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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Tradition of Excellence



Students pose for a picture after receiving their diplomas. Photo courtesy of Miles Kay, '17

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

This past month has been an exciting one, and with the CHS Golf Outing, Graduation, and OmahaGives!, we can't help but thank everyone who participated! I would like to thank everyone who made the 2017 CHS Golf Outing an excellent event this year! Without the support of our amazing alumni we would not have been able to raise over \$40,000 for Central High School! Also, my heartfelt thanks goes out to our committee members: Co-Chairs Jono Bradford, CHS 1995, Wiff Farrell, CHS 1991, and Pat Salerno, CHS 1984; and committee members Tony Driscoll, CHS 2003, Harry Gaylor, Andy Haggart, CHS 1988, Cathy Farrell Proctor, CHS 1988, Matt Scanlan, CHS 1992, Jamie Stogdill, CHS 1996, and Vicki Wiles.



I want to send a very special shout out to those graduating in the Class of 2017, who accepted their diplomas last month! Congratulations on your success in high school! Be sure to represent Eagle Nation well as you go out into the world!

In 24 hours, Eagle Nation came together to raise more than \$50,000 for Central High School! Wow! We would like to especially thank Harry, CHS 1964, and Judy Friedman for their matching donation, which made us all the more successful during OmahaGives!

Finally, we recently surpassed 2,500 Facebook likes on <u>our Facebook page</u>. Every time we hit a milestone number of likes, we randomly select someone who has liked our Facebook page and award them a prize from the CHS Alumni Store. Congratulations to this milestone winner - Nicole Goldenstein Morrison, CHS 1993! If you haven't already liked our Facebook page, be sure to do so to be entered into our next milestone winner at 2,750 likes!

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

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts Executive Director

Class of 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced



Congratulations to the Central High School Class 2017 Hall of Fame Class!

Kimera Bartee, CHS 1990
Natalie Brown, CHS 1985
Howard Chudacoff, CHS 1961
Henry Cordes, CHS 1981
John Emery, CHS 1956
Muriel Frank, CHS 1936
Sanford Friedman, CHS 1964
Paul Phillips, CHS 1932
Edson Smith, CHS 1922
Lawrence Thomas, CHS 1954

To learn more about the Central High School Hall of Fame, dick here!

Is there someone you would like to see in the Hall of Fame? Remember, for them to be considered by the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee, they have to be nominated! <u>Click here to nominate</u> an Eagle for the CHS Hall of Fame!

Join Eagle Nation for a College World Series Tailgate!



Two Weeks of Fun, Food, and Friends!

As a friend of the Eagles, you're personally invited to a special tailgating opportunity at the Omaha Design Center! This tailgate is available during the entire CWS, but we will have a table setup on Monday, June 26, where you can stop by and say hi. Some special amenities included with this opportunity include:

- Unlimited food and drinks
- Live music
- Indoor restrooms
- Televisions to watch the baseball games on

The cost for the tailgate is \$55 per day, and you can pay in advance or pay at the door via cash, check, or credit card. To pay in advance, please contact Beth Barrineau at 402-639-4674 or email her at Beth@OmahaDesignCenter.com. To learn more about this VIP Tailgate, dick here. It will be a fun event, we hope to see you there!



OmahaGives! 2017 was a tremendous success thanks to your support! We are very excited to share with you that for OmahaGives! 2017, 285 people raised \$53,733 for Central High School. A big thank you to the Harry, CHS 1964, and Judy Friedman Family Foundation for their generous \$20,000 matching gift! We'd also like to congratulate the Business, Marketing, and Information Technology departments at Central - they were the department team that had the highest percentage of participation at Central!

What we do wouldn't be possible without the support of so many generous alumni, teachers, faculty, parents, and friends. Thank you for supporting the Central High School Foundation and investing in the hardworking students and teachers at the finest downtown high school in the country - Omaha Central! We are proud to be part of this wonderful day of giving in Omaha, and your support means the world to us. Thank you!

