

Eagle News

March 2017



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Tradition of Excellence



2017 District Champions! The boy's basketball team advanced to the State Tournament but fell to Kearney High School 61-50.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

It seems like spring is here to stay and we have a lot of fun things lined up to keep you busy!

Congratulations to the Robotics Team and their sponsor, Mr. Lodge! Team 2349A from Central was the runner up at the State Regional Championship. Team 2349 placed fourth in the skills competition division. Both teams qualified for the VEX Robotics World Tournament in Louisville, KY. Another congratulations goes out to the CHS Academic Decathlon team and their sponsor Mrs. Deniston-Reed for placing third in the large school division at Nebraska State Competition!



The Central High School Foundation is fortunate to have the support of our fantastic alumni and community! Each gesture of giving has contributed so much to the success of Central High School. Continuing in the spirit of giving, please consider buying raffle tickets for our Rock the Nest "Trivia Night." Not only does your purchase qualify you for some fantastic prizes, but it also supports the school. [Check out our website](#) to buy lots of raffle

tickets and increase your chances of winning, or to make a tax deductible gift and support your favorite high school!

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 157 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michelle Roberts

Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Rock the Nest Registration is Now Open



2016 Rock the Nest Trivia Night

Registration is now open for the 2017 Rock the Nest "Trivia Night." Mark your calendar to attend this fun interactive event on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at the Scoular Ballroom.

Start rounding up your team of 8 now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ole fun, add "watch Jeopardy!" to your to-do list, and get ready for an evening full of fun, prizes, dinner, and some "very special guests"...

[Click here to join the fun!](#)

Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" is an interactive trivia contest played in teams of eight. Teams will take part in six rounds of ten questions each, with fun categories ranging from movies to history and everything in between. There will be something for everyone. The fun doesn't stop there, however. There will be plenty of chances to win prizes, through a raffle and trivia winnings, and dinner will be provided.

Rock the Nest Raffle Prizes Announced

To purchase raffle tickets in advance, please call us at 402-556-1996.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three tickets

***Need not be present to win**



Grand Prize: Trip to Florida

One Week at Surfside Resort in Destin, Florida and 2 round trip airline tickets
Donated by: Matt, CHS 1974, and Sherri Aden
Retail Value: \$4,000.00



Par Fore the Course

Overnight stay at a four bedroom cottage 2 rounds of golf for a foursome dinner and breakfast at ArborLinks
Donated by: Mike & Susan Lebens, CHS 1970, and ArborLinks
Retail Value: \$2,800.00



Antarctic Ice Patrol

"Antarctic Ice Patrol" painting number 74/1,500 signed by Thomas Mangelsen
Donated by: Matthew, CHS 1999, and Lizzy Darling
Retail Value: \$1,000.00



Night Out on the Town

One night stay at the Magnolia Hotel and a \$150 gift card to the Flatiron Café
Donated by: Magnolia Hotel and Steven, CHS 1975, & Kathleen Jamrozy
Retail Value: \$349.00



Pinnacle Bank Championship

2 All Session/All Day Tickets to the Pinnacle Bank Championship with access to the viewing boxes and VIP hospitality July 20-23, 2017, at Indian Creek Golf Course
Donated by: Web.com Tour
Retail Value: \$1,000.00



Saddle Up!

4 Jumping Grand Prix Tickets with VIP Access to the FEI World Cup on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at CenturyLink Center Omaha
Donated by: FEI World Cup
Retail Value: \$1,200.00



Time of Your Life

2 Club seat tickets to the Green Day concert on August 12, 2017, at CenturyLink Center Omaha
Donated by: Fraser Stryker PC LLO
Retail Value: \$185.00



License to Drive

Teen Driver Education Course and Central High School Reserved Parking Spot
Donated by: Nebraska Safety Council and Central High School
Retail Value: \$365



Holiday Blooms

Beautiful holiday centerpieces for Easter 2017, Mother's Day 2017, Fourth of July 2017, Thanksgiving 2017, Winter Holiday 2017, and Valentine's Day 2018 (Omaha Metro Area Delivery)
Donated by: Stems
Retail Value: \$1,000.00



