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Eagle News!

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Dear Supporter,

It is February, the time of year for grand gestures, and we are preparing for a few of our own!

We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to our 2014 Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" on April 27th and the CHS Golf Outing on June 2nd! Please mark your calendars to attend these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there!

Also Central High School is celebrating the 100th Annual Road Show this spring on May 1st - 3rd, which is the cornerstone event for our All Class Reunion for Classes 1959 and Prior, which takes place May 1st - 2nd. This is





Reunion for Classes 1959 and Prior, which takes place May 1st - 2nd. This is going to be a fantastic event of discovering our "many paths, but one spirit" and celebrating all the great memories of Central!

And you won't want to miss these great student events: The Eagles boys basketball team will play in the Heartland Hoops Classic against Denver East on Saturday, February 15th! Tickets are now on sale at the Heartland Events Center or through [Ticketmaster](#)! Also, Central High and Omaha North

High students are hosting a fashion show as part of their service learning project on March 20th 2014 at 12:30pm - 1:45pm. CHS students will have their designs showcased on the catwalk in the new UNO Community Engagement Center.

Last but not least, I would like to end with extending a warm thank you to Susie Buffett, CHS 1971, Clark Lauritzen, CHS 1995, Susan Lebens, CHS 1970, and Roger Sayers, CHS 1960, who served on the Board of Directors for the past 6 years. Their leadership and support have contributed to our success, and are greatly appreciated. The Board has elected four new members this past month: Ellie Batt, CHS 1970, Dr. Keith Bigsby, CHS Principal Emeritus, Josh Jones, CHS 2008, and Mike Lebens, CHS 1970. We welcome all four new Board Members and look forward to yet another successful year! As always, 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*

Thank you, Adopt-A-School Partners!

Coca-Cola, Midland University, First National Bank, and Nebraska Methodist College are proud sponsors of Central High School! Thank you, for your support of the finest downtown high school in America!



(Top) Students in the entryway of CHS with Coca-Cola beverages. After all, "Life Begins Here" ... in the halls of CHS! (Bottom, right) Students participate in Application Day with Midland University. (Bottom, left) Dr. Ed Bennett

Central High School Foundation welcomes new board members

The Foundation is happy to welcome three new board members: Ellie Batt, CHS 1970, Mike Lebens, CHS 1970, and Josh Jones, CHS 2008.



Ellie Batt: Ellie Batt (CHS 1970) is an ESL Specialist with International Studies and Programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She comes from a large family of Eagles, starting with her mother Frances Batt (CHS 1936) and continuing on with her brothers, aunts, cousins, and nephews. She has held positions on the Board of the AntiDefamation League and the Board of the Jewish Federation.

Josh Jones: Josh Jones (CHS 2008) is currently a community coach for the Urban League of Nebraska, athletic assistant at Boys Town in their Palrang Fieldhouse, motivational speaker, and co-owner of "Star Status". His family's Omaha Central enrollment tradition started with his grandmother Ada Nicholson (CHS 1931). The tradition has continued through his mother, brothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Josh is Central's all-time career points leader, Mr. Basketball for the state of Nebraska in 2008, and played for Creighton

CHS! (bottom, right) Students participate in Application Day with Midland University. (Bottom, left) Dr. Ed Bennett thanks Coca-Cola for its support of Central High School!

Located in the heart of downtown Omaha, Central High School has a long history of collaboration with corporations and business leaders. We recognize the value of strategic academic/industry partnerships to help strengthen our region's economy and community.

The Central High School Foundation has four Adopt-A-School partnerships, each teaming with Central to provide unique learning opportunities for its students: Coca-Cola, First National Bank, Midland University, and Nebraska Methodist College.

Central and the CHS Foundation greatly appreciate the Adopt-A-School partners and continue to look for local businesses or community entities interested in promoting student excellence within or outside CHS walls.

Class Reunions for 2014!

We are prepping for our class reunions this year! Please make sure you stay updated by visiting our reunion page on our website!



"Many Paths, One Spirit" All Class Reunion for Classes 1959 and Prior
May 1st - 2nd

Class of 1954 (60th)
To Be Announced

Class of 1964 (50th)
July 25th - 26th

Class of 1969 (45th)
To Be Announced

Class of 1974 (40th)
May 30th - June 2nd

Class of 1979 (35th)
To Be Announced

Class of 1984 (30th)
June 27th - 28th

his mother, brothers, games, movies, and basketball. Josh is Central's all-time career points leader, Mr. Basketball for the state of Nebraska in 2008, and played for Creighton University. During his free time, Josh loves listening to music, hanging out with friends, and watching classic movies.

