

# Central High School Foundation

## Annual Report

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011



The mission of the Central High School Foundation is to improve the education of the present and future Central students.



## A Message from the President



Susan (Strauss) Lebens

We hope this letter finds you enjoying a great summer! The Central High School Foundation has had a very busy but exciting year thanks to your loyal support.

We would like to make you aware of staffing changes that have taken place at the Foundation. On April 15, Executive Director Terry Price submitted her resignation to the Board of Directors. We are grateful for Terry's 15+ years of dedication and commitment to the Foundation, which she began out of her home in 1996.

While it is always challenging to lose a director such as Terry, we believe we have

a unique opportunity to reshape our organization in order to continue growing support for Central High School students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

The following are just a few highlights of the Foundation's accomplishments over the past year because of your support:

- Launching a two-year, \$1.4 million capital campaign to bring 21st century learning classrooms to Central High School;
- Establishing partnerships with Coca-Cola, First National Bank, Nebraska Methodist College: The Josie Harper Campus, and Midland University as corporate sponsors of the Foundation and Adopt-a-School partners of CHS;
- Creating the Generation "C" program, which has many goals, including raising money for special projects for Central student and alumni activities;
- Securing grant funding that has put \$65,000 directly into Central High School classrooms.

Thank you for helping perpetuate 150 years – and counting – of tradition and excellence!

Sincerely,

Susan (Strauss) Lebens '70  
President

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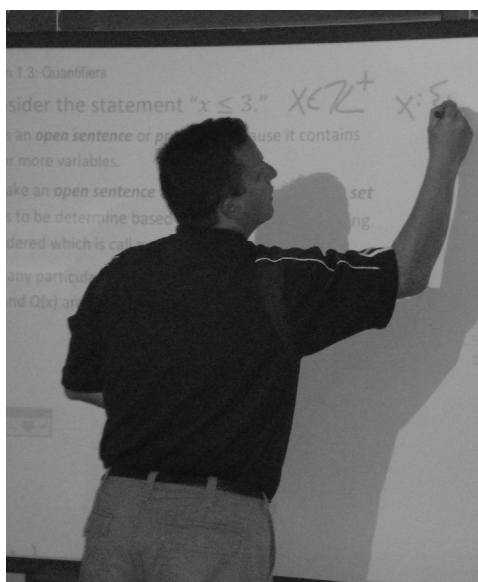
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Michele Roberts,  
Executive Director

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Director of Operations

## CHS Foundation Kicks Off \$1.4 Million Wireless Campaign



2011 Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award winner, Gregory Sand uses a SmartBoard in his classroom

In a joint effort to bring Omaha Central High School into the 21st century and bridge the digital divide, Omaha Central High, Omaha Public Schools, and the CHS Foundation have kicked off a \$1.4 million campaign to underwrite wireless technology at Central.

This initiative, which is chaired by Sheri and Matt Aden '74, will bring modern computer equipment, wireless internet access, and interactive smartboards into each classroom. Introduced in March, the campaign has received an enthusiastic response in its first four months with generous support from CHS alumni, a boost from Central grad Peter Buffett's April concert, Rock the Nest "Trivia Night," and the CHS Golf Outing, all of which raised funds for the project.

In light of current research which suggests that a digital divide, or inequality in technology access, may exist between urban schools and suburban schools, the campaign seeks to ensure a competitive technological playing field for all Central students.

"Both Sheri and I are thrilled to be chairing the wireless capital campaign," said chair Matt Aden '74. "It is truly rewarding to again be part of such an outstanding institution as Central. Our goal of providing wireless access to all CHS students is no longer a luxury but a necessity in preparing them for college and beyond."

Central currently offers limited computer lab access to students throughout the day. With over 2,500 students walking the hallways daily,

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## CHS Foundation Kicks Off \$1.4 Million Wireless Campaign Continued from page 1

CHS is the largest high school in the state of Nebraska. With so many students, it is crucial for the building to have a wireless infrastructure that students can access anywhere in the school, not just in a traditional computer lab.

"Computers will come, iPads will go," Central Principal Bigsby explained. "But that wireless backbone that will allow our kids to access that network is critical." Once the wireless infrastructure needed to support 21st century learning school-wide is completed, all students will be able to log on to data management systems which

will allow them to access classroom material at any time and to receive personalized tutoring from teachers. In addition, state standardized testing is now being conducted online, so it becomes crucial for students to practice the same way the tests are being administered. With the current infrastructure, practice testing is very limited.

Future plans include replacing traditional blackboards with interactive Smartboards and replacing 2-D projectors with Elmos, which include document cameras that project the written word to a frog dissection.

"I believe education should be on a level playing field with students having the same opportunities whether they are educated in an urban or suburban setting," said CHS Foundation Executive Director Michele Roberts. "If Central students are going to be able to compete in the 21st century, they need the same tools other students are receiving in suburban schools. Technologically speaking, that is not the case. I believe it is our job to ensure Central High School provides the necessary tools to help all students reach their potential and ultimately give them that level playing field."

# ROCK the nest

## "Trivia Night" Raises \$18,000 for Wireless Campaign



Omaha Central High School alumni, staff, parents, and friends gathered for a special evening of fun and games at Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" held on Saturday, March 26.

Teams of eight played six rounds of 10 questions each to compete for prize packages from Omaha Steaks, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Walmart.

Mike DiGiacomo '91 emceed the event. The following special guests were available on the auction block to the highest bidder to join their Trivia Team:

**Social Studies** - Jack Blanke  
**Science** - Jerry Doctor  
**Drama** - Pegi Georgeson '61  
**Administration** - Doc Moller  
**Athletics** - Paul Pennington

**English** - Dan Daly  
**Foreign Language** - Bev Fellman '59  
**Music** - Bob McMeen  
**Business** - Carolyn Orr  
**Math** - John Waterman

After rounds including "Games People Play," "Cornhusker Craniums," and "You Heard It Here," the following teams were recognized:

- **First Place** - Team #11: James Buckley, Pat & Lisa Giambattista '85, Mike & Cheryl Goodwillie, Linda Johnson, and Steve & Carol Kuzelka.
- **Second Place** - Team #1: Liam Chleborad, Vicki Deniston-Reed & James Reed, Gary & Paula Groff, Tim Shipman, Jen Stastny, and Scott Wilson.
- **Third Place** - Team - #21: Lyn & Stephen Bouma '81, Scott & Julie Cobb, Holly Herman '78 & Jim Nolan, and Anne McCormick-Reed '81 & Chuck Reed '78.

