

Eagle News

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Drama students at Central had an electrifying time during their performance of "Grease"

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

Happy Thanksgiving! There is no time more fitting to say thank you for your continