

OMAHA GIVES!
a 24-hour charitable challenge
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Dear Supporter,



Well, the school year is nearly over! It is crazy how time flies! The last day for seniors was yesterday; congratulations class of 2013!

I would also like to especially thank everyone who came to participate and help at our Rock the Nest event. It was a great time, and together we raised over \$35,000 for the school! Go Eagles!

On May 22nd, the Omaha Community Foundation is challenging you to support your favorite organizations by donating during Omaha Gives! The Central High School Foundation has the chance to win matching funds and prize money for donations coming in. Save the date and get ready to give at Omahagives24.org, all while supporting your favorite school!

We announced in our last newsletter the teachers who are leaving the nest. Also included in this year's retirees is Ms. Sue Devlin, who has worked with Central High School from 1998 to 2013. Thank you for all the work that you have done, and thank you to all of our retiring teachers who have done so much to continue the tradition of excellence at Central!

The 99th Annual Road Show this past weekend was a huge success! As we get ready to celebrate the 100th Annual Road Show next year, please save the date for a special CHS Alumni Road Show on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Please contact Pete Wilger at 402-557-3360 or Peter.Wilger@ops.org for further information regarding auditions, and stay tuned to the Foundation E-Newsletter for festivities surrounding that special weekend!

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 153 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence.

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

*Executive Director
The Central High School Foundation*

A Night of Fun for the Eagles!

Rock the Nest Trivia Night 2013 was a success, thanks to the support of our great alumni and community supporters!

We held our annual fundraiser Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" on Sunday, April 28th. Three hundred Central High School (CHS) parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered on Sunday night at the Scouler Ballroom in Omaha to celebrate "Eagle Nation" and support past, present and future CHS students and staff. Guests enjoyed dinner, a raffle and a friendly trivia competition. The event raised over \$35,000 for Central High School.



Trivia was one of the evening's activities that brought everyone together. After six rounds including "Wii would like to Play!", "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?", and "Number Frenzy!" the following teams were recognized:



- First Place, Team #26: Liam Chleborad & Jen Stastny, Vicki Deniston-Reed, Gary & Paula Groff, Brooks Humphreys, Scott Wilson and Jean Whitten
- Second Place, Team #17: Bob & Molly Atherton, Stephen & Lyn Bouma, Doug & Melissa Hegarty, and Chuck Reed & Anne McCormick
- Third Place, Team #12: James Buckley & Linda Johnson, Henry Cordes & Susan Stiles, Mike & Cheryl Goodwillie, and Steve & Carol Kuzelka

The Grand Prize winner of a one week stay at the Surfside Resort in Destin, Florida and two round trip airline tickets, donated by Matt and Sheri Aden valued at \$4,000, was Jennifer Prososki.

The following individuals were raffle prize winners:

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| • Tee It Up at ArborLinks! | Nate Bullington |
| • I am a Believer! | Robyn Sitzman |
| • All that Glitz! | Ruth Farrington |
| • A Night at the Theater | Liz Cook |
| • Team Spirit | Kelly Means |
| • iPad Mini | Brent Bloom |
| • Take me out to the Ballgame! | Tom Wagner |
| • License to Drive | Michele Bigsby |

Save the Date for Sunday, April 27, 2014 for next year's Trivia Challenge!

Help Support Central High School on May 22nd!

OMAHA GIVES!

a 24-hour charitable challenge

The Central High School Foundation is proud to be participating in Omaha Gives! - a 24 hour charitable challenge organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. The online giving holiday will take place May 22nd from midnight to midnight.

Mark your calendars because we will need your help! We will be joining nearly 300 local nonprofits to raise money together and compete for matching funds and prize money. The more money we raise, the larger percentage of the match pool we will receive. The more donors we get to give to us, the more likely we are to win prize money.

Omaha Gives! is a one day event led by the Omaha Community Foundation to raise as much money as possible for local nonprofits through online fundraising. It is a community-wide event to show off Omaha's spirit of giving, raise awareness about local nonprofits, and celebrate the collective effort it takes to make this city great. Learn more at Omahagives24.org

How can you help The Central High School Foundation during Omaha Gives!?

- * Donate to us on May 22nd!
- * Spread the word! Tell your friends that you will be giving to The Central High School Foundation during Omaha Gives! on May 22nd and that you need their help.
- * Post about Omaha Gives! on your social media pages. Let your friends and followers know how they can give and how their donations can help us win matching and prize funds.
- * Cheer us on! On May 22nd, watch the leaderboard on Omahagives24.org and update our progress on social media.
- * Save the date. May 22nd, 2013 will be a great day of generosity in Omaha. Get excited and ready to share your enthusiasm for The Central High School Foundation throughout the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Central High School Foundation. We can't wait to see the Omaha community band together to give.

Dust Off Your Putters!

Morning tee times are still available for the CHS Golf Outing 2013!



Latin is Immortal

Join other CHS alumni to bid Rita Ryan "vale" this summer at an open house, celebrating her 42-year career as Latin teacher.



Photo courtesy of The Omaha World Herald.