In addition, generous donors contributed a wide range of items to the silent auction, which was run by P.E.P. Benefitting Central's wireless campaign, the event raised \$18,000. Special thanks to First National Bank, Midland University, and Nebraska Methodist College: The Josie Harper Campus for their contributions to this special evening.



## Peter Buffett Lends Talents to Central's Wireless Campaign

The talents of prominent Central alumnus Peter Buffett '76 were on display April 28, when the Emmy Award-winning composer performed "Life Is What you Make It: Concert & Conversation with Peter Buffett" at the Central auditorium. The event raised \$10,000, to benefit the wireless capital campaign.

Companion to Buffett's *New York Times* bestselling book, *Life Is What You Make It*, the concert featured a reception with the artist after the performance. A philanthropist who has worked throughout his career to integrate education and technology, Buffett was pleased to reconnect with his Central roots.

"What an incredible experience to be back on the stage where I performed with Lars Erickson in the Road Show back in 1976," said Buffett. "It was great to come home to Central."

Buffett himself is an astute user of 21st century technology. His USB drive-only album, *Running Blind*, features an interactive environment in which the user can listen to music, watch videos, flip through photos and explore Buffett's extensive career.

The wireless campaign received a lift when The Bookworm donated a portion of its sales to the campaign. Buffett's book was on sale at the concert and during the reception that followed.

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



Left to right: Emily Lebens Young '03, Michael Lebens '70, Susan (Strauss) Lebens '70, Colin Lebens '00

The 2011 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 the Lebens Family.

A true family of Eagles, the Lebens family embody the spirit of commitment, caring, and generosity in their continuing dedication to improve the greater Omaha community and the lives of those who call it home.

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. In these challenging times, it can be difficult to continue to shine. However, at Central High School our students and staff not only shine, but also "Soar."

With your ongoing belief in Central High School, even more will 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.centralhighomaha.org](http://www.centralhighomaha.org).

## Adopt-A-School Partnerships Benefit Students and Staff



First National Bank



THE JOSIE HARPER CAMPUS



In an innovative initiative to connect Central to the greater Omaha community, CHS Foundation Executive Director Michele Roberts has secured four Adopt-A-School partnerships. Coca-Cola, First National Bank, Midland University, and Nebraska Methodist College have each teamed up with Central to provide unique learning opportunities for students.

Coca-Cola is helping students to "Go Green" and "Live Well" by developing a recycling program. CHS art students are working with Coca-Cola employees to design recycling canisters that will be placed throughout the CHS campus.

"Taking old Coke barrels and having our art students design and turn them into recycling containers is fun to watch," commented Central Art Department Chair Jane Taureti. "The students are enjoying the project and like to see their work displayed around campus."

First National Bank and CHS are natural partners, as both the school and the bank have significant histories that date back more than 150 years. Their reputations as cornerstones of the greater Omaha community and anchors of the downtown business district make them uniquely suited to be partners in this endeavor.

"Omaha Central's role as an urban, college preparatory school is vital to our

community," said Clark Lauritzen '95, President, Wealth Management and Investment Banking at First National Bank. "Students from all walks of life have called this school their alma mater and used the knowledge and experience gained here to build outstanding careers and make a difference. The school and its programs continue to be as relevant today as they were when I attended Central."

Central High School's world language students teamed up with First National Bank to assist with Cinco de Mayo, Omaha in April. First National Bank is also hosting a banking seminar on saving for retirement for Central High School teachers and staff.

Midland University is offering students college credit in AP Calculus, AP English Language, and AP Chemistry. Dual enrollment students also have free access to the Midland University online resources and library.

"Dual enrollment allows Central students to get a jump start on their college career," said Cathy Andrus, IB/AP/DE Coordinator. "By partnering with Midland University, our students are able to earn college credit right here in the walls of Central High School."

Midland University also provided support for the Math Club by sponsoring the Math Olympiad.

The Nebraska Methodist College (NMC): The Josie Harper Campus partnership has opened opportunities for Central students to experience new settings and enhance their scientific knowledge. Science students are learning on the NMC campus by working in their cadaver and phlebotomy labs.

"The opportunity to take our students into working labs and give them hands-on experiences is invaluable," said Jean Whitten, CHS Science Department Chair.

NMC is also sponsoring the Science Club and provided lab coats for Central High School students who go into elementary schools and perform and assist elementary students with labs.

In addition, during the November teacher in-service, NMC provided free medical tests and assessments for CHS staff. NMC faculty checked blood pressures and blood sugars, provided diabetic and nutritional informational materials, and answered health-related questions. Cholesterol screening with immediate feedback was also offered.

Central and the CHS Foundation greatly appreciate the Adopt-A-School partners and continue to look for local businesses or community entities interested in promoting student excellence within or outside of CHS walls.

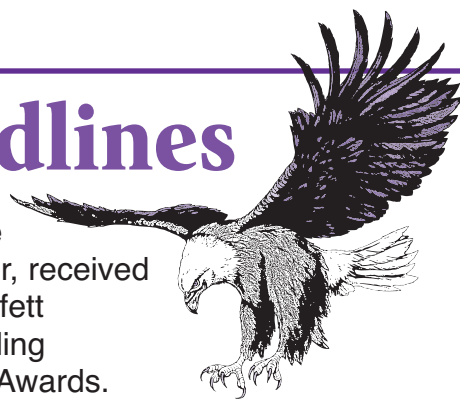
# GOING GREEN

Energy efficiency is a top priority of the CHS Foundation. We are taking advantage of email and other online communication tools, which are fast, convenient, and eco-friendly. To date, we only have email addresses for approximately 6,000 people included in our 50,000-person-strong database.

Please support our efforts to "Go Green" by sending us your current email address. As an added bonus, you'll receive our "Foundation E-News" monthly e-blast.

Moved recently? Send us your current phone number and physical address so you won't miss out on any breaking Central news. Email addresses and current contact information can be sent to [foundation@chsfomaha.org](mailto:foundation@chsfomaha.org).

# Eagles Making Headlines



Central continues to set the standard for excellence as the achievements of its students, faculty, and alumni capture local, state, and national attention. Congratulations to the following inspiring Eagles:

- **Elizabeth de Laitre** was named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* 2011 All-State Academic Team and was named top scholar of the state of Nebraska. She is also a National Merit finalist and a Presidential Scholars Program finalist.
- **CHS students named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* 2011 All-State Academic Honorable Mention Team:** Bobby Mancuso, Noam Margalit, Henry Nunn, John Rooney, and Isaac Thomas.
- Central staff members **Gregory Sand**, math teacher, and **Angela Meyer**,

guidance counselor, received Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Awards.

- **Ted Lampkin** was named the *Omaha World-Herald's* 2011 Boys Athlete of the Year, retaining the honor for Central. Deverell Biggs '10 received the honor last year.

In addition, Central was profiled as "an urban high school that works" on a segment of MSNBC's *The Dylan Ratigan Show* in January. Ratigan made the stop in Omaha while traveling the country for an "Innovation in Education" tour. Susie Buffett '71 was a featured guest of the program which was also attended by 150 students and staff.

# Central High School Golf Outing Sets Record with \$40,000 Raised

The CHS Foundation's most successful fundraiser of the year took place June 6 on the grounds of Field Club of Omaha. Over 200 alumni, parents, friends and others dusted off their putters for a good cause and raised over \$40,000 for Central's wireless campaign.



The Central High School Golf Outing got off to a great start in its first year under the organization of the CHS Foundation, attracting participants from all different skill levels to help bring Central education into the 21st century. The event was co-chaired by Jono Bradford '95 and Wiff Farrell '91.

A 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. This year's banquet also honored former teacher, coach, and athletic director Paul Pennington, who founded the Central High Golf Outing and contributed over 34 years of service to CHS.

"We had great help from our corporate and individual sponsors, and the 'C-pass' was a big hit too," said event co-chair Jono Bradford '95. "For an extra \$25 golfers received a 10-minute swing

analysis from Golf Tech Pro and Central Grad Jamie Stogdill '96, two mulligans, entry in the Mega Putt contest, and use of the purple tees, which made those long tee shots a little easier."

"Although my name was written as co-chair, the efforts of the collective group are the reason for our success," added co-chair Wiff Farrell '91. "The excitement and forward momentum that we were all a part of has really become contagious, which is what we all wanted to see happen. I look forward to being involved with the golf outing and Central High School for many years to come."

In case you sat this year's outing out, there's plenty of time to work on your short game in time for next year's Golf Outing, June 4, 2012, at Field Club of Omaha.

## Golf Winners

### First Flight (AM)

1st Place: Justin Erpamer, Adam Rinn '96, Jamie Stogdill '96, Bennet Kinghorn  
2nd Place: Nate Bullington '99, Matt Darling '99, Nate Darling '96, Mark Ciriaco

### Co-ed Flight (AM/PM Combined)

1st Place: Bob Freeman, Kevin Garvin, Linda Gordman '58, Andy Kemp  
2nd Place: Michael Lebens '70, Jeff Lebens '73, Gary Lebens '81, Emily Lebens '03

### First Flight (PM)

1st Place: Phil Barth '58, Bill Encell '58, Elliot Gotsch, Phil Johnson '58  
2nd Place: Tony Driscoll '03, Kyle Reznicek, Phil Hruska '94, John Matthews

### Second Flight (PM)

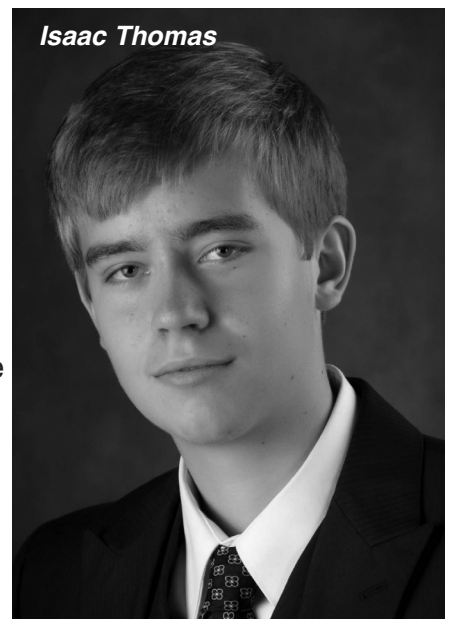
1st Place: Pete Tracey '84, Dan Bye '84, Jim Gonzales '84, Pat Salerno '84  
2nd Place: Todd Zeller, Vic Larson, Tim Schmad '63, Bob Whitehouse

### Third Flight (PM)

1st Place: Woody Bradford, Bob Hall '56, John Griffiths, Mike Walter  
2nd Place: Dave Bushey '88, Dan Corcoran '88, Andy Haggart '88, Erik Hoiekvam '88

# Student Thomas, Teacher Stastny Win Annual Award

The annual Senior Recognition Event took place on May 14, with CHS senior Isaac Thomas taking home the Student of the Year award and English teacher Jennifer Stastny receiving the Teacher-of-the-Year award.



Isaac Thomas

Thomas, after completing the self-nomination process, was chosen as Student-of-the-Year by the CHS Foundation Board of Directors and the CHS Board of Counselors.

Thomas, a band leader, state chess champ and volunteer tennis coach, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. He is the second consecutive Student-of-the-Year to attend Claremont McKenna College.

Jennifer Stastny won the Teacher-of-the-Year Award for her hard work, thoughtfulness, and patience; traits that help her reach each and every one of the students in her American Literature and British and Holocaust Literature classes.



Jennifer Stastny

In her free time, Stastny secured \$12,000 in grant funding for her class to visit the United

States Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C. Her nominating students said that Stastny has helped them to look at questions of prejudice and discrimination by engaging them on a deep level. With her personal attention to each class member, regardless of his or her abilities, she has encouraged all her students to achieve their individual goals.

Referencing her son, one nominating parent said of Stastny, "He went on to college and is studying to go into law enforcement because she kept the wind in his sails!"

The Teacher-of-the-Year recipient, who is selected by the CHS Foundation's Board of Directors, received a \$1,000 prize.

