



Principal Bennett joins CHS Singers caroling this season!

Eagle News!

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Dear Supporter,

Happy Holidays!

This is an exciting time of year at the Central High School Foundation and we have a lot to be thankful for.

We are thankful for all of our supporters who enable us to continue to do great things for Central High School.

Congratulations to a few of our alumni, who are celebrating achievements: Patricia Givens Barron, CHS 1960, is starring in a new show on Food Network about her restaurant, "Big Mama's Kitchen." In addition, Rudy Smith, CHS 1963, is being awarded the Freedom Fighter Service Award from the NAACP. Congratulations to both of you!

I would also like to encourage all alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years to visit our [website](#) to update your record, especially if you have not received updates and mailings from the Central High School Foundation at your own address. For many of our younger alumni, we send

mail to the house you lived in upon graduating from Central. You don't want to miss out on great info from your alma mater!

The closing of 2013 is upon us, and the holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend or family member. I hope you consider giving a tribute gift this holiday season through our Honor and Memorial Gift Program. Please visit our [website](#) to make your tribute today.

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 154 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

*Executive Director
The Central High School Foundation*

Honoring Those Lost

2013 CHS graduate Lauren Goodwillie seeks out the graves of two fallen Central Eagles while studying abroad in Europe.

Alumna stars in new show on Food Network

Patricia Givens Barron, CHS 1960, owner of Big Mama's Restaurant, is given new show on the



Lauren Goodwillie (CHS 2013), a Syracuse University freshman who is studying this semester in Europe, traveled to the Ardennes American Military Cemetery in Belgium this November to visit the grave of Thomas Smith (CHS 1939). Smith was part of a B-24 bomber crew lost in WWII. Lauren researched his biography for AP US History her senior year. She also found Robert Marcum's grave (CHS 1940) in the same cemetery. He also was part of a bomber crew (B-17) shot down over Europe in WWII.

"It was what you'd call an 'ordeal' to get there," said Lauren. "I'm really glad I went though. It was important to me to go."

Eagles Forever

Classmates from the Class of 1939 gather each month for lunch, reminisce on old times.



A group of friends from the Class of 1939 get together once a month and meet for lunch. Pictured are Sylvia Katzman Jess, Jean McDonough Schmid, Lorraine Yates Clark, June Rose Anderson Soderlund, Ann Rosen Kaiman, and Wava Jean Helme Carl. At these monthly lunches they catch up with each other, and recall the times when they "ran for classes" at Central, danced the night way at Peony Park, and rode the streetcars to school. Not only do these wonderful ladies embody the spirit of friendship, but also that Eagle Spirit that makes our alumni so special.

Alumni is honored with Freedom Fighter Service Award from NAACP.

Rudy Smith, CHS 1963, will be honored by the Omaha NAACP chapter for his constant advocacy for civil rights.



Photo Courtesy of The Omaha World-Herald

Mama's Restaurant, is given new show on the Food Network channel, "Big Mama's Kitchen."



Photo Courtesy of The Omaha World-Herald

Big Mama, or Patricia Givens Barron (CHS 1960), gives America a behind-the-scenes look at her family as they manage Omaha's famed Big Mama's Restaurant.

The Food Network led into the show with a rerun of Barron's appearance on "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" with host Guy Fieri, before airing the premier of "Big Mama's Kitchen" last Friday Night.

To learn more about Big Mama's Kitchen, [check out her website](#) and to read a review of the first episode by the Omaha World-Herald, [click here!](#)

Celebrate 40 Years of CHS Singers with us!

This year's Madrigal Dinner will not only celebrate CHS vocal students, but also 40 years of CHS singers! Alumni vocal students are encouraged to participate!



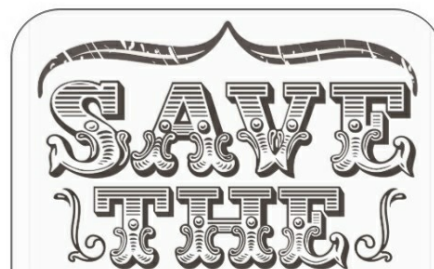
Are you an alumni CHS Singer who would like to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary at this year's Madrigal Dinner? Well, we encourage you to take part! CHS Vocal would like to organize an alumni choir to perform at this special dinner.

The 20th Annual Madrigal Dinner will take place Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 7pm in the CHS Courtyard. Performances will feature current CHS Singers, Bel Canto Singers, Freshman Chamber Ensemble, and CHS Handbell Choir. But what makes this year special is that there will be an alumni CHS Singers performance in honor of the 40th Anniversary of CHS Singers.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Lyn Bouma at lyn.bouma@ops.org or by phone at 402-557-3361. A mailing will be sent out in January to all former CHS Singers with more information as well.

You're Invited! "Many Paths, One Spirit"

An All-Class Reunion for Graduates of Central High School 1959 and Prior. May 1st and 2nd, 2014



For Rudy Smith, CHS 1963, his work to win the NAACP Freedom Fighter Service Award began long ago when he started leading civil rights demonstrations in downtown Omaha.

To read about how Rudy has fought for racial equality, check out the story in The Omaha World-Herald by [clicking here!](#)

Journalism Students Shine at National Competition

"Register" and "O-Book" staffs travel to Boston, MA for the JEA National High School Journalism Competition.



