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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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*Tradition of Excellence*



The 2016 Hall of Fame class poses for pictures at the ceremony on October 6, 2016.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Dear Supporter,

Fall is in the air and Halloween is on the horizon! I hope you all are having a wonderful autumn!

Last weekend we celebrated the induction of 10 new members into the Central High School Hall of Fame! Thank you to everyone who made this past weekend possible, and congratulations to all of the inductees. Special thanks to The Central High School Alumni Association who helped make this event the best it could be!

Our annual campaign, Generation "C," is in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 158 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. [Please donate to Generation "C" today!](#)



In addition, we have sent out our 2016 annual report! Every graduate should keep their eyes open for one in their mailbox. If you didn't receive an annual report, [please update your record](#) and we will be happy to send you one.

We also closed the books on our final Passing Periods luncheon for 2016. Thank you to all of our guest speakers this year! Our first luncheon we had former principal Doc Moller, the second luncheon we had former faculty members Dan Daly and Jack Blanke, and our final luncheon last week we had CHSF Board Member, Dr. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966 and CHSAA Board Member, Merrilee Moshier Miller, CHS 1966. I'd also like to thank those who attended! Without you, we wouldn't have been able to kick off this new event so successfully. We are really excited about the future of the event, and we will let you know when the first luncheon in the Spring of 2017 will be!

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 158 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence!  
Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts  
Executive Director

## The 18th Hall of Fame



Ben Wiesman, CHS 1949; Aubray Woods Orduna, CHS 1965; and Lloyd Roitstein, CHS 1964; were among the six inductees who spoke to Central classes about their time as an Eagle.

Ten new Eagles joined the ranks of the Central High School Hall of Fame on Thursday, October 6, at Central High School. The event, sponsored by the Central High School Alumni Association and Central High School Foundation, featured a dinner in the courtyard and ceremony in the auditorium.

On Friday morning, the inductees had an opportunity to speak to current Central students about their experiences and share some wisdom about their time as an Eagle. Rick Chudacoff chatted with Mr. Pete Wilger's Jazz Band class; Dr. E. Terence Foster conversed with Mr. Greg Sands Math class; Donald T. Fox spoke with Mr. Jordan Boyer's Government class; Aubray Woods Orduna talked to Ms. Marcy Mahoney's English class; Lloyd Roitstein spoke to Mr. Jay Ball's History class; and Benjamin Wiesman reminisced about his Central days with SGM Dwaine Sutter's JROTC class. The finale of the Hall of Fame weekend was the Passing Periods luncheon at the Field Club of Omaha.

Were you unable to attend the Hall of Fame? You can watch it anytime on demand by [clicking here](#).

Do you know of someone worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame? Nominations for the Class of 2017 are now open through December 31, 2016! Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are good for three years. [Click here](#) to submit an application online. Congratulations again to the Class of 2016, the 18th Hall of Fame class!

## Final Passing Periods Luncheon for 2016 is a Hit



On Friday, October 7, we held our final Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon for 2016 at the Field Club of Omaha. More than 100 Eagles were in attendance as the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees were recognized. Class of 2016 inductees in attendance included Pamela Bartling Buffett, CHS 1960; Rick Chudacoff, CHS 1967; Dr. E. Terence Foster, CHS 1959; Donald T. Fox, CHS 1947; Aubray Woods Orduna, CHS 1965; and Lloyd Roitstein, CHS 1964. Central High School Foundation board member Dr. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966, discussed the founding of the Foundation while Merrilee Moshier Miller, CHS 1966, explained the origin on Central's Hall of Fame.

While this was the final luncheon for the year, we will continue this tradition next year with three more luncheons in 2017. Stay tuned, as we will reveal dates and speaker information in upcoming Eagle Newsletters. Go Eagles!

## Former Eagles To Be Inducted into OPS Athletic Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy of Rudy Smith and the Omaha World-Herald.