# Marantz's The Rhythm Boys Trains Spotlight on 60's-Era Central

The drama that gripped Omaha and Central in March of 1968 takes center stage in *The Rhythm Boys*. Written by Central grad Steve Marantz '69, the book features the talented '68 Central boys' basketball team that featured the first all-black starting line-up in Central history.

*The Rhythm Boys*, which hit the bookstands in March, tells the story of Coach Warren Marquiss' Central team, led by star center Dwaine Dillard '68, that cruised through the regular season on a 19-game winning streak and entered the state tournament as the odds-on favorite when the course of history intervened.

Alabama segregationist leader George Wallace made an inflammatory presidential campaign stop in Omaha just days before the tournament started, which sparked a riot in Omaha. The course of the next 24 hours led to Dillard's arrest and sent the black community of Omaha and Central into an uproar, leaving a historic championship run hanging in the balance.

Marantz, who has also authored *Sorcery at Caesars* about the rivalry between Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler, said he arrived at the topic of his latest book during a round of golf with some old classmates

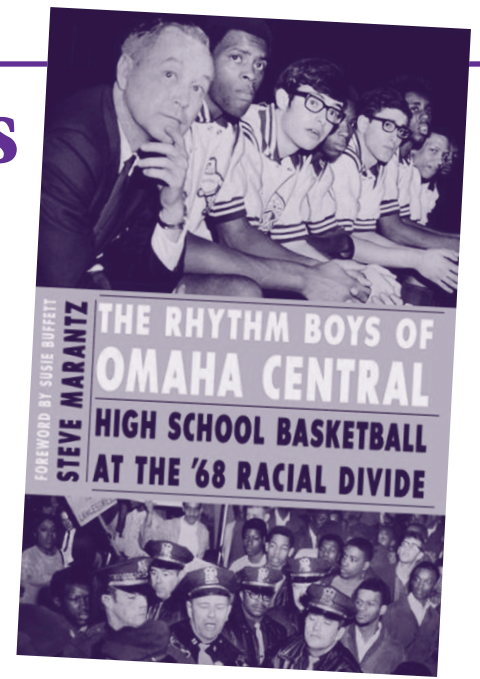
when the conversation turned to the events surrounding the '68 historic season.

"It struck me that this a story that has all the elements I could want to tell a story, and one of the major elements is that no one's done it--it's original," said Marantz. "I knew if I didn't do it, it would sort of vanish into time and history, and after everyone passed away there'd be no one else to write it down."

For Marantz, who was a Central junior during that year of upheaval and witnessed the '68 team's journey as the season unfolded, the story brought back a lot of strong memories.

"Personally for me it was kind of an awakening," said Marantz. "It was going from a stage of innocence to awareness. Jobs were disappearing and the economy was going bad, the police were overzealous, and all that anger kind of boiled over at Central."

During the process of writing the book, Marantz received help from the Central family, such as Terry Price, former Executive Director of the CHS Foundation, Jim Wigton '66 of the Alumni Association



and Vikki Dollis '68, who lent her diary to Marantz.

"Vikki was a cheerleader, a reporter for the *Register* and the girlfriend of one of the starting players," said Marantz. "She thought something good could come out of shining a light on history. Kids today may think nothing of biracial relationship because it's so tolerated; but in 1968, it was still relatively rare, and a sensitive topic."

The reception for Marantz's book has been strong, with over 70 people attending a book signing in March at The Bookworm. *The Rhythm Boys* is published by University of Nebraska Press and can be purchased online through the Central High School Alumni Association at [www.omahacentralalumni.com](http://www.omahacentralalumni.com).



Max Kennedy (center) Ed's sister Lou Ann Niebur Huffmann (left of Max) Ed's wife Joan Neibur Rosecrans (right of Max) + 3 of Ed's brothers

## Class of '61 Reunion Research leads to Vietnam War Memorial Addition

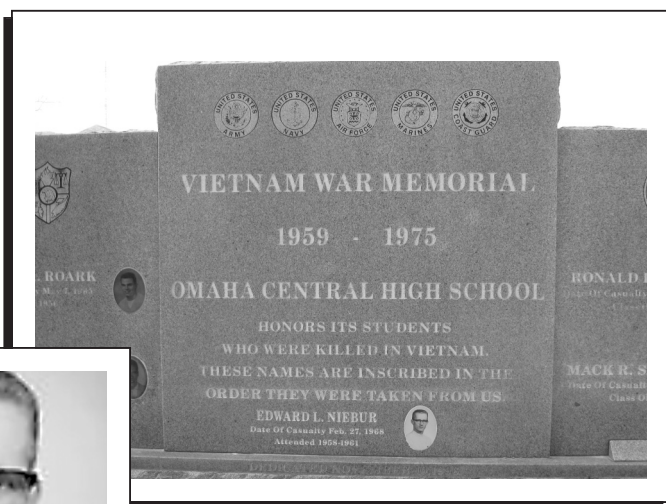
One purpose of having a class reunion is to get reacquainted with former classmates. Another purpose, to account for "lost" classmates, is just what the class of '61 accomplished in preparation for its 50th reunion when it discovered that classmate Edward L. Niebur had died in the Vietnam War.

On May 4, a special ceremony was held in honor of Niebur's service at Central. Niebur and his photo were added to the 12 plaques and names of the Central Vietnam Memorial with the help of CHS JROTC and the CHS Music Department. Over 20 of Niebur's surviving family members, including his two sons and wife, attended.

What had started out as a search for an old classmate turned into a historical investigation when Ken Lungren '61 informed Principal Keith Bigsby that he believed he had found out that Niebur, a 1958-61 CHS student, had died in the Vietnam War.

Bigsby called Max Kennedy '53, who did some research and contacted Niebur's family. Kennedy's research revealed that Niebur had transferred to Tech High as a senior to train to become a nurse and later joined the Navy as a Hospital Man. He later served with the Marines at Khe Sahn, where he was killed by mortar fire on February 29, 1968.

"Dr. Bigsby asked me to check it out," said Kennedy, "and during the next nine months I worked with Niebur's family and Jack Kidwiler '64, who originally donated the memorial in 1996. We also got help from Frank Milachek '61 with paint for the lettering, and the senior 2011 class of the JROTC, who added the paint to refurbish the 15-year old memorial."



