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# THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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**Board of Directors:** Back: Dr. Gary Thompson, Harry Gaylor & Mike Gaherty; Middle: David Hendee, Terry Price & Dr. Rusty Crossman; Front: Merrilee Moshier Miller, Beverly Bloom Fellman, Patti Gatzke & Dr. Barbara Waldron Coffey

## A LOOK AT CENTRAL TODAY

When Gary Thompson, Central High School principal, begins to speak of Central's past, present, and future, one gets the feeling that he is a man who has a clear understanding of all three. And, for good reason. While he is not a graduate of Central High, Dr. Thompson was a teacher and department head at CHS from 1973-1983. He returned in the late 80's to serve briefly as an assistant principal. Then, he came back to the hilltop for good in 1995 as principal, succeeding Dr. G.E. "Doc" Moller. He has seen the Central of the past and the great tradition that accompanies it.

He has an equally clear vision of Central's present and future. And what the man sees is a vibrant, growing urban high school that has all the ingredients of America's society today. In fact, it is that characteristic of CHS that is its strength, just as it has been for the many decades of the past.

"Central High is the largest and most diverse high school in the State of Nebraska," Thompson proudly says. "Central has always had a diverse student population, but today's diversity is different from the past because it is truly a reflection of the world today."

Thompson recites by memory the following statistics regarding the 2,371 students who are enrolled in 2000-2001: 28% Black; 11% Hispanic; 2% Asian; 1% Native American, and 58% Caucasian. Counted among these statistics are 150 students attending Central from Latin America, South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Perhaps two current Central High students say it best.

"The diversity at Central is awesome," sophomore Jessica Richart says. "Everybody talks about the real world. If you only experience the same kind of people, then you will never grow, you won't be ready for the real world. I'll be prepared!"

Or, these words from freshman Tamara Cooks: "I like Central because



Dr. Gary Thompson, CHS  
Principal

it's a small world. There are people of many different backgrounds, some who speak different languages, and it's like what the real world is."

Dr. Thompson doesn't stop with diversity when discussing Central's strengths. Many of these strengths have been a part of the institution for years — extremely high academic standards, including a very strong honors and advanced placement program; steeped in tradition; a great faculty; numerous outstanding extracurricular activities; excellent parent involvement, and much more.

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But for anyone familiar with Central High School, one knows that these accomplishments have been achieved in spite of a 100-year-old physical structure which so many of Central's students and staff over the years have come to love....and hate.

Thanks to a \$10 million renovation project in the late 1970s and early 1980s, some things of Central's past have changed. The girls and boys stairs are now open for all. The restrooms are all on main floors. The courtyard is now enclosed and is a focal point for many activities, including serving as a third lunchroom for about 800 students daily. The administrative offices are now on the west side of the building. A practice football field and a second gym now exist.

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## CHS FOUNDATION

### Making Good Things Happen

Dr. Rusty Crossman admits that patience is not one of his virtues. So being involved in the formation and nurturing of the Central High School Foundation has been a real test for him. But his patience is paying off as Crossman now oversees a fledgling foundation that is making good things happen at Central.

Crossman, a 1966 Central graduate, was instrumental in the Foundation's formation in 1996. It was at that time that Crossman joined with CHS parent Mike Gottschalk to create a 501(C)(3) entity — The Central High School Foundation. An immediate concern was to transfer the \$255,000 that was in an existing Central High Endowment Fund from the Omaha Public School's coffers to the Foundation's.

"Thanks to the legal help of Mike Gottschalk we were able to convince OPS to let the Foundation manage the Central funds," Crossman says. The endowment fund has since grown to over \$315,000.

The Foundation is now the umbrella organization for several activities and programs. They include:

- Management and maintenance of an extensive alumni database
- Central High School Alumni Association
- Sports boosters organizations
- VOICE (Volunteer Organization Invested in Choral Excellence)
- The PEP Scholarship Auction

"Our major accomplishment to date has been the establishment of our alumni database," Crossman says. "When we first started thinking about the foundation concept, we knew that schools like Benson and South already had huge alumni groups. We wanted the same thing for Central, so it had to start with compiling a database. Now this database is growing year by year.

"The database will be especially beneficial for the younger alums as they plan their reunions," Crossman says. "The Foundation staff can provide valuable assistance to the reunion planners."

Crossman encourages interested people to get involved in the Foundation. Besides the Foundation's Board of Directors, of which Crossman is president, there also is the Foundation's Board of Counselors consisting of alumni, former faculty members, and CHS parents and supporters. In addition, the CHS Alumni Association has become extremely active and has been instrumental in the establishment of

the Central High School Hall of Fame. And, the PEP organization continues to sponsor the annual Scholarship Auction.



Dr. Rusty Crossman, CHS  
Foundation President

"We can always use more manpower with some of the projects in which we get involved," Crossman says. "And, obviously, if people want to participate financially with a specific project, that's always welcome."

"There are many things that can be done outside the OPS budget to preserve the fabric of Central."

Crossman cited the recent recognition that the Foundation gave to the Outback Steakhouses in Omaha.

"Kathy and Scott Silvey, the owners of the Outback Steakhouses have been extremely generous to Central High School," Crossman says. "They have provided all the food for our sports banquets, tailgate parties, and some faculty and staff activities. This is just one example of how people can assist Central."

Assisting Central is what it's all about as far as Crossman is concerned.

"Unfortunately, the physical plant today is very much like it was when I was in school," Crossman says. "But, Central still has those characteristics which set it apart — diversity, strong academics, and quality involvement of its faculty. I want to preserve those things.

"Everything is moving west in Omaha," Crossman continues. "That puts Central in a precarious situation as a downtown school if we're not willing to step up as alums and parents to give it all the support we can. There are many things that can be done outside the OPS budget to preserve the fabric of Central."