Calvin Jones, who had a decorated career at I-Back for the University of Nebraska and won a Super Bowl ring with the Green Bay Packers, will soon be inducted into the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. Calvin graduated from Central in 1991. Here is Calvin's biography for the Hall of Fame:

A prep All-American and two-time All-Nebraska running back for the Eagles, he set Class A rushing records for a game (367 yards), a season (2,196 yards) and a career (3,965 yards). His junior season, he scored 22 touchdowns and was the state's Gatorade player of the year.

He was the state's gold medalist in the 200 meters as a junior and the 100 winner as a senior. A Husker scholarship recruit, he recorded consecutive 1,000-yard seasons and finished his three-year career with 3,153 yards and 40 touchdowns. He averaged 105.1 yards per game. He was a two-time All-Big Eight pick and made the Football News All-America second team as a sophomore and third team as a junior.

Oakland selected Jones in the sixth round of the 1994 NFL draft. During his only season with the Green Bay Packers, he was on the winning team in Super Bowl XXXI in 1997. He was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 2004.

Current Central football head coach Jay Ball, CHS 1980, will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Community Supporter. Here is Jay's biography for the Hall of Fame:

Central's football coach was an organizer in 1998 of OPS' first summer team camp in the sport.

Following his late father, Jerry, into teaching in OPS in 1987, he became South's football coach in 1995 and went to Central in 2006. His 2007 Eagles were state football champions.

In 1998, Ball and the other six OPS high school football coaches met with the purpose of improving athletic performance at a camp that stressed fundamentals and in June that year they held their first team camp at Norris Middle School that culminated with a Jamboree/Scrimmage Day at UNO.

Outback Steakhouse sponsored the camp through 2004, then it became the MG Camp. Since 2005, teams participating in the MG Camp have made the state semifinals seven times, been state runners-up twice and state champions three times (Central 2007, North 2013, 2014). In the final 2015 World-Herald rankings, four of the top six teams had attended the MG Camp.

Congratulations Calvin and Jay! [Click here](#) to read the Omaha World-Herald article about the 2016 Hall of Fame class. The induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 19, at 6 PM. The event will be held at the Culinary Arts Building on the Metro Community College North Omaha Campus. Contact the OPS Athletic Office at (402) 557-2407 to purchase tickets.

## Class of 1951 Dinner



A small gathering was held on September 23 at Cascio's Steakhouse to celebrate the reunion year, by the Class of 1951 committee members and a handful of out of town classmates.

## Class of 1981 Reunion



Many new memories were made as the Class of 1981 got together in early October to celebrate their 35 year class reunion. On Friday night, classmates tailgated before the home Eagle football game against Lincoln High. Following the game, the Eagles spent the rest of the evening at the Session Room for a late snack and beverages. The reunion wrapped up with a tour of Central on Saturday morning.

## Class of 1986 Reunion



The Class of 1986 had a weekend full of fun activities! The weekend kicked off with the "Taco Ride" on the Wabash Trace Nature Trail on Thursday. On Friday, classmates met for the Eagle football game against North Platte before walking over to the Blue Jay Bar and Grill after the game. The Class of '86 toured the school on Saturday morning before a golf scramble at the Elmwood Park Golf Course on Saturday afternoon. The main event was an outing at O'Connor's Irish Pub on Saturday evening.

## Class of 1991 Reunion



The Class of 1991 got together in August to celebrate their 25 year class reunion. On Friday night, Eagles enjoyed a fun evening of cocktails and appetizers at Champions Run. The following morning, Central students gave tours of the school. The reunion weekend concluded with a fun event at Brix Midtown Crossing. Special thanks to Mike DiGiacomo for the photo!

## Class of 1996 Reunion



Eagles from the Class of 1996 met in the middle of September to celebrate their 20 year class reunion. On Friday night, classmates took in the Eagle football game. The following morning, classmates were given tours of the school by current Eagle students. An evening of food and drinks at Local Beer, Patio & Kitchen concluded the reunion weekend.

