



Eagle News!

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Dear Supporter,

Welcome back! School started a few weeks ago and we are excited to see what new and wonderful things our Eagles will accomplish this academic year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the passing of Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937. She was a preeminent mathematics teacher at Omaha Central High School for 41 years and was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame. It is her family's wishes that [memorials](#) be sent to the Central High School Foundation for the Virginia Lee Pratt Scholarship. Ms. Pratt exemplified what it means to be an Eagle. She was a proud supporter of Central even into her retirement, and we will miss her greatly.

The cast of Honk! The Musical is inviting you to a special Meet and Greet Breakfast! Activities will be hosted in the CHS Courtyard, and festivities include a complimentary breakfast and interacting with the cast, taking photos, and participating in an exclusive backstage tour! This will take place Saturday, October 17th at 9:30 am. RSVP by October 14th by calling 402-557-3332! Don't forget to bring your kids and grandkids! All cast members will be in costumes!

Lastly, I'd like to send out a big thank you to everyone who attended the Generation "C" Tailgate last Friday! We had an excellent turnout of alumni and friends of Central who came out to cheer on the Eagles against Creighton Prep! Central won 28-20!

Go Eagles!

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

The Central High School Hall of Fame Class of 2015

The 17th Annual CHS Hall of Fame will held Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Central High School!



Click on the photo to read the bios of this year's Hall of Fame Inductees!

The 17th Annual CHS Hall of Fame will held Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Central High School! The CHS Alumni Association is proud to induct ten individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service. RSVP now to come celebrate this special day with your fellow Eagles! Inductees are selected by the Central High School Alumni Association and the program is presented by the Central High School Foundation.

The dinner will be held at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard and the ceremony will take place at 7:30 pm in the Central High Auditorium. Registration is \$50 per person, \$400 for a table of eight and \$500 for a table of ten. Please contact the Foundation office at 402-556-1996 with any questions or to be sent an invitation.

Central Alumnus and Former Staff Member Passes Away



Virginia Lee Pratt
CHS 1937
Staff 1941-1982

1919-2015

April 27, 1919 - September 4, 2015

Virginia Lee Pratt was the daughter of Edith Gordon Norris Pratt, of Omaha, Nebraska, died naturally in her sleep on September 4, 2015 at the age of 96.

She was a preeminent mathematics teacher at Omaha Central High School for 41 years and was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame. She was a John Hay Fellow at Columbia University in New York and a graduate of Randolph Macon College

in Lynchburg, Virginia. A memorial service will be held on October 10, 2015 at 10:00 am at Countryside Community Church in Omaha. She never married, and her survivors are her five(5) nephews - George Roderic Anderson, Gordon Scot Anderson, Richard Lee Anderson, Peter Christopher Anderson, and Walter Bruce Anderson - and 23 great and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family requests that **memorials** be sent to the Central High School Foundation for the Virginia Lee Pratt Scholarship.

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.

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!

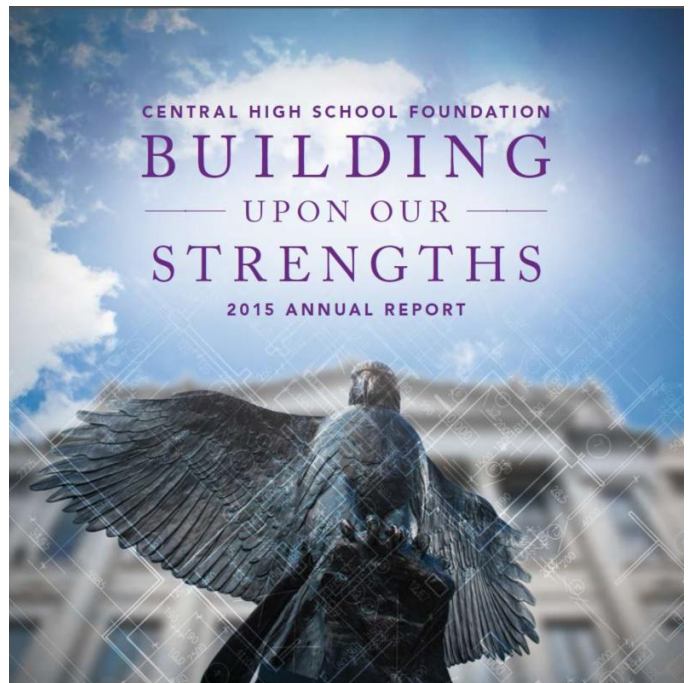
While membership provides essential support for the Foundation, it also gives alumni various ways to stay connected. Members also receive exclusive benefits - from reserved parking at athletic contests, to front row seating at the Road Show, to special incentives, such as an invitation to a tailgate party, held annually in conjunction with the Hall of Fame!

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

As Tagg Grows, You Can

Check Your Mailbox! The 2015 Annual Report is On The Way!

The 2015 CHSF Annual Report is a great snapshot of all the exciting things that have been happening at the Foundation!



This year's annual report highlights our annual events, class reunions, and contributors. You can also read about the Legacy Building Addition and learn about a beloved Central administrator, Al LaGreca! To read an electronic version of this year's annual report as well as annual reports from previous years, [click here!](#)

If you did not receive a copy of the annual report in the mail, contact the Foundation office at 402-556-1996 and we would be happy to send one to you!

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

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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!

Visit the [Tagg website](#) to learn more and download the app today!

