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Eagle News *December 2025*



Happy holidays from the CHS Foundation!



Dear Supporter,

From our Eagle family to yours, the Central High School Foundation would like to wish you a very happy holiday!

The holiday season is a wonderful time to let loved ones know they are in our thoughts or to honor the memory of a dear friend. Making a tribute gift is a meaningful way to celebrate special occasions or recognize family and friends. Read on to learn more, or [click here](#) to make an honor or memorial gift for that special Eagle in your life!

As a reminder, class reunion season is over, so make sure you donate to the [First Class Challenge](#) by December 31st if yours was this year! If your reunion is scheduled for next year, you can find the most up-to-date information at the bottom of our

newsletter. Also, please [update your record](#) to ensure your physical invitation and event communications are sent to the correct address.

Lastly, make sure you note the dates for the fun events we have coming up in 2026! **Rock the Nest** will be on Sunday, March 29th, and it's taking on a new form - BINGO! Also mark your calendars for the new reworked and refreshed **Golf Fore Eagles** Golf Outing on Monday, June 8th at The Players Club Omaha.

Thank you for being a vital part of the Central High School community. Together, we continue to uphold more than 166 years of tradition and excellence.

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts, Executive Director



First Class Challenge



2025 CLASS REUNIONS



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Eagle Nation, did you have a class reunion this year?

Class members of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, & 2015, you have the opportunity to keep Central's tradition of excellence alive and well! The class that donates the most through Generation C by December 31st, 2025 will win the First Class Challenge Award! A plaque will be proudly displayed in the CHS courtyard recognizing the winner and participants from each year.

Now is your time to help give back to Central High School to help maintain the tradition of excellence and help our present and future Eagles soar high!

[Donate Now](#)

Your Impact: CHS Science



CHS FOUNDATION EXPANDS OPPORTUNITIES IN ASTRONOMY AND HEALTHCARE EDUCATION CLASSES

YOUR IMPACT

225 STUDENTS IMPACTED

AMOUNT FUNDED: \$10,300



Project Proposal

Funds from the CHS Foundation purchased equipment for both the Astronomy and Foundations of Healthcare classes, which allowed the students to enhance their knowledge by providing hands-on learning experiences. Materials included blood pressure cuffs, PPE (personal protective equipment), moon globes, celestial spheres, and telescopes.

Translation to College and Career Readiness

The medical profession can be incredibly stressful in certain situations. Being able to practice assessing a patient, such as taking blood pressure in a safe and low-stress environment is essential to mastering those skills. Materials for Astronomy will make a tremendous difference in helping students explore the wonders of the night sky. Students will be able to visualize how the night sky

Commitment to Closing the Opportunity Gap

According to science teacher, Mr. Matthew Aguilar, this is the same equipment that is used in college classes, and due to the cost, not all high schools' budgets allow for science classrooms to be outfitted like his at Central High. Because students will be able to practice research and healthcare skills, concepts come to life and provide learning experiences that are just not possible in any other way. Experiences like these can be the

appears from space - a perspective that is often difficult to grasp, particularly given the light pollution in cities.

inspiration that starts students down a path toward a career in science research or the medical field.

"This was a real-life experience. I didn't expect blood pressure to sound like that and I want to thank the donors for providing this equipment for our class."

Hsa Knyaw, Class of 2027

Join Generation "C"

Honor an Eagle with a Tribute



A tribute gift is a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or honor loved ones. The Central High School Foundation's Honor and Memorial Gift Program allows you to recognize individuals, couples, groups, or special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, or the passing of someone dear.

When you make a tribute gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment are sent to the individual or family being honored. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your gift, which will include the donation amount for your records. All contributions will be recognized in the CHSF annual report.

To make a gift in honor or memory of someone, fill out the form on our website. If you would prefer to have the Foundation send information regarding tribute giving to you, please contact the Foundation Office at 402-556-1996 or email us at foundation@chsfomaha.org.

Make a Tribute Donation

Save the Date!

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B I N G O

ROCKS THE NEST

MARCH 29, 2026

THE PELLA AT BLACKSTONE

Bingo Rocks the Nest
March 29, 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

PLAYERS CLUB OMAHA

24th Annual
Golf Fore Eagles

Presented by
HOME PRIDE

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

NEW COURSE. NEW ENERGY.

SAME GREAT CAUSE: OMAHA CENTRAL

Golf Fore Eagles
June 8, 2026

Catch up with The Quill and Feather



As the year wraps up and we reflect on 2025, make sure you keep an eye out for new blog posts from The Quill and Feather, written by Brett Comstock. We are currently releasing a series of “Reunion Retrospectives” where we take a look at the senior year of every class that celebrated a reunion in 2025.