## Class of 2006 Reunion



On September 16 and 17, the Class of 2006 celebrated its 10 year class reunion. The weekend kicked off with a tailgate event before the football game against the North Platte Bulldogs. The class soaked in an Eagle victory before capping the night off with a drink at the Blue Jay Bar and Grill. On Saturday morning, the class took in a tour of the school before dosing the reunion weekend with a social mixer at the Bricks and Mortar Bar & Bistro. Special thanks to Alvin Samuels for the photo!

## Les "Pee Wee" Harrison, CHS 1982, Visits Sacred Heart



Photo courtesy of Sarah Hoffman and the Omaha World-Herald.

On September 20, Les "Pee Wee" Harrison, CHS 1982, visited Sacred Heart Elementary to promote messages of civic responsibility to dozens of students. Les, who was inducted into the 15th Central High School Hall of Fame in 2013, is a former Harlem Globetrotter. His stop in Omaha combined with a meeting with Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts, is part of a 50 state tour encouraging students of all ages to pay attention to the current issues happening in the world today. [Click here](#) to read the Omaha World-Herald article written by Mara Klecker.

## Marlin Briscoe Statue Based on Tra-Deon Hollins, CHS 2013



Photo courtesy of Brendan Sullivan and the Omaha World-Herald.

On September 23, a statue was unveiled at Baxter Arena to honor one of Omaha's greatest athletes - Marlin Briscoe. Former Eagle basketball player and current UNO Maverick Tra-Deon Hollins, CHS 2013, served as the model for the new statue. Congratulations to Marlin and Tra-Deon! Read more about the statue and Marlin's illustrious career in [this article](#) from Omaha World-Herald columnist Tom Shatel.



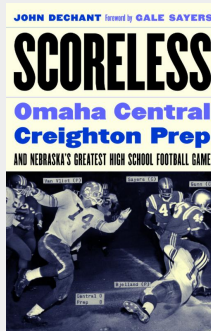
## Didn't Receive the 2016 Annual Report? Update Your Record!



This year's annual report highlights our annual events, class reunions, and contributors. You don't want to miss an excellent story about Peter Hoagland, CHS 1959. 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! Please [update your record](#) so we have your current contact information.

## Scoreless by John Dechant - Available Now!



In October 1960, Omaha Central and Creighton Prep met for what many Nebraskans consider the greatest high school football game ever played. *Scoreless* retells the details of this legendary game, the buildup to it, and the story behind the teams and their renowned coaches and players. It is the tale of one of the most remarkable football games in Nebraska high school sports history.

Written by John Dechant, *Scoreless* features a foreword by Gale Sayers, CHS 1961. [Click here](#) to purchase your copy of *Scoreless* today from the University of Nebraska Press! It makes a great holiday gift!

## 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.

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.



Photo by Laurie and Charles Photographs

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

## Eat Breakfast with the Cast of *Cinderella*



Music by Richard Rodgers, Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II  
New Book by Douglas Carter Beane  
Original Book by Oscar Hammerstein II  
Orchestrations by Danny Troob  
Music Adaptation & Arrangements by David Chase

**Come to the Breakfast with the Cast!**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016**  
**10AM in the CHS Courtyard**

Free of charge - Families and children of all ages are welcome!  
Get pictures with cast members!  
Call (402) 557-3332 to reserve your spot! RSVP by Wed. Oct. 26th

Sponsored by the Central High School Foundation

Be sure to come back and see the show!  
Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 AT 7PM  
Saturday Nov. 5, 2016 at 2PM & 7PM

Breakfast and Performances at:  
Omaha Central High School  
124 N 20th Street Omaha, NE 68102

Join the cast of Central's production of *Cinderella* for breakfast on Saturday, October 29, in the CHS Courtyard! It will be a fun event for the whole family to enjoy. Be sure to come back to see the performance of *Cinderella* on Friday, November 4, and Saturday, November 5! The Central High School Foundation is proud to sponsor this year's Breakfast with the Cast. For more information, please call 402-557-3332.

## 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!



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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.

## 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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