



Eagle News!

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Dear Supporter,

We're hoping that April's showers have brought you many flowers this May!

This past month has been an exciting one, and with Rock the Nest, the All Class Reunion, and the 100th Annual Road Show behind us, we can't help but thank everyone who attended and helped make these great events happen! Be sure to mark your calendars for our next event, the CHS Golf Outing, which will be happening June 2nd at Field Club of Omaha.

On May 21st, 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!

Congratulations to Thomas Parks, CHS 1997 on being our latest "like" milestone winner. We are growing our social network. Every 250 "like"

milestone we reach, we will award a prize from the Central High School Alumni Store. Winners are pulled from our Facebook Fans at random.

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*

Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" 2014

Because of our great alumni and community supporters, Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" was another success for the books!

We held our annual fundraiser Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" on Sunday, April 27th. 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 "Oh...That's soooo Easy!", "Famous Firsts", and "The 80's" the following teams were recognized:

- First Place, Team #21: Henry Cordes & Susan Stiles, Mike and Cheryl Goodwillie, Claire Goodwillie & Victor Sherony, and Kerry Winterer & Norma Hansen
- Second Place, Team #3: Matt & Donna Johnson, Nick & Kate Krueger, Jim Nolan & Holly Herman, and Darin & Jennifer Taylor
- Third Place, Team #15: Bob & Molly Atherton, Stephen & Lyn Bouma, Doug & Melissa Hegarty, and Chuck Reed & Anne McCormick

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 Robyn Sitzman.

The following individuals were raffle prize winners:

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| • Tee It Up at ArborLinks! | Murray Crummer |
| • Brantley Gilbert Concert | Suzanne Meyers |
| • All that Glitz! | Mary Sinclair |
| • Flat Screen TV | Matt Fitzgerald |
| • Team Spirit | Cathy Grow |
| • iPad Mini | Andy Wilson |
| • CHS Football Helmet | Damon Osborne |
| • License to Drive | Lyn Bouma |
| • College Bound | Lisa Pavel |
| • Urban Living Defined | Cathy Grow |



Save the Date for Sunday, April 26, 2015 for next year's Trivia Challenge!

Omaha Gives! is Back!

Omaha Community Foundation's successful annual fundraiser is back this May, and through it you can support the Central High School Foundation!



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 21st 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 21st!

Dust off your putters!

Don't miss out on the 12th annual CHS Golf Outing on June 2nd!



On Monday June 2nd, 2014, the Central High School Foundation will host its 12th annual Golf Outing at Field Club of Omaha. With over 200 participants expected to be registered, we are thrilled to be hosting both morning and afternoon flights to accommodate all the golfers. There are a few slots still available, so [sign up now](#) to reserve your spot today! Don't miss out on all of the fun, and register now!

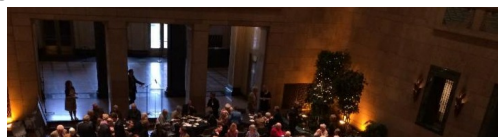
Morning Flight: 7:30 a.m.
Afternoon Flight: 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$150 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:
Nelson and Linda Gordman, CHS 1958

2014 All Class Reunion

Our All Class Reunion for the classes of 1959 and prior was a memorable weekend, thanks to our great alumni!



- * Spread the word! Tell your friends that you will be giving to the Central High School Foundation during Omaha Gives! on May 21st 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 21st, watch the leaderboard on Omahagives24.org and update our progress on social media.
- * Save the date. May 21st, 2014 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 Eagle Nation band together to give!

CHS Seniors present history of Road Show at Suburban Rotary

Seniors Patrick Nolan and Sydney Peterson presented the history of the Central High School Road Show in honor of the 100th performance.



CHS Seniors Patrick Nolan and Sydney Peterson, with the help of Ms. Dionne Kirksey, presented at the Suburban Rotary on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Their presentation was on a research project, "100 Years of the Omaha Central High Road Show," which explored the history of the Central High School Road Show. The presentation precedes the celebration of the Road Show's 100th show, which happened at the beginning of this month.

Great job, guys! One of the special things about Central High School is its rich past, and we are proud that our current Eagles continue to stay so connected and engaged with the school's history!

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)
September 5th - 6th

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

Class of 1969 (45th)
October 10th - 11th



The 2014 Central High School All Class Reunion "Many Paths, One Spirit" was a major success! We were pleased to host over 300 attendees over the two-day event! Thank you to all of our honored guests for traveling near and far to join us for this special event. We kicked off the weekend on May 1st with a cocktail party at the Joslyn Art Museum before heading over to Central to see the Alumni Road Show. This night was full of reconnecting with old friends and remembering good times! The Alumni Road Show Acts included:

