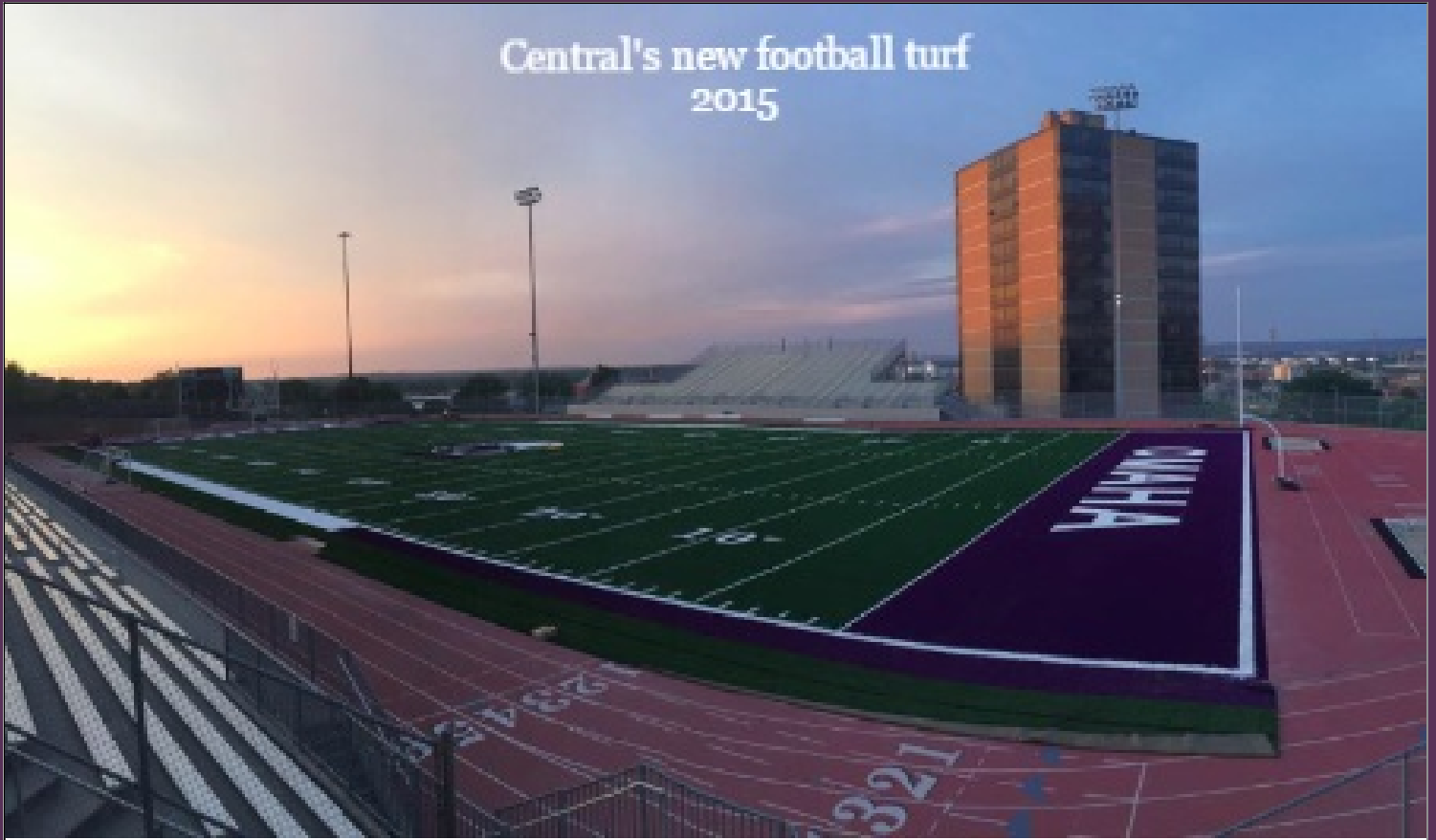


## Central's new football turf 2015



# Eagle News!

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### Dear Supporter,

Can you believe the summer went by so fast? The Eagles are preparing to head back to the Nest on Thursday to start a brand new school year!

