

Eagle News

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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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Tradition of Excellence

“ *Cinderella*, our fall musical, was truly magical thanks to the Central High School Foundation. Funding from the Foundation allowed us to build an incredible set and purchase beautiful, intricate costumes. I really appreciate all the Foundation does for the CHS Drama Department and for Central High School. ”

Claire Mahoney, CHS 2017



In June 2017, Omaha Central High School will begin Extending its Wings into a New Era.



Save the Date - OmahaGives! 2017 is May 24!

Visit omahagives.org/chsfomaha to Donate Now!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

We're hoping that April's showers have brought you many flowers this May! Summer will soon be here and that means it will be the perfect time to play golf! Remember to mark your calendars for the 15th Annual [CHS Golf Outing](#) on June 5th!

OmahaGives!, the 24 hour marathon event of online giving, is right around the corner! Mark the date on your calendar - Wednesday, May 24, 2017. We are very excited to share that the Harry and Judy Friedman Family Foundation will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation during OmahaGives! 2017, dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000! Harry, CHS 1964, and Judy have been longtime supporters of Central High School. Can't wait for the big day? Show your support now by [scheduling your donation today](#), and doubling your gift!



I wanted to share with you that Brittany Gunn, our Events & Alumni Relations Manager, has taken a new

position with Omaha South High School. She will be their varsity girls basketball coach and is very excited to return to the sidelines. She will be dearly missed at the Central High School Foundation! I want to personally and professionally thank Brittany for everything she has done for the CHSF over the past two years. We wish her the best of luck with her new endeavor! Brittany will be helping transition our new Events & Alumni Relations Manager, Sydney Davidson, over the next few weeks. Sydney graduated from Creighton University on Saturday with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism - Public Relations and a minor in Business Administration. She has been working extensively with the Creighton University Alumni Relations office and has a knack for planning events. We're very excited to have her on board!

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

Sincerely,

Michelle Roberts

Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Central Is Extending Its Wings - OmahaGives! 2017



Can't wait for the Big Day? Show your support now by scheduling your Donation Today!

OmahaGives! is a wonderful day of city-wide support of local nonprofits, and we would love to see all our Eagles come together for Central High School on this great day of charitable giving!

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In recognition of the new building addition slated to begin this summer, our theme this year is "Extending Our Wings." The new library will be three times the size of the current library, and new classrooms for drama, art, and music will allow our Eagles the space they need to stretch their wings.

Visit omahagives.org/chsfomaha to schedule a donation now, or make your donation on May 24 from Midnight to Midnight. Donations may be made online or through an Omaha Community Foundation account. Your donation will not only help qualify Central High School to win additional prizes and matching participation gifts, but your initial donation just doubled with the Friedman Family's matching donation!

The work that the Central High School Foundation does would not be possible without the

support from our alumni, friends, Adopt-A-School partners, parents, and faculty. When you donate for OmahaGives!, your donation will make twice the impact thanks to the generous donation of Harry and Judy Friedman. The Central High School Foundation is dedicated to maintaining Omaha Central High School's Tradition of Excellence by connecting past, present and future Eagles, and your donation will be used to help the Foundation continue to honor the past, live in the present, and plan for the future. Thank you for your support! Remember to [like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#) to get live updates on May 24!

Donate Now!

“ Receiving the Paul Jepsen scholarship from the Central High School Foundation gives me a chance at the dream that I want. It gives me a chance that I was told I may never have. It makes it possible for me to do whatever I want to do. ”

Micah Griffin, CHS 2017



2017 Paul Jepsen, CHS 1924, Scholarship Recipients

Senior Recognition Night



LEFT: Student of the Year Miles Kay RIGHT: Teacher of the Year Rod Mullen

On May 9, Central High School, the Central High School Foundation, and the Central High P.E.P. presented the Class of 2017 Senior Recognition Ceremony, and the Class of 2017 scholarship holders were honored. The members of the Class of 2017 earned a total of \$17,541,890 in scholarships to further their education at post-secondary schools.