A graduate of St. Olaf College, Crossman went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical School. For the past 24 years he has been one of the region's top ophthalmologists and is now a partner with First Eye Associates.

There's no question he's still keeping a sharp eye on Central!

## A LOOK AT CENTRAL TODAY

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But even with these improvements, there is much that needs to be done. Thanks to a recently approved bond issue, a \$15+ million renovation project will begin in June. Projected to take two years, the renovation will include a complete air-conditioning and climate control system, a new cafeteria and kitchen (where the "old" gym currently is), an addition to the "new" gym, additional space added under the "new" gym, and new technology classrooms on the top floor, currently occupied by the cafeterias.

While Thompson is excited about the upcoming renovation, he knows that the future holds more challenges.

"We're going to build a great new technology center in the area presently occupied by the fourth floor cafeterias and kitchen," he says. "Our challenge now is to come up with the technology and furniture to equip the center. School district and Central High budgets just do not have the dollars required to meet these technology needs."

Thompson is a real believer in the technology age. Every freshman is required to take an Introductory to Technology course. Students learn such things as the Microsoft Office package, how to surf the Web for research projects, how to develop a Power Point presentation, and numerous other computer uses.

It is with such needs as those associated with the new technology center that Thompson hopes to look to the Central High School Foundation for help.

"The Foundation, in many ways, is still in its infancy," he says. "But, just like our school, I see a great future. Six or seven years ago, we had no database of Central graduates. Thanks to the work of the Foundation (and Alumni Association) we now have over 32,000 alums in our system. That was a major task."

With such vehicles as the Foundation's First Annual Report, Thompson hopes to get the word out about Central's needs and how Central alumni might be able to help. While computers top the list, future needs range anywhere from historical display cases, to preservation of historical documents ("O-Book," CHS Register, etc.), to new equipment and supplies for departments such as science and improved athletic facilities.

"With the growth of the Alumni Association and Foundation, I have seen more reunions than ever," Thompson says. "It's been a real 'plus' as alums get a closer look at the Central of today. Hopefully they like what they see and become an even greater part of the school through the Foundation or the Alumni Association."

What Thompson thinks they'll see is a school of which they can be proud.

"One of Central's strengths is that we have created a culture, one in which kids feel welcome, a school they can truly call their own," Thompson says. "Through organizations like the Foundation and the Alumni Association, we can continue to emphasize this same culture among our graduates."

## PURPLE AND WHITE, A FAMILY TRADITION

Although every high school has its families who generation after generation attend the same school, one would be hard-pressed to find any more of a family tradition than that which exists with the Purple and White Central High Eagles. It is unique, especially for a downtown school that has stood tall for over 100 years while its environment has changed dramatically.

While Central High's physical presence is still majestic as it sits on the hilltop, what draws families to attend Central are things much more meaningful. What follows is a capsule look at how three Central High families view CHS.



Sandy Friedman CHS 1964, Dusty Friedman CHS 2000, Molline Rubin Cassman CHS 1948, Andrea Friedman CHS 1997

### The Friedman Family

When Dusty Friedman (2000) and his sister Andrea (1997) graduated from Central High, they continued a CHS tradition in the Sandy Friedman family that dates back four generations. Sandy is a 1964 CHS grad and currently serves on the Central High School Foundation's Board of Counselors. Sandy's mother-in-law Molline Cassman graduated from Central in 1948. And dating back even further, her mother Sarah Tuchman graduated from Central about 1910!

So, why does a family that lives in west Omaha still continue to attend Central?

"I'm still a real believer in Central and its academic excellence," Sandy says. "No doubt my kids heard about Central's great tradition from me, but it was their choice as to where they wanted to go. Now that they're in college, both kids have told me how the experience of attending a school like Central and its diversified student body has really helped prepare them for college."

Because of Dusty's and Andrea's before and after school activities, Sandy and his wife Amy gave of their time to get the kids to and from school - no easy task coming from west Omaha. But to the Friedmans, the sacrifice was well worth the effort.

"I've got tremendous memories of my Central High days," Sandy says. "Now my kids do, too."



Back row: Julie Ramsey '69, Barbara Ramsey '63, Hilary Foster '90, Sydney Foster '93, Carol Ramsey '69, Mollie (Mary Laura) Ramsey Foster '61, Front: David Cutright, Bill Ramsey '30, Mary Jane "Kop" Kopperud Ramsey '38, Terry Foster '59, On lap: Ryan Cutright

### The Ramsey Family

When talking to Mary Jane "Kop" Ramsey, one can see why the Ramseys have had three generations of Central grads. Her praise for the Purple and White is effusive.

"Kop," a nickname that comes from her maiden name "Kopperud," and her ex-husband Bill both attended Central. Bill graduated in 1930 while Kop was in the class of 1938. Kop speaks with unbridled enthusiasm when talking about what makes Central stand apart from others.

"The Central High faculty has always been superlative," Kop says. "Through my years at Central, along with the years of my four daughters and two granddaughters, I have seen some real educational 'giants.' They have been, and are, truly inspirational. It's always been more than just a job to them."

While Kop's list of outstanding CHS faculty and staff members could go on and on, she did make special mention of a few.

"These are the type of educators that make Central special," Kop says. "Jesse Towne, Fred Hill, Frank Rice, Dan Daly, Erma Costello, Ed Clark, Ruth Pilling, Virginia Lee Pratt, 'Doc' Moller. And Central has many, many more just like them."

Kop also mentions how all her family has benefited from being part of Central's multi-cultural student body. Her family of CHS alumni includes daughters Molly Ramsey Foster (1961), Julie (1969), Carol (1969), and Barb (1963); son-in-law Terry Foster (1959); and granddaughters Hilary Foster (1990) and Sydney Foster (1993). Kop's sister and Bill's brother and sister also attended CHS.

Terry Foster sums it up. "Central is a tremendous place to go. When you graduate, you are as prepared as anyone could be for college."



