

Eagle News

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

We hope you had a safe and relaxing Fourth of July!

Here at the Foundation we are busy helping our reunion coordinators make sure their upcoming events are the best they can be! We're looking forward to hosting 10 reunions this year!

Our 2016-2017 Generation "C" campaign is in full swing and we are excited to announce that this year's Chair is Bob Batt, CHS 1966! Be sure to read about him below and consider following in his footsteps and support CHS through Generation "C"! Please remember that it is the generous support of our incredible alumni that allow the Foundation to continue to help Central High School. [For more information click here.](#) Special thank you to [Laurie \(1990\) and Charles \(1988\) Photographs](#)



for their outstanding work photographing our Generation "C" Chairs. We are lucky to have such talented and giving alumni!

Congratulations to Dan Bye, CHS 1984, for being our latest 250 "like" milestone winner on Facebook! 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!

Lastly, we hope to see you tomorrow at our [Passing Periods Luncheon](#) at the Field Club of Omaha. Mr. Jack Blanke and Mr. Dan Daly are the guest speakers. We hope you take this opportunity to reconnect with old classmates and teachers and make it a new tradition over your lunch hour!

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 157 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Passing Periods is Back!



The Bell has Rung!

Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Central High School Foundation's Alumni Luncheon Series: 'Passing Periods,' and we hope to bump into you there! For \$15, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends you haven't seen since first period, talk with teachers that you haven't seen since homeroom, and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers.

Our Next Luncheon Date is:

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Field Club of Omaha
3615 Woolworth Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

Guest Speakers:

Jack Blanke & Dan Daly

To register online, please register and pay using the online registration link below. You will receive a confirmation upon completion of your online registration and payment.

To register by mail, please mail your registration and check to:

Central High School Foundation
1823 Harney Street, Suite 203
Omaha, NE 68102-1913

[Please register today!](#) If you have any questions please contact Brittany Gunn at 402-556-1996 or brittany@chsfomaha.org.

2016-17 Generation C Chair Announced - Bob Batt, CHS 1966

Although he graduated in 1966, Robert Batt has never lost his Eagle Spirit, and his passion for Central High School is as strong today as it was when he was running through the halls to get to class. While at Central, he was an active member of JROTC and involved himself in the French and Math clubs. Beyond graduation, he has demonstrated a long-lasting commitment not only to Central High School, but the Omaha community.

Bob is a well-recognized business man in Omaha, having served as the company spokesperson and Executive Vice President of Nebraska Furniture Mart, a Midwest institution in the furniture, appliances, and electronics business. In addition, he has been a mentor to many young people in Omaha and a supporter of civic causes such as purchasing video cameras for police cruisers. He also served on the Omaha Personnel Board, and supported initiatives and collaborative efforts at UNO, his alma mater. He is currently a member of the Boys Town Advisory Board and a regular donor to The Heart Ministry Center. At the state level, he is Chairman of the State Liquor Commission and has served on other state service committees. Nationally, he served on the U.S. Concert Committee for Yellowstone to help raise funds to restore fire-ravaged Yellowstone National Park.

For his community service, civic efforts, and university support, Bob has received plenty of recognition. UNO presented him with its Citation for Alumni Achievement and with a Distinguished Alumni Award. The Omaha Press Club also selected him as a "Face on the Barroom Floor." He credits his success and sense of responsibility to his community to the foundational education he received at Central High School. Generations of the Batt family have attended Central, such as his sister Ellie Batt, CHS 1970, who sits on the Central High School Foundation Board of Directors. In this way, the Eagle Spirit is not just a result of his time spent at Central High School; it is a family tradition.

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



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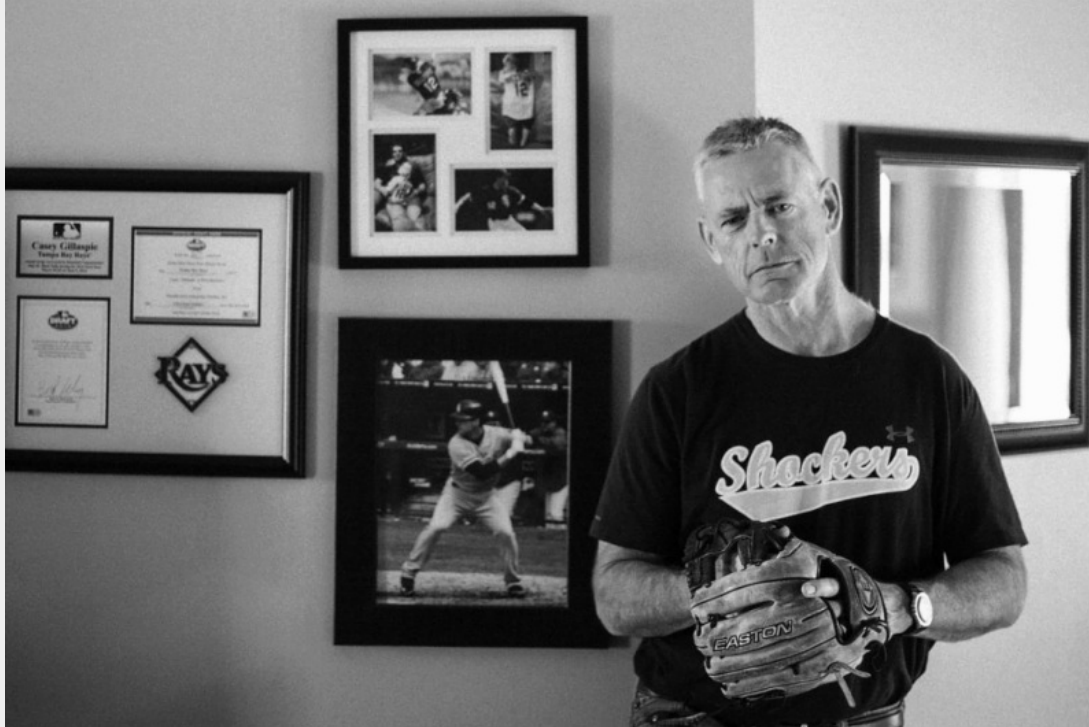
Central Student Attends Junior State of America at Princeton