Edward L. Niebur  
Killed in Action

## Class of 1970 Wins First Class Challenge

Congratulations to the Class of '70 for winning the First Class Challenge! The annual challenge is a friendly competition among classes holding reunions to raise money for the CHS Foundation's day-to-day operating expenses. The Class of '70 raised over \$9,000 and won the competition for the second time. The class previously won the First Class Challenge at its 30th reunion in 2000.

"The Class of '70 had a great turnout at its September 2010 reunion with classmates coming from 14 different states," said Susan Lebens '70. "In addition to just being with each other again, the highlights included a tailgate party at the Scouler Ballroom, a football game at the beautiful new stadium, tours of the school, and a dinner at the Press Club."

## Class of 1955 Celebrated Memorable 55th Reunion, Already Planning for 60th

"A 55th reunion is well worth celebrating," said Dorothy Rasgorshek '55. "It was our classmate Phil Schrage who insisted that we hold the event, but, sadly, he passed away before the reunion. We had a full weekend at the Regency Marriott with the Sunday brunch being my favorite time to unwind. We realize the class gets smaller and smaller each year, but those who could attend are enthusiastic, nostalgic, and insistent on celebrating a 60th in four years!"



## Reuniting With Old Friends Highlight of Class of 1960 Reunion

The Class of 1960 celebrated its 50-year class reunion October 1-2, 2010. The event attracted 122 classmates, plus 63 spouses and significant others who reunited and revisited memories of Central and each other.

"Although the class of 1960 experienced perfect weather and wonderful food at Rick's Café Boatyard and the Durham Museum, the best element was being able to reunite with old friends and classmates," commented Roger Sayers '60.

"Because of the generosity of many members of the class, costs for the two-day reunion were kept to a minimum," added Sayers. As a result, the class was able to donate \$3,700 to the Central High School Foundation.

# 50 YEARS

## Registers Nearly Complete, O-Books Coming Soon

Thanks to the careful and steady leadership of Alumni Association members Barry Combs '50 and Jim Wigton '66, the online Central archives now contain a searchable database of nearly all of the *Registers* spanning back to 1874. The oldest continuously operating student newspaper west of the Mississippi, the *Register* archive contains roughly 15,000 pages spanning 134 years.

The *O-Book* collection is now being scanned and is expected to be available for online viewing this fall. The Central High School Historical Timeline has also been expanded and is available online at [www.centralhighomaha.org](http://www.centralhighomaha.org).

In addition, the Alumni Association has spearheaded the initiative to preserve Central's priceless collection of artifacts and historical documents. These items – which date back 140 years - have been transferred from non-archival storage to acid-free containers and steel cabinets where they will be safely preserved for future generations.

These archival projects were made possible thanks to the generosity of the many donors who contributed to the Foundation's Central High School 150th anniversary underwriting campaign.

## New Staff Members Join CHS Foundation Team

The CHS Foundation added the talents of two new members to its staff this year with the promotion of Michele Roberts to the position of Executive Director and Robyn G. Hubbard filling the newly created Director of Operations position.

Roberts, a former teacher and Head Women's Basketball Coach at Central, was named Executive Director in July 2011. She joined the Foundation as Development Director in August 2010.

In her first nine months with the Foundation, Roberts helped launch the two-year, \$1.4 million capital campaign to bring 21st century learning classrooms to Central and established corporate sponsorships with Coca-Cola, First National Bank, Methodist Health System, and Midland

University. Roberts also created the Generation "C" program to raise money for student and alumni activities and wrote grants that have put \$65,000 directly into Central classrooms.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Roberts served as Director of Women's Basketball Operations at Iowa State University, where she earned a master's degree in education. She has also served as Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at UNO and taught at Central from 1996-2003, where she coached the girls' basketball team to back-to-back state tournaments in 2001 and 2002, including the 2002 semifinals.

Robyn Hubbard, taking on the newly created Director of Operations position, brings a legal background to the Foundation, as well as 30 years of work at her family business Ginn Oil Company and Goodies Mini Marts. After having sold the family business, Hubbard opened the yarn shop String of Purls, which she operated for almost eight years before joining the Foundation in June of 2011.

Born and raised in Omaha,

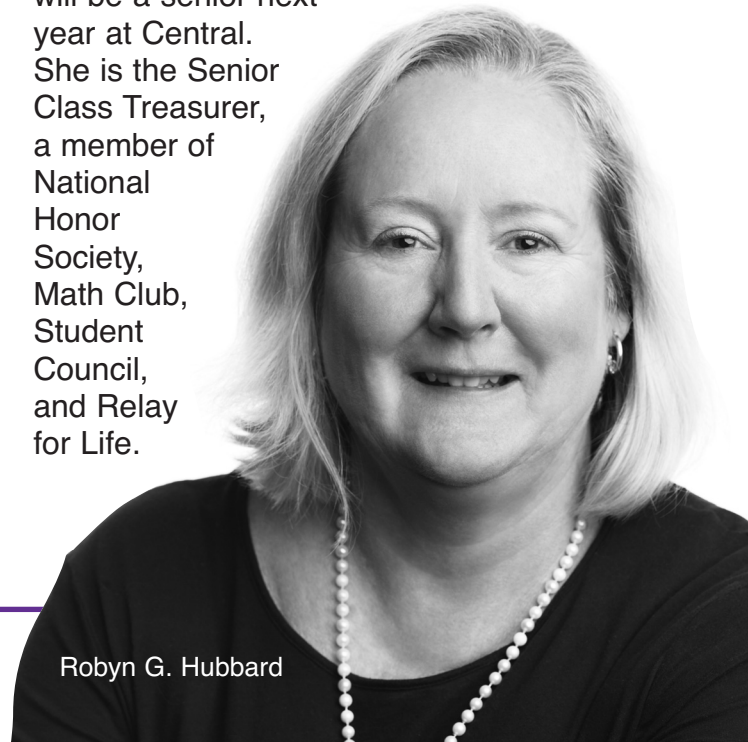
Hubbard's attachment to Central runs deep, with her father graduating from Central in 1941 and her children graduating in 2006 and 2009.

The Foundation also employed two CHS students: Molly McVay and Irene Haorei. Molly has worked at the Foundation since February of 2010 as a student intern. She graduated from Central in May and will be attending DePaul University in the fall where she is planning to study sociology.