Our 2015-2016 Generation "C" campaign is in full swing and we are excited to announce that this year's Co-Chairs are Roger, CHS 1960, and Gale, CHS 1961, Sayers! Be sure to read about them below and consider following in their footsteps and support CHS through Generation "C"! Special thank you to [Scott Drickey Photography](#) (CHS 1988) for his outstanding work photographing the Sayers brothers. We are lucky to have such talented and giving alumni!

This month we would also like to wish our Database and Media Manager, Ali Hodge, CHS 2009, a farewell and good luck! After working with us for 4 years, she is headed to grad school in London, England! She will be studying English Curriculum and Educational Policy at University College London starting in

September. We wish her the best and we will miss her!

Congratulations to Amy Yin, CHS 1999, for being our latest 250 "like" milestone winner on Facebook! We are growing our social network and we are nearing our 1,750 "like" marker! Every 250 "like" milestone we reach, a prize from the Central High School Alumni Store will be awarded. Winners are pulled from our Facebook Fans at random. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and you could be the next winner!

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 156 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

**Michele Roberts**

Executive Director

The Central High School Foundation

## Sayers Brothers are this Year's Generation "C" Chairs!

**Roger, CHS 1960, and Gale, CHS 1961, Sayers want you to join them in supporting Central High School!**



Photo by Scott Drickey Photography

Roger and Gale Sayers, are two brothers who exemplify what it means to be Eagles. Both gifted athletes in their youth and motivated businessmen in their later years, they have illustrated a shared commitment to their community and Central High School.

Each brother got their start to athletic glory at Central, both playing football and sometimes sharing time on the field. Roger, CHS 1960, was known for his speed and went on to have an impressive career as a track star for what was then Omaha University and the United States Track Team. In 1962 and 1963, while competing for UNO, Roger won consecutive NAIA championships in the 100 meters while also winning the 200 meter championship in 1963. As a result of his career, he has been inducted into the University of Nebraska at Omaha

## Mark Your Calendars for the 2015 Class Reunions!

**This year's reunions are sure to be a blast! Don't miss out on this opportunity to reconnect with your fellow classmates!**



**Class of 1955 (60th)**  
August 28th - 30th

**Class of 1960 (55th)**  
September 18th - 19th

**Class of 1965 (50th)**  
August 21st - 22nd

**Class of 1975 (40th)**  
October 9th - 10th

**Class of 1990 (25th)**  
September 17th - 19th

**Class of 1995 (20th)**  
August 28th - 30th

**Class of 2005 (10th)**  
September 11th - 12th

For more information regarding the reunion schedule, [click here to visit our website!](#)

## Central Eagles Connect with

Hall of Fame, the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame, the Omaha Sports Hall of Fame, and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame. Gale, CHS 1961, was a dynamic and impressive high school athlete, and became a football legend first at the University of Kansas, and then as a running back for the Chicago Bears. During his four season career with the Bears, he was named Rookie of the Year and All-Pro; and he set season records for total offense, touchdowns, and a single game scoring record with 6 touch downs. His long list of awards includes being the youngest inductee into the Pro Football Hall of Fame at the age of 29, and an award-winning movie, "Brian's Song," was scripted from his 1970 autobiography, I Am Third.

Beyond athletics, Roger and Gale aimed to make names for themselves professionally. Roger is retired following a 26-year career as the Director of Benefits Administration at Union Pacific. He also served the City of Omaha as its Director of Human Relations under Mayor Gene Leahy. He is still an active member of the community, and has held many prominent positions including trustee of Salem Baptist Church, Board President of both the La Fern Williams Stage Theatre and the Urban League of Nebraska, Nebraska Coordinator of the United Negro College Fund, and member of the Board of Directors of the Central High School Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. Gale had a successful career as the athletic director at Southern Illinois University, followed by various entrepreneurship endeavors. He started Sayers and Sayers Enterprises, a sports marketing and public relations firm, before launching Sayers Computer Source, which provided commercial customers with technology products and brought in revenue of more than \$150 million. In retirement, Gale still devotes a great deal of time supporting and raising funds for dozens of charitable organizations.