Annually since 1999, the CHS Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Awardees receive \$1,000 to use on tuition, professional development, or other related activity. History teacher Rod Mullen was named the 2017 Teacher of the Year, while Miles Kay was named the 2017 Student of the Year. Central High School Foundation Scholarship Recipients include:

W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932 - Nora Stibbs
 John Keenan - Simon Smith
 Frank Knapple - Dax Galloway
 Arthur L., CHS 1914, and Genevieve K. Loomis - Micah Martin
 E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948 - Choteau Kammel
 G. E. "Doc" Moller - Chloe Klare
 Allen and Doris Oglander - Cindy Licea
 Duane Perry Mathematics Scholarship - Marshall Biven
 Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926 - Alexandria Regier
 Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937 - Miles Kay
 Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965 - James Austad
 Ned Sariscsany, CHS 2005 - Ariel Alai
 Robert Spire, CHS 1943 - Jacqueline Sanchez-Mora
 Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936 - Casey O'Brien
 James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942 - Clara Wolcott
 Augusta Turpin English Scholarship - Margaret Winton
 World War II Memorial - Ian Ritchie
 Henry Davis, CHS 1969 - Me Maw, Maria Perez-Meza, Moo Lay Shee, Aaron Young
 Paul Jepsen, CHS 1924 - Micah Griffin, Tinca Joyner, Dinesh Karki
 Thor, CHS 1924, and Kay Krogh English Prize - Georgia Chambers and Claire Lavender
 John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916 - Isabella Mancuso, Jacob Curley, Eva Taylor, Christian Nelson, Maddie White

Golf Fore Eagles on June 5



On Monday June 5, 2017, the Central High School Foundation will host its 15th annual Golf Fore Eagles presented by Project Advocates at Field Club of Omaha. With over 200 participants expected to be registered, we are thrilled to be hosting both morning and afternoon flights to accommodate all the golfers. There are a few slots still available, so sign up now to reserve your spot today! Don't miss out on all of the fun, and register now!

Morning Flight: 7:30 a.m.
Afternoon Flight: 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

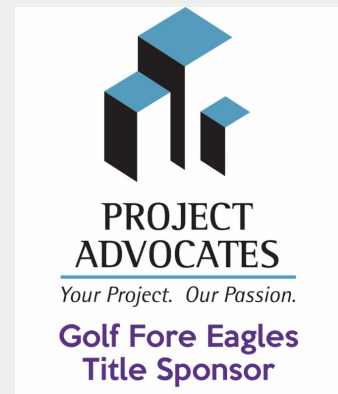
- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for all participants
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (hole-in-one)

This year's honorees is Dr. Keith Bigsby.

[Click here to register](#) and learn more about the CHS Golf Outing!

Thank you to this year's sponsors:

- Title Sponsor - Project Advocates
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Take a Virtual Tour of Central



For an International Baccalaureate project, Austin Bailey, a junior at Central, used a digital camera, tripod, and panoramic software to create 360 degree virtual tours of Central's historic features. Austin currently has completed nine "spaces," including the auditorium, courtyard, and football field. [Click here to visit the web page](#) that he created and to take a virtual tour of Central! Way to go, Austin!

To navigate, you can use your mouse to drag the screen from side to side. To enter into a fullscreen mode, click on the four outward pointing arrows on the bottom right. To view a different space, click on the four squares on the bottom left and a menu will pop up with all available spaces to choose from. Because the software uses Java, the program will only work properly when viewed from a laptop or desktop.

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](#).

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- Hbordenomaha@gmail.com
Cell: 402-578-4162 or 402-556-0577
Debbie Schwertley - Dschwertley@aol.com
Cell: 402-669-1209

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 4-6, 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 1952, 1972, 1982 - Dates To Be Determined

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 - 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

If you have not set up your class reunion for 2017, contact [Sydney Davidson](#) 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 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



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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, [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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