New Gate Opens Campus Between CHS and Joslyn

Thanks to Mike and Susan Lebens, CHS 1970, A new gate opens up accessibility to Joslyn for CHS students.



classmates!



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

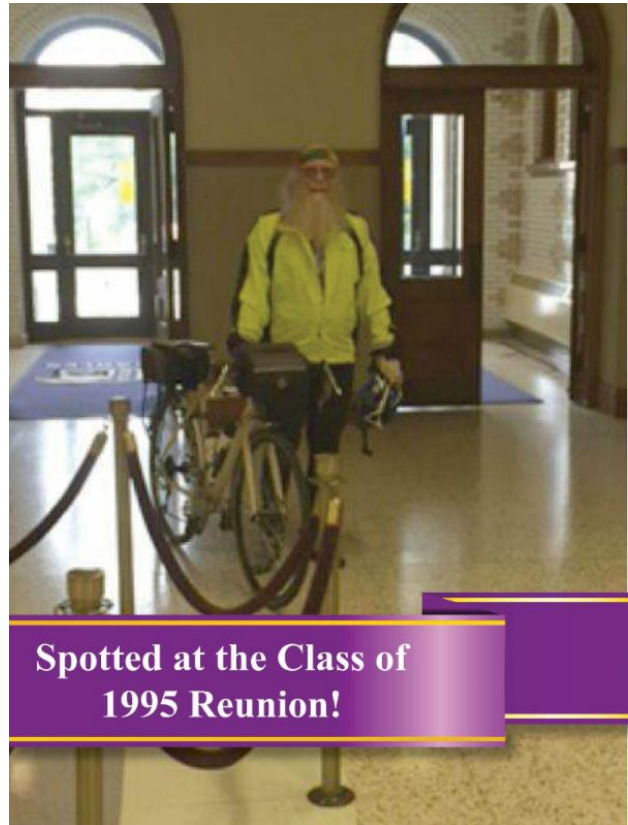
Class of 1975 (40th)
October 9th - 10th

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

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

Al Roeder Spotted at 1995 Reunion

And it was a familiar sight for many. Al, a former CHS science teacher, rode his bike and entered the school just like this, every day for many years!



Spotted at the Class of 1995 Reunion!

Al Roeder, a former CHS science teacher, who rode his bike to school every day, showed up to Central once more for the Class of 1995's 20th reunion! He was received well, and many students remembered seeing him just like this every

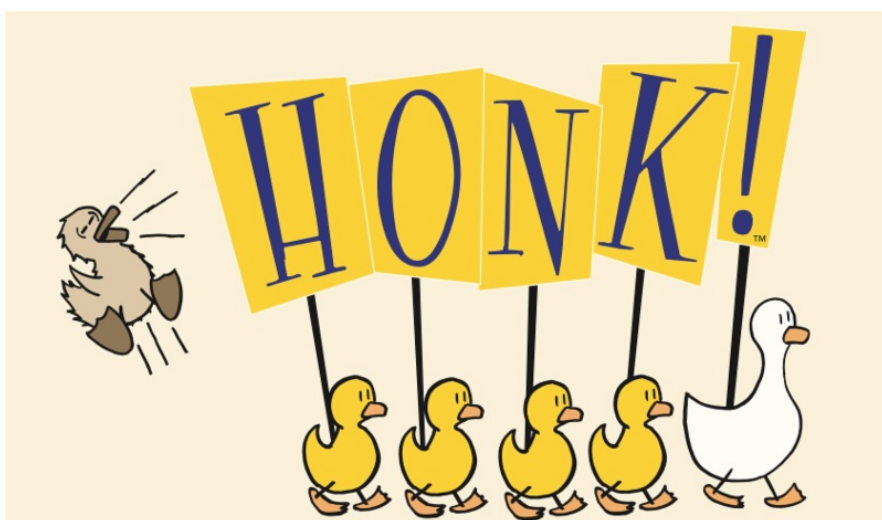
Many Eagles may remember a time when there was nothing separating the Joslyn Art Museum campus and the Central High campus. In fact, many remember when the current Joslyn parking lot was the CHS track field and others remember when it housed Central's outdoor classrooms. But Central's current Eagles have never known a time when there wasn't a fence between us and our neighbor. In 2008 the Joslyn expanded their museum to include an outdoor sculpture garden and refinish their parking lot, which included a fence between the two campuses.

Now, thanks to the help of 1970 graduates, Mike and Susan Lebens, a gate and sidewalk was built between the school and the museum so students could have easier access to everything Joslyn has to offer! "Our staff and students (and principal!) are so appreciative," said Dr. Ed Bennett.

morning when they were in school.

Remember to share with us the fun, nostalgic happenings from your class reunion and we will share them on our social media! **You can share them by emailing photos and stories to foundation@chsfomaha.org**

Honk! The Musical: Exclusive Meet the Cast Party!



You and your family are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with the cast of Honk! The Musical! Select members of the cast will be in attendance to meet you, discuss their role in the performance and their experience in the Central High School Performing Arts Department. Festivities include breakfast, interacting with the cast, taking photos, and participating in an exclusive backstage tour! Bring your kids and grandkids! Breakfast will be provided by the Central High School Foundation.

Saturday, October 17, 5015
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the CHS Courtyard

RSVP by Wednesday, October 14th

Call (402) 557-3332

Questions regarding the event: Please contact Sara Cowan at (402) 557-3361 or sara.cowan@ops.org

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 will be pulled from our Facebook Fans!

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