Kansas City Speedway

4 Grandstand Tickets to the May 13, 2017, GoBowling.com 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race
Donated by: Coca-Cola
Retail Value: \$500.00



Eagle Pride

An autographed print of CHS by Judith Welk and a copy of *Scoreless: Omaha Central, Creighton Prep, and Nebraska's Greatest High School Football Game* autographed by Gale Sayers, CHS 1961

Donated by: Judith Welk and Gale Sayers ('61)

Retail Value: \$300.00



Student Success

3MT Test Prep for ACT in Omaha and Central High School Letterman Jacket

Donated by: Robert & Molly Atherton ('81) and Jostens/School Traditions

Retail Value: \$385.00

*All raffle tickets are automatically eligible for the Grand Prize Raffle.

Eagle Nation March Madness is Back!



This week is the opening round of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament. The Central High School Foundation has created a Bracket Challenge where you can compete against other Eagle alumni.

The grand prize is a goodie bag from the Central High School Foundation featuring one dozen CHS logoed Titleist Pro V1 golf balls and a copy of the book [Scoreless by John Dechant](#). To be eligible to win our grand prize, we will need your current contact information. To ensure that we have your current contact information, please [update your record](#).

You will be rewarded as you correctly pick teams that advance further in the tournament, and you can see up-to-the-minute point standings of our bracket group online at [CBSSports.com](https://www.cbssports.com) or on the CBS Sports mobile app.

Registration is FREE and open only to those 18 years and older. To get started, [click here](#). You will be prompted to sign in with your CBS Sports account username and password. If you do not have a CBS Sports account, please click, "Don't have an id? Register!" beneath the

login text boxes. After signing in, you will be prompted for the pool password. The password is goeagles (no spaces, all lower-case).

The registration deadline is 11 a.m. CST on Thursday March 16, 2017. Good luck!

Great Turn Out for First Passing Periods Luncheon of 2017



Dr. Keith Bigsby talking with Ms. Rita Ryan



Several former students of Ms. Ryan were on hand to hear her speak!

Last week at the Field Club of Omaha, we held our first Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon of 2017. Over 100 attendees had the wonderful experience of listening to Ms. Rita Ryan talk about her days as the Latin teacher at Central. Boy's basketball head coach Ben Holling and student athlete Jordan Flowers, CHS 2017, also talked to the group about the boy's basketball state tournament that was held last weekend in Lincoln. We hope to see even more of you at our next Passing Periods Hall of Fame Luncheon on Friday, October 6, 2017!

Two Eagles Come Up Just Short in Bid to Go Dancing



2012 CHS Basketball Team - State Champions

Two standout basketball players who led the Eagles to four consecutive Class A state championships between 2010 and 2013 nearly led the UNO Mavericks to the NCAA March Madness Basketball tournament. Tra-Deon Hollins, a senior point guard, and Tre'Shawn Thurman, a junior forward,



Tra-Deon Hollins,
CHS 2013

were both starters for the Mavericks this season. In just their second year of eligibility for qualifying for March Madness, the Mavericks came up just short in the Summit League championship game on Tuesday night against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits 79-77. Thurman and Hollins were both named to the Summit League Championship All-Tournament Team for their performances over the tournament. Congratulations to these two student-athletes on a tremendous season! [Click here](#) to read an article from Omaha World-Herald's Dirk Chatelain about Tra-



Tre'Shawn Thurman, CHS
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103rd Road Show Filled With Talented Performers



The Jazz Band performed an Earth, Wind & Fire tribute

Central students put on three tremendous performances of the 103rd Road Show on February 10th and 11th. The CHS Bell Choir kicked off the performance with an arrangement of *Eleanor Rigby* before turning it over to drumline extraordinaire Xzavier Herbert. Large group performances included various performances from our performing art students as well as small group performances, which included a magic act, a dance routine to the song *Survivor* by Destiny's Child, and several acts featuring vocals mixed with instrumental performances. Congratulations to the student performers and the sponsor Mr. Mead on a job well done! The 103rd Road Show will be available On-Demand in the next few weeks, so stay tuned!

