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The CHSF Board of Directors Breaking Ground on the Central High School Arts and Library Addition

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 2017-2018 Generation "C" campaign is in full swing and we are excited to announce that this year's Chair is the Farrell Family! Be sure to read about them below and consider following in their footsteps and supporting 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!

We are excited to share that the Eagles will be Soaring in the Nebraska Sandhills this fall at the Dismal River Club! We hope that you can join us for this unique golf experience and catch up with some friends you haven't seen in a while!

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

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

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Executive Director

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Arts and Library Addition



The CHSF broke ground on its \$22 million Arts and Library Addition

On June 22, 2017, the Central High School Foundation held its groundbreaking ceremony for the Central High School Arts and Library Addition. Over 200 alumni, parents, teachers, and community members were in attendance to celebrate the historic day. A brief presentation featuring Central High School Foundation Board President Matt Aden, Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Mark Evans, Central High School principal Dr. Ed Bennett, and Central High School Foundation Executive Director Michele Roberts previewed some of the exciting new features of the 50,000 square foot Addition, including a new digital library, 300 seat blackbox theater, and new spaces for the art and music departments. Board President Matt Aden also revealed the exciting news that the Arts and Library Addition will be built with limestone from the same Indiana quarry that was used to build the original building in 1900. This will ensure

that the new Addition does not distort or compete with the beauty of the existing structure. To watch the video of the ceremony, [click here](#).

To read more about the ceremony, here are some articles from local news media:

<http://www.3newsnow.com/news/education/omaha-central-breaks-ground-on-renovation>

<http://www.ketv.com/article/omaha-central-high-school-breaks-ground-on-a-dollar22-million-project/10208668>

Thank you for your continued support of Central High School! Go Eagles!

To view all of the pictures from the event, visit [our Facebook page](#).

2017-18 Generation C Chair Announced - The Farrell Family



[Photo by Laurie and Charles Photographs](#)

This year's Generation "C" Chairs are truly a family of Eagles. William Farrell Sr. '57, Cathy Farrell Proctor '88, William Farrell Jr. '91, and John Farrell '93 embody the spirit of commitment, caring, and generosity in their continuing dedication to helping improve the greater Omaha community and the lives of those who call it home. Even with their busy lives, they all boast impressive lists of community service and remain passionate about giving back to their alma mater: Central High School.

Four generations of the Farrell Family have graduated from Central High School, beginning with Lavina Shorter Cathers, CHS 1906, who was William Sr.'s grandmother. As one of four children of Margaret, CHS 1927, and her husband Chester, William F. 'Bill' Farrell graduated from Central High School and Parsons College. He has been married to Kay Farrell for 53 years. He retired in the early 90s as president and owner of Farrell Construction Company. Highlights for Bill and his company included taking telephone cable off Ak-Sar-Ben Bridge in the 60s (it had been deemed too dangerous), first to lay long distance cable in this 5 state area, first to install drip irrigation in area, first to hang water systems in packing plants to reduce shrinkage, and oversight of the irrigation system installation on Tainan Golf Course/Taiwan.

The oldest child of William Sr. and Kay, Cathy graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications. She currently works as

an Account Executive/Data Center Specialist for Dell EMC. Cathy is very involved in the Omaha community, including working with the Junior League of Omaha, ALS Keith Worthington Chapter, Central High School Foundation Golf Committee, Rose Children's Theater Guild, All Saints Ministry Guild, Omaha Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign, and is a Omaha Symphony Guild member. She has 2 daughters - Lauren Kay, age 14 and Meredith Ann, age 11. In her free time Cathy enjoys golfing, traveling and cheering her daughters on in their sporting activities and theater productions.

William Jr. (Wiff) graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. Wiff is a Safe Patient Handling Specialist in the medical field and has worked for EZ Way Medical Equipment, Inc. for the past 13 years. Wiff is a resident of Dundee and serves on the Dundee Memorial Park Association Board. Wiff is an avid golfer and has worked with his sister Cathy on the Central High School Foundation Golf Committee for the past several years. Wiff has been married to Jane Farrell for over twenty years and enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and travelling in his spare time.

John (Johnny) graduated from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces in 1998 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, International Business, and option in Professional Golf Management. Johnny golfed professionally until 2002, then became Golf Professional at The Old Course at Broken Sound (2002-2004), Head Golf Professional at the Ocean Reef Club (2004-2009), and Director of Golf at Riviera Country Club (2008-2010). Johnny recently stepped down from his position as Sales Manager at EZ Way Medical Equipment to pursue a career in law. He is currently attending Creighton University School of Law.

