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Central High Eagles “Rocked the Nest” On March 26 to Help the School Go Wireless

The Central High School Foundation held its annual “Rock the Nest” event on Saturday, March 26 to have fun and raise money to help Central High School to go wireless!

Hundreds of Central High School (CHS) parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered on Saturday night at the Scouler Ballroom in Omaha to celebrate “Eagle nation” and support past, present and future CHS students and staff. Guests enjoyed food and drink, a silent auction and – new this year – a friendly Trivia competition. The event raised \$18,000 to help provide wireless Internet for CHS students.

“The continuing support for Central High School and the Foundation is inspiring,” said Foundation board member and CHS alumna Susan Strauss Lebens ‘70. “Rock the Nest is a wonderful time for people to come together and catch-up with their fellow eagles. We had a great night playing trivia and are already anticipating next year’s celebration.”

Central High School, established in 1859, is the oldest, largest and one of the most diverse and competitive high schools in Omaha with a mission to continue a tradition of excellence by emphasizing academic achievement, responsible citizenship, and pride in diversity within a safe and respectful environment.



The Central High School Foundation was established to provide support for past, present and future CHS students. Contributions of time, energy and resources are essential to preserve and enhance the timeless values of a Central High School education.

Central High School, the Foundation and Omaha Public Schools have recently undertaken a two year, \$1.4 million campaign to help bring CHS education into the 21st Century with wireless Internet and the resources to guarantee its impact on every CHS student. Rock the Nest was the public launch of the campaign, which is already well under way.

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Trivia was one of the evening's activities that brought everyone together. Teams of eight (or nine, if among the 10 highest bidders to have one of CHS' retired teachers/subject-specific "pros" join their table) played six rounds of 10 questions each to compete for prize packages from Omaha Steaks (first place), Nothing Bundt Cakes (second place) and Walmart (third place). Former teachers who were up for auction included: Jerry Doctor, Dan Daly, Bev Fellman, Doc Moller, Jack Blanke, John Waterman, Robert McCeon, Pegi Georgeson, Carolyn Orr and Paul Pennington.

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

- In first place with 49 out of 60 possible points, Team #11: James Buckley & Linda Johnson, Lisa Giambattista, Jenny Wilson, Mike & Cheryl Goodwillie and Steve & Carol Kuzelka.
- In second place with 48 out of 60 possible points, Team #1: Jen Stastny & Liam Chleborad, Vicki Deniston-Reed & James Reed, Gary & Paula Groff, Tim Shipman and Scott Wilson.
- And in third place with 45 out of 60 possible points, Team #21: Stephen & Lyn Bouma, Scott & Julie Cobb, Holly Herman & Jim Nolan and Anne McCormick-Reed & Chuck Reed.

Photos from the evening can be found at <http://www.johnsbestshots.com>.

Central High School Foundation partners and Rock the Nest sponsors include First National Bank of Omaha, Midland University and Nebraska Methodist College: The Josie Harper Campus. Special thanks to Omaha Steaks, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Walmart.

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