Jamar Dorsey, CHS 2002, James Dorsey, Jr. 1974, James Dorsey, Sr. 1946

### The Dorsey Family

When Jamar Dorsey takes the field for a Central High School football game, he can hardly go unnoticed by the people in the stands. His 6'3," 335 pound frame is an imposing figure. His play on the field as an outstanding offensive and defensive tackle has attracted recruiting interest from colleges around the country.

One person who has watched Jamar play through the years is his grandfather, James Dorsey, Sr., a 1946 graduate of Central High. Now 73 years old, James still gets to the games to root Jamar on with other Dorsey family members.

Four of James' children attended Central. They include Jacqueline (1970), James Jr. (1974), Ralph (1975), and Ronald (1978). Ralph is Jamar's father.

Jamar's uncle, James Jr., has high praise for Central and its great tradition.

"For the combination of academics and athletics, I think Central is the top school in Omaha," he says. "We all enjoy watching Jamar play football, but we also enjoy watching him participate in Central's college prep academic courses."

Jamar truly does combine both of those qualities mentioned by his uncle. Only a junior, he is a three-year starter on the football team. And in the classroom he carries an outstanding GPA.

Jamar echoes his uncle's thoughts about CHS. But, he adds a couple of things when asked about the Central High tradition.

"Boy, the air-conditioning is bad," Jamar says with a broad smile on his face. "But every generation has gone through the same thing. It's a tradition. So are all the stairs at Central. My friends kid me about how many stairs we've got, but the stairs set us apart from other schools. They're unique; they're part of Central. I like them."

So many things go into making Central High what it is. It is this unique combination of characteristics that attracts generation after generation to good old CHS.

## OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE GREAT CHS SUPPORTER

Scott and Kathy Silvey's Outback Steakhouses in Omaha have been great supporters of Central High School. Over the past four years, they have contributed in the following ways to CHS:

- Donated food for the sports banquet each year
- Donated food for two tailgate parties each year
- Donated food for end-of-year faculty get-together
- Donated food for Dick Jones Track Meet
- Donated cheesecake for Senior Recognition Event
- Sponsored Outback Steakhouse Athlete of the Month

Recently, CHS Foundation President Rusty Crossman presented the Silveys with a special Eagle Award in recognition of their generosity.



Owners of the Outback Steakhouse, Scott and Kathy Silvey

# FOUNDATION PROVIDING MAJOR ASSISTANCE TO CLASS REUNIONS

# 1ST CLASS CHALLENGE

For those alumni who have ever assisted in planning a high school reunion, they are well aware of the unbelievable work involved in pulling everything off. But those days are gone – at least for Central High School alumni. Life has gotten a lot easier for reunion planners, thanks to the Central High School Foundation and its staff headed up by Terry Price. While her official title is Treasurer and Administrative Secretary of the Foundation, she does so much more.

Prior to 1998, there had never been a way to universally contact the alumni and develop a relationship with them. Nor was there a way (nor people) to offer assistance to those putting together reunion events. It was in 1998 that the Foundation purchased Blackbaud's Raiser's Edge software to track alumni information. Terry Price came on board in January 1999; since then the Foundation has been off and running.

The enthusiasm demonstrated by Price is infectious. In her role with the Foundation, she becomes the point person for each classes' reunion planners as she operates out of her home in a cozy office filled with Central High School materials.

"Thanks to our system, I'm able to give the planners the entire class list," Price says. "In addition, the reunion groups are instrumental in finding their 'lost' classmates, as each class knows their classmates best. In that way, our database just keeps getting better from reunion to reunion as we work together."

Price's assistance doesn't stop there.

"My job is to make it as easy as possible for each of the class reunion planners," she says.

Price will sort their class into



The CHS Foundation Office & Staff: Left on desk, Ashlee Seffron, CHS Sophomore; Seated on chair, Terry Price; Kneeling, Gabriela Renderos, CHS Sophomore; Standing, Pam Kirwan Bellew CHS 1966

different categories (all, found, lost, deceased) and provide the information in any format (paper copies, e-mail, disk, mail merge, Excel, etc.). She also prints labels and assists with bulk mailing tips. The alumni can even use the Foundation's bulk mail permit and its envelopes.

"We couldn't have put things together without Terry Price's help," says Sue O'Donnell, one of the planners for last summer's 40th class reunion for the class of 1960. "We were always going to her with the question, 'Now, how should we do this?' And then working together we would get it done."

Bob Stryker, class of 1950, has similar thoughts.

"It was our 50th class reunion last summer and we had not had a reunion since our 30th," Stryker says. "It was quite a job getting updates on names and addresses. We started two years in advance in getting the list put together. Working with Terry and the Foundation people was a real 'plus.'"

Price, who also assists the CHS Alumni Association, frequently will come across alumni who express an interest in helping with reunions. That information, too, is passed on to the reunion planners.

"Any type of information about alums is important to us," Price says. "You never know when you might need something."

Price recalls the time when some CHS grads attending a reunion also wanted to get their grade school chums together during their reunion. Or, another instance when the planners wanted to know which of their classmates were members of various clubs during their days at Central.

A prime example occurred last Fall when an A Cappella Reunion Choir event was held. Price indicated that if the Foundation had electronically tracked who was in A Cappella Choir over the years, many more alumni could have been notified of the event. She hopes to change all that in the future as she is constantly searching for alumni information.

One of the new and exciting things offered to class reunions is the "1st Class Challenge." This friendly class competition began in 2000 when nine classes held reunions. Each class member received a mailing, signed by one or more of the reunion planners, asking for their financial participation in the Challenge, with all funds raised going to the CHS Foundation. A plaque that would be on display at Central High would recognize the class raising the most funds.