Taylor Hogan, CHS 2017

Taylor Hogan, CHS 2017, was recently elected to participate in a program called Junior State of America. The mission of the JSA and Junior Statesmen Foundation is to strengthen democracy by educating and preparing high school students for lifelong involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society. Taylor will spend three weeks on the campus of Princeton University engaging in political discourse. Way to go, Taylor! What a huge honor for a very deserving student. Click [here](#) to read more of Taylor's story from the Omaha World-Herald.

The Gillaspie Family - In a League of Their Own



Mark Gillaspie, CHS 1977

[Read this incredible story](#) about Mark Gillaspie, CHS 1977, and how the Gillaspies have become one of Omaha's most-successful baseball families. An Omaha police officer for almost 20 years, Mark currently serves as the school resource officer at his alma mater, Central High School. Keep up the great work, Officer Gillaspie!

The "Spirit of 1976" Meets for Their 40th Reunion



The Class of 1976 celebrated their 40th reunion this past weekend. They started out their weekend on Friday night listening to Kenny Loggins at the Bank of the West Celebrates America concert at Memorial Park. Then on Saturday, the crew danced the night away to The 70's Band at the Cottonwood Marina. On Sunday, July 3rd, a dinner, awards banquet, followed by music and dancing was held at the Firefighters Union Hall. The weekend was concluded on Monday, July 4, with the Ralston Independence Day Parade.

Class of 1951

September 23-24, 2016

Contact Larry Albert at 402-334-5622 or snlsource@aol.com for more information.

Class of 1961

September 23-24, 2016

Contact Dick Zacharia at 402-290-6696 or dickzacharia@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1966

August 26-27, 2016

Contact Maynard Rosenberg at 402-496-2550 or Cindy Hadsell at dhadsell@aol.com for more information.



Class of 1974 Reunion

Class of 1971

October 7, 2016

Contact Linda Niebauer at 303-724-9767 or Linda.Niebauer@ucdenver.edu for more information.

Class of 1981

September 30-October 1, 2016

Contact Robert Atherton at 402-740-6786 or Athertonrobert8@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1986

September 15-18, 2016

Contact Bart Lovgren at 402-490-7956 or bartl@cox.net for more information.

Class of 1991

August 5-6, 2016

Contact Brian Tomanio at brian.tomanio@kcpd.com or visit central1991.com for more information.

Class of 1996

September 16-18, 2016

Please contact Kelly Titus at kellytitus@me.com for more information.

Class of 2006

September 16-17, 2016

Contact Alvin Samuels or Jim Hubbard at chs2k6@gmail.com for more information.

TAGGing Just Got Easier!



New for 2016: You can now TAGG your purchase by taking a picture of the receipt rather than taking a picture of a QR code! That way if you forget to TAGG your purchase before leaving the restaurant, you can take a picture of your receipt after getting home!

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 set up. Here's how to get started:

- 1) Go to the App Store or Google Play and 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 that you want to 'TAGG' your purchase.
- 3) On your phone, enter in the total pre-tax amount of your purchase and click 'Next.'
- 4) When you go to TAGG a purchase, you will now have the option to take a picture of your receipt (instead of asking a cashier for a QR code to scan). We ask that you do this within 7 days of purchase.

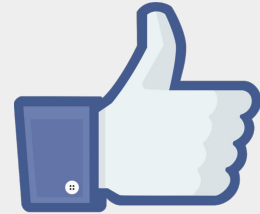
5) On your phone, select Central High School Foundation from the list of organizations.

To learn more about TAGG, check out their [website](#). Happy shopping!

Like Us on Facebook!

Are you on Facebook? [Like our Facebook page](#) to be connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news.

We are continuing to grow our social network! When we reach our 2,300 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store. Winners will be pulled from our Facebook Fans!



Connect With Us on Twitter!



Are you on Twitter? Follow the Central High School Foundation [@CHSFOmaha](#) for the latest news and pictures of CHS events. Twitter is a micro-blogging social media platform that is available for free for any smartphone. We want to be an active part of your network, so connect with us today to get started.

Stay in the Loop and Update Your Record!

Haven't received information from us in a while? It might be because we don't have your new mailing address or email! Look for your name on our ['Lost Alumni'](#) list, then [fill out the form](#) to update us on how to get in touch with you!

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.

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