The Farrell Family remains active in the community, helping to keep Omaha the best city to live, to raise children, and to enjoy. Their Eagle Spirit is not just a result of their time at Central - it is a family tradition.

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

Soar in the Sandhills with The Eagles at Dismal River Club



Join us for a unique golf experience in the Nebraska Sandhills at Dismal River Club on September 17-19, 2017 (hosted by Central alum Aaron McKeever - Managing Partner/Owner.) Nestled in the hills of western Nebraska, Dismal River Club boasts a mix of sporting, lodging and dining that is both rustic and refined, fascinating avid golfers, big game hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. This opportunity is limited to 72 participants, and entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a first come first served basis. For more information on Dismal River Club, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Register Now!

[Click here to view the brochure of the event.](#)

COST: \$800 per golfer/\$3,200 per foursome

Your experience includes:

- 36 holes of golf
- Lodging for two nights
- Round-trip transportation from Omaha (Charter Bus)
- Trap and five stand
- Lessons with PGA professionals and GolfTEC Instructors
- Fishing

Sunday, September 17

11:00 am - Charter bus departs from Omaha (lunch included)

Evening Activities:

- Trap and five stand
- Lessons with PGA professionals and GolfTEC Instructors
- Fishing

*Dinner on your own

Monday, September 18

18 holes on the White Course

- Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the White Course offers elevated championship tees with magnificent views in every direction. Playing at 6,994 yards from the tips, this Par 71 features 18 unique holes. Experience it for yourself. Ranked #5 Course in Nebraska.

18 holes on the Red Course

- The Red Course was discovered and designed by world-renowned architect and friend, Tom Doak, and his team at Renaissance Golf Design. The 18th hole delivers breathtaking vistas of the clubhouse, cabins and 400-foot sand dunes overlooking the river itself. Ranked #29 in US Top 150 courses by GOLF DIGEST. Ranked #2 Course in Nebraska.

*Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included

Tuesday, September 19

9:00 am - Charter bus leaves for Omaha (lunch included)

*Breakfast on your own

Spots are limited, so reserve yours today!



Class of 1955

August 12, 2017

5 pm

One Pacific Place Clubhouse

Contact Dorothy Rasgorshek

momrazz@cox.net

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 1972

September 15-16, 2017

omahachs1972@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/OmahaCHS1972

Class of 1977

September 8-9, 2017

chsomaha77@gmail.com

Contact Tim Trabold (402-690-7174) or Michelle Madej Johnson (402-871-3400)

Class of 1987

August 4-5, 2017

Contact Joe Fogarty - gauntboy@gmail.com

Cell: 206-856-6469

Contact Maria Summers - msrhea87@gmail.com

Class of 1992

December 29, 2017

Contact Bryan Campbell - 904-626-2915

Class of 1997

August 4-7, 2017

Contact Quiana Mitchem - CentralClassof97Reunion@gmail.com

Class of 2007

September 22-23, 2017

Contact Jane Hartig - omahacentral2007@gmail.com

Cell: 402-680-7857

Class President Mark Arehart

Cell: 402-216-5305



Class of 1981 Reunion

2018 Reunion Schedule

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

402-491-3692

Jmclellan8@cox.net

Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

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jgivens1950@gmail.com

Other Contacts:

Pam Weiss Friedlander - pfriedla@cox.net or 402-334-8773

Jim Costello - costellosteel@gmail.com or 402-670-9612

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

omahacentral1978@cox.net

Contact: Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier - 402-496-3407

Are You a Published Author or Musician?



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 copy will be given to the Central High School library. To view a complete list of works currently in the collection, [please click here](#).

Recent Additions to the Library Include:

Apocalypse All the Time

by David S. Atkinson, CHS 1994

Bones Buried in the Dirt

by David S. Atkinson, CHS 1994

The Garden of Good and Evil Pancakes

by David S. Atkinson, CHS 1994

The Last American Highway: A Journey Through Time Down U.S. Route 83 Texas

by Stew Magnuson, CHS 1981

Not Quite So Stories

by David S. Atkinson, CHS 1994

TAGGing Just Got Easier!



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](https://twitter.com/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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