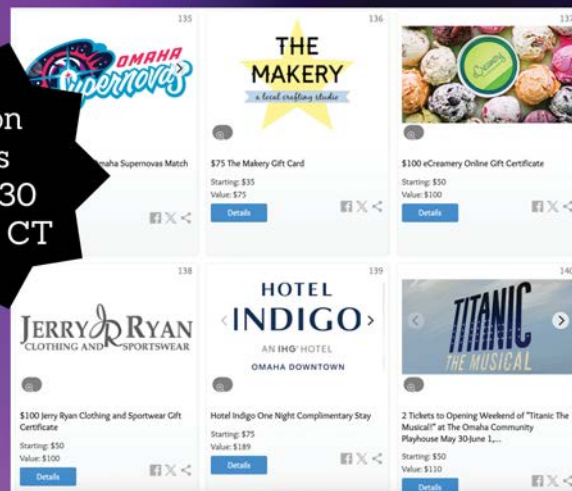
We hope to see you there!

[Register for Trivia](#)

Silent Auction is LIVE

CHECK OUT OUR SILENT AUCTION

Auction
closes
March 30
8:45 pm CT



chsfomaha.org/silent-auction



Even if you're not participating in trivia, you can still bid on items or packages. Bidding is open until Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 8:45 PM CT.

Proceeds benefit Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and more. Your support helps the Foundation honor the past, thrive in the present, and plan for the future. Thank you to all who donated items, making our silent auction possible!

View Silent Auction

CHECK OUT OUR GIFT CARDS!



chsfomaha.org/silent-auction

Your Impact: Musical Theater



5-6-7-8...DANCING AND
SINGING THE DAY AWAY
IN MUSICAL THEATER

YOUR IMPACT

12 STUDENTS IMPACTED

AMOUNT FUNDED: \$1,800



Thanks to funding from the CHS Foundation, the Performing Arts Department was able to bring in a guest artist to offer professional choreography instruction covering various time periods. This opportunity has provided students in the Musical Theater course with valuable performance experience, benefiting everyone regardless of their prior skill level.

"I really enjoy the way that Ms. Julia taught us, and I thought that the dancing was a nice way to engage in the class more! I am grateful for the support from the

Foundation for this incredible experience!"

- Jaiden Harvey, Class of 2026

It is thanks to YOUR support that the Foundation is able to give students incredible opportunities like this one. **To continue making an impact, [join Generation C](#) today.**

Join Generation "C" Today

Alumni Spotlight: JoAnna LeFlore-Ejike, CHS 2006



JoAnna LeFlore-Ejike, CHS 2006, was recently named one of USA Today's Women of the Year, representing Nebraska. This program seeks to give recognition to women who have and continue to make a positive impact on their communities, both local and nationwide. JoAnna's impact is tied to her role as head of the [Malcolm X Memorial Foundation](#) in Omaha.

JoAnna's journey with the foundation began in middle school, where she participated in African dance and poetry classes through their after-school programs. She later became a volunteer and eventually joined the foundation's board. As Executive Director, JoAnna led the foundation to achieve its long-standing goal of inducting Malcolm X into the Nebraska Hall of Fame, making him the first Black inductee. This year marks 100 years since his birth, and 60 years since his assassination. Though JoAnna oversaw the completion of this goal, she credits the hard work of past directors, advocates, and the founder of the organization, Rowena Moore, for making it possible.

If you would like to read more about JoAnna's journey and her mission, click the links below.

[WOWT - Omaha woman, Malcolm X Memorial Foundation leader among USA Today's 'Women of the Year'](#)

[USA Today - Courage means 'honoring our strength': JoAnna LeFlore-Ejike is a Woman of the Year](#)

Congratulations, JoAnna - you've made Eagle Nation proud!

Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight

Reserve Your Spot Today for the 23rd Annual Central High School Foundation Golf Outing



Golf For Eagles – Monday, June 2, 2025

Field Club of Omaha – 10:00 AM Shotgun Start

2025 Honoree: Edward and Sally Malashock Foundation

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and hitting cages
- Brunch and Banquet Dinner for all players
 - Awards Banquet will begin immediately following the conclusion of golfing
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (Hole-In-One Challenge on the 14th hole)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees on 6th Hole

All registration fees are due by May 16. After May 16, unpaid teams may be replaced by a team on the waiting list. Make your check payable to: The Central High School Foundation. Both women and men players are encouraged to participate! Golfers of all abilities are welcome. Sign up as a foursome, individual or a co-ed team. Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels](#) or sign up for a sponsorship below.

Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a "first come, first served basis." Telephone calls will not secure a spot. Previous participants will receive preferred status if payment and entry form are received by May 16, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Buffington at 402-556-1996 or email events@chsfomaha.org.

- Four person Texas Scramble
- 10:00 AM flight
- Open to women and men
- Golfers of all abilities are welcome
- Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a "first come, first served basis."

CHS Pep Band Takes Creighton Game by Storm



This month, the CHS Pep Band was able to play at Creighton's last home basketball game. Way to represent, Eagles!

Join Generation "C" Today

Where Is the CHS Logo?



This month, we are thrilled to feature CHS teacher Erica Meyer and her husband, JD Meyer, for representing CHS Volleyball all over the world!

Above, left: JD and Erica in front of the Tree of Tule in Oaxaca, Mexico

Above, right: JD and Erica in Purmamarca, Argentina

Below: Erica and JD getting ready to board the Magnum PI Helicopter adventure in Honolulu, Hawaii

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



Submit Your Photos

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.

[Click Here for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

Upcoming Class Reunion Schedule



The class of 1959 at their reunion in 2024!

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

[Daniel Schinzel](#)

[Carrie Roberts](#)

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1990

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Dana Rouch](#)

Class of 1995

September 12-14, 2025

[Clay Wulf](#)

Class of 2000

September 19-20, 2025

[Jono Croskey](#)

[Tanesha Burns](#)

[Mary Jane Tritsch](#)

Class of 2005

October 10-11, 2025

[Contact Michael Smith](#)

Class of 2010

September 19-20, 2025
[Contact Anna Venditte Diederich](#)

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 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.

2024-25 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"

Stay Connected With Us on Social Media



Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) or [X](#) (Formerly known as Twitter)? Follow and like us across social media platforms to stay connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news.

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