Irene has been working as a student intern at the Foundation since August 2010 and will be a senior next year at Central. She is the Senior Class Treasurer, a member of National Honor Society, Math Club, Student Council, and Relay for Life.



Michele Roberts



Robyn G. Hubbard

## The Central High School Foundation

Statements of Financial Position • June 30, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS	2011	2010
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank	\$601,288	\$658,014
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	703	1,420
Contributions receivable	-	1,307
Pledges receivable	164,750	141,156
Total current assets	<u>\$766,741</u>	<u>\$801,897</u>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Office equipment	\$40,985	\$40,236
Less accumulated depreciation	38,060	35,841
Total equipment	<u>\$2,925</u>	<u>\$4,395</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$80,488	\$79,223
Deposits	600	600
Long-term pledges receivable	47,056	74,398
Long-term investments, at market value	755,499	624,792
Total other assets	<u>\$883,643</u>	<u>\$779,013</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,653,309</u>	<u>\$1,585,305</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$-	\$-
Scholarships payable	21,300	29,730
Total current liabilities	<u>\$21,300</u>	<u>\$29,730</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$588,962	\$75,852
Designated	-	481,153
Temporarily restricted	315,669	291,492
Permanently restricted	727,378	707,078
Total net assets	<u>\$1,632,009</u>	<u>\$1,555,575</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$1,653,309</u>	<u>\$1,585,305</u>

## Central High School Foundation Honor/Memorial Scholarship Recipients for the Class of 2011:

- *Class of 1932* - Ariana Koch
- *Class of 1939* - Claire Ferguson
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- *W. Edward Clark (1932)* - Erin Weis
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- *G.E. "Doc" Moller* - Elizabeth de Laittre
- *Terry Moshier (1954)* - Jordan Somer
- *Debra Peirce (1982)* - Kaley Storm
- *Ramona Byers Sanders (1965)* - Andrew Evans
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- *James Baume Stryker (1942)* - Abby Mandell
- *CHS Foundation Student of the Year* - Isaac Thomas
- *Augusta Turpin* - Grace Farrell
- *Donald R. Weber (1933)* - Kathryn Greenwood
- *World War II Memorial* - Jacquelyn Harper

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- *Henry Davis (1969)* - Oluyomi Adekunle, Nyachang Johnson, and Shane Vogel
- *Paul Jepsen (1924)* - Abigail Sjogren (2008), Chloe Greguska (2008), Nhu Le (2009), Rebecca Sevela (2009), Qianli Wang (2010), Joel Gonzalez (2010), Enrique Perdomo (2011), Fang Zheng (2011), and Che'Lynn Thompson (2011)
- *Allen & Doris Oglander Scholarship* - Rebecca Harrison (2010) and Jaila Carter (2011)
- *Ruth Pilling (1926 and staff)* - Bianca Zuniga
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- *Lyn & Stephen Bouma* - Lea Farho
- *Band Parent Organization Scholarships*: Robin Fey, Christina Klem, and Isaac Thomas
- *V.O.I.C.E. Scholarships*: Sara Doghman, Lea Farho, Colleen Kilcoyne, and Molly McVay

## Foundation Responsibilities

The office responsibilities of the Central High School Foundation include:

- Sponsoring Rock the Nest, Senior Recognition Night, and the Central High School Golf Outing
- Raising money for capital projects for Central High School
- Managing the scholarship endowment fund
- Writing grants
- Providing class reunion assistance
- Maintaining an extensive database of more than 50,000 alumni, parents, staff, and friends
- Serving as a liaison between Central High School and the community
- Operating the Central High School Foundation office

## Plan Ahead For Central's Future

There are many ways to give to the CHS Foundation, now or in your estate plan. You may wish to consider one of the options below. For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney, or the CHS Foundation office at (402) 556-1996 or [foundation@chsfomaha.com](mailto:foundation@chsfomaha.com).

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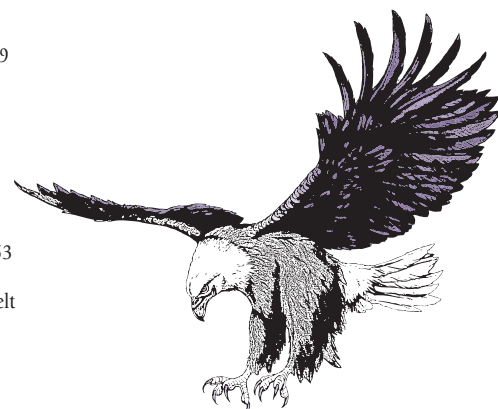
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# Save the Date: 2011 Hall of Fame Ceremony is Oct. 6

The lives of eleven individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service will be celebrated in an awards ceremony slated for Oct. 6, 2011. The 13th annual Hall of Fame dinner begins at 6 pm in the Central High School courtyard. The induction ceremony, which is free and open to the public, begins at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium. Photographs and biographies of those honored this year are featured below. A reservation form for the Hall of Fame dinner is available on page 12. If you would like to nominate a CHS alumini or booster for the CHS Hall of Fame, please contact the Foundation at (402) 556-1996 or [foundation@chsfomaha.org](mailto:foundation@chsfomaha.org). The nomination form can be found online at [www.centralhighomaha.org](http://www.centralhighomaha.org). Nominations are due by Dec. 1st.



## Marion G. Crandell Class of 1889

An 1889 graduate of Omaha High School, now Central High School, Marion traveled to France, where she studied at the Sorbonne University receiving a degree in French. She was teaching French in Iowa when the United States entered WWI. Marion responded to the need for service by becoming a war relief volunteer through the YWCA. As a volunteer in support of the troops of both the United States and France, Marion served at a canteen near the French front lines. The canteen provided refreshments and respite for soldiers who were allowed to leave the front line for brief periods. She also taught French to other volunteers. In 1918, an artillery shell struck the canteen where she was serving, killing her. As a result, she became the first American woman killed in active service during WWI. She received full burial honors from the French military and is at rest in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery along side other American soldiers who were killed on the Western Front. Memorials to Marion's service include a building named in her honor at St. Katharine's School in Davenport, Iowa, both a section of Iowa highway named in her honor and a Gold Star Highway Marker in place near Davenport, an Iowa Historical Marker on the grounds of St. Katharine's, and her name listed on the WWI Memorial at Central.



