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Tradition of Excellence



Alumni Luncheon Series: Passing Periods

March 7, 2017
Guest Speaker: Rita Ryan

1978 Junior Classical League with sponsor Rita Ryan

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

The Central High School Foundation hopes your holiday was full of much needed relaxation and family time.

On Saturday, January 21st, Central will host its annual open house to incoming freshmen. It's a great opportunity for prospective students to come to the school and see what Central has to offer them! If you have an eighth grade student, or know of any incoming freshmen considering Central, encourage them to go to the open house this Saturday from 2-4 PM. We are looking forward to meeting the Class of 2021!



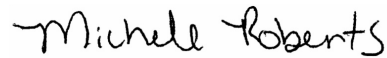
We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to the first [Passing Periods](#) luncheon of 2017 on March 7 and [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"](#) on March 26. Please mark your calendars to attend these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there!

The Central High School Foundation has a [Facebook page](#), and 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 2,500 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store. Winners will be pulled at random from our Facebook Fans!

Finally, the results are in and we are pleased to announce that the winners of the First Class Challenge for 2016 is the Class of 1961! Thank you to all classes and alumni who participated this year. Thank you for all you did to make it such a success!

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

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

First Class Challenge Results



Class of 1961

2016 was a fantastic year for reunions, and the classes of 1961, 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2006 really impressed us with their dedication and motivation to aid Central High School with their donations to the First Class Challenge.

The results are in, and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the First Class Challenge for 2016 is the Class of 1961. Congratulations! The Foundation is thankful for all of our supporters. We would also like to recognize the class with the most number of individual donors for the 2016 First Class Challenge. We are pleased to announce that the participation winner is the Class of 1966!

Thanks to the sustained gifts and donations from our Central family, the exceptional educational experience offered at Central continues to endure.

Mark Your Calendars

Your favorite events are back! Plans are well underway for our spring events, and you won't want to miss out

on all the fun! These are great opportunities to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater. We hope to see you there!



[Alumni Luncheon Series: 'Passing Periods'](#)

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Field Club of Omaha

11:30 am - 1 pm



[Rock the Nest Trivia Night!](#)

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Scouler Ballroom

5:30 - 9 pm



[Omaha Gives! 2017](#)

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Stay tuned for more information on Omaha Gives! 2017!



[CHS Golf Outing](#)

Monday, June 5, 2017

Field Club of Omaha

Morning Flight: 7:30 am

Afternoon Flight: 12:30 pm

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, March 7, 2017

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Field Club of Omaha

3615 Woolworth Avenue

Omaha, NE 68105

Guest Speaker:

Rita Ryan

Latin teacher at CHS from 1971-2013

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 by Friday, March 3, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Brittany Gunn at 402-556-1996 or brittany@chsfomaha.org.

[Click here to register!](#)

Thank You Mr. Gaylor!



For over 30 years our good friend Harry Gaylor has taught marketing at Central High School. [Click here](#) to read an article from Omaha Public Schools about some of Mr. Gaylor's achievements while teaching our Eagles. Thank you, Mr. Gaylor!

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1957

August 18-19, 2017

Contact Shelley Stern - Hstern5@cox.net

Class of 1962

August 25-26, 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

Class of 2007

September 22-23, 2017

Contact Jane Hartig - omahacentral2007@gmail.com // 402-680-7857
Or Class President Mark Arehart // 402-216-5305

Class of 1952, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2002 - Dates To Be Determined

2018 Reunion Schedule

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan
402-491-3692
Jmclellan8@cox.net

If you have not set up your class reunion for 2017, contact [Brittany Gunn](#) at the Central High School Foundation to get started at 402-556-1996. 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 four classes that have secured dates so far.



Class of 1981 Reunion

CHSAA "Tribute to Martin Luther King"

On February 6, 2017 the CHS Alumni Association will host a "Tribute to Martin Luther King". Highlights of this presentation will focus on Martin Luther King's visit to Omaha in 1957 to preach at Salam Baptist Church in North Omaha. As part of this presentation, speaker Pat Brown, a 1955 CHS graduate, will share personal memories of this historic visit.

While Martin Luther King is many times remembered for his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington DC his involvement began much earlier. In 1957 King and other civil rights activists founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in which King was to become its first president and remain in this position until his death. This group was created to harness the moral authority and organizing power of black churches to conduct nonviolent protests in the service of civil rights. In 1957 King would for the first time address a national audience at the SCLC's Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington DC. After 13 years of advancing the Civil Rights Movement and just one day after addressing a rally in Memphis, Tennessee and delivering his "I've been to the Mountaintop" speech, Martin Luther King would be assassinated by James Earl Ray on April 4, 1968.

The Vision Statement of the Central High School Alumni Association is to cultivate a partnership of alumni, families, students, teachers, staff and supporters with a unified goal of perpetuating the tradition of excellence and the legacy of Omaha Central High School. Join us February 6, 2017, at 6:30 PM at Central High School, Room 145 to pay tribute to Martin Luther King. We also invite you to come and learn more about the CHS Alumni Association, ways you can join us or just ways to support CHS's legacy!

V.O.I.C.E. Craft Day



Help raise money for scholarships for music students! The annual Craft & Conversation Day will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Central High School. The event cost is \$25 and will be hosted by the Central V.O.I.C.E. organization. Spend the day at the school - with your own private space - to organize and create your special works of art - whether it's scrapbooking, quilting, knitting, or something else. A continental breakfast and yummy lunch are included. As an added treat, Central High vocal music students will give a brief lunchtime performance! There will also be door prizes and representatives from various businesses available to provide you with materials and products for you to purchase. Contact CHS VOICE President Susan Stiles at chsvoicevol@gmail.com to register.

103rd Road Show - Route 103

Annually showcasing the varied talents of Central students since 1914, Road Show is one of Central's oldest and proudest traditions. The "103rd Annual Road Show" will be held in the Central High School Auditorium on:

Friday, February 10th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 11th at 2:00 & 7:00 PM

Tickets: Students: \$8 Adults: \$10 General Admission Seating. Call for tickets: 402.557.3332



Also be sure to attend the annual chili feed put on by the CHS band parents! Red chili, vegetarian chili, and white chicken chili are being offered this year. Each meal will come with a cinnamon roll and apple cider.

Saturday, February 11 from 4-6 PM

Tickets are \$6 at the door, pre-sale tickets will be available for \$5 until Monday, February 6. The pre-sale tickets will be available through band students and also at the home Basketball games on Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 28.

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!](#)

Together a Greater Good



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.

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Connect With Us on LinkedIn!



The Central High School Foundation now has a LinkedIn page! Click [here](#) to follow us. LinkedIn is a great way to stay in contact with your professional network, and we want to be an active part of your network! Connect with us today to get started.

Ring in the New Year by Updating 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!

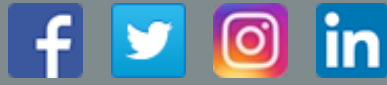
All alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years are strongly encouraged to visit our website to [update their record](#), especially if they have not received updates and mailing from the Central High School Foundation at their own address. For many of our younger alumni, we send mail to the home they lived in upon graduating from Central.

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