



Omaha Central High School Foundation

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Dear Supporter,



Well, fall is finally here, and I think we all can feel it! As always, it's very busy here at the Central High School Foundation, and we have some great things to share with you this month!

The Wireless Campaign is officially complete, and the students of Central High School started out the new year with 21st Century learning classrooms! This is a great achievement, making Central the first OPS high school to have a completely wireless campus. I would like to send out a special thanks to all who contributed to make this project possible, especially to Pamela Bartling Buffett (CHS 1960), who gave the lead gift on behalf of her late husband, Fred C. Buffett (CHS 1955). As an example of how the wireless has improved functions at Central, the 2012 online state testing took 4 days to complete. That's improved leaps and bounds over the previous spring when it took 24 days. So again, thank you to all who have helped improve Central High School in this way. Our alumni and community are truly the greatest!

All donations of stewardship and effort are welcome here at the Central High School Foundation. We are very thankful for our wide range of supporters who have given up their time, their talents, and their

treasure to ensure that our downtown high school is able to offer the best to our current generation of Eagles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin Lebens (CHS 2000) for his recent contribution to CHS. Colin, who is a patent attorney specializing in intellectual property work, donated his talents to aid Central High School in licensing its logo. With his help in navigating various contracts, Central merchandise is now being sold at Wal-Mart and CVS Pharmacy, along with other local retailers, and Central is able to collect royalties from the sale of these items!

Lastly, the month of September brought us three successful and fun class reunions. The class of 1962 celebrated its 50th reunion, the class of 1992 gathered for its 20th, and the class of 2002 met up for its 10 year reunion! Thanks to all who made these great events possible. It's always good to see former Eagles come back to the nest.

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 153 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Executive Director

The Central High School Foundation

Tickets for the 2013 Heartland Hoop Classic are Now On Sale!



The event will feature the headliner game of Oak Hill Academy vs. Omaha Central, along with seven other exciting matchups! Oak Hill Academy (Mouth of Wilson, VA) is a perennial national powerhouse that has produced 55 Division I players since 2000, including Carmelo Anthony (Syracuse), Rajon Rando (Kentucky), Ty Lawson (North Carolina) and Nolan Smith (Duke). Omaha Central has won five Nebraska state basketball titles in the past six seasons, finishing the 2011-2012 season ranked nationally #31 in the final ESPN POWERADE FAB 50 rankings.

They are lead by Akoy Agau who verbally committed to the University of Louisville this fall.

The sixth annual event kicks off at 8:30 a.m. on February 9, 2013. The schedule includes the following games:

- 8:30 a.m. High Plains vs Heartland Lutheran
- 10:15 a.m. Sutton vs Grand Island Central Catholic
- 12:00 p.m. Raymond Central vs Hastings St. Cecilia
- 1:45 p.m. Lincoln Plus X vs Grand Island Senior High
- 3:30 p.m. Archbishop Bergan vs Doniphan Trumbull
- 5:15 p.m. Kearney Catholic vs Northwest
- 7:00 p.m. Boys Town vs Norfolk Catholic
- 9:00 p.m. Oak Hill Academy vs Omaha Central

Tickets are priced at \$16 for adults and \$8 for students. All tickets are general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Heartland Events Center box office, or through Ticket Master [by clicking here!](#)

Tradition of Athletic Excellence at Central High School

The Generation C Symposium was held at the home of Mike and Susan Lebens to celebrate Central Athletics.

2012 Annual Report

The 2012 Annual Report has been sent out!

Thank you to all of our generous contributors for the year 2012. What we do at the Central High School Foundation is not possible without the support of our generous alumni and friends.



To download a digital copy of our 2012 Annual Report, [click here!](#)



Dr. Keith Bigsby, Principal of Central High School, speaks to Generation C donors at the Athletic Symposium.

Generation C Donors were invited to attend the Generation C Athletic Symposium: Reflecting on a Tradition of Excellence. The event featured an introduction from both Central High School Principal, Dr. Keith Bigsby, and Athletic Director, Darin Williams. Coaches Jay Ball (CHS 1980), Eric Behrens (CHS 1992), Elliott Evans, and Tom Lee have built Central High School's athletic programs up to excellence not only at the state level, but also to the national standard, winning 11 State titles between the four of them in basketball, football, and track. They each shared their visions as well, talking about their challenges and successes as coaches at Central High School. The symposium was an opportunity for Generation C donors to meet and interact with some of the most influential members of CHS Athletics.

For more information about Generation C, and to find out how you can join, [click here to visit our website.](#)

Remembering the Tradition of Excellence

The Central High School Alumni Association inducts 10 new members into the CHS Hall of Fame.



The Central High School Hall of Fame is a way to recognize the outstanding achievement of Central alumni. This year, 10 new members will be inducted at the Annual Banquet and Ceremony on **Thursday, October 4th at 6 p.m.** If you would like to attend this event, please [click here](#) for an invitation.

To see a complete history of Hall of Fame inductees, please [visit our website.](#)

Memories of Central On Display for All to See

A special photo mural of some of our favorite archive photos have been put up on display in the Central High School Foundation office.



Barry Combs, CHS 1950, and Jim Wigton, CHS 1966, work to put up the photo mural. All the photos have been taken from the archives and are a documentation of Central's history.

Special thanks to the CHS Alumni Association Historical Committee for working to provide such beautiful photos for the office! The photos are located in the conference room at the Central High School Foundation office and are available for anyone to come and take a look at!

Reuniting the Eagles

This month, the classes of 1962, 1992, and 2002 reunited for their 50th, 20th, and 10th high school reunions.



The class of 2002 throw up their class signs at the Homecoming football game, where they gathered after a tour of Central to cheer on the Eagles.

We have two class reunions coming up in October:

October 5th-6th: Class of 1972 (40th)

October 12th-14th: Class of 1952 (60th)

For the full Reunion Schedule, please [visit our website!](#)

Calling for Class Photos!

The Central High School Foundation needs the help of our alumni!



The Central High School Foundation is looking for class photos to display in our office. Specifically, we are looking for the photos of the senior class gathered on the steps.

If you have a class photo and would like to offer it to be scanned and displayed in the office, please contact Ali Hodge at records@chsfomaha.org, or by calling the office at (402) 556-1996. **Your photos will be returned to you after they have been scanned.**

We are All Eagles!

Regardless of whether you are tall or short, we are all considered eagles!

Senior Akoy Agau, CHS 2013, and Cheryl Church Roche, CHS 1941, pose for a photo at the Alumni Association meeting Monday, September 10th.



Update The Central High Foundation if you are a 'Lost' Alumni!



Haven't received information from us in a while? Well, we miss you! **Look for your name on our 'Lost Alumni' list, then update us on how to get in touch with you!** We will then remove your name from the list!

[Look to see if you are lost!](#)

The Central High School Foundation uses current alumni information to make sure you are updated on all the happenings going on at your alma mater! We also want to make sure you are aware when your class reunion is coming up!

[Update us now!](#)

Keep up with The Central High School Foundation on Facebook!



The Central High School Foundation has a new Facebook Page! With a click of the mouse, you can be connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news. Be a part of Central's growing online

community!

We are growing our social network. **When we reach our 500 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store.** Winners will be pulled from our Facebook Fans!

[Like us on Facebook!](#)

Special Thanks to our Community Partners!



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