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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION**

## Message from the President

We hope this letter finds you enjoying a great summer! The 2011-2012 school year was full of memorable moments, significant achievements, and excellence.

Academically, we are thrilled that Central High School has been named an International Baccalaureate World School. The addition of the IB program complements Central's already high standard of learning, works to promote intercultural understanding, and better prepares our students for college and life after graduation.

Additionally, we are very proud of the many accomplishments of Central High School students, teams, and faculty. To list a few, CHS Junior Marika Svolos earned a perfect score on both the ACT and SAT; both the boys and girls basketball teams won state championships; teacher Connie Kellen received the 2012 Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award; and English teacher and alum Marcella Mahoney was named a Class Nobel Educator of Distinction.

The Central High School Foundation had a busy, successful year securing grant funds that put \$105,000 directly into Central High School classrooms. In addition, the 1.4 million dollar capital campaign that brought 21st century classrooms to Central High School was a huge success. Because of this campaign, Central High School now has the technology necessary to support wireless internet learning for the next 20 years. This campaign has put Smartboards in every classroom and it provided access to wireless devices for every student, allowing us to embrace the technology of today and all the resources and learning opportunities it has to offer.

We look forward to the year ahead and will continue to work to keep our past, present, and future Eagles connected. Your support of the Central High School Foundation is truly appreciated by faculty and students. We wouldn't be the educational leader we are today without our loyal community!

Thank you for helping perpetuate - 153 years and counting - of tradition and excellence.

Sincerely,

**Matt Aden '74**  
President



**Matt Aden**  
President  
Class of '74



**Clark Lauritzen**  
Vice President  
Class of '95



**Susan A. Buffett**  
Secretary  
Class of '71



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**Dr. Rusty Crossman**  
Class of '66



**Matthew Darling**  
Class of '99



**Susan Strauss Lebens**  
Class of '70



**Robert Likes**  
Class of '91



**Merrilee Moshier Miller**  
Class of '66



**Roger Sayers**  
Class of '60

Special thanks to Laurie Victor Kay '90 and Charles Kay '88 of Laurie and Charles photography for taking the board members' photos!

*Laurie and Charles*

# These Ingredients Can Bring Success

– Omaha World Herald Editorial- 3/6/2012

Look around the country and it's not difficult to find large urban high schools that are floundering. Chicago, Kansas City, Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia—the list goes on.

But aren't there some urban public schools that are showing the right way to go? Schools that through sound management and high standards achieve community respect?

Yes, and Omaha's Central High School is an example.

Central's reputation is such that Omaha Public Schools has decided to cap the enrollment. About 200 of the 890 students who picked Central as their No.1 choice have received word

that they will need to select another school.

Central, with nearly 2,400 students, has limited its incoming freshman class to 685 spots. It's the first time Nebraska's largest high school has imposed such a cap. The only other OPS high school that does so is Burke.

That Central needs to take this step is a tribute to the school's positive reputation—particularly impressive given that Central stands out for the wide income spectrum among its students, as well as the school's tremendous social diversity.

The many ingredients for Central's success can offer a blueprint for other high schools in Omaha and elsewhere:

- A school culture that encourages excellence in academics and sports and proclaims that message to the community.
- Breadth of academic and extracurricular offerings.
- A demonstrated ability to meet the academic needs of each level of students—those with below-average grades, those in the middle and those with above-average grades.
- Strong leadership from the principal and faculty. Such a reputation attracts high-quality teachers who want to teach there.
- Individual teachers recognized for excellence.
- Positive team spirit among faculty and staff.

- Impressive community support from parents, alumni and the school foundation.
- Ambitious goals that raise standards to new levels. One example is Central's recent addition of the International Baccalaureate program.
- Sensible handling of security procedures. A large urban high school needs to safeguard students and faculty without creating an intimidating prisonlike atmosphere.

There are many Nebraska high schools that can point to their own examples of excellence and success. Of course, no school can rest on its laurels.

The responsibility to maintain high standards and adapt to changing conditions is never-ending.

And Central has an ample share of challenges.

Central is a downtown urban high school, and such schools must deal with difficulties of a size and complexity that many other schools don't face.

But when such a school shows it can make progress and earn the community's respect, that not only speaks well of the school, it also offers hope for public education.

## FOUNDATION OFFICE



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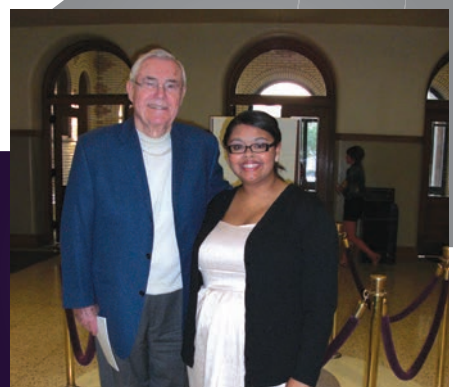
At the Central High School Foundation office, we are thrilled to release another annual report to the Eagles community. Our goal is to keep you informed about the programs, events, and accomplishments of the past school year and give you a sneak peek of what's to come for the year ahead. Learn more about the foundation on our website, [www.chsfomaha.org](http://www.chsfomaha.org).

## Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$892,158.00	\$601,288.00
Interest and dividends receivable	\$702.00	\$703.00
Contributions receivable, net	\$240,972.00	\$211,806.00
Deposits	\$600.00	\$600.00
Certificates of deposit	\$0.00	\$80,488.00
Equipment, net	\$10,296.00	\$2,925.00
Investments	\$745,901.00	\$755,499.00
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,890,629.00</b>	<b>\$1,653,309.00</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$8,045.00	\$0.00
Grants payable	\$34,543.00	\$0.00
Scholarships payable	\$2,250.00	\$21,300.00
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$44,838.00</b>	<b>\$21,300.00</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Unrestricted	\$250,829.00	\$588,962.00
Temporarily restricted	\$626,960.00	\$315,669.00
Permanently restricted	\$968,002.00	\$727,378.00
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$1,845,791.00</b>	<b>\$1,632,009.00</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$1,890,629.00</b>	<b>\$1,653,309.00</b>



# 2012 EVENTS >>



## Senior Recognition

The annual Senior Recognition Ceremony took place on May 17 at Central High School. The Central High School Foundation is proud to sponsor this annual event in which current Central High seniors are recognized for the scholarships and awards they have received.

The Class of 2012 earned a total of \$7,656,876 in scholarships to further their education at post-secondary schools. This amount includes over \$100,000 awarded through the CHS Foundation.

Annually since 1999, the CHS Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Awardees receive \$1,000 to use on tuition, professional development, or other related activity. This year Bridget Claborn '12 received the Student of the Year award, and Brent Larson received the Teacher of the Year award.



## Scholarship Recipients

**Stephen, CHS 1981, and Lyn Bouma Music Scholarship:** Kaitlin Beck '12 and Katie Samson '12

**W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932, Staff 1945 to 1976:** Adam Lacroix '12

**Henry Davis, CHS 1969:** Texan Tonje '12, Brandon Tovar '12, and Djenaba Kelly '12

**Paul Jepsen, CHS 1924:** Keygan Foster '12, Taylor Givens-Dunn '12, and Tiffany Doran '12

**John Keenan, Staff 1956 to 1995:** Sarah Monaghan '12

**Frank Knapple, Staff 1926 to 1958:** Clayton Reynolds '12

**Thor, CHS 1924, and Kay Krogh English Prize:** Emma Harwood '12

**Arthur, CHS 1914, and Genevieve K. Loomis:** Bryce Gollobit '12

**E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948:** Zach Lampe '12

**G.E. "Doc" Moller, Principal 1968 to 1995:** Michaela Bigsby '12

**Terry Moshier, CHS 1954:** Amanda Schneiderman '12

**Doris and Allen Oglander:** Alex Kinkead '12

**Debra Peirce, CHS 1982:** Jade Caguioa '12

**Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926, Staff 1936 to 1973:** Jordan Stoler '12

**William Ramsey, CHS 1930:** Jazmine Polk '12

**Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965:** Michael Carter '12

**Ned Sariscsany, CHS 2005:** Nyakim Chuol '12

**Robert Spire, CHS 1943:** Tania Abundis '12

**Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936:** Emma Mincer '12

**James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942:** Kurt Pavlik '12

**John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916:** Jayde Balentine '12

**Yale Trustin, CHS 1942:** Torrell Booker '12

**Augusta Turpin English Scholarship, Staff 1937 to 1957:** Ashley Wolff '12

**Peggy Aufenkamp Wheeler, CHS 1984, Staff 1989 to 2003:** Emma Demain '12

**World War II Memorial:** Riley Maxwell '12



## Central High School Golf Outing

The CHS Golf Outing took place June 4 on the grounds of Field Club of Omaha.

Over 200 alumni, parents, friends, and supporters dusted off their putters for a good cause and raised over \$45,000 for Central's wireless campaign. The banquet and dinner following the outing featured a silent auction and prizes for flight winners and 18 different "hole spotlight" winners, such as "Longest Putt" or "Closest Tee Shot."

The event was co-chaired by Jono Bradford '95 and Wiff Farrell '91. This year the golf committee honored Howard Kutler '74, (owner of Nova Fitness Equipment) for his generous contribution to the Central High School Weight Room. The title sponsor of the Central High School Golf Outing was The Baer Foundation.