## George Crenshaw Class of 1958

The academic and athletic credentials of George Crenshaw exemplify his personal achievement. While completing three degrees during his educational career (B.S., M.S. and ED.D.), he was a social studies teacher, recreational supervisor, head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, program director, assistant principal, and high school principal. His career and civic honors include being selected as the Administrator of the Year in Phoenix and the recipient of the Omaha Urban League Outstanding Citizen Award. His personal athletic achievements included being a Nebraska All-State high school wrestling champion, an NAIA wrestling champion, being selected as an All American in wrestling, and as an inductee into both the UNO Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame. Beyond these accomplishments, George was an active member in the communities where he lived, including, while in Omaha, working with the Desegregation Institute Advisory Committee and the North Omaha Community Action Council, and, in Arizona, as a member of the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board and the Arizona Anytown Advisory Committee. George's achievements spring from a quiet competence, also exemplified in his dedication to his wife, Gloria, and the special care that he has provided to her.



## Daniel J. Daly Distinguished Faculty

Dan Daly's distinguished career as an English teacher and English Department Head at Central encompassed 37 years. As a teacher, Dan challenged his students daily and held high expectations for their achievement -- and they responded to his expectations because of his vast knowledge of his subject matter (whether language, literature, or composition), his unbounded enthusiasm for all that he taught, and for the creative lesson designs and instructional materials which he prepared for his students. At the same time, during Dan's 23 years as department head, he held the same high expectations for the many teachers who were members of his department. As department head, Dan monitored and developed the English curriculum at Central; and he provided leadership for instructional improvement for all of Central's English teachers. As one of his former students and then parent of a student has stated, "As the long-time chair of the English Department, he took a program with a rich heritage and, by casting it with his own brand, made it even greater." Over the course of his career, Dan received several foundation and government grants, was a consultant/AP Writing Test evaluator, and received many awards for teaching excellence, including the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award (1989) and the CHS Teacher of the Year Award (1972).



## Charles W. Dickerson, III Class of 1959

The life of Charles "Charlie" Dickerson is a blueprint for versatility and service to others. During his years at Central, Charlie was a member of the CHS Student Council, a JROTC captain and company commander, a baseball letterman, and a football letterman, including being selected as one of the inaugural Shrine Bowl Game captains. After graduating

from CHS, Charlie enrolled at Penn State University, and following that graduation, he served his country as an Ensign in the United States Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Springfield. After Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin, Charlie's professional business life included a 30 year career with AT&T, having management responsibilities for maintenance operations, human relations, new services, and technical sales support. At the same time, Charlie was active in his New Jersey community by serving on several county and township planning boards and committees associated with many citizen groups, including Family Services, the YMCA, Homeless Solutions, a national fraternity, and several churches. Charlie has continued his service to others through his work as both a professor and adjunct assistant professor teaching American history, African American history, and other related courses at area colleges and universities.



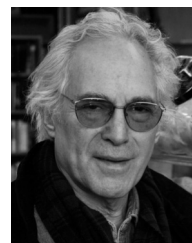
## Stanford Lipsey Class of 1945

Stanford Lipsey's achievements span journalism, photography, historic preservation and philanthropy. He began his career at the Sun Newspapers of Omaha, becoming owner and publisher. Selling the papers to Warren Buffett, he stayed, teamed with Buffett and editor Paul Williams, winning the Sun a Pulitzer Prize for investigating reporting. Buffett purchased the Buffalo News, and in 1983 Lipsey became its publisher, which he remains. He received two NY State Governor's Awards: for leading the largest Frank Lloyd Wright restoration in the world, and for his commitment to the arts, including sponsoring the longest running free jazz concert series in the country, now in its 31st year. His life-long passion of photography has led to 13 museum and gallery exhibitions and two books. The United Way named him Philanthropist of the year in 2003. The University Michigan named its Student Publication Building after him in 2006.



## Kate McHugh Distinguished Faculty

Kate McHugh was the "first lady" of Central in many respects. She was the first, and only, female principal of Central in its 151-year history, serving from 1911-1914, completing a 40 year career in education when she retired. As CHS principal, she established the first student council, she recognized debate as a class, awarded the first letter in debate, hired the first experienced debate coach, and she built the first CHS courtyard. She was elected the first female President of the Nebraska State Teacher's Association, one of the state's most prestigious and powerful organizations. Prior to becoming principal at Central, she was an English teacher, English Department Head, and assistant principal. She was identified in the yearbook as being the "most popular teacher, having a charm of manner and gift of expression." At a ceremony honoring her for her work, she stated that "the teacher's duty is not merely the graduating of boys and girls, but the fashioning of human souls."



## Jay Milder Class of 1952

Focusing on biblical, spiritual, and philosophical themes and iconic imagery, the paintings of Jay Milder have been recognized and exhibited nationally and internationally in one man shows, in galleries, in museums, and in exhibits in the United States, notably in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Ohio, and California. His work has also been exhibited internationally in Mexico (Guadalajara), in Europe, in Brazil, in Israel, in Puerto Rico, and in Yugoslavia. Jay has been proclaimed by critic D. Kuspi as the second best biblical painter of the 20th Century. Jay developed his talent by studying under several renowned painters and sculptors both in the United States (New York and Chicago) and in Europe, particularly in Paris. Recognition for his work has included the Mexican government's Honor Award for Artists and a Rainbow Arts Foundation Award. In addition to his work as an artist, Jay lectured for seven years at the Yale Graduate School of Painting and at the City University of New York where he was honored as Emeritus Professor at the City College of New York.



## Ann (Rosenblatt) Ronell Class of 1923

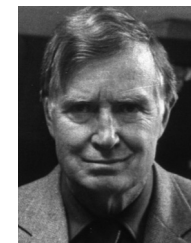
Using her special talent, coupled with perseverance, Ann (Rosenblatt) Ronell became recognized as a pioneer for all women seeking careers in the music industry as song writers, lyricists, composers, arrangers, and musical directors for films. After graduating from Radcliffe and making the acquaintance of George Gershwin, Ann chose to follow the path of music, initially choosing song writing as her career. Her successful writing of the

song, "Willow Weep for Me," helped to open doors and to launch her very successful career in the music industry. She collaborated with Irving Berlin on projects and was soon hired by the Walt Disney Studios where she helped to prepare music for several Disney productions. Over the course of her career, she participated in preparing the soundtracks for many Hollywood films. For the majority of her career, Ann focused on all aspects of film music; however, she also wrote music and lyrics for Broadway productions, and she also composed an operetta and translated and adapted opera and operetta libretti. After she returned to New York from California, she served on the boards of several musical and theatrical organizations, and she was inducted into the National Academy of Music's Song Writer's Hall of Fame.