13 Central student journalists attended the annual fall JEA national convention and competition in Boston, MA from Nov. 14-17. *The Register* won an 8th place Best of Show! In individual competitions, Emily Beck was awarded Superior in Review Writing, Chris Winchester got an Excellent in Yearbook Copy and Captions, Rachael Rief received an Honorable Mention in Yearbook Copy and Captions, and Natalie Nepper got an Honorable Mention in Advertising. Congratulations CHS Journalism!

V.O.I.C.E. Craft Day!

Save the Date! January 25th will be a fun filled day to complete your hobby projects and benefit CHS Music Scholarships!

Who: You and all your friends are invited to attend! Open to all crafters whether novice or seasoned.

What: A day filled with Friends, Fun, Food, Fellowship, Fabulous music and Finished Craft Projects! Snacks, beverages and lunch are included. A large table for each crafter. Gifts, Door Prizes and materials for sale by on site vendors.

Where: Central High School Cafeteria - 124 N. 20th St. Parking is available on the north side of the school via 24th St. Students will be available to carry in your supplies.

Why: To raise funds for scholarships for music students. Your \$25 donation to attend is tax deductible.

When: Saturday, January 25th 2014 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

How: To register contact Andrea Gregerson at 402-496-9630 or aagregerson@cox.net.



Thursday, May 1, 2014

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Party (Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar)
Joslyn Art Museum Storz Fountain Court

7:30 p.m. Alumni Road Show "Celebrating 100 Years of Central High School Road Shows."
Central High School Auditorium

Friday, May 2, 2014

1:30-2:30 p.m. Stories of Omaha (Includes a visit to the Soda Fountain!)
Durham Museum Permanent Gallery

6:30-7:30 p.m. Social Hour (Cash Bar)
7:30 p.m. Dinner and Dance
Field Club of Omaha

Blocks of rooms for the weekend celebration are being held at:

The Hampton Inn, 17606 Arbor Plaza, 402-330-9500,
Group Block Code CHFS
April 30, 2014 (\$129) and May 1 & 2, 2014 (\$179).
There are a limited number of available rooms. The Block will be released April 2, 2014.

Even if you graduated after 1959, you are welcome to attend! We've had many inquiries of relatives and friends who graduated after 1959 who would like to join in on the fun. The more the merrier!

If you graduated in 1959 or prior, expect to see an invitation in your mailbox soon! If you graduated after 1959 and would like an invitation, please call the Central High School Foundation office at (402) 556-1996. Pricing of each event will be finalized shortly, stay tuned!

Follow Central on Twitter!

Get the most up-to-date info on what's going on at your alma mater!

Central High School has further stepped into the digital realm! They are now on twitter to offer the fastest updates with what is happening at the school!

You can follow the high school at:
[@OPS_CentralHigh](https://twitter.com/OPS_CentralHigh)



CHS Students visit Midland University

CHS students visited Midland University during Parent Teacher Conferences to tour the campus and get a taste of college life.



Central High School students went on College Visits during Parent Teacher Conferences. This group of CHS students visited Midland University and toured the campus, learned about the different programs offered, and were even serenaded by the Midland University Drum Line! It was a great day to look toward the future!

Reserve Your Tickets for the Heartland Hoops Classic!

The Eagles will play in the Heartland Hoops Classic against Denver East (Senior Dominique Collier (#54

Hot100Hoops, #55 ESPN, #80 Rivals) / Colorado, Senior Ronnie Harrell / Creighton, and Senior Jevon Griffin (#3 ESPN-state) on Saturday, February 15th! Tickets are now on sale!

The Heartland Hoops Classic will once again be held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska. This is the only event of its type in the state, and will feature eight exciting high school basketball match-ups. The opportunity to see high school basketball teams of different classes in one setting is both unique for fans and exciting for student athletes.



The seventh annual event tips off at 9:00am Saturday February 15th. The schedule includes the following games:

9:00am	OVERTON VS SUTTON
10:45am	FREEMAN VS HIGH PLAINS
12:30pm	ELKHORN SOUTH VS GISH
2:15pm	BISHOP NEUMANN VS NORTHWEST
4:00pm	NORFOLK CATHOLIC VS DONIPHAN TRUMBULL
5:45pm	SOUTHERN VALLEY VS GICC
7:30pm	NORFOLK VS KEARNEY
9:15pm	DENVER EAST VS OMAHA CENTRAL

Tickets went on sale Friday, October 25th, at 9am, for the Heartland Hoops Classic. The schedule for this year's classic can be viewed at [Heartland Hoops Classic](#) or find Heartland Hoops Classic on Facebook for more information. Courtside seats are \$70, Adult tickets \$16 and Students \$8. They can be purchased [online through Ticketmaster](#), or at the Heartland Events Center ticket office. **Tickets can also be purchased by calling Paul Nielson at Central High School at 402-557-3335. If tickets are purchased through Central High School, and you are able to stop by the school to pick them up, you will not have to pay the Ticketmaster handling fee.**

Update The CHS Foundation if you are a 'Lost' Alumnus or Alumna!



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!](#)

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Facebook Fans!

The Central High School Foundation has a 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 continuing to grow our social network! **When we reach our 1,000 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store.** Winners will be pulled from our

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