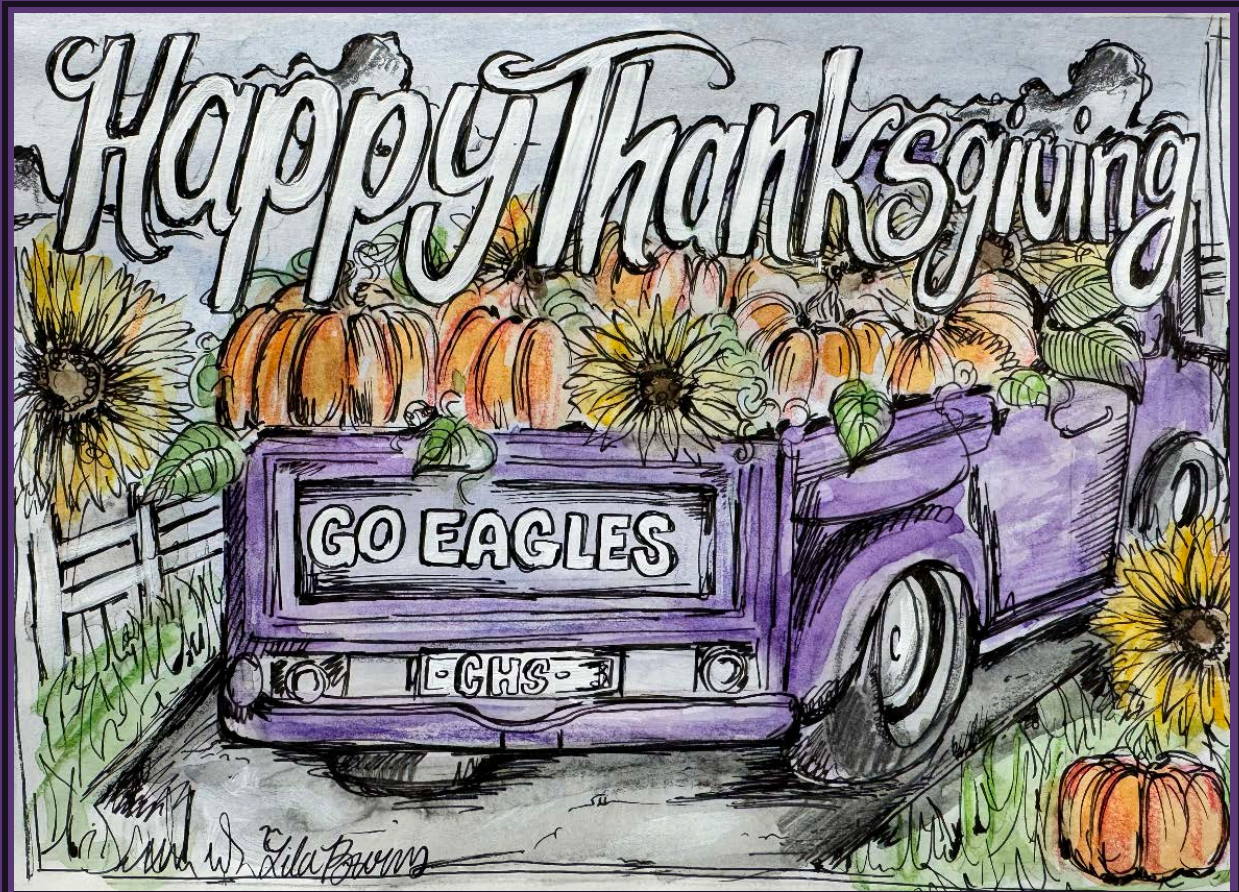


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Eagle News *November 2025*



The Foundation's 2025 Thanksgiving card, designed by CHS Senior, Lila Burns



Dear Supporter,

Happy November! From all of us at the Foundation, we are wishing you and your family a joyful and safe Thanksgiving!

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!

Our annual campaign, Generation “C,” is in full swing. Your generous contributions help the Foundation uphold the legacy of excellence established at Central over 165 years ago. Donations from the extended Central community are vital for enhancing the Central experience. Please consider donating to [Generation “C”](#) today!

Lastly, class reunion season is over, so make sure you donate to the First Class Challenge 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.