## 2012 Golf Outing Results

### First Flight:

**1st Place:** Tony Driscoll '03, Phil Hruska '94, John Matthews, and Kyle Reznicek

**2nd Place:** Duke Brakens, Justin Erspamer, Jed Ortmeyer '97, and Jamie Stogdill '96

### Second Flight:

**1st Place:** Bob Furley, Jeff Hellman, Chris Kennedy, and Brett Lundin '86

**2nd Place:** Dan Bye '84, Jim Gonzales '84, Pat Salerno Jr.'84, and Todd Smith '84

### Third Flight:

**1st Place:** Bob Harris '85, Joe Pepitone '85, Dan Schinzel '85, and Chris Seitzer '85

**2nd Place:** Scott Edgar, Darrel Lahman, Paul Pennington, and Dave Van Metre

### Women's Flight:

**1st Place:** MJ McBride, Angie McGee, Caroline Wilson, and Melissa Sims

**2nd Place:** Patty Bradford, Candi Daly, Kate Dodge, and Ann Huff

### Co-Ed Flight:

**1st Place:** Bob Freeman, Kevin Garvin, Linda Gordman '58, and Andy Kemp

**2nd Place:** Gary Lebens '81, Jeff Lebens '73, Michael Lebens, and Emily Young '03

## Rock The Nest Trivia Night

Rock the Nest Trivia Night was held on April 29 to have fun and raise money to help Central High School go wireless! Hundreds of CHS parents, faculty, alumni, students, and friends gathered at the Scouler Ballroom in Omaha to celebrate Eagle Nation. Guests enjoyed dinner, a raffle, and a friendly trivia competition. The event raised over \$25,000 to help provide a wireless infrastructure for Central High School.

Mike DiGiacomo '91 emceed the event. After categories such as "Why Didn't I Pay Attention in 8th Grade," "Dynamic Duos," and "Musical Man," the following teams were recognized:



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Liam Chleboard and Jen Stastny, Vicki Deniston-Reed, Gary and Paula Groff, Brooks Humphreys, Tim Shipman, and Scott Wilson.

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Steve and Kristy Gambaiana '79, Gary '81 and Michelle Lebens, Jeff '73 and Michelle Lebens, and Mike '70 and Susan Lebens '70.

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Dolores Bangert and Carlos Barrientos, Paul Farrant and Julie Kalkowski '76, Steve Hutchinson and Susan Thomas, and Alan '71 and Kim Stoler.



"Rock the Nest is a wonderful event for people to come together and support Central High School. We had a great night playing trivia and are already anticipating next year's celebration."

-Brett '86 and Cindy '87 Lundin

# HALL OF FAME



## Frederick M. Bekins Class of 1943

The life of Fred Bekins is an outstanding example of love of country and family, success in business, and concern for community. After graduating from CHS in 1943, Fred served in the Navy on aircraft carriers in combat situations in the South Pacific, receiving commendations that included the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with battle star, the Philippine Liberation Medal with battle star, and the WWII Victory Medal. Upon his return, and after graduating from both Babson College and the University of Oslo, he began a distinguished career in the family's moving and storage business, eventually becoming president of the four generation Omaha family business. Fred and his wife, Sally, established the Bekins Foundation, an organization that provided grants to many needy organizations, in particular funding flag displays reflecting their deep love of our country. In addition to the work of the Bekins Foundation, Fred was active in many business and civic organizations throughout his life including serving as a 60+ year member of both the American Legion Post #1 and the downtown Rotary, and a Councilor of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. Fred also served as a longtime trustee of the Boy Scouts of America, the Omaha Home for Boys and the Church of the Cross.



## Mike Gottschalk Booster

The establishment of the Central High School Foundation, Alumni Association, and the Hall of Fame can be attributed directly to the legal work, persistence, and dedication of attorney Mike Gottschalk. It was Mike who led the negotiations with the OPS superintendent and provided the legal work with the OPS School Board, allowing for the approval of the transfer of scholarship funds from the school district to the CHS Foundation, a foundation that was established and acquired 501 ) (c) (3) status also through the Mike's expert legal work. The intent of the transfer of funds, beyond providing scholarship support, included the hope that the funds collected could, at some point, also be used to address the needs of CHS students and to recognize outstanding students and faculty members. This hope has indeed come to fruition, and the CHS Foundation now oversees the awarding of scholarship funds and provides other financial support, if requested and approved, for additional CHS needs. For these reasons, the CHS community is indebted to Mike for his work in helping to establish the CHS Foundation which continues to grow and to provide support for both scholarships and other CHS initiatives.



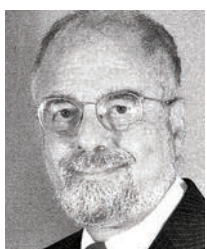
## Gerald A. Heeger Class of 1961

Having completed a B.A. (Cal-Berkeley) and an M.A. and Ph.D. (University of Chicago), Dr. Heeger developed a unique 40-year career in nontraditional higher education, focusing on adult learning, on affordability and access to higher education, and on the use of online technologies by institutions of higher education. As President of the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), he led that institution to be recognized as one of the leading online public universities in the world. He has also focused on new, entrepreneurial initiatives in higher education. Dr. Heeger served as organizing President of the Whitney International University System, a large scale distance learning initiative in Latin America now enrolling more than 100,000 students, and he was President of the American College of Education, an innovative research-based online teacher education institution that works with school districts to provide graduate degrees to teachers. He has also worked extensively in the field of accreditation, including international accreditation of higher education institutions. Dr. Heeger is an inductee in the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.