Join your fellow Eagles in wishing Rita Ryan farewell on **June 14th, from 3pm - 6pm** at The Brazen Head Pub, which is Rita's favorite Irish pub, on 78th and Dodge streets.

There will be a short program honoring her 42 years at Central, followed by a social. Guests are invited to stay as long as they would like, and are encouraged to bring their fondest memories of Rita and their time at Central to share!

For more information, please contact Grant Gier, CHS 1980, at ggier@comcast.net or (847) 772-0069.

Soaring High Above the Rest

Giselle Tran, Evan White, Avery Zaleski, and Marika Svolos were honored by the Omaha World Herald's 2013 All Academic Recognition Program.





On Monday June 3rd, 2013, the Central High School Foundation will host its 11th annual Golf Outing at Field Club of Omaha. With over 200 participants registered, we are thrilled to be hosting both morning and afternoon flights to accommodate all the golfers. The afternoon is sold-out, but there are still a couple of slots remaining in the morning. Don't miss out on all of the fun, and [register now!](#)

Morning Flight: 7:30 a.m.
Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for all morning players
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (hole-in-one)

This year's honorees are Mike and Susan Strauss Lebens, Class of 1970.

Student journalist heads to Washington D.C.

Junior Emily Beck is selected as a representative of Nebraska at the 2013 Al Neuharth Free Spirit Journalism Conference, hosted by the Newseum.



Emily Beck, Executive Editor-in-Chief of *The Register*, was chosen as a representative of Nebraska to attend the Al Neuharth Free Spirit Journalism Conference in Washington D.C.

The conference is held annually, and one student journalist from each state is chosen to participate in a week-long session exploring the future of journalism, the dynamics of the changing industry, and the importance of a free spirit. Congratulations, Emily!

Congratulations to Marika Svolos and Giselle Tran, who were chosen for the 2013 All-State Academic Team. Both of these girls and Avery Zaleski were also chosen for Academic 1st Team, and Evan White was chosen for Academic 2nd Team.

Congratulations, Eagles, for your outstanding academic performance. Your hard work contributes to Central's ongoing tradition of excellence.

Expanding their Knowledge of Religion

CHS students had the opportunity to visit the Hindu Temple of Nebraska as part of their Introduction to World Religions Class



The Introduction to World Religions classes took their last field trip of the semester to the Hindu Temple of Nebraska.

The course is a one semester Social Studies elective that focuses on an academic, neutral study of the history and theology of the world's major belief systems. Students investigate the role of religion in society, then move on to study Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.

The classroom instruction is supplemented by visits to Temple Israel Synagogue, St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, the Islamic Center of Omaha and the Hindu Temple of Nebraska.

Currently Omaha Central High is the only OPS high school to offer the course.

CHS Teachers Selected for National Program

Gary Groff and Scott Wilson were both selected to take part in a National Endowment for the Humanities "Landmarks of American History" workshop.

Congratulations to Gary Groff and Scott Wilson!

Scott Wilson, AP, Honors, and International Baccalaureate U.S. History teacher has been accepted to take part in a National Endowment for the Humanities "Landmarks of American History" workshop. He will spend a week at the University of California - Davis with scholars from around the country participating in "The Transcontinental Railroad: Transforming California and the Nation" workshop.

Gary Groff has also been chosen for a National Endowment for the Humanities "Landmarks of American History" workshop. Gary is the Social Studies Department Chair and Introduction to World Religions teacher. He will spend a week at Siena College in Loudonville, NY with scholars from around the country participating in the "Heaven on Earth: Shakers, Religious Revival, and Social Reform" workshop.

Update The Central High School 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 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 750 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store.** Winners will be pulled from our Facebook Fans!

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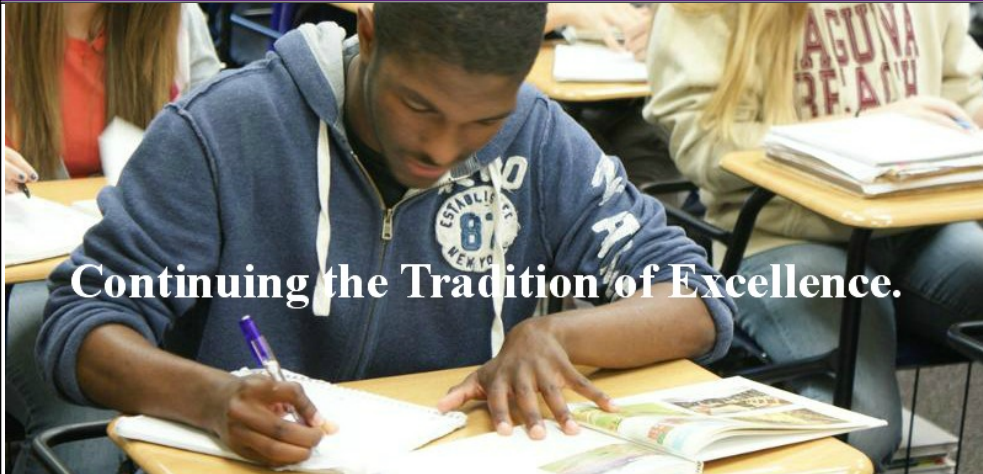


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