The winner of the "1st Class Challenge" was the CHS Class of 1970. Their reunion, planned by Tony Piskac and Cheryl Marks Willis with letters signed by Mike and Susan Strauss Lebens and David Slosburg, raised \$10,020. The nine classes participating in the "1st Class Challenge" raised a total of \$25,361. Other classes participating were:

• 1942	\$2,850
• 1950	2,746
• 1955	2,015
• 1960	5,515
• 1975	\$370
• 1980	535
• 1990	425
• 1995	885

"It was great for our class of 1970 to win the '1st Class Challenge' and be able to give over \$10,000 to the Foundation," Piskac says. "The Foundation and Terry Price really helped us with a lot of the details needed to accomplish our goals."

Price is already looking forward to this year's "1st Class Challenge." She anticipates that the following classes will be participating:

1946 (55th)	1951 (50th)	1961 (40th)
1966 (35th)	1971 (30th)	1976 (25th)
1981 (20th)	1991 (10th)	

Dick Zacharia, class of 1961, is also looking forward to this year's "1st Class Challenge."

"It will be our 40th class reunion," Zacharia says. "It's great that we now have the Foundation to give us major assistance. The database gives us the ability to let a lot of people know about the reunion and the '1st Class Challenge.'"

For any information regarding these class reunions, alumni can call Price at the Foundation office.

## 2001 P.E.P. SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION



This spring's P.E.P. Scholarship Auction, attended by 400 people, raised over \$63,000. Pictured, L-R, are the auction's co-chairs Kendra Quinlan, Robyn Freeman, and Mo Anderl. Proceeds are divided equally among teacher grants, the Foundation's Scholarship Endowment Fund & P.E.P. Scholarships.

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# OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Needs List by Department

Due to serious funding inadequacies, Central High School faces a future with very limited dollars for much needed supplies and equipment. To maintain the high quality education provided by this outstanding school, funding assistance is needed.

Alumni interested in supporting the school or specific projects within the school are invited to call Principal Gary Thompson at (402) 557-3310, Dr. Rusty Crossman with the CHS Foundation at (402) 558-1349; or Terry Price with the CHS Foundation at (402) 556-2828 or you can e-mail Dr. Thompson at gthompso@ops.org, Dr. Crossman at drsjrc@aol.com, or Terry Price at chsfoundation@uswest.net

### ART

Replacement furniture for art classrooms (\$30,000)

### BUSINESS/MARKETING/TECHNOLOGY

Corkboard display bulletin boards (\$250)

Curriculum related teaching videos (\$500)

Wacom graphics tablets for computer graphics and multimedia classes (\$5,000)

Hewlett Packard Inkjet A-D Plotter for CAD lab (\$2,750)

Dell 4400 server and backup data tapes (\$5,000)

One hundred computers for three labs to which teachers can take classes (\$225,000)

Thirty multimedia computers for graphics and multimedia classroom (\$65,000)

Sixty multimedia computers for two CAD classrooms (\$110,000)

Furniture to the new computer complex to be built in old cafeterias (\$150,000)

### SPEECH AND DEBATE

Help fund speech and debate program (all contributions will help)

### DRAMA

Portable cover for orchestra pit in auditorium (\$37,000)

Replacement curtains for auditorium (\$ unknown)

### ENGLISH

Dell Mobile Computer Lab for use in classrooms (\$75,000)

Journalism photo lab, production computers, and software upgrades (\$50,000)

Replace creative writing classroom computers (\$12,000)

Replace computers in English writing lab (\$60,000)

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Computer software (\$500)

ESL dictionaries and workbooks (\$500)

Maps, dictionaries, literature, and textbooks (\$2,000)

Fund International Club field trips (\$1,000)

### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

25" TV/VCR with ceiling mount (\$450)

Fabric and patterns (\$500)

Fiskars 12" paper trimmer (\$100)

Illustration boards (\$150)

Interior design bingo (\$50)

Keepsers rough totes storage containers and shelf files for interior design (\$1,050)

Plan-It Kit for interior design (\$225)

Prismacolor colored pencils (\$250)

Project display boards (\$250)

Real Care Baby (\$500)

Small token "incentive prizes" for use throughout the year (\$200)

Under-counter microwaves for foods lab (\$800)

### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

Comprehensive language dictionary for each five-year student on graduation (\$50 per dictionary)

Foreign language magazine subscriptions (\$230 per class set per year)

Four levels of readers for each language (Latin, French, German, Spanish) (\$8,000)

Computers for language teachers' offices (\$10,000)

Induction ceremonies for the language honor societies (\$250 per year for each language)

Funding for language field trips (\$250 per event)

Paid home stay experience in another country for outstanding students (\$2,500 per student)

Sponsor student participation in foreign language competitions (\$750)

Sponsor two language teachers annually to regional and national conferences (\$500 per person)

Sponsor student participation in French immersion weekend camps (\$50 per student)

Sponsor student participation in weeklong foreign language camp (\$250 per student)

Sponsor annual international banquet (\$500)

### LIBRARY

New circulation station/desk for book checkout (\$5,000)

Oak display case for Central alumni authors (\$5,000)

### MATHEMATICS

Sponsor Math Club participation in various competitions (\$1,000)

Sponsor Central High middle school math contest (\$500)

TI-89 Graphing Calculators, Graph Link Package, and view-screen (\$5,000)

Trophy case to display awards (\$2,000)

Write and wipe boards with accessories (\$550)

### MUSIC

Instrument storage lockers (\$42,000)

Strobo tuner for tuning instruments (\$1,400)

Band and orchestra instruments (\$ costs vary)

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

Equip new aerobics classroom (\$ unknown)

Equip new wrestling room (\$ unknown)

Gut and replace men's and women's locker room facilities (\$ unknown)

Equip new athletic training room (\$ unknown)

Fund gymnasium lobby that will allow Central to host home basketball games (\$500,000)

Build baseball and softball complex at Norris Middle School (\$300,000)

### SCIENCE

Oxford Portraits in Science biographies (\$325)