## Steve Marantz Class of 1969

Steve's career as a journalist began at CHS as sports editor of *The Register*. He attended University of Missouri School of Journalism, and went on to report, write and research for the Columbia Missourian, Kansas City Star, Trenton Times, Boston Globe, WHDH-TV, Sporting News, Boston Herald, and ESPN. His investigation of unscrupulous lending practices in Boston in the late 1980s led to home ownership for thousands of low-income families. Later in his career Steve wrote books. Of historical importance to CHS was his second book, *The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central: High School Basketball at the '68 Racial Divide*. His story of Central's struggle during a time of upheaval and change, he said, was told to honor his family and the teachers and students who helped him come of age.



## Aaron Marcus Class of 1961

Identifying Aaron "Buddy" Marcus as the "superstar" in both the theory and practice of information-oriented graphic design and its application to computer graphics is an indisputable fact. Aaron's creativity, vision, and understanding, as seen in the innovative design work produced by his company, Aaron Marcus and Associates (AM+A), in the fields of cross-cultural communication, graphic design, information design, semiotics, symbol design, typography, mobile user-interface design, and information visualization have set the gold standard for all others in this field. These software developments became major navigational keys to opening the world of computers to everyone. His company's creativity and expertise have been tapped by many large corporations, including AOL, Microsoft, Samsung, and Motorola, to name only a few. Aaron is an inductee in the Graphic Design Hall of Fame, a Fellow of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, and a member of the CHI Academy (Computer Human-Interaction), being the first graphic designer ever to be selected. In addition, Aaron has found the time to write six books and over 250 articles, and he has always recognized the importance of his education in the success he has achieved, at CHS where he was Editor-in-Chief of *The Register* and at Princeton and Yale.

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## Join Us for The 2012 Hall of Fame Ceremony Presented by the CHS Alumni Association

**When:** Thursday, October 4th

**Time:** 6pm dinner followed by the program at 7:30pm

**Where:** Central High School

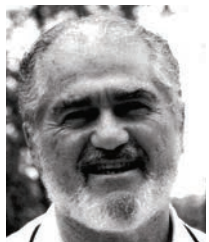
**Cost:** \$45 per person or \$360 per table of eight

Join us in celebrating the lives of individuals whose time spent at Central High School helped propel them to achieve great things in business and community service. Photos and biographies of those honored this year are featured below. The 14th annual Hall of Fame dinner and ceremony is presented by the Central High School Alumni Association. Please contact the foundation office at (402) 556-1996 with any questions or to be sent an invitation.



### **Myron P. Papadakis Class of 1958**

The skills and knowledge needed to achieve the success that Myron Papadakis has achieved in careers in aviation and law are unmatched. After graduating from Central (NHS and swim team captain), he attended UNL on a full Navy scholarship, majoring in mechanical engineering while competing as a varsity swimmer. "Pappy" entered the Navy as an officer, served as a naval carrier pilot, and as a second tour R&D test pilot. Following the Navy, he flew for Delta Airlines. He qualified as a line captain to fly six different jet airliners. He logged 23,500 accident free hours during a 37 year flight career. While a Delta pilot, Myron completed a law degree in 1974 and has practiced for 38 years. He is and has been an adjunct law professor for 21 years. His trial law career has focused on aircraft accidents; he has evaluated, investigated, or litigated in excess of 450 aviation crash cases. He has written two reference textbooks and published at least 50 articles on aviation safety, product liability and litigation. He is a Fellow of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators. Several cases he has worked have been the source material for television and films.



### **Leonard L. Rosen Class of 1952**

A highly successful business career, holding both Program Manager and President positions at several high-tech companies and lifelong athletic achievements in several sports highlight the life of Leonard Rosen. At CHS, Leonard competed in football, wrestling and track, winning state championships in wrestling and track. At UNL, Leonard competed in football and track, winning several track honors. He has continued competing in Masters and Seniors Track and Field, winning gold medals in several regional and national events. As an engineer with Rockwell International, he led integration and test programs for the first cruise missile guidance system, the first ICBM guidance system, the Polaris/Poseidon submarine guidance system and the first military miniaturized semiconductor digital computer. With Raytheon, he was the program manager of the Hawk Missile Defense System, The Patriot Missile Defense System and restricted Smart Munitions Programs. During his residency at ITT, he directed the total effort for air traffic and other radar systems programs for the U.S. forces and over twenty other nations. In addition to these achievements, Leonard has also been a college MBA instructor, a councilor and seminar presenter for the Small Business Administration and a high school weight coach.



### **John "Pop" Schmidt Distinguished Educator**

The teaching and coaching career of John "Pop" Schmidt covers approximately four decades with 31 of those years at Central High School as a teacher of physics, chemistry, biology, math, German, Head Football Coach (1921-1927), and Head Track Coach (1921-1945), winning state titles in 1922, 1924, and 1945, while being state runner-up in 1923 and 1925. In his honor, Central established several awards, including the J.G. "Pop" Schmidt Memorial Trophy to each year's outstanding track athlete. Pop Schmidt's concern for his students was recognized by many, including CHS Principal, J. Arthur Nelson who said, "He was genuinely interested in the welfare and progress of his students and was ever willing to give a helping hand to those who needed it. He was a man of kindly counsel, and he stood firmly by that which is right. John Schmidt is a great part of that tradition which is Central..," a former athlete who stated that, "New blood in the coaching line might bring more winning teams, but it cannot bring a team that has any better ideals of sportsmanship than the teams under the regime of Coach Schmidt," and another former player who stated, "Papa's nickname said it all. He was a father to all kids."



