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Class of 2022 Earns Over \$14 Million in Scholarships and 50 Seniors Earn Central High School Foundation Scholarships

The Central High School Foundation and Central High School P.E.P. (Parents, Educators and Pupils) hosted the 2022 Senior Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Central High School Auditorium. This year, the graduating Class of 2022 earned more than \$14 million in national and local scholarships: a demonstration of their outstanding work ethic and resiliency, as many of them attended a portion of their high school careers online during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to these national and local scholarships, 50 seniors earned Central High School Foundation Scholarships, totaling in more than \$200,000.

The 2022 DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School Students of the Year Scholarships were awarded to Livia Ziskey and Emilio Parra-Garcia. The 2022 Teacher of the Year Award was awarded to Casey Bigsby Denton, a 2005 alumna of Central.

Central High School Foundation Scholarships began in December 1980 when a member of the Class of 1932 donated \$2,000 to start the Central High School Scholarship Endowment Fund. Following this inaugural donation, Principal Dr. G. E. "Doc" Moller started to solicit money from various sources in order to guarantee the perpetual growth of the fund. The Central High School Scholarship Endowment Fund, managed by the Central High School Foundation, has now grown to 50 endowed scholarships and are awarded to graduating seniors. Recipients are chosen by the Central High School Scholarship Committee on the basis of application, scholarship, citizenship, and need.

This year, the Central High School Foundation is pleased to announce three new student scholarships: the Stephen, CHS 1981, and Lyn Bouma Performing Arts Scholarship; the Dean, CHS 1964, and Susan Scott, CHS 1965, Hokanson Scholarship; and the Richard and Helen Hockabout Kelley, CHS 1956, Scholarship.

The Lyn Bouma Performing Arts Scholarship was originally established by the Dennis Anderson Family in 2010 to honor the Boumas' love of music and the positive impact on the vocal music students at Central High School during their long tenure as Choral Director and Accompanist at Central High School. Upon Mrs. Bouma's retirement in 2021, the couple chose to continue funding an annual scholarship for a Central High School choir member who plans to pursue a major or minor in a performing arts or performing arts education field.

The Dean, CHS 1964, and Susan Scott, CHS 1965, Hokanson Scholarship was established in honor of the high school sweethearts. Both Dean and Susie had a love for history, and it is only fitting that their scholarship be awarded to someone who pursues an education in this field. This scholarship was formed by Sandy Friedman, CHS 1964, after Dean's death in 2021. For many years Sandy and Dean were

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classmates, close friends, and business partners.

The Richard and Helen Hockabout Kelley, CHS 1956, Scholarship honors the high school sweethearts who both graduated from Central and the University of Nebraska. Helen served 13 years on the Westside school board, including several terms as president, and served as president of the Nebraska Association of School Boards. Dick served for nearly three decades on the board of Children's Hospital, including terms as. He was also a founding board member of the Omaha Public Library Foundation. In 2020, the couple celebrated 60 years of marriage. Helen passed away in 2020 at the age of 82.

The recipients of the 2022 Central High School Foundation Scholarships are:

- Stephen, CHS 1981, and Lyn Bouma Performing Arts Scholarship: Liberty Wlaschin
- Dean, CHS 1964, and Susan Scott, CHS 1965, Hokanson Scholarship: Jack Drobny
- Richard and Helen Hockabout Kelley, CHS 1956, Scholarship: Daniel Graham
- W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932, Scholarship: Isabella Manhart
- John Keenan Scholarship: Zane Novak
- Arthur, CHS 1914, & Genevieve K. Loomis Scholarship: Emilio Parra-Garcia
- Frank Knapple, Scholarship: Justin Davis
- E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948, Scholarship: Nathan Siy
- G.E."Doc" Moller Scholarship: Luke Nieland
- Doris & Allen Oglander Scholarship: Elana Elder
- Duane M. & Douglas J. Perry Mathematics Award: Harith Himdan
- Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926, Scholarship: Giselle Coronado
- Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965, Scholarship: Israel Bryant
- Ned Sariscsany, CHS 2005, Scholarship: Sophia Pinkelman
- Robert Spire, CHS 1943, Scholarship: Alahna Davis
- Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936, Scholarship: Logan Simmons
- James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942, Scholarship: Anna Tiritilli
- Augusta Turpin English Scholarship: Sophia Mason
- World War II Memorial Scholarship: Natalia Shradar
- Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937, Scholarship: Jackson Fisher
- Thor, CHS 1924, & Kay Krogh English Prize: Livia Ziskey
- John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916, Scholarship: Tristin Davis, Amari James, Noah McPherson, and Caleb St. Cyr
- Henry A. Davis, CHS 1969, Scholarship: Karen Estrada, Jayden Page, Nyawec Reath, Jenny Sandoval, Emily Tran, and Angelica Ventura Cana
- The Larry Kavich, CHS 1963, Scholarship for Business: Nolan Firley
- Ruth Vodak Scholarship for the Woodmen of the World American History Award: Elana Elder
- Janice Ross Scholarship for the Outstanding Social Studies Student Award: Mary Mayberger
- Marilyn Gray Buresh, CHS 1943, Scholarship: Ella Larson
- Marvin Gilman, CHS 1953, Scholarship: Makenna Anderson
- David Hojnacke, CHS 2020, Scholarship: Nely Ramirez-Aldave
- Jo Peterson Peace and Justice Scholarship: Van Dao and Starr Rogers
- Seth Rich, CHS 2007, Scholarship: Ada White
- Robert Nelson, CHS 1963, Athlete of the Year Award: Aniah Wayne
- Beverly Fellman Best French Award: Allyson Radke
- Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship: Juan Bautista Garcia, Grace Titus, Bonsen Yusuf, John Ber, Chineme Ekeh, and Daniella Hernandez

Central High School, established in 1859, is the oldest and largest high school in Nebraska. With over 2,700 students, its mission is to continue a tradition of excellence emphasizing academic achievement, responsible global citizenship, pride in diversity, and enduring scholarship. The Central High School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was established in 1996 to provide support for present and future Central High School students by ensuring that the tradition of excellence continues. Contributions of time, energy, and resources are essential to preserve and enhance the timeless values of a Central High School education. The Central High School Foundation supports the school through a variety of activities including alumni relations, fundraising, grant writing, student scholarships, capital projects, as well as teacher and classroom grants.

The Central High School Foundation is proud to call Coca-Cola its Adopt-A-School Partner.

For more information, interviews, or photos of the 2022 Senior Recognition Ceremony, contact Josh Bucy at josh@chsfomaha.org or by telephone at 402-556-1996.