TV/VCR set-ups for all science classrooms (\$7,500)

Oak display cabinets to display science materials in hallways (\$5,000)

Display board wall and posters for earth science classroom (\$2,500)

Hands-on genetics activity kits for biology (\$1,200)

Anatomy models for biology (\$3,500)

Anatomy reference charts for biology (\$1,600)

3-D molecule model building kits for biology (\$600)

Electrophoresis equipment for biology (\$1,800)

Spectrophotometers and other equipment for biology (\$4,500)

Dissection equipment and manuals for AP Biology (\$530)

Prepared slides of five kingdoms for biology (\$2,500)

River tank ecosystems for biology classrooms (\$1,500)

Technology presentation station for biology (\$5,500)

Spectrum tubes and power source for chemistry (\$2,300)

Discover the Elements CD-ROMs for chemistry (\$900)

Analytical balances for chemistry (\$5,400)

Burets for chemistry (\$1,800)

Calculator-based laboratory for chemistry (\$5,000)

Lab equipment for an additional chemistry lab (\$6,000)

Classroom computers for chemistry (\$17,000)

Replacement balances for chemistry (\$12,000)

Replenish chemicals for chemistry (\$1,000)

TI-83-Plus graphing calculators for chemistry (\$6,550)

Vacuum filtration system for chemistry (\$900)

Vacuum pump and tubing for chemistry (\$600)

600 Physics Demonstrations video (\$3,100)

Conceptual Physics Alive video series by Paul Hewitt (\$1,300)

Dynamic track systems for physics (\$3,250)

Miscellaneous physics demonstration equipment (\$3,000)

Replace physics laboratory equipment (\$5,000)

Portable electronics bread boarding workstations for physics (\$4,250)

The Complete Physics CD-ROM series (\$3,000)

### STUDENT RECOGNITION

Fund four Student of the Month brunches per year (\$1,500)

Fund National Honor Society induction ceremony (\$4,500)

Fund scholarships for graduating seniors (\$ varies)

Fund Purple Feather Day activities (\$1,500)

## CHS FOUNDATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since Founded in 1996

- Provided scholarships to graduating seniors totaling \$109,500 through 2001
- Provided teacher grants totaling \$35,000 to purchase equipment and other learning enhancements for various departments
- Sponsorship of Senior of the Year award and scholarship

- Sponsorship of senior recognition ceremony and publishing of scholarship booklet
- Sponsorship of Student of the Month recognition breakfasts
- Sponsorship of Teacher of the Year award
- Assisted in funding of initial mailing costs for the newly

formed CHS Alumni Association and provided administrative services

- Purchased computer and alumni tracking software package to assist CHS Alumni Association & reunions
- Provided lists and mailing labels for class reunions
- Developed "1st Class Challenge" for class reunions

## VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.centralhighomaha.org](http://www.centralhighomaha.org)

Now you can visit the Central High School Foundation on the Web. You'll find information about the Foundation, how it can help you with your Central High School reunion needs, how to contact us, and links to other CHS sites.

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## MUSIC AND ATHLETIC NEEDS BECOME REALITY!

Anyone having even a casual interest in Central High School knows that the vocal music department has long been one of CHS's pride and joys. A group of Central High School parents are determined to keep it that way.

In 1998 VOICE was formed, with John and Judy Nelson serving as its first presidents. Standing for "Volunteer Organization Invested in Choral Excellence," VOICE has since gone on to provide support for the overall choral music program and its six groups:

- A Cappella Choir
- Bel Canto Choir
- Treble Chorus
- Junior Choir
- Men's Chorus
- CHS Singers

This support can come in many ways, including assisting at choral music performances, chaperoning choir members on out-of-town trips, or contributing funds.

"VOICE was formed to provide overall support for the vocal music department," Patti Gatzke says.

Gatzke, who was president of VOICE last year along with her husband Ron, emphasizes that there is much more to VOICE than raising funds. However, it was a recent fundraising effort that enabled VOICE to contribute a \$22,000 Steinway piano to the music department.



Donations came through the CHS foundation in the form of two grants totaling \$7,000, along with another \$4,800 coming from various Central High groups. The remainder of the money was through individual contributions as a result of mailings and promotions at choral events. The piano was dedicated at the October 21, 2000, Alumni Reunion Choir Concert.

"A parent saw a real need for a new piano," Gatzke says. "From there, a great many people went to work to make it a reality."

VOICE also contributes several scholarships each year. Up to four \$300 scholarships are given to graduates who plan on being involved in music in college. The organization also gives \$50 scholarships for incoming students who wish to take music lessons over the summer.

VOICE continues to be a vital support group for the vocal music department. This year's presidents are Jackie and Tom Jenkins.

Last Fall, Central football coach Joe McMenamain got a phone call "out of the blue" from Dave Van Metre, Sr., father of Central grads Jim (1981) and Dave Jr. (1982). A retired brokerage firm executive, Van Metre told McMenamain that he and his wife Carol wanted to "refresh" the weight room, a facility that was built in 1979.



"I didn't know what Dave meant by 'refresh,' but I soon found out after talking to the Nova Fitness Equipment people as Dave had asked me to do," McMenamain says. "He had already discussed the project with them. 'Refresh' meant a \$60,000 donation for basically a whole new weight room."

When students returned following the Christmas holiday break, a new weight room greeted them. Improvements included:

- All new rubber flooring
- All new Cybex equipment
- 2 multiple station machines
- 5 new weight benches
- 4-horsepower treadmill
- Leg sled
- Jammer
- 4 squat racks
- Dumb bell racks

Van Metre indicated to McMenamain that his sons' positive experience at Central and getting so much out of the football and weight programs had a great deal to do with the donation.

Jim Van Metre is now a broker in Kansas City, while Dave Jr. (a former NCAA Academic All-American football player at Cornell University) is a professor at Colorado State University.

