



Eagle News!

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Dear Supporter,

The 2015 Class reunions have officially come to a close and we are steadily working on a schedule for 2016. The classes are picking their dates and, as new information comes in, we are making updates to the website. We encourage you to visit our [website](#) for the latest information on your upcoming reunion!

The Central High School Alumni Association had a packed house for their monthly meeting. Their guest speaker was Scott Wilson, CHS AP/IB US History Teacher. He shared his presentation of Honoring Central's European War Graves. Scott and 36 students traveled to Europe to visit the graves of Central Alumni who served in World War I and World War II. The Alumni Association will be hosting future speakers, so watch the E-Newsletter for more information.

Finally, congratulations to Keith Jones, CHS 1984, for his induction into the Omaha Public Schools 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame. The OPS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be on November 21, 2015, at Champions Country Club.

As always, 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 have a distinguished alumni, educator or CHS benefactor that is worthy of this honor, please submit your nomination by December 31, 2015. You can [submit your nomination online](#) or

Reach for the Stars

Jenny Gruber, CHS '94, is doing big things with NASA

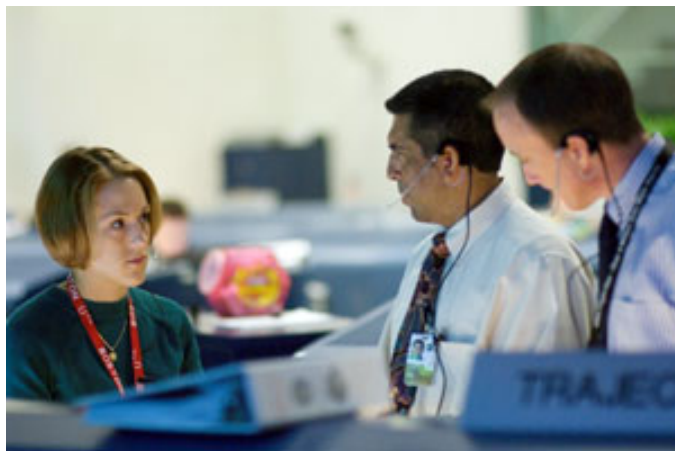


Photo courtesy of the Boston University College of Engineering.

Jenny Gruber, a 1994 graduate of Omaha Central High School, is living her childhood dream of working for NASA. Inspired by her AP Physics teacher, she decided to pursue an education in aerospace engineering from Boston University. She was named a Rhodes Scholar and got to do some incredible things during her time with BU, including participating in a co-op at the Johnson Space Center. She earned her doctorate in engineering in science in 2002 while writing her thesis on quantifying the effects of erosion within ion engines.

download a nomination form by visiting our website.

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

Together a Greater Good (TAGG)

**Support Central High School Foundation
without spending an extra dime!**



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:

Gruber has experienced some really fun jobs at NASA. She served as the flight dynamics officer, monitoring and tracking a spacecraft's trajectory and engine performance. Although the space shuttle program has ended, Gruber now manages a mission planning software group while supervising flight controllers. She plans on applying for a mission specialist position within NASA's Astronaut Candidate Program.

When asked about her time as the flight dynamics officer, she said this:

"I liked the teamwork and camaraderie in mission control, having to solve problems under pressure where the answers aren't always in the back of the book."

[Read this recent article about Jenny in Boston University's Engineering magazine. Click to download.](#)

Keep up the good work, Jenny!

Keith Jones, CHS'84, Honored

Jones to be inducted into the OPS Athletic Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy of the Lincoln Journal Star.

We're proud that one of our own will be inducted into the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame this year! Keith Jones, CHS 1984, will be inducted during the annual ceremony on November 21st. Keith played football at Central High School, where he broke records set 23 years earlier by Gale Sayers. Jones ran for a high school single-game career record of 235 yards against state champion Creighton Prep and 216 yards against runner-up Omaha Gross. For a full bio, and to find out about the other inductees, click [here](#).

Join Generation "C" Today!

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

V. Mertz, Roja, Pana 88, Spirit World, NuTrend, Block 16, Coldstone Creamery, Omaha Tap House, and many other fine restaurants!

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

Class Reunions

Mark your calendars now!



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 Omaha Central Alumni Foundation to get started. 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 two classes that have already made plans for their 2016 class reunions.

Class of 1951
TBD

Class of 1956
TBD

Class of 1961
TBD

Class of 1966
August 26-27, 2016

Class of 1971
TBD

Class of 1976
TBD

Class of 1981
TBD

Class of 1986

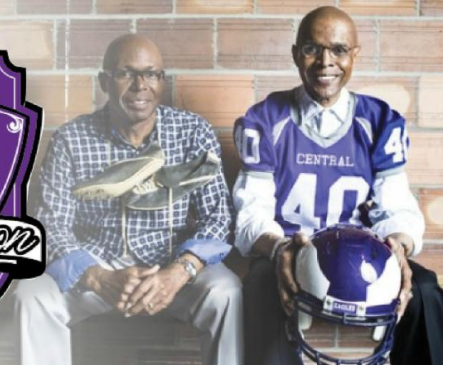


Photo by Scott Drickey Photography

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 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!](#)

Eagles Visit Local Colleges



Eagles got a glance at the medical industry during a college visit and the

Class of 1991
TBD

Class of 1996
TBD

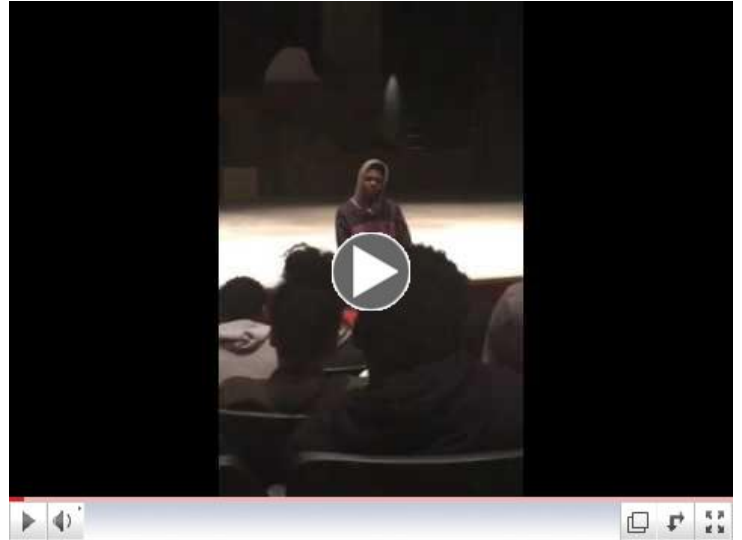
Class of 2001
TBD

Class of 2006
TBD

If your class reunion is next year and you need help planning it, please contact [Brittany Gunn](#) at the Foundation Office 402-557-3300.

The Central High School Foundation arranged for a group of upperclassman to visit Nebraska Methodist College for a college visit. Eagles had a blast looking in on classes, visiting a mock hospital room and getting a glimpse of life as a college student.

A group of students also visited Midland University in Fremont. Check out this video of junior Keelan Johnson performing at Midland.



Keelan Johnson at Midland

We would like to give a great big thanks to Methodist and Midland, who are both generous community partners!

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 home 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**

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