15th Golf Fore Eagles Draws Large Crowd



The 15th Annual Golf Fore Eagles CHS Golf Outing took place on Monday, June 5, on the grounds of Field Club of Omaha. Over 200 alumni, parents, friends, and supporters dusted off their putters for a good cause and raised over \$40,000 for Central High School! This year the Golf Committee honored former principal Dr. Keith Bigsby for his continued support of Central High School. A big thank you to our Title Sponsor for the event - Project Advocates! Thank you to those who participated and save the date for next year's golf outing on Monday, June 4, 2018!

Co-Ed Flight:

<u>1st Place:</u> Ashley Barna, Kelly Faiman, Jeff Wiles, Vicki Wiles 2nd Place: Clint Cadwalider, Trent Drake, Rob Wilkie, Tara Wilkie

1st Flight:

<u>1st Place:</u> Jono Bradford ('95), Tim Langan ('95), Brian Walter ('95), JD Welsh ('95) <u>2nd Place:</u> Jason Bosilijevac, Chris Sacco ('87), Mike Stogdill, Mike Vazzano ('87)

2nd Flight:

<u>1st Place:</u> Bob Furley, Jared Hellman, Jeff Hellman, Brett Lundin ('86) <u>2nd Place:</u> Jason Dale, Ian Ekdahl, Aaron McKeever ('91), Nate Swerczek

3rd Flight:

<u>1st Place:</u> Pat Abell, Blake Edwards, Dave Patton, Mike Socha <u>2nd Place:</u> Ben Darling ('95), Dominic DiGiacomo ('95), Nick Friedrichsen ('96), Brian Jones ('95)

A big thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's event!



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Congratulations to the Central Class of 2017!



On Friday, May 26, at Baxter Arena, more than 470 Eagles concluded their high school careers by receiving their diplomas at a graduation ceremony. The Central High School Foundation is extremely proud of the Class of 2017, and we can't wait to hear about the incredible things these talented students will accomplish in the next chapter of their lives. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to the newest alumni, the Class of 2017!

Class of '47 Holds Reunion Lunch



TOP ROW (Left to Right): J. Dinsmore, D. Brandes, M. Fisher, J. Macchietto, M. Anderson, D. Nogg, H. Kaiman, H. Koch, B. Paulson, B. Huntington, D. Woods. BOTTOM ROW (Left to Right): B. Coffey, N. Long, B. Taxman, P. Cassling, J. Peters, P. Bashus, B. Magid, J. Freeman.

The Central High School class of 1947 recently gathered for their 70th reunion, and it was a rousing success! A lunch was held on May 5 at Anthony's Steakhouse as dozens of classmates had the chance to renew acquaintances and enjoy a great meal. Favorite old stories were shared and new memories were made. Thank you to Don Nogg for the picture and recap of the event!

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 dick here.

Recent Additions to the Library Include:

<u>Apocalypse All the Time</u>

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

Upcoming Class Reunions

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 1981

Class of 1967 August 18-19, 2017

Contact Howard Borden- <u>Hbordenomaha@gmail.com</u>

Cell: 402-578-4162 or 402-556-0577 Debbie Schwertley - <u>Dschwertley@aol.com</u>

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 - qauntboy@qmail.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

2018 Reunion Schedule

Class of 1958 October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

402-491-3692 Jmdellan8@cox.net

Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

Cell: 402-515-0987 // Home: 402-571-5593

jgivens1950@gmail.com

Other Contacts:

Pam Weiss Friedlander - <u>pfriedla@cox.net</u> or 402-334-8773 Jim Costello - <u>costellosteel@gmail.com</u> or 402-670-9612

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

omahacentral1978@cox.net

Contact: Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier - 402-496-3407

If you have not set up your class reunion for 2017, contact <u>Sydney Davidson</u> 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 these are the classes that have secured dates so far.

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 dass. While at Central, he was an active member of JROTC and involved himself in the French and Math dubs. 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



Photo by Laurie and Charles Photographs

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, dick 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 <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u> 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, dick 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? <u>Like our Facebook page</u> 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!

Follow Us on Instagram!



Are you on Instagram? Follow the Central High School Foundation <u>@CHSFOmaha</u> 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.

Not Receiving Mailings? 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 <u>'Lost Alumni'</u> list, then <u>fill out the form</u> 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 <u>update their record</u>, 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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