The Van Metre contribution is a concrete example of how people can help Central. Other groups and/or individuals are encouraged to help with special projects through the Central High School Foundation.

### *REMEMBER THE CHS FOUNDATION*

You can make a lasting contribution to Central High School by naming the CHS Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, living trust, life insurance policy, pension plan or charitable trust. We encourage you to discuss this lasting opportunity with your financial advisor.





Jacqueline Duin Swirzinski '78

## T

John Taff '58  
Mary Francis Taylor '37  
Bill Taylor '63  
Lawrence (Red) Thomas '54  
James Thomas '57  
Dr. Gary Thompson  
Raymond Thompson '57  
Thomas Thomsen '53  
Janet Pugh Thrasher '75  
Dorothy Stover Throop '46  
MayLouise Todd '47  
John Treantos '71  
Vera Vrana Trude '43  
Connie Tschetter '76  
Gregory Tschlis '78

## U

William Urban '64  
U S WEST

## V

Donald Valalik '69  
Nancy Anthony Vaughan '70  
Carl Vercio '71  
Maris Vinovskis '61  
Elsa Volker '27  
Vera Volk Volk-Francoeur '79  
Bart ('66) & Joan Yahnke ('67) Votava

## W

Ron Wagner '64  
Mary Grube Wahl '67  
Mary Sprague Wall '34  
Mary Shick Ward '45  
Barry Ward '80  
Douglas Warden '88  
Nicholas Wardle '67  
Robert Warner '47  
Evalyn Skelbeck Warner '50  
Lynda Brayman Watson '59  
Sarah Watson '66  
Rodney Wead '53  
Thomas Weaver '72  
Donald Weber '33  
James Webster '64  
Sol Weinberg '51  
Marilyn Kaplan Weisberg '50  
Hugh Wells '47  
Ronald Welton '73  
Barbara Gilinsky Werlin '46  
Adrian Westberg '20  
Barbara Wenger Wheeler '66  
Alyne (Lee) Weiss Wigodsky '42  
Jim Wigton '66  
Carolyn Covert Wilcox '43  
Virginia Layher Wild '48  
Margaret Thomas Williams '36  
Joan Kinder Williams '42  
Bonnie Baker Williams '66  
Karen Gustafson Williams-Bell '56  
Williams Pipeline  
Gary & Cheryl Marks Willis '70  
Robert Wilmot '63  
Sharon Bauer Wilson '57  
Mark ('67) & Lynn Womacque ('66) Wilson  
Jane Condon Winnail '43  
Carrie Winter '28  
Nadean Thompson Winters '55  
Donald Winters '63  
Leon ('47) & Sally Gendler ('46) Wintroub  
Laura Finlayson Witters '41  
Justin Wolfson '39  
Margaret (Joan) Crossman Wonn '43  
Carole Kucera Woodworth '61  
Joan Alexander Worrall '48  
Paula Darby Wright '50

## Y

Raymond Young '55  
Ken Young '61  
Betty McMahill Youngman '51

## Z

Dick ('61) & Terri Milder ('62) Zacharia  
Abe ('71) & Hollie Cooper ('72) Zeiderman  
Wanda Shupe Zerzan '44  
Jeff Zimmerman '69  
Charlotte Katzman Zipursky '46

### 1st Class Challenge (2000)

One of the new and exciting giving opportunities offered to class reunions is the "1st Class Challenge." This friendly class competition is now in its second year. Last year, nine class reunions participated. A plaque on display at Central recognizes the class that raises the most funds each year. All funds raised by the "1st Class Challenge" go to the Central High School Foundation to help defray administrative and operational costs.

#### Class of 1942

Emily Reynolds Baker  
Bernice Pospichal Benak  
Kathleen Anderson Best  
Robert Best  
Patricia Garton Bott  
Beverly Backlund Brill  
H. Marvin Camel  
Frances Harrington Coe-Atwood  
Charlotte Willsie Colhoun  
Nell Evans Davis  
Adele Cheek Donovan  
Etta Garelick Epstein  
Harold Epstein  
Barbara Boien Erickson  
M. Robert Fromkin  
Ruth Levine Golden  
Ray Gould  
T. Allen Granfield  
Doris Vanecek Handren  
Donald Henningson  
Anne Deck Hopkins  
Alan Jack  
Bette Schroder Jacobson  
Howard Johnson  
Trudy Kaulitz Kara  
Jack Kelliher  
Miggs Manning Kizer  
Richard Knudsen  
William Lambert  
Doris Pittman Love  
William McCague  
Bob Melcher  
Curtis Melton  
Lorenz Muller  
James Myers  
William Otis  
Betty Rice Pritchett  
Dorothy Zeliadt Ramm  
Henry Ramsey  
Betty Kuklin Rubin  
Patricia Connolly Ryan  
Betty Cohn Sanford

Robert Schoultz  
Dick Smith  
Doris Clancy Storey  
Yale (Buzz) Trustin  
Alyne (Lee) Weiss Wigodsky  
Joan Kinder Williams

#### Class of 1950

Class of 1950 Reunion  
Dale Adams  
Ernest Bebb  
H. Martin Blacker  
Donald Blocker  
Lawrence Brehm  
Sally Sveska Bridges  
Don Cain  
Barry Combs  
Mary Mackie Cosand  
Pauline Radicia Cox  
Joy Wachal Davis  
Margaretha Claeson Gibson  
Carolyn Miller Glenn  
Bob Glenn  
Marilyn Raupe Griffith  
Lois Schneider Hansen  
Joanne Yeager Herbst  
Hamilton (Hal) Howard  
Charles Jackman  
Donna Miller Jacob  
Mary Alice Beshears Jimerson  
Patricia Cosford Johnson  
Hugo Kahn  
Ferne Katleman  
Madalene Larese Kirby  
Paul Kruse  
Natalie Shapiro Lebow  
Leta Weiner Levinger  
Elizabeth Humlicek Longacre  
Doris Jontz Lukert  
Patricia Livingston Mallory  
Ves Mallory  
Mary Jane Lang Marks  
Laura Dopita Marling  
William McCoy  
Adrienne Rice Milder  
Norma Owings Murray  
Barbara Hanley O'Farrell  
Sam Pomodoro  
Robert Rasmussen  
Charles Rice  
Barton Rochman  
Charney Taub Rosinsky  
Anette Roberts Saitta  
Phyllis Klopper Schwartz  
Don Silverman  
Goldie Gendler Silverman  
Harold Siporin  
Bob Stryker  
Estrela Horton Thomas  
Evalyn Skelbeck Warner  
Willis (Bill) Winstrom  
Paula Darby Wright  
Dorothy Gallagher Yager