### **Dr. Melvin Wade, Sr. Class of 1962**

Following the completion of his undergraduate studies at Bishop College and his graduate studies at Perkins Theological Seminary and, ultimately completing his M.A. and Doctor of Ministry Degree at Faith Theological Seminary, Dr. Wade served in churches in both Dallas and Houston, and since 1975, he has served as Senior Pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Los Angeles. As Senior Pastor, Dr. Wade has worked to end gang violence and, at the same time, he helped with the community's successful proposal to receive a 4.5 million dollar grant to build a 40 unit apartment complex for his community's senior citizens. He has also been the President of the National Missionary Baptist Convention, and he has served on the Board of the World Baptist Alliance Executive Council, a role which has allowed him to address world issues. In addition to these accomplishments, Dr. Wade is an accomplished author and gospel music vocalist and composer, and with the help of Wade family, he has shown great strength in being a leukemia survivor.



### **Eric L. Whitner Class of 1976**

Eric Whitner, attorney at law, professor of law, and community advocate, gave of himself in support of multiple communities, including Central High School, North Omaha neighborhoods, and the greater metropolitan Omaha area. Preparing himself academically, a CHS graduate at 16, followed by his undergraduate studies at UNO, UCLA, and Emory University, culminating in a B.A. and leading him eventually to achieve two legal degrees, both a J.D. and an LL.M. (Master of Law) from Emory, Eric used his knowledge and desire to help others through establishing his own Omaha law firm, being General Counsel for the Omaha Housing Authority, and serving as a Deputy Douglas County Attorney. His community influence was also felt through his membership on several community boards, including being President of the Midlands Bar Association, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Butler-Gast YMCA in North Omaha, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Omaha/Council Bluffs YMCA. Eric also served as campaign chairman for the Charles Drew Health Center, allowing the facility to expand and, as a result, to provide services to many more people. Eric's actions, indeed, showed his love and support for all communities in the metropolitan area.

# EAGLES IN THE HEADLINES



For the first time in Central history, both the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams took first place in Nebraska's Class A State Basketball Tournaments. Both coaches—Tom Lee and Eric Behrens—celebrated the twin wins and each had extraordinary things to say of their players.

"We accomplished a goal we set out for in the beginning of the season and we played together as a team throughout the tournament."  
- Coach Tom Lee

**Kelly Means**, a business and marketing teacher for Central High School, took first place for her submission to "Share an Idea," as part of the annual Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Conference in August of 2011. Her submission for the conference was titled, "This for That: A Barter."

**Allison Dutton '12**, recent graduate of Central High School, was a featured designer during Omaha Fashion Week on August 22, 2011. Her creativity was featured on the runway during one of their evening shows.

**Colin Brown**, a teacher in the CHS Music Department, was published in an issue of Nebraska Music Educator. His article, "Teaching with Live, Interactive Videoconferencing," described how music students at Central High School worked with an instructor from the Manhattan School of Music via videoconferencing. The article was published in August 2011.

In September 2011, Central High School's **Veronica Hatfield '15**, was elected by the Omaha Area Youth Orchestras (OAYO) Board to be student representative for the Conservatory Orchestra.

**Marika Svolos '13**, received city-wide attention for her excellence in academics after receiving perfect scores on both the SAT and the ACT on her first tries. Only a junior, Svolos said she was prepared to take the tests again her senior year. She did not expect the outcome for both tests to be perfect. "I think a 34 would have been pretty good," Svolos speculated of the ACT. "But I would've taken it again." Her fan and teacher, Greg Sand, has full confidence in her ability, calling her future "a bright one" and even claiming that she would be "the perfect professor at a university" one day.



**Riley Maxwell '12**, a recent senior of Central High School, received recognition from the judges at the Douglas County Fair for her excellence in pottery. Four of her pieces advanced to the Nebraska State Fair, where her Raku pots received first place and her larger piece—a blue pot with bold stripes—received a second place ribbon.

**Jodi Martinez**, Central High's English Department head, was nominated for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award in September 2011. Martinez was nominated by a freshman at the University of Chicago for "challenging and inspiring them along their path toward their intellectual goals."

**The Eagles Marching Band**, directed by **Pete Wilger**, received first place for their performance at The Battle of the Bands Tournament on September 24, 2011. The annual tournament is held at Papillion La Vista South High School.



**Danielle Brandt**, an English teacher at Central High School, received support from DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project she calls "Embracing a Part-Time Indian and The Hunger Games!"

On February 18, 2012 **Ronald Wells '12**, won his 2nd consecutive State Wrestling Title and became Central High School's 120th State Wrestling Champion.

Central High School math teacher, **Greg Sand**, and his student, **Nathan Borczyk '14**, were recognized in The Omaha World-Herald as the Nebraska Department of Education pushed for higher-level math courses. Sand's class, Enrichment Math, was highlighted in the article for its focus on miscellaneous topics designed to strengthen mathematics understanding.