[Reunion Retrospective - 1960](#)

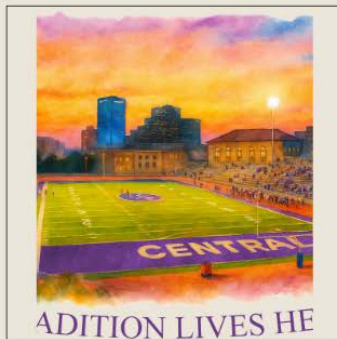
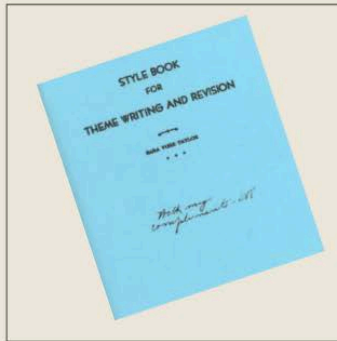


[Reunion Retrospective - 1965](#)

[Read The Quill and Feather](#)

[Eagle Nation Gift Guide](#)

Eagle Nation GIFT GUIDE



If you're looking for gift ideas this year, shop the Omaha Central Alumni Store and give your favorite Eagle something that celebrates tradition, pride, and Eagle Nation! From cozy hoodies to a commemorative *Stylebook*, ball caps, or t-shirts, every purchase supports our Eagle family and keeps the legacy alive.

[Alumni Store](#)

[Alumni Swim Meet](#)



4TH ANNUAL CENTRAL SWIMMING ALUMNI MEET



**DEC. 18
AT
4:30 P.M.**

NORRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

2235 S. 46th St, Omaha, NE 68106

ADMISSION

\$5 for spectators

Free for alumni choosing to swim



Eagle swimming and diving alumni — we want to see you!

Join the Omaha Central Swim and Dive team for the 4th Annual Alumni Meet and Silent Auction on Thursday, Dec. 18 at Norris Middle School.

🕒 3:45 p.m. Warmups

🏊 4:30 p.m. Meet begins

🎉 After-party and Silent Auction at Paddy McGown's

Spectators: \$5 donation

Alumni swimming in the meet: **FREE!**

New Podcast Episodes



Chatting at the C is a podcast series by CHS teachers Scott Wilson and Ben Boeckman, focusing on highlighting the history of Central High School. In each episode, they interview past and present CHS staff to preserve their contribution to Omaha Central High School.



[Episode 45 - Dan Daly](#)



[Episode 46 - Eric Behrens](#)

[Listen to Chatting at the C](#)

2025-2026 Generation “C” Chairs



The Past: A Tradition Begins

Jennifer Johnson Taylor, Class of 1991, was the first in her family to attend Central, and in doing so, she began a proud family tradition. Growing up in Omaha’s Dundee neighborhood, Jen followed the classic midtown path: Dundee Elementary, Lewis & Clark Middle, and finally, Central High School. The historic architecture of Central first drew her in, but it was the vibrant community and transformative experiences that made her a lifelong Eagle. After graduating, Jen pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Hamilton College in

New York, then returned to Omaha to earn her Juris Doctor from Creighton University School of Law. Her career has taken her from private practice to public service, and today she serves as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Omaha - working in an office with a view of downtown that reminds her of her days at Central. Jen's sisters, Kathryn Johnson Krueger, Class of 2004, and Molly Johnson, Class of 2014 also joined the Central family further cementing the Johnson legacy at Central.

The Present: Soaring Higher

When she and her husband, Darin, started their family, Jen passed on her love for Central to the next generation. Her daughter, **Cecilia** Taylor, Class of 2026, is a four-year varsity swimmer and state qualifier, a varsity golfer, and an active member of HOSA and National Honor Society (serving as Activities Coordinator). She is also involved in several advanced academic programs outside of Central, including the Haddix STEM Corridor and the UNMC High School Alliance. Cecilia credits Central with connecting her to these incredible opportunities and inspiring her passion for science. She plans to major in Microbiology with a minor in Chemistry and is exploring undergraduate research programs at the University of Washington and the University of Pittsburgh.

The Future: The Legacy Continues

The Eagle spirit lives on in Charles "**Chuck**" Taylor, Class of 2032. Currently a student at Dundee Elementary School, Chuck is already preparing to follow in the footsteps of his mother, aunts, and sister. An avid golfer in the Nebraska Jr. PGA League, Chuck also enjoys basketball, football, swimming, baseball, and chess. His teachers note his love of history and enthusiasm for fun facts. With his boundless curiosity and love for learning, Chuck is ready to carry the family legacy forward at Central High School.

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.

[1859 Society Brochure](#)

Upcoming Reunion Schedule



The class of 1995 at their reunion this year!

Class of 1966

September 4-5, 2026

Details TBA

Cindy Hadsell – clhadsell@aol.com

Class of 1976

Dates TBD

Rosalyn Cotton - rosalyncotton56@gmail.com

Class of 1981

Dates TBD

Scott Barker - sbarker@episcopal-ne.org

Bob Atherton - athertonrobert8@gmail.com

Class of 1986

Dates TBD

John Krecek - johnkrecek@gmail.com

Class of 1996

Dates TBD

Kelly Titus - kellytitus@me.com

Class of 2006

Dates TBD

Hannah Andahl-Newman - hannahandahl@gmail.com

Jim Hubbard - James.d.hubbard@gmail.com

Alvin Samuels - alvin.samuels1@gmail.com

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.



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