#### Class of 1955

Rohlin (Andy) Anderson  
William Ashley  
Judy Lewis Bachman  
Jack Baker  
Gene Williams Clark  
Stanley Davis  
Jean Jenson Dutton  
Sara Pepper Epstein  
Kenneth Freed  
Nancy Barron Goldstein-Levine  
Virginia Rosberg Harris  
David Herzog  
Marilyn Rice Hurwitz  
Ilene Sachs Klein  
Joan Krasne Marcus  
Juanita (Jo) Wells McCartney  
Jane Colvin Otoupal  
JoAnn Parrish Ott  
Sandra Garey Petrik  
Myrna Sandvall Sandall  
Phillip Schrager  
Thomas Teal  
Gifford Tompkins  
Julie Martin Videon  
Matlee Katleman Yadin  
Raymond Young

#### Class of 1960

Kenneth Allen  
Peter Bartling  
Pamela Swift Buffett  
Karen Stacke Burmood  
Nancy D'Agosta Calinger  
Gretchen Bottom Dalzell  
James Dillavou  
Judith Geihls Douglas  
Don Ecklund  
M. Douglas Ford  
Frank Goldberg  
Glen Hadsell  
Mary Ann Krasne Haug  
William Horwich  
Mary Yager Jaffe  
Jerry Lucas  
Charles Marr  
Tom Meehan  
Dick Moore  
Susan Reihart O'Donnell  
Maurice Pepper  
Judy Goldner Poll  
Phyllis Reichwein Randall  
Jim Reinhardt  
Louis Rich  
Sharon Blair Rose  
Sarah (Sally) Paskins Rubinstein  
Roger Sayers  
David Schenck  
Bob Scott  
Carrie Secret  
Sandy Bassman Speier  
Margaret Franklin Young

#### Class of 1970

Class of 1970 Reunion  
Leslie Babendir  
Ellie Batt  
Bruce Bernstien  
Irvin Blumkin  
Marcia Forman Brown  
Karen Smith Buckley  
Judy Dolgoff Cannon  
Sarah Karpf Carlson  
Radley Clemens  
Patti Couch Crane  
Debbie Danberg Crew

Miriam Frank  
Howard Friedman  
Paul Frohardt  
Judy Zaiman Gotsdiner  
Howard Gould  
Daniel Grossmen  
Carolyn Hadsell  
Susan Anderson Hanson  
Marilyn Katz Hirsch  
Raizell Alperin Kalishman  
Barbara Guss Kemp  
Sue Ramsey Kropp  
Mike Lebens  
Susan Strauss Lebens  
John Maliszewski  
John Obal  
Joseph Randazzo  
Philip Rich  
Bob Rifkin  
Susan Rippey  
Linda Hansink Schafer  
David Slosburg  
Timothy Sumnick  
Keith Trimble  
Frederick Ware  
Joel Wentworth  
Carol Wescoat  
James Williams  
Cheryl Marks Willis  
Gary Willis  
C. Yvette Lewis Woods  
Janet Rasmussen Zovickian

#### Class of 1975

Beth Willis Aschinger  
Andy Carlson  
Ann Svoboda Engler  
Donna Taute Gardner  
Tim Hyslop  
Sheri Mago  
Daniel Pollack  
Joel Rogers  
Debbie Katleman Smedlund  
Kelly Ritts Souder  
Diane Zipursky

#### Class of 1980

Gail Johnson Brown  
Jaymie Centamore  
Annie Backer Davids  
Keith Dutch  
Christine Felici Felici  
Denise Ish Hill  
Patrick Hill  
Darlene McGee Jones  
Vicki Pinkelman Jones  
Carol Giles Neslund  
Thomas Swinarski  
Barry Ward  
Dave Willard

#### Class of 1990

Micah (Michael) Evans  
Hilary Foster  
Nicole Gerhard  
Kelly Hawley  
Abhilasha (Molly) Firoz Kaisershot  
Wesley Kaisershot  
Stephen Manhart  
Stephanie Kurtzuba Reger

#### Class of 1995

Kristin Calinger  
Liz Crossman  
Herbert Hartman  
Clark Lauritzen  
Brian Malcom  
Melissa Ryan  
Jacob Slosburg  
Robert Teply  
Beth Wagner  
Andrea Wieduwilt  
Keri Wilwerding

### Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund 1999 & 2000

The Central High School Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1980 when a member of the class of 1932 gave an initial donation of \$2,000. To ensure the perpetual growth of the fund, the Central High administration began to solicit donations from various sources.

During the 1982-83 school year, Central's parent leadership group, PEP, worked in cooperation with the CHS staff to organize a spring scholarship auction and dinner. Half of the net proceeds were earmarked for the endowment fund. The scholarship auction and dinner is now in its 19th year, with the proceeds divided equally for the endowment fund, PEP scholarships, and teacher grants.

Through the years, the auction proceeds along with the many donations of all sizes from individuals, organizations, businesses, memorials, and reunion groups have increased the endowment fund to over \$315,000. Using the interest only, the CHS Foundation has been able to give numerous scholarships through the years. Since 1990, the endowment fund has generated 203 scholarships worth \$119,000. This year, 27 scholarships, totaling \$20,750, will be given to the class of 2001.

