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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Eagle News *February 2026*



Dear Supporter,

We hope you're staying nice and warm as we bid farewell to winter!

With spring right around the corner, we're preparing for all of the fun events we have coming up! Our 24-hour day of giving, [One Day for Central](#), is on March 4th so mark your calendar or schedule your gift now! We're also looking forward to [Bingo Rocks 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 2026 Central High School [Bingo Rocks the Nest Silent Auction](#) is launching on March 15th, and you won't want to miss out! Whether you're joining us for bingo 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 March 29th 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.

Keep reading to learn more about our upcoming events and reunions, important deadlines, 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 vital part of the Central High School community. Together, we continue to uphold more than 167 years of tradition and excellence.

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

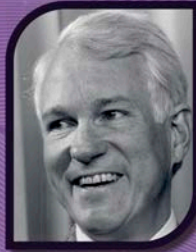
Michele Roberts, Executive Director



One Day for Central

MATCHING GIFT

ONE DAY FOR
CENTRAL
March 4, 2026



In Memory of

John Kuhns Class of 1965

Janet E. Milne will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation during Give-Education Day 2026, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000! This gift was made in memory of her husband, John Kuhns, CHS 1965, and his respect for Central.



Emily Hodges
CHS 2020

Get ready for an exciting 24-hour fundraiser that will make a real difference in the lives of Central students! On March 4th, 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: **Janet E. Milne will be matching all donations to the Central High School Foundation during Give Education Day 2026, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000!** This gift was made in memory of her husband, John Kuhns, CHS 1965, and his respect for Central. Thanks to this challenge fund, your donation will double and make twice the impact!

How can I participate?

You can [schedule your gift now](#) or donate on March 4th. Offline donations will also be accepted and uploaded to our online leaderboard.

Add One Day for Central to your [Outlook](#) or [Google](#) calendar now!

[Donate Now](#)

Register for Bingo Rocks the Nest

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION PRESENTS



GLOW UP FOR GOOD!
A BRIGHT NIGHT OF GIVING BACK

— SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 —

Join us at the Pella in Blackstone for our first-ever [Bingo Rocks the Nest](#) as we play an interactive bingo contest to raise money to help Central High School! Guests will enjoy Glow-In-The-Dark Bingo under black lights, surrounded by neon decor, music, and themed fun - all while supporting meaningful causes within the school!

Our Rock the Nest events will include the following:

- **3 Bingo cards per game included with your ticket. Extra bingo cards will be available to purchase at the event**
- **9 Bingo games with exciting rounds and community energy**
- **Prizes with a purpose - Win a game, pick a cause! Each bingo round winner gets to select a school area they are passionate about to receive the funds**
- **Dinner and music to create a festive, social atmosphere**
- **Every attendee plays a role in giving back!**
- **Emcee for the evening: Mike DiGiacomo ('91)**
- **[Online Silent Auction](#)**
 - Bidding opens March 15 at 9 AM CT
 - Bidding closes March 29 at 8:45 PM 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 will close on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.*

[Register for Bingo](#)

Registration Now Open for Golf Fore Eagles

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY
JUNE 8
2026



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24th Annual

Golf Fore Eagles

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NEW COURSE. NEW ENERGY.

SAME GREAT CAUSE: OMAHA CENTRAL

[Register for Golf Fore Eagles](#)

Catch up with The Quill and Feather



Official Blog of the Central High School Foundation

While we're on a break from reunion season, make sure you catch up on 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](#)



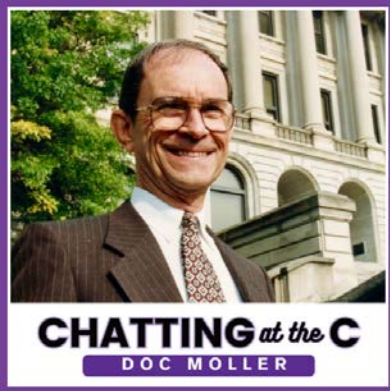
[Reunion Retrospective - 1965](#)

[Read The Quill and Feather](#)

New Podcast Episodes



[Chatting at the C](#) is a CHSF-sponsored podcast series by CHS teachers Scott Wilson and Ben Boeckman, which focuses 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 49 - Doc Moller](#)



[Episode 50 - Pete Wilger](#)

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Limited Release Alumni T-Shirt Back in Stock

REQUEST FOR 2ND ORDER

Limited Edition
Tradition Lives Here T-Shirts



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ORDERS CLOSE MARCH 8, 2026

- ✔ Support the Alumni Store
- ✔ Central Hall of Fame
- ✔ Alumni Reunions & Engagement Activities
- ✔ Historical Presentation

VISIT: OmahaCentralAlumni.com/Shop

The CHS Alumni Association is BACK with another chance to order the limited edition "Tradition Lives Here" T-Shirt! Orders close on March 8th, so [order yours](#) today!

[Order Now](#)

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.

Join the 1859 Society

Upcoming Reunion Schedule



The class of 1965 at their reunion in 2025!

Class of 1961

August 21-23, 2026

Dick Zacharia - dickzacharia@gmail.com

Class of 1966

September 4-5, 2026

Cindy Hadsell – clhadsell@aol.com

[Class Website](#)

Class of 1976

September 11-13, 2026

Rosalyn Cotton - rosalyncotton56@gmail.com

[Reunion Website](#)

Class of 1981

Dates TBD

Scott Barker - sbarker@episcopal-ne.org

Bob Atherton - athertonrobert8@gmail.com

Class of 1986

October 2-3, 2026

Becky Reynolds Crowell – rebeccajane67@gmail.com

Bart Lovegren – bartl@cox.net

Class of 1996

Dates TBD

Kelly Titus - kellytitus@me.com

Class of 2001

October 2-3, 2026

Jenny Storm – Jennifer.storm@ops.org

Abby Waller – Abigail.wallero1@gmail.com

Class of 2006

October 2-3, 2026

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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