**[You can join Roger and Gale to support Central High School by joining Generation "C" today!](#)**

## 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees' Bios Now Available Online!

**Preceding the 2015 Hall of Fame Ceremony in October, you can now read the bios of this year's honorees online.**



The Hall of Fame Class of 2015 are being honored at the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony on October 8, 2015. Now, before the event, you can read all about this year's

## Dutch Town About WWII Soldiers

**Scott Wilson, Central High history teacher, led a breathtaking student trip to Europe this summer to visit Dutch town where CHS alumni are buried.**



The epic trip Scott Wilson dreamed about finally got underway in June.

The history teacher at Omaha Central High School, together with five other adults and 36 students, followed the footprints of American GIs who helped liberate northern Europe in World War II.

From London to the beaches of Normandy to Paris, Bastogne and Berlin, the 13-day trip would be a history lesson like no other.

To read the full Omaha World-Herald article [click here!](#)

## Mark Your Calendars for Another Great Year of CHS Performing Arts!

**You won't want to miss out on the great things CHS Performing Arts has planned for this year!**

inductees by [reading their bios on our website.](#)

**2015 Inductees:**

J. Scott Barker  
CHS 1981

Robert Batt  
CHS 1966

Howard Buffett  
CHS 1921

Mike Gaherty  
Distinguished Educator

Ahman Green  
CHS 1995

Laurance Hoagland  
CHS 1954

Beatrice Kalisch  
CHS 1961

Anthony LaGreca  
Distinguished Educator

Harley Schragar  
CHS 1965

Harry O. "Skip" Taylor  
CHS 1959

When you're done, you can also browse through our library of inductees' biographies. Every bio is available for you to read through!

## Central Welcomes New West Omaha Eagles

An ice cream social and back to school bash welcomed west Omaha's newest Eagles.



On Sunday, August 9th current Central students and families from west Omaha were invited to an ice cream social at Omaha Public School Board President, Lou Ann Goding's house. The back to school bash was held for Lou Ann's district constituents in her backyard. Principal, Dr. Ed Bennett, OPS Superintendent, Mark Evans, and CHSF Executive Director, Michele Roberts were present to introduce the crowd and welcomed everyone to the Eagle's Nest!

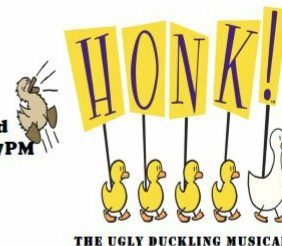
Omaha Central High School Performing Arts Department

### CHS Performing Arts Department Presents... The 2015/2016 Season

**Musical Production:**  
**Honk!**  
The Ugly Ducking Musical  
**Production Dates:**  
Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 @ 7PM and  
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 @ 2PM & 7PM

Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drewe  
Music by George Stiles  
Based on Hans Christian Andersen's  
*The Ugly Duckling*

*Honk* is presented through special arrangement  
with Music Theatre International (MTI).



### 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Road Show

**Production Dates:**  
Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 @ 7PM and  
Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 @ 2PM & 7PM  
All performances in the CHS Auditorium  
Downtown's Premiere Talent and Variety Show!

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**Spring Play Production:**  
**The Awesome 80's Prom**

This totally rad blast from the past will have you laugh, sing, dance and even vote for prom king and queen!

**Production Dates:**  
Friday, April 29, 2016 @ 7PM and  
Saturday, April 30, 2016 @ 2PM & 7PM  
Written by Ken Davenport and The Class of '89

This production of *The Awesome 80's Prom* is made possible by  
special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

## As Tagg Grows, You Can Support CHS in More Places!

Tagg - Together a Greater Good - is Omaha's own giving app for your smart phone!



Tagg - Together a Greater Good - is a fantastic app for anyone in the Omaha area. You can scan this app at over 100 Omaha businesses. All you do is download the app to your smartphone, then at check-out you let your cashier know that you'd like to scan your Tagg app! A portion of your total will be donated to the charity of your choice - and you can choose the Central High School Foundation!

This app is really taking off in Omaha! 88 Restaurant Group, owned by Charles Yin, CHS 1996, is matching the first \$1,000 donated through Tagg every month to benefit non-profits in Omaha! You can be involved too! Visit the [Tagg website](#) to learn more and download the app today!

# 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 1,750 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store.** Winners

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[Like us on Facebook!](#)

## Special Thanks to our Community Partners!



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