Marilyn Gray Buresh, '43  
Class of 1949 - In Honor of our 50th Reunion  
Class of 1970 - In Honor of CHS Principal Dr. G.E. Moller  
Ellen Curnes - In Memory of John Keenan  
Allan Demorest, '49 - In Memory of Minerva Demorest '17 & Marjorie Winans '45  
Byron Demorest, '42 - In Memory of Minerva Demorest '17 & Marjorie Winans '45  
Rose Elmquist - In Memory of Margaret Jane Nichols  
Richard ('53) & Beverly Bloom ('59) Fellman - In Memory of Dorothy M. Cathers '31  
Harry & Judy Gaylor - In Memory of John Keenan  
Gilloon Family - In Memory of John Keenan  
Robert Glenn, '50  
Bill & Mel Harrison - In Memory of John Keenan  
Claire Rubendall Hoppe, '35 - In Memory of my sister Elizabeth Rubendall '31  
George & Carolyn Ireland - In Memory of John Keenan  
Verona Jerabek - In Memory of Margaret Jane Nichols  
Darlene McGee Jones, '80  
Elizabeth (Betty) Scott Karpf, '43 - In Honor of 4 generations at CHS  
Jeanne Freshman Keller, '43 - In Memory of John Keenan  
Helen Kokes - In Memory of Margaret Jane Nichols  
La Casade Las Americas - In Memory of Dorothy M. Cathers '31  
John & Carole Grube ('64) Langan - In Memory of John Keenan  
Delores Maycock - In Memory of E. Frank Maycock '48  
Tom Maycock, '86 - In Memory of E. Frank Maycock '48  
PEPScholarship Auctions

Ruth Pilling, '26 - In Memory of Dorothy M. Cathers '31 & staff  
Nancy Runyon - In Memory of John Keenan  
Cynthia (Sophie) Blumkin Schneider, '40 - In Memory of Dorothy M. Cathers '31  
Sierra Health Foundation  
U S Marshals Service - In Honor of William G. Cambridge '49 retirement  
Mary Sprague Wall, '34  
Adrian Westberg, '20 - In Memory of Dorothy M. Cathers '31 & staff  
Willsie Cap & Gown Co.  
Wanda Shupe Zerzan, '44 - In Memory of Helen McFarland Sherman '30

### CHS V.O.I.C.E. PIANO FUND

**(Volunteer Organization Investing in Choral Excellence)**  
"VOICE" is an example of donors giving to the CHS Foundation for a specific need. In this instance, the \$22,000 raised went towards purchasing a much-needed piano for Central's Music Department. The Steinway piano now graces the stage in the CHS main auditorium and will be used for all musical productions and concerts, including the Road Show.

Colleen and Bert Aagesen  
Carol and David Alloy  
Ellen Archer  
Betty and Charles Aufenkemp  
Janet Bass  
Sabine and Zigurd Berzins  
Eddith Buis  
David Carlson  
Central High School  
Central High School Instrumental Music Program  
Central High School PEPOrganization  
Central High School Road Show  
Central High School Vocal Music Program  
Phyllis and Glenn Chandler  
Lorraine Chang and Eric Pearson  
Diane A. Christensen  
Judy and Ted Cleveland  
Nancy and Scott Coatsworth  
Marion Smith Cooke  
Countryside Community Church  
Ana M. and Ernest P. Cruz  
Amy and Kevin Cummins  
Cheryl and Robert Czapl  
Katie and Neil Danberg  
Valerie J. Danner  
Tom Davey  
Judith DeGraft  
Norma and Paul DeGraft  
Michele and Greg Eakins  
Joan Eledge  
Ron Elliott  
Enron Transportation and Storage  
Jan Ervin  
Jane L. Fischer  
Linda Flores  
Harry Friedman  
Linda and Robert Fuchs  
Patti and Ron Gatzke  
Donald Jay Gerber  
Georg Getty  
Nancy and Mike Getty  
The Paul and Oscar Giger Foundation-In Memory of Ruth Musil Giger CHS 1929  
Deborah Roach Gilg  
Marv Gilman  
Mable Goodwin  
Bette Bosking Hammond  
Nancy T. Harding  
Polly and Dave Hendee  
Jennifer Henderson  
Marjorie R. Hickey  
Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church Women  
Mary Sue Hutchins  
Bev and Peter Iwen  
Mary Lee Jackson  
Ellen B. Jacobs  
Jackie and Tom Jenkins  
Angela D. Jimerson  
Michael Jones and Jannette Davis  
Joslyn Art Museum  
Linda Clark Kistler  
Bill Kizer  
Gerald J. Kohout  
Carol and Michael Lacroix  
Jo and Bob Larsen  
John and Barbara Lassek  
Cheryl and Bob Leavitt  
Elsie A. Leavitt  
Lois Lewis  
Anne and Jeff Lieben  
Eileen and T. J. Lieben  
Lucent Technologies  
Lynda and Jim Madison  
Shirley and Robert McCarter  
Josie Metal-Corbin and David Corbin  
Sarah K. Methe  
Dana and Fred Meyer  
Judy and John Nelson  
Mary Beth Nelson  
Sandra Newby  
Margaret and Raymond Nichols  
Ruth Nielsen  
Vickie and Douglas Novak  
Patricia and David Packard  
Kathy and Michael Peterson  
Theodore D. Phillips  
Dr. Jill Russell  
Lessa and Lawrence Scherrer  
Chris and Bud Shaw  
Margaret and Ulf Skoog  
Sharon and Dennis Smith  
Debra Sorensen  
Diane and Paul Sorensen  
Sandra Sue Spoonhour  
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Robert Wigton  
Diane Wilson  
Mary and James Wunsch  
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