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1947
May 5, 2017
Noon

Anthony's Steakhouse
(72nd and F Streets)
Contact Jerry Freeman
- beamertbell@aol.com

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
Cell: 206-856-6469

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 1952, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 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 these are the classes that have secured dates so far.



Class of 1981

Eagle Alum Receives Gold Medal in Cooking Competition

On January 25, Harrison Turone, CHS 2013, received a gold medal at the Bocuse d'Or 2017 culinary competition. Turone,



Harrison Turone, CHS 2013

the son of Richard Turone and Anne Faylor, spent more than six months honing his skills to prepare for the culinary world's equivalent of the Olympics.

Congratulations, Harrison! To read more about Harrison's team, [click here](#) to view the article from the American Airlines magazine Celebrated Living entitled *Edible Gold*.

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!



[Rock the Nest Trivia Night!](#)

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Scoular Ballroom

5:30 - 9:00 PM



OmahaGives! 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

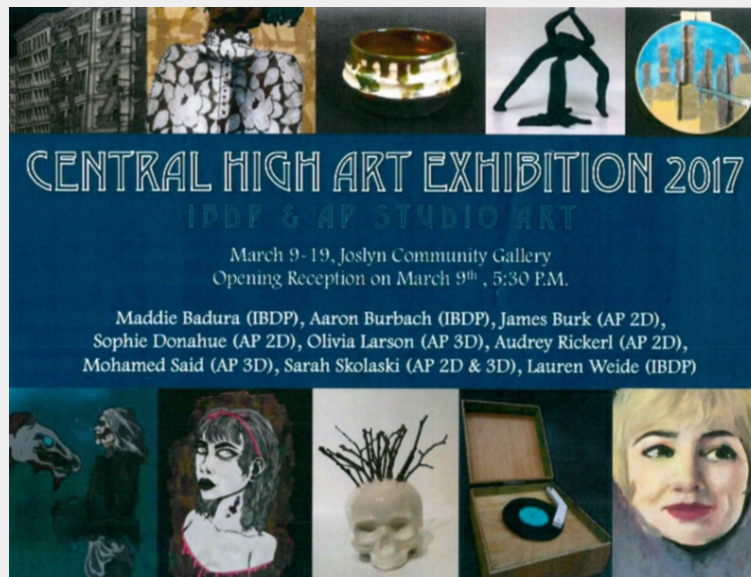
Eagle Alum Programs Self-Driving Car

One former Eagle is making national headlines for converting his Honda Civic into a self-driving car for under \$1,000. Brevan Jorgenson, CHS 2013, is a senior at the University of Nebraska at Omaha studying Information Technology Innovation. [Click here](#) to read *How a College Kid Made His Honda Civic Self-Driving for \$700* in the MIT Technology Review. Nice work, Brevan!



Illustration courtesy of MIT Technology Review

Central High Art Exhibition 2017 at Joslyn Art Museum



For the second consecutive year, artwork created by Central students will be on display at the Joslyn Art Museum. Beginning on Thursday, March 9, and running through Sunday, March 19, the exhibition will be displayed in the Joslyn Community Gallery. Congratulations to these Eagle students for their hard work: Maddie Badura, Aaron Burbach, James Burk, Sophie Donahue, Olivia Larson, Audrey Rickerl, Mohamed Said, Sarah Skolaski, and Lauren Weide.

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.



Photo by Laurie and Charles Photographs

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:

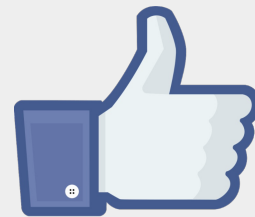
- 1) Go to the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and download the free app 'Together a Greater Good' to your iPhone or Android device.
- 2) When it's time to pay at a participating business, click the orange 'TAGG My Purchase' button on the app and tell the cashier that you want to 'TAGG' your purchase.
- 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.

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 [@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.

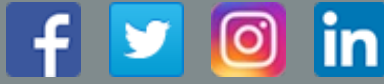
Not Receiving Mailings? Update Your Record!

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 ['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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