The Eagles represented CHS well at the Midland University Math contest held on October 20, 2011. **Ethan Koch '14** and **Adam Lacroix '12** took fifth place. **Avery Zaleski '13** took second, and **Marika Svolos '13** took first in their respective competitions.

**Jayde Balentine '12**, recent graduate of Central High School, was awarded the top prize for her work as a student journalist and the Editor-in-Chief of Central's O-Book in March 2012: Nebraska State High School Journalist of the Year. She was recognized at the NSAA State Journalism Competition awards ceremony, held at UNL in May 2012.

Congratulations to **Harrison Simmons '12**, who is the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. This award is based on strong performance on the PSAT Test taken during the junior year. Harrison was among 16,000 semifinalist who competed for this award.



**Kaitlin Beck '12** and **Rocio Noemi Morales '12** were inducted into the Future Education Association's National Honor Society. FEA is now under the Phi Delta Kappa organization at the national level. Kaitlin and Noemi were the only students from Nebraska that were inducted.

**Central's Varsity Football team** finished a successful 2011-2012 year by placing third in Nebraska's Class A state tournament.

The drama department at Central High School took second place at Gretna High School for their participation in the District One Act Play competition held in December 2011. Their production of *The Birthday of the Infanta* received two "Excellent" ratings and one "Superior" rating, while the following students received "Outstanding" performance ratings: **Alexia Childers '14**, **R.D. Gerbeling '14**, **Myles Davis '13**, **Lee Lohman '13**, and **Connor Grosseohme '15**.





# REUNIONS

Nine CHS class reunions were held this past year with the Class of 1971 winning the First Class Challenge award for the first time! The annual challenge is a friendly competition among classes holding reunions to raise money for CHSF's day-to-day operating expenses. It is this positive spirit that makes Central one of the most highly regarded high schools in the country.

**'46** The Class of 1946 held their reunion the weekend of June 24 and 25, 2011. "Celebrate 65!" was the theme. Over 40 Centralites convened in June for a weekend of nostalgia and fun. "Don't wait 'til our 70th," the committee was ordered, "let's get together in two years!" Stay tuned.

**'51** The Class of 1951 celebrated their 60th reunion on the weekend of October 13 and 14, 2011. Attendees were treated to a catered dinner at the Hot Shops while watching artisans at work, a guided tour of Omaha's Gold Coast, a Tram Ride through the beautiful Lauritzen Gardens and a banquet at the elegant Holland Performing Arts Center. The Class Motto is now "Stay Alive for the 65!" See you in 2016!

**'61** The Class of 1961 rang in their 50th reunion on the weekend of September 23 and 24, 2011. They kicked off their event at Clancy's on Friday evening, and a dinner and dance was held on Saturday at Champions Country Club with various class speakers. A good time was had by all.

**'66** The Class of 1966 knew that even a 45th reunion deserves a big celebration. Over 100 classmates, plus many spouses, companions, and teachers, joined in the two-day event in October 2011. It kicked off with a game night tailgate party at CHS and ended with a festive dinner on the river overlooking the flood. Check out their class directory and more at [www.omahachs66.com](http://www.omahachs66.com). They're looking forward to an even bigger party for their 50th! See you in 2016!

**'71** The Class of 1971 chose the weekend of October 14 and 15, 2011 to hold their 40th reunion. Friday evening started with a casual evening at the Old Mattress Factory Bar and Grill in downtown Omaha. Saturday morning they took a tour of CHS, followed by an evening at The Thompson Center on UNO's campus. A welcome and reflection was given by G.E. "Doc" Moller and members of '71 A Capella performed "Salvation" led by Dr. Bob McMeen.

**'81** The Class of 1981 came together on the weekend of July 15 and 16, 2011 to celebrate their 30th class reunion. The reunion enjoyed an evening out at DJ's Dugout on Friday night and a night of fun at Sempeck's Bowling and Entertainment on Saturday hosted by Steve Sempeck '81.

**'86** The Class of 1986 jump-started their 25th reunion with a three day weekend, September 8, 9 and 10, 2011. On Thursday night the class got together for the "Taco Ride," a bike ride down the Walbash Trail in Iowa. On Friday, they enjoyed cheering on the CHS Football team as they beat the Millard North Mustangs. Saturday morning began with a round of golf at Elmwood Park followed by an evening mixer at O'Connors Pub.

**'91** The Class of 1991 celebrated their 20th reunion on the weekend of July 15 and 16, 2011. On Friday evening the group got together at Nomad Lounge, followed by a picnic on Saturday at Elmwood Park. The reunion weekend was capped off on Saturday evening at Nosh Wine Lounge.

**'01** The Class of 2001 picked the weekend of September 16 and 17, 2011 to get together for their 10th reunion. On Friday evening they enjoyed a school tour of CHS, capping the evening off by watching the homecoming football game. On Saturday evening the group got together for a mixer at Pauli's.