Mike Lebens:

Mike Lebens (CHS 1970) is a member of Tenaska's Board of Stakeholders. Prior to his retirement in 2012, he served as president and CEO of Tenaska's Engineering & Operations Group. Before joining Tenaska, Lebens held positions with InterNorth, Inc., Gibbs & Hill, and Burns & McDonnell. Mike is part of a large family of Eagles which includes his wife Susan Lebens (CHS 1970), his son Colin Lebens (CHS 2000), his daughter Emily Young (CHS 2003), his brothers, sister, nieces, and nephews. In his free time he enjoys golfing and traveling.

Save the Date!

Your favorite events are back! Plans are well underway for the 2014 Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" and the CHS Golf Outing. Mark your calendars now to join us!

The Central High School Foundation's biggest events are coming up quickly! You don't want to miss out on all the fun! Both are great opportunities to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater.

Rock the Nest: "Trivia Night!"

Sunday, April 27, 2014
Scouler Ballroom

CHS Golf Outing

Monday, June 2, 2014
Field Club of Omaha

"Many Paths, One Spirit" All Class Reunion

May 1 - 2, 2014
Various locations



Be sure to keep up with all of our events on our [website!](#)

Eagles Soar at Nebraska State Theater Festival!

The International Thespian Society - Nebraska State Theater Festival was held January 10th - 14th, and Eagle theater students made their mark!



Class of 1989 (25th)
To Be Announced

Class of 1994 (20th)
To Be Announced

Class of 2004 (10th)
To Be Announced

Remember to keep checking our [website](#) for more information!



CHS Drama Department competed at the International Thespian Society-Nebraska State Theater Festival Jan. 10th - 14th! The results are in and the Eagles did smashingly!

Out of over 150 National Individual Event participants, CHS had the following students receive high honors awards: Samantha Quintana with her solo musical theater piece, R.D. Gerbeling and Lisa Grabowski with their duet acting scene and Haley Clark with her lighting design. They all advanced to the callback auditions in order to perform in the final showcase at the end of the festival. Alexia Childers received honorable mention for her solo musical theater performance.

Haley Clark received top honors in technical theater for her lighting design project. Samantha Quintana received top honors and was selected as one of 8 groups to perform in the final showcase for everyone who attended the ITS Festival. Emily Callahan, R.D. Gerbeling, Haley Clark, Kingsley Kadey, Nathan Daugherty and Ben Scheibeler competed in the ITS Technical Theater Challenge against 12 other schools and was one of 4 teams that advanced to the finals. CHS received the 3rd place award for the Tech Challenge. Gina Comstock, Melissa Comstock, RD Gerbeling, Aidan Hay, Nick Hernandez and Samantha Quintana competed in the Improvisational Acting Challenge against 12 other schools and was one of 4 teams to advanced to the finals. CHS received the 1st place award for the Improv Challenge!

Great job, Eagles! Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Theater Festival!

Jack Nixon, CHS 1968, has been named to New Mexico State Athletics Hall of Fame!

Jack Nixon is being recognized for his long commitment to New Mexico State athletics by being inducted into their Hall of Fame.



Congratulations to Jack Nixon, CHS 1968, who has been named to New Mexico State Athletics Hall of Fame!

Jack Nixon is currently in his 34th year as the radio play-by-play voice for New Mexico State University athletics. Only 11 other college-radio announcers have a longer tenure at one school than Nixon has at NM State.

The 'Voice of the Aggies' has broadcast over 400 Aggie football games and over 1,000 Aggie men's basketball games. On Jan. 14, 2012, Nixon broadcast his 1,000th game for the men's basketball program to join a list of only six radio announcers with at least 1,000 men's collegiate basketball games called for one team. During his time as a radio broadcaster, Nixon has won numerous local, state and national awards.

Congratulations, Jack!

Eagles take trip to WWI Museum in Kansas City

Panel Discussion: The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central

Child Savings Institute will be hosting a panel discussion with Steve Marantz and Susie Buffett March 20th in the Central High School Auditorium.



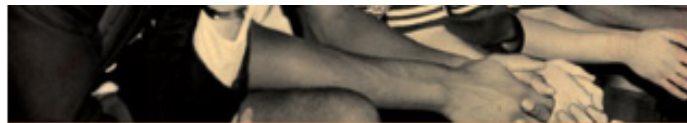
Eagles supplemented their studies over winter break by visiting the National World War I Museum, the Truman Presidential Library and Museum, and the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery.



Academic Decathlon, AP US History, and IB History students recently went on a 2-day field trip over winter break to the Kansas City/Topeka area to visit museums and historic sites related to their studies. In Kansas City, they visited the Truman Presidential Library and Museum, the National WWI Museum where they got a chance to tour the archives and meet research staff, and the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery.

The following day they went to Lecompton, KS to see the 1857 territorial capitol and hear discussions related to "Bleeding Kansas." They also toured the Kansas state capitol in Topeka as well as the 1855 territorial capitol building/ museum that also served as an Underground RR station.

