

Eagle News

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Members of the Class of 2017 posing in the Peter Kiewit Foundation Sculpture Garden between Central High School and the Joslyn Art Museum.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

The 2016 Class reunions have officially come to a close and we are steadily working on a schedule for 2017 and 2018. The class reunion coordinators 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!

About 100 Eagle sophomores, juniors and seniors had the opportunity to visit Midland University and Nebraska Methodist College earlier this month. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to tour campus, meet with academic advisors, and better determine which

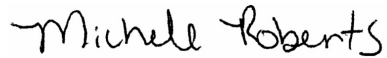


college is the right fit for them. We are very grateful to Midland University and Nebraska Methodist College for being two of Central's Adopt-A-School partners. Having these relationships are very important to furthering our mission of providing support for current and future Eagles!

Finally, congratulations to Jay Ball, CHS 1980, and Calvin Jones, CHS 1990, for their induction into the Omaha Public Schools 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame! Congratulations!

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 158 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

2017 Hall of Fame Nominations



If you would like to recognize one of your classmates for their outstanding achievements, nominate them for the 2017 CHS Hall of Fame!

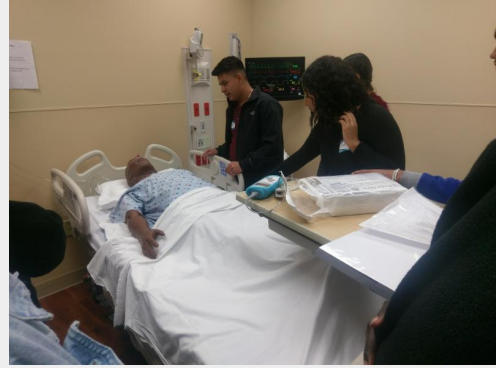
The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Hall of Fame Class! If you have a distinguished alumni, educator or CHS benefactor that is worthy of this honor, please submit your nomination by December 31, 2016. You can [submit your nomination online](#) or download a nomination form by [visiting our website](#).

If you have any questions please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996. Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are good for three years.

Eagles Visit Local Colleges



Eagles posing for a picture at the Midland University library.



Eagles check the heart rate on a robot-patient at Nebraska Methodist College.

Earlier this month, Central students had the opportunity to tour two local colleges.

At Midland University in Fremont, Eagles spent a half day learning about the learning opportunities on campus. Students participated in astronomy, English, and athletic training classes alongside current Midland students. Eagles also listened to Midland academic advisors and had the opportunity to ask questions about the admission process of applying to Midland.

The Central High School Foundation also arranged for a group of Eagles to visit Nebraska Methodist College. During this half-day visit, Eagles learned what the typical day of a college student looked like. Learning about injections and medications, practicing nursing scenarios with a computer-programmed dummy patient, and visiting the brand new x-ray facility were all part of the fun day for students.

We would like to give a great big thanks to Nebraska Methodist College and Midland University, two of our Adopt-A-School partners!

Central Grad Earns Major League Baseball Job



Photo courtesy of MiLB.com

Last month, former Eagle Kimera Bartee was promoted to first base and outfield coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates Major League Baseball team. Bartee, who graduated from Central in 1990, played baseball at Creighton University and was a member of the 1991 College World Series team. Bartee played in the MLB for ten seasons and has spent the previous nine seasons as a minor league coach in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. [Click here](#) to read Janice Gilmore's article about Bartee. Congratulations, Kimera!

2017 Class Reunions



As we approach the end of 2016, it's important to remember all of the fun class reunions that took place this year! Although 2016 is wrapping up, we are excited to get started planning the class reunions for 2017. If you have not set up your class reunion for 2017, contact [Brittany Gunn](#) at the Central High School 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 three classes that have already made plans for their 2017 class reunions.

Class of 1962

August 26-27, 2017

Contact Beth Sargent - beth.sargent@cox.net // / 402-598-5253

Class of 1967

August 18-19, 2017

Contact Howard Borden - Hbordenomaha@gmail.com // Cell: 402-578-4162 or 402-556-0577

Debbie Schwertley - Dschwertley@aol.com // Cell: 402-669-1209

Class of 1987

September 29-30, 2017

Contact Joe Fogarty - gauntboy@gmail.com // 206-856-6469

2018 Reunions

Class of 1958

October 26-28, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan - Jmdellan8@cox.net // 402-491-3692

Ryan Ellis, CHS 1997, Recognized



Photo courtesy of the Omaha Jaycees.

For over 84 years, the Omaha Jaycees has honored individuals between the ages of 21 and 40 who show exemplary commitment to improving the Omaha community through selfless acts of kindness while excelling in their professional careers. As in the past, this year's winners were nominated by their peers, submitted an in-depth application, interviewed with a panel of nine judges and were ultimately selected as 2016 TOYO! Award recipient.