## Larry Station Class of 1982

Larry Station exemplifies the phrase, "outstanding scholar-athlete." While at Central, Larry participated in football and track. In football he was selected for All-Conference and All-City honors and, for two consecutive years, as first team All-State. He also excelled in track, winning the state championship in the shot put his junior and senior years and the state championship in the discus his senior year. Upon graduation, he enrolled at the University of Iowa where he began establishing records and garnering honors while playing linebacker for the Hawkeyes. He was a Big Ten Conference leader in tackles, helping to take the Hawkeyes to four consecutive bowl games. His 492 tackles are the most for a linebacker in Hawkeye history. Additional honors include selection as a team co-captain, an All Big Ten linebacker, first team All Big Ten (three consecutive years), first team All American (two consecutive years), an Academic All American (two consecutive years), a winner of Iowa's Scholastic Achievement Award, a finalist for both the Lombardi and Butkus Awards, and a member of the All-Time University of Iowa Football Team. He has been inducted into the Iowa Sports Hall of Fame, the College Football Hall of Fame, the Omaha Sports Hall of Fame, The Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame, and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.



## Benjamin Sylvester Class of 1942

Ben Sylvester, son of Ruth Mills, '12 is the prototype for the term, CHS Alumni. After graduating from CHS in 1942, Ben served his country for two years in the Philippines during WWII. After his return from the war, he entered college, received degrees from both Harvard (B.A.) and Oxford (B.A. and M.A.), and began an over 40 year teaching career at the Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut where he taught history and coached crew. At the same time, Ben never forgot his "home" high school (CHS), particularly those CHS classmates who also served during WWII, and to that end, he provided countless hours of his time in doing research, as well as providing significant financial support, for projects related to those CHS graduates who became casualties of WWII. His quest to honor those who had served included establishing a CHS Memorial Scholarship for Jim Stryker, a WWII classmate killed in Germany, and his financing of the binding of books, which included students' research on CHS WWII casualties. He also provided donations to the CHS Foundation to provide assistance for research being done by CHS American history students and for the restoring and moving of the War Memorial Plaques to the West Entrance at Central.



## Richard Undeland Class of 1948

As a foreign service officer for the United States, Richard devoted himself to providing special, diplomatic service for his country, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. After graduating from Harvard and, then, the Stanford Business School, Richard went to Cairo University, studied Arabic, and began his diplomatic career by joining the United States Information Agency. During the 35 year career that followed, Richard served in eleven Arab countries with an additional assignment to Vietnam and to Washington D.C. on two occasions. Richard, along with his wife, Joan, completed assignments in Alexandria, Algiers, Amman, Bahrain, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Kuwait, Qatar, Rabat, Saigon, and Tunis, serving as Information Officer, Field Operations Officer, and Public Affairs Officer. Richard's great enthusiasm for his work is seen in his recognizing the special opportunity that his work allowed him in "developing bonds, presenting America's policies, aims and goals, it's multifaceted picture, promoting dialogue, hearing out the other person /side -- all this was stimulating, illuminating and...mutually beneficial..." Richard achieved the rank of Minister-Counselor and received the Career Achievement Award.



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## Current Central News from Principal Keith Bigsby

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our students and staff over the past school year, 2010-2011 was definitely a memorable one for Central High. To list just a few of Central's accomplishments, the graduating seniors of 2011 earned over \$11 million in scholarships; both the Boys' Basketball and Boys' Track team won Class A Titles; Elizabeth de Laittre was named to the *Omaha World-Herald's* Academic All State Team; and Teddy Lampkin was named the *Omaha World-Herald's* Nebraska Male Student/Athlete of the year. In addition, Central staff members Greg Sand and Angie Meyer received Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Awards.



Over 750 freshmen will start Central this year as the Class of 2015. Central continues to be a hugely popular school of choice in Omaha, and we will most likely be the largest high school in the state for the upcoming year. Our outstanding college preparatory program is undoubtedly one of the big reasons why so many students seek out a "Downtown High School."

Central High now offers 26 Advanced Placement courses along with the dual enrollment programs in cooperation with UNO and Midland University. In addition, Central will enter its final year of International Baccalaureate (IB) candidacy with the expectation that it will be an official IB world school at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Our Fine Arts Program continues to display excellence through our marching band, vocal groups, art department and outstanding annual performances including the fall play, Road Show and musical.

Congratulations and thanks to the CHS Foundation for putting on a number of highly successful fundraising projects and activities on Central High's behalf. As well as raising money for our wireless campaign, Generation "C," the Hall of Fame Dinner, Rock the Nest "Trivia Night", Peter Buffett Concert, and the Central High Golf Outing were all successful in keeping our past, our present, and our future Eagles connected to our common mission of supporting and enhancing the "best high school in country."

I'll be looking forward again this summer and early fall to meeting with several reunion groups. Hearing the stories and history of Central High is always an enjoyable time, and it's fun to show off to alumni many of the newer additions and enhancements to our school.

The support of the Central High Foundation and its generous supporters is truly appreciated by faculty and students. We wouldn't be the educational leader we are today without you!

### Peggy Karr Ornaments Make Great Gifts

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### 13th Annual CHS Hall of Fame Dinner Oct. 6, 2011

**Dinner** - 6 pm in the CHS Courtyard  
**Program** - 7:30 pm in the CHS Auditorium  
**Price** - \$45 per person or \$360 per table of eight.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve space for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$45 each.

I would like to reserve a table for \$360  
(Please provide a list of your guests' names.)

**Please make your check payable to the CHS Alumni Association.**  
Your check must accompany your reservation and be received by Sept. 30th.  
If you have questions, please contact Roy Katskee at [rkats1@cox.net](mailto:rkats1@cox.net), (402) 572-7512 or Janis Weidenhammer at (402) 399-1348 or [jweidenh@hdr.com](mailto:jweidenh@hdr.com).

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