



Happy Holidays!

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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!

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 2015 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 157 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Executive Director

The Central High School Foundation

2016 Hall of Fame Nominations

Due December 31, 2015



If you would like to recognize one of your classmates for their outstanding achievements, nominate them for the 2016 CHS Hall of Fame!

The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Fame Class! If you know a distinguished alumni, educator or CHS benefactor who is worthy of this honor, please submit your nomination by December 31, 2015. You can [submit your nomination online](#) or download a nomination form by visiting our website.

Battling Back

Pat Venditte, CHS '04, pays a special visit
to a big fan



Pat Venditte, CHS '04, keeps busy these days pitching for the Toronto Bluejays. The Central Baseball alum earned his first Major League win on August 30 as a member of the Oakland Athletics. Recently, he took time to stop in and have lunch with Mick Messbarger. Messbarger is in

If you have any questions please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996.

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Click [here](#) to get started!

Together a Greater Good (TAGG)

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the midst of a five-year battle with sarcoma that started in his hip and has reached his brain. Messbarger is a former coach for Memorial Little League, and his son Sam is junior baseball player at Central.

Always passionate to talk about sports and stressing the importance of teamwork, Mick was thrilled to get the chance to talk with one of Central's greatest baseball players of all time. Although things might appear bleak for Mick, his positive attitude warms everyone who interacts with him on a daily basis. During this holiday season, it's important to be thankful for what you have and cherish the friends and family who surround you.

Read [this article](#) from the Omaha World-Herald to learn more about Mick's inspirational story.

Keep battling, Mick! We're thinking of you.

Eagles Give Back

**Students give back their time to the Omaha
Community**



Photo courtesy of Theresa Patton.

Central senior Chance Hall was named the 2015 Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands Youth of the Year. Hall is a member of the Central football and basketball teams.



Omaha Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good), an Omaha start-up, to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. TAGG offers a smartphone app, that when used at 120 participating local businesses, the business will donate 5% of your purchase, any day any time! The app, available on iPhone and Android devices, is free to download and easy to setup. Here's how to get started:

- 1) Download the free app 'Together A Greater Good' to your iPhone or Android device
- 2) When it's time to pay at a participating business, click the orange 'TAGG My Purchase' button on the app, and tell the cashier you want to TAGG.
- 3) Enter in the total pre-tax amount of your purchase and click 'Next'.
- 4) Your camera should appear and the cashier will provide you with an orange QR card to scan.
- 5) Choose Central High School Foundation from the list of organizations.

Businesses where TAGG is accepted include:

V. Mertz, Roja, Hiro, NuTrend, Block 16, Coldstone Creamery, eCreamery, Omaha Tap House, and many other fine businesses!

Learn more about TAGG on their [website](#).

Class Reunions

Mark your calendars now!



Photo courtesy of the NorthStar Foundation.

Central students have been recognized recently for giving back to the Omaha community. Students from Central decorated the holiday celebration trees on December 2 at the NorthStar Foundation.

Join Generation "C" Today!

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



Photo by Scott Drickey Photography

Roger, CHS 1960, Sayers and Gale, CHS 1961, 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.

For as little as \$10, you too can show your commitment to Central High School by joining Roger and Gale as Generation "C" members! Generation "C" is the official support group recognized by Central High School. Gifts to this Annual Giving Campaign allow the Foundation to provide for the emerging needs and challenges of Central High School. These unrestricted funds give the Foundation the flexibility to meet the greatest needs of Central, while allowing you to support your favorite school!

While membership provides essential support for the Foundation, it also gives alumni various ways to stay connected. Members also receive

As we approach the end of 2015, it's important to remember all of the fun class reunions that took place this year! Although 2015 is wrapping up, we are excited to get started planning the class reunions for 2016. If you have not set up your class reunion for 2016, contact [Brittany Gunn](#) at the Central High School Foundation to get started at 402-556-1996. The Foundation has a plethora of resources to help make your class reunion the very best possible. This list will continue to be updated as more reunions are scheduled, but here are the three classes that have secured dates so far.

Class of 1951

September 23-24, 2016

Contact Larry Albert at 402-334-5622 for more information.

Class of 1956

TBD

Class of 1961

TBD

Class of 1966

August 26-27, 2016

Contact Cynthia Hadsell at clhadsell@aol.com for more information.

Class of 1971

TBD

Class of 1976

TBD

Class of 1981

TBD

Class of 1986

September 22-25, 2016

Contact Bart Lovgren at bartL@cox.net for more information.

Class of 1991

TBD

Class of 1996

TBD

Class of 2001

TBD

Class of 2006

TBD

exclusive benefits - from reserved parking at athletic contests, to front row seating at the Road Show, to special incentives, such as an invitation to a tailgate party, held annually in conjunction with the Hall of Fame!

To learn more about Generation "C" and to join today, [click here!](#)

Former Eagles Thriving at UNO

Tra-Deon Hollins, '13, and Tre'Shawn Thurman, '14



Photo courtesy of Ryan Soderlin/The Omaha World-Herald

Two Central alums are making big splashes down Dodge Street at UNO. Tra-Deon Hollins, a 2013 graduate of CHS, transferred from Central Community College in Columbus, Nebraska, to join a UNO program that is gaining traction as it completes the transition to Division I. He helped lead the Eagles to four consecutive Class A State Championships from 2010 to 2013.

Teammate Tre'Shawn Thurman, a 2014 graduate of Central, also will be an important part of the Mav's plans this season.

On the young season, Hollins is among the best in the nation in steals per game, averaging almost four swipes per game. Thurman is also playing very well, averaging almost 14 points per contest.

Read more about Hollins and Thurman in [this article](#) from the Omaha World-Herald.

CHS Yard Signs
Get Yours Today!

V.O.I.C.E. Craft Day
Save the date!



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Central has ordered hundreds of yard signs that can be displayed proudly in your yard during the recruitment month. Deciding which high school to attend is a huge decision, so let's show eighth graders and their families how much Eagle Pride we have!

If you're interested in having a sign for your yard, you can reserve a sign by [clicking here](#). The last day signs will be delivered to your yard will be December 16. For other questions, contact Lori Falcon at Lori.Falcon@ops.org.

A reminder that there will be an open house for all incoming freshman on Saturday, January 9, 2016, from 2-4 at CHS.

Help raise money for scholarships for music students! The annual Craft & Conversation Day will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at CHS. The event cost is \$25 and will be hosted by the Central V.O.I.C.E. organization. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Call Sheryl Fitzgerald at 402-960-4418 or email her at chsvoicevol@gmail.com to register.



Facebook Milestone Reached!

Over 1,750 "Likes" on Foundation page

We recently surpassed the milestone of having over 1,750 "likes" on the Foundation Facebook page. Each milestone that is reached, we award a prize from the Central High School Alumni Store.

We surpassed the milestone in early December and have randomly selected a winner for the prize. Congratulations to Ryan Shoener, CHS '94, on being our most-recent milestone winner. The next prize giveaway will be when the page reaches 2,000 likes.



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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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 2,000 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School**

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