Students shared Central's connection to Nebraska's territorial capitols with the museum staff. The trip finished at the Brown vs. Board of Education Museum in the former Topeka Monroe Elementary- now part of the National Park Service.



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THE RHYTHM BOYS OF OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL AT THE '68 RACIAL DIVIDE



In the spring of 1968, the Omaha Central High School basketball team made history with its first all-black starting lineup. The Rhythm Boys, as they were called, were slated to win the state championship that year, but after segregationist George Wallace ignited the city's smoldering racism, the team, the school, and the city were left forever changed. Please plan to attend Child Saving Institute's FREE panel discussion of The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central, featuring the book's author, as well as former and current players, and Central High staff.

Thursday, March 20th
7 - 9 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)
Omaha Central High School Auditorium
124 N. 20th St. / Omaha, NE 68102
Free Admission

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



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!](#)

All alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years are strongly encouraged to visit our website to update their record, especially if they have not received updates and mailing from the Central High School Foundation at their own address.

For many of our younger alumni, we send mail to the house they lived in upon graduating from Central.

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 1,000 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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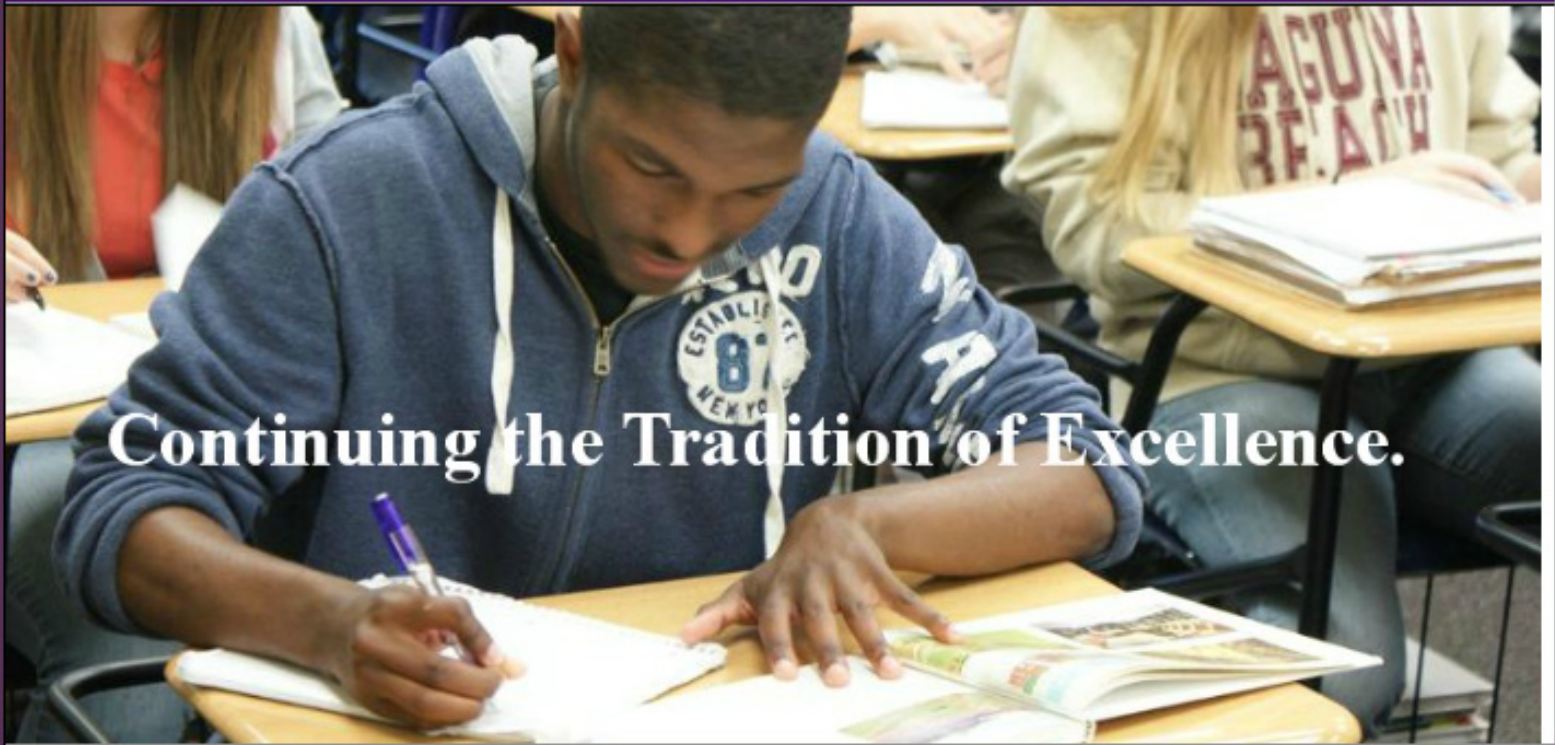
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