Peter Buffett, CHS 1976

Life is What You Make It: A Concert & Conversation

Greg Combs, CHS 1980

Video Introduction

Lindsay Bloom, CHS 1968

I feel the Earth Move

Robert Allen, CHS 2008, and Robert Dancer, CHS 2013

All of Me

Tom Bertino, CHS 1980

Phonetic Punctuation

Stephen Bouma, CHS 1981

Black Key Etude

Lisa Grabowski, CHS 2016

Happy Feet

Echelle Childers, CHS 1989, and Alexia Childers, CHS 2014

I Will Never Leave You

Kristoff Berzins, CHS 1999, and Nick Goding, CHS 2004

Who's on First

Glen Prettyman, CHS 1976, and Sue Schoettger Barnhart, CHS 1978

Under My Skin

Pegi Bryans Georgeson, CHS 1961, D. Kevin Williams, CHS 1982

Southpaw

Nick Goding, CHS 2004, and Norma Reynolds, CHS 2003

Fine By Me

CHS Road Show All Stars: Sue Schoettger Barnhart, CHS 1978, Angela Genovesi Hinderaker, CHS 1977, Mike

"Gooch" Gurciullo, CHS 1977, Fred Genovesi, CHS 1971, Mary O'Keefe Thornburg, CHS 1977, and Steve

Thornburg, CHS 1977

I Say A Little Prayer

Special thank you to the Eagle Battalion for operating the golf carts back and forth from Joslyn to CHS and ensuring that our alumni were in good hands!

The next afternoon, on May 2nd, we reconvened at the Durham Museum for a "Stories of Omaha" tour, and everyone grabbed a treat at the Soda Fountain. Alumni enjoyed touring the museum, and seeing highlights such as the street cars that used to be the main mode of transportation to and from school for some of our alumni.

That night, everyone gathered at the Field Club of Omaha for a dinner and dance in order to spend some time with old friends. Special thanks to Mike "Gooch" Gurciullo, CHS 1977, for providing the music for our dinner at the Field Club! Classmates danced the night away to sounds of Gooch and his Las Vegas Big Band, an 8 piece musical extravaganza, that played big band jazz and vocal numbers covering classic tunes from some of the best writers and arrangers of the 20th Century.

We are pleased with the success of the All Class Reunion and look forward to hosting another one in the years to come.

Senior awarded the Nebraskans in WWII Scholarship

Congratulations CHS Senior, Maddie Buller, for winning the Nebraskans in WWII Scholarship!



Class of 1974 (40th)

May 30th - June 2nd

Class of 1979 (35th)

October 11th

Class of 1984 (30th)

June 27th - 28th

Class of 1989 (25th)

August 1st - 2nd

Class of 1994 (20th)

September 26th - 27th

Class of 2004 (10th)

September 26th - 27th

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

CHS Invitational Track Meet now known as Jo Dusatko Invitational

Thank you, Jo Dusatko, for 33 years of dedication to Central High School!



The Central Invitational track meet will now be known as the Jo Dusatko Invitational.

Jo Dusatko dedicated 33 years to Central High School (1967 - 2000). Ms. Dusatko was a pioneer, and she worked tirelessly for the benefit girls sports at Central. Jo was CHS's first girls track coach in 1971, and continued as the team's coach until 1986. Her track teams won the state championship seven times, came in second five times, and went undefeated for six seasons.

Under Dusatko's direction, the Central pom squad was established in 1968. Girls golf began in 1971 and Jo was the first coach. She was also the first girls soccer coach in 1986. The Nebraska Coaches Association recognized Jo as track coach of the year in 1979, 1980, and 1981. She was declared the overall girls coach of the year in 1984. Jo Dusatko was inducted into the Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Dusatko was honored at the 2014 Central High School Invitational track meet on April 17.

CHS Athletes Sign to Colleges

Eagle Athletes commit to prospective colleges at the 2014 Spring Signing Day!



Congratulations to our volleyball and soccer players, who have signed their National Letter of Intents to their prospective colleges! Amara Meeks has chosen Southeast Community College to play volleyball, Sydni Lee has also chosen Southeast Community College to play volleyball, Alliyah Dunbar will be playing volleyball at Grace University, and Khalif Irwin chose Grand View to play soccer. Congratulations, Eagle Athletes!



Senior Maddie Buller was awarded the Nebraskans in WWII scholarship by the Nebraska State Historical Society. At the ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Birthsite two Central grads in attendance came up to congratulate Maddie, who included her interest in Central's history in her essay. John Kruse, CHS 1944, and Paul Kruse, CHS 1950, both US Navy veterans and brothers, proudly traded Eagle stories about Central teachers, classes, and traditions with Maddie for about 30 minutes. They were proud that Central continues to turn out great scholars like Maddie.

Omaha History class visits Durham Western Heritage Museum

Students take a look at Omaha's past at the Durham museum.



Mr. Landstrom's Omaha History classes had a blast at the Durham Heritage Museum on April 10th! They went to see the temporary exhibit, "1968," and the permanent Omaha History exhibits, which supplemented what they were learning in class. Way to step outside the box, Eagles!

CHS Students visit Chicago Holocaust Museum

Students travel to Chicago Holocaust Museum as part of Holocaust Literature class.



On April 8, teachers Deron Larson and Jennifer Stastny accompanied twenty-nine Holocaust Literature students to Chicago to visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, IL, a suburb of Chicago. In the morning, they toured Millennium Park and the Holocaust memorial Agora. In the afternoon, they toured the museum and listened to testimony from Hungarian Holocaust survivor Agnes Schwartz. This field trip supports and enhances their studies in their senior-level English classes. This one-day educational trip was made possible by a generous grant from the Foundation. A second group traveled to Chicago on April 23.

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 1,250 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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