Congratulations to the 2016 Ten Outstanding Young Omahans! Honorees include: Chinh Doan of KETV NewsWatch 7, Ryan Ellis of P.J. Morgan Real Estate, Leslie Fischer of Together A Greater Good, Kasey Hesse of Gallup, Megan Hunt of Hello Holiday, Sheena Kennedy of Live Well Omaha Kids, Emiliano Lerda of Justice For Our Neighbors of Omaha, Clifton McEvoy of the Buford Foundation, Emily Poeschl of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Tony Vargas of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance and the Omaha Public Schools board.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will honor the winners, ages 21 to 40, at a dinner Feb. 8. For sponsorships and tickets, email TOYO Awards@gmail.com.

Class of 1961 Reunion



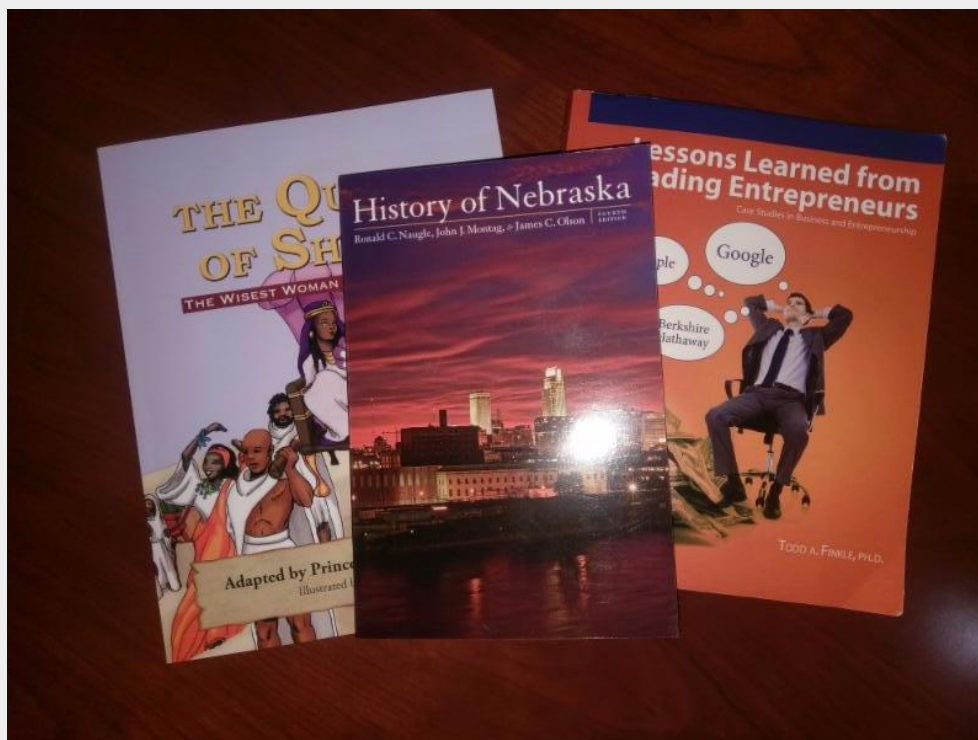
The Class of 1961 gathered to celebrate their 55 year class reunion on September 23 and 24. Classmates had an opportunity to reminisce about their high school days while at the Fox and Hound on Friday night. The reunion weekend concluded with a nice dinner at Cascio's Steak House on Saturday evening. Photos from the

Central Student Named Runza Student of the Week



Earlier this week, Runza and KETV named Central student Choteau Kammel as the Runza Student of the Week! Kammel, who attended Boys Nation this summer, is a member of the Class of 2017. The Runza Student of the Week honors senior students for their achievements in the classroom and in the community. Winners are awarded a \$500 scholarship for college. Congratulations, Choteau!

New Additions to the Central Alumni Library



We recently received some new published works to add to the growing Central High School Alumni Library! These new additions include:

- [Lessons Learned from Leading Entrepreneurs: Case Studies in Business and Entrepreneurship](#) by Todd A. Finkle, CHS 1978
- [The Queen of Sheba: The Wisest Woman in the World](#) by Princess M. Cullum, CHS 1986
- [History of Nebraska](#) (Fourth Edition) by Ronald C. Naugle, John J. Montag, CHS 1966, and James C. Olson

If you are an author or musician with published works, let us know! We have a wonderful library with the work of CHS alumni. We invite you to donate two copies of your work to the CHS Foundation office. One copy will be proudly displayed in the Central High School courtyard in a display case with other Alumni authors, and the other will be available in the library to inspire future authors. To view a complete list of works currently in the collection, please [click here](#).

Join Generation "C" Today!

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.



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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!](#)

Support While You Shop

Are you shopping for back to school supplies on Amazon? Be sure to shop using the link below to support the Central High School Foundation while you shop! 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Happy shopping!



Start with a Smile at smile.amazon.com this Holiday Season

Support us and find all of your holiday essentials including gifts, decorations, and more.

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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 2,500 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 Instagram



Are you on Instagram? Follow the Central High School Foundation [@CHSFOmaha](#) for historical pictures of Central and its students. Instagram is a photo-sharing 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.

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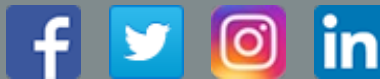
Haven't received information from us in a while? It might be because we don't have your new mailing address or email! Look for your name on our ['Lost Alumni'](#) list, then [fill out the form](#) to update us on how to get in touch with you!

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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