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



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, and the donation amount will be included in your donor acknowledgment 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

Your Impact: CHS Football

Students Impacted: 50
Amount Funded: \$20,500

Project Proposal

Funds from the Foundation helped cover the costs for CHS football players to attend two collegiate football tournaments at North Tennessee State and the University of Colorado at Boulder which helped them develop their skills and provided them with recruitment exposure.

Translation to College and Career Readiness

Competing and playing against athletes who are heavily recruited by colleges and universities pushes Central players to improve academically and athletically.

Commitment to Closing the Opportunity Gap

The costs of air travel, hotel accommodations, and tournament fees can put some players at a disadvantage when it comes to competing at out-of-state events such as these. Support from the Foundation allowed members of the football program to participate in summer tournaments which directly impacts the team in the fall.

“Thanks to the CHS Foundation I was able to compete against different teams outside of Nebraska, and that helped better my skills and bond with my coaches and teammates.”

“Last year we had a 1-7 record combined for both tournaments. This year we went 10-2 combined, and two of our student-athletes received offers at the Colorado tournament.”

**Bernard Newsome Jr., Class of
2026**

**Abdul Muhammad, Assistant
Football Coach**

Join Generation "C"

Support CHS Performing Arts

Central High School Choirs present

**A HOLIDAY
Madrigal Feast**

Saturday, December 13, 2025
7:00 pm
Central High School Courtyard
\$25 per ticket

- Plated 3-course dinner
- Featuring CHS Singers, Bel Canto Singers, Bell Choir, and string quartets
- Proceeds benefit CHS Vocal Music

Order tickets by December 5
Contact sara.cowan@ops.org with any questions

A Holiday Madrigal Feast
Presented by CHS Choirs

Madrigal Feast Tickets

Omaha Central Drama Department Presents

A NIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

An evening of Dinner & Performances

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025
6PM-8:30PM

Dinner starts at 6PM in the CHS Courtyard
Performances start at 6:30PM
In the Philip G. Schragner
Black Box Theater

Featuring:
CHS Drama- Adv. Theater Performance Class Improv Acting
and the
ITS CHS TROUPE 7833 Thespy Showcase

Performances & Presentations

Suggested Donation: \$20
(Includes: Pasta with sauce, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert, Beverage, AND the Performances & Presentations)

RSVP by 12/1/25 at 3PM using this link or QR Code
[CHS Drama: A Night of Dinner & Performances RSVP - Tues Dec. 2, 2025 - Fill out form](#)

All Money goes to help CHS Drama Students attend the
ITS NE Thesplan 2027 Festival

Omaha Central High School 124 N. 20th Street Omaha, NE 68102
For more info call: (513) 299-5600
Or email: scott.mead@oos.org

A Fundraising Event for the CHS Drama Dept

A Night in the Spotlight
Presented by the CHS Drama Department

Theatre Dinner Tickets

Class of 2015 Reunion



The class of 2015 recently celebrated their 10-year reunion!

Reunion weekend for the class of 2015 was an absolute blast! They kicked things off with a lively tailgate before cheering on the team at the homecoming football game, which brought back so many great memories. Exploring campus during the school tour was a nostalgic walk down memory lane, and they found a hidden gem at the Secret Park Bar that quickly became a favorite hangout. The highlight was the main event at Let It Fly—great drinks, good food, and even better company. They all appreciated being able to see everyone again and spend time together like old times.

[Donate to First Class Challenge](#)

[New Merch at the Alumni Store](#)

Central High Alumni Association Tradition Lives Here

LIMITED
EDITION

Special Limited Edition T-Shirt

Short & Long Sleeve Options



TRADITION LIVES HERE

Place Your Order Now

Orders Close: Sunday, Nov 30, 2025
Shipping or Pick-Up
All Details on Website



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www.OmahaCentralAlumni.com/Shop

The Central High School Alumni Association has a new, LIMITED EDITION shirt design on their website! Preorder is open until Sunday, November 30th, so place your order now!

[Order a T-Shirt](#)

[New Podcast Episodes](#)



Chatting at the C is a podcast series by CHS teachers Scott Wilson and Ben Boeckman, focusing on highlighting the teaching 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 43 - Virginia Lee Pratt](#)



[Episode 44 - Jean Whitten](#)

[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

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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