# GENERATION "C"



Generation "C" Tailgate



Principal's Symposium

## Show Your Eagle Pride by Joining Generation "C!"

There is an Eagle in everyone that wants to soar! In these challenging times of state and district budget cuts, it can be difficult to continue to shine. However, at Central High School our students and staff not only shine, but they also "soar" because of dedicated donors like you. Gifts to Generation "C," our Annual Giving Campaign, allow the foundation to provide for emerging needs and challenges of Central High School. By donating to Generation "C" today, you are helping ensure the future of Central tomorrow.

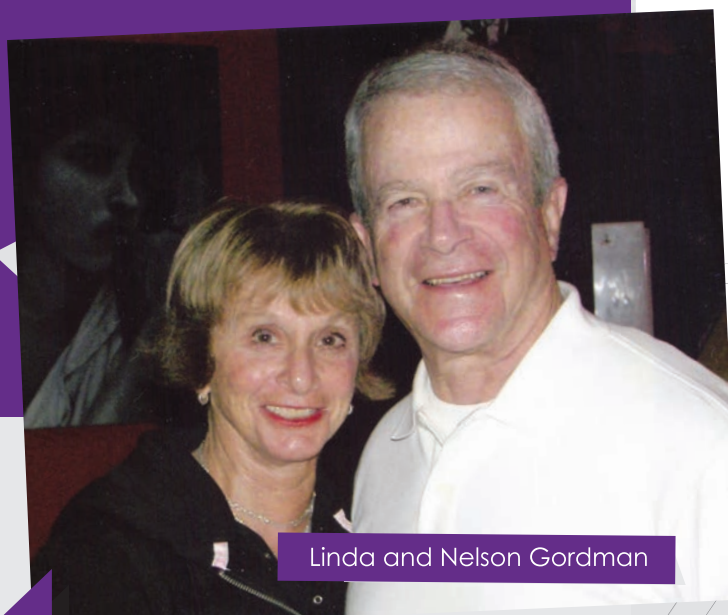
Donors that gave to Generation "C" this past year enjoyed a variety of events and incentives including the Roadshow, a Tailgate Party, a Limited Edition Style Book written by Sara Vore Taylor, and a Principal's Symposium hosted by Susan and Mike Lebens at the Omaha Country Club.

The 2012 Generation "C" membership drive, which will raise funds to support special projects and services for Central High School and Student and Alumni activities, is being chaired by Nelson and Linda Gordman.

The Gordmans are high school sweethearts who met on their first day at Central High School in 1953 and recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. As

sports fans, the Gordmans love to cheer on the Eagles from the sidelines, especially if it's the basketball team! In addition to sports, the Gordmans are proud of Central's diversity and the talented teaching staff. Central helped pave the academic path for Nelson to attend college at Cornell University and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and later become a successful professional as President of the Richman Gordman Stores and a real estate developer. Linda went on to attend college at both the University of Colorado and the University of Nebraska after graduating from Central. Today, the Gordmans enjoy spectator sports, being active, and following their grandchildren's activities.

All friends of Central are encouraged to show their Eagle pride by joining Generation "C." Membership opportunities are available for every budget and range from \$10 to \$2,500. With your ongoing support of Central High School, a lot can be accomplished. By joining Generation "C," you are helping secure the future of Central. For more information, contact Michele Roberts at [michele@chsfomaha.org](mailto:michele@chsfomaha.org) or visit [www.chsfomaha.org](http://www.chsfomaha.org).



Linda and Nelson Gordman

"A membership to Generation "C" is one way to maintain a lifelong connection to your Alma Mater and help to strengthen Central High School."

- Linda and Nelson Gordman '58

# What is Your Legacy?

## The Central High Legacy Fund

Established in 2011 with the inaugural contribution of Stanford Lipsey '45, the Legacy Fund allows a donor to provide a financial contribution to the areas of greatest need at Central High School. The funds are endowed to create a permanent source of support to ensure the Tradition of Excellence continues for future generations.

A "Legacy Walkway" will be erected on the west side of Central High School honoring Legacy Fund donors.

The Legacy Fund is managed by The Central High School Foundation to ensure the donors' charitable gifts will grow over time and be distributed to make the greatest impact.

### Special Thanks to These Donors for Their Generous Contributions to the Legacy Fund

Anonymous

Donald and Ann Goldstein, CHS 1964

Stanford Lipsey, CHS 1945

Ms. Alice West, CHS English Teacher 1929 to 1956

– Legacy honored by Harry Koch Jr., CHS 1947

## Stan Lipsey's 2011 CHS Hall of Fame speech.

I'm sure you've heard this before, but the time I spent at Central High School was more valuable to me than the time I spent at the University of Michigan.

I think it was two things. One is rather intangible, but very important. It's the culture that exists at the school. Terms like tradition and culture that may not register with a 15 year-old, now registers with an 84 year-old. Second, specific teachers had a great impact on me, and back then, as I "ran for classes," I knew whose class I really wanted to be sitting in. Even today, the names like Mrs. Elliott, Ruth Pilling, Virginia Lee Pratt are meaningful to me.

In addition to the fine education I received I'd like to tell you about a couple important parts of my life that had their beginnings here.

1941 to 1945 at Central covered the entire World War II. I was in R.O.T.C. and I loved it. As part of the Crack Squad we went around the state to military bases and USO's and performed. When I graduated from Michigan we were required to join a reserve unit. I was in Los Angeles and joined the 40th infantry division of the National Guard where I was the acting platoon leader of a heavy weapons company. One of the reasons I got that rank was the preparation I had in R.O.T.C. When I moved back to Omaha, I gave them notice and four days later the War in Korea broke out and the unit was sent to the Pusan perimeter. Another platoon leader was a friend and he said they just got massacred. When I got to Omaha, I went with an Air Force Reserve unit. You slept in a bed at night and had a much better chance of not getting killed. I was activated and spent my entire career as editor of the base newspaper at Offutt AFB.

I admired the military; it taught me a lot. When I was discharged I became a founding member of the Air and Space Museum, now located near Ashland. And just recently I joined the board of the Korean War National Museum. It all started at Central High School.

My parents gave me a baby brownie camera when I was nine and when I entered Central. I became the photographer for *The Register*. When I went to Michigan I was a photographer for their daily, and photo editor of the yearbook. My first job at the Sun Newspapers in Omaha was as a photographer and writer. I wound up owning those papers and sold them to Warren Buffett, but stayed on and ran them. In 1973, Warren, Paul Williams and I won a Pulitzer Prize for local investigative journalism for a financial exposé of Boys Town.

When Warren bought the Buffalo News, it was in stiff competition with another paper and we knew only one would survive. Warren and I traveled to Buffalo and would plan strategy in Omaha. I moved there in 1980, the competition folded in 1982 and I became publisher.



Stan Lipsey '45

I'm still there, and Warren Buffett, as you would expect, has had a huge impact on my life. He's the boss, but he's more of a friend, and while we talk business, we also talk politics, leadership, as well as personal matters. If I hadn't started with the Central High School *Register*, I'd be a lot poorer financially and wouldn't have a friend like Warren Buffett.

The other thing I learned in Omaha that I have not found in my travels elsewhere is that Omaha private sector leaders get up in the morning and say, "What am I going to do for my city today?" When Lewis and Clark crossed the plains of Nebraska, they sent a messenger back to Washington telling them that this was a desert and they shouldn't try and settle here. They couldn't have been more wrong when it comes to Omaha. Establishing a successful culture is no small task. Omaha has it; and Central High has it.

You can see why Central High played such an important role in my life.

# Capital Campaign

## Special Thanks to These Major Contributors

### Anonymous

Matthew '74 and Sherril Aden

Pamela Bartling Buffett '60

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The Central High School Golf Outing

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## A 21st Century Capital Campaign

In an effort to bring Omaha Central High School into the 21st century and bridge the digital divide, Omaha Public Schools, Central High School, and the Central High School Foundation all expended effort and money in support of the Central High School Wireless Campaign and made it a reality. Introduced in March of 2011, the Central High School Foundation raised the \$400,000 needed for the wireless infrastructure. The lead gift of the campaign was made by Pamela Bartling Buffett '60 in memory of her late husband, Fred C. Buffett '55.

The campaign, which was chaired by Matt '74 and Sheri Aden, provides a 21st Century learning environment for all students at Central High School. Moving Central High School into the 21st Century was a \$1.4 million dollar project – from building the infrastructure to providing access to wireless devices for every student. The project included wireless Internet infrastructure, the broadband to support it, classroom equipment, and teacher training.

"The campaign focused on raising funds to create a technological infrastructure to support learning at Central High School for the next 20 years," said chair Matt Aden '74. "The overwhelming support of our alumni, community and supporters has been evident throughout the capital campaign, and we sincerely appreciate their investment in the future of Central High School."

In addition to providing a 21st Century learning environment for all students at Central High School, the Central High School Wireless Campaign achieved several other milestones:

- The campaign finished a year ahead of schedule.
- Online state testing was completed at CHS in 4 days rather than the 24 days that it took for the prior school year
- CHS is the only high school in the Omaha Public Schools that is completely wireless.
- Interactive Smartboards were installed in each one of Central High School's 75 classrooms.

"The reality was that our alumni and community answered the bell and supported Omaha's downtown high school," said Dr. Keith Bigsby, Principal of CHS. "Their love of Central High School and their depth of loyalty are just incredible."



"Respecting all humanity...  
a lifetime gift from  
Central High School."

- Pamela Buffett

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"...Central High School has pierced me with something that I will never be able to compensate: a community of excellence and of diversity."

- Bridget Clayborn '12,  
 currently attending Vanderbilt University



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I'm excited and nervous about attending West Point Military Academy, but I know being a student at CHS has definitely prepared me. Throughout my four years at CHS I had the opportunity for academic and athletic growth as well as exposure to diversity on all levels. These experiences at CHS were a key factor in my acceptance to West Point. The "Eagle Way" helped me soar to an amazing opportunity! Thank you CHS!  
 - Avrie Welton '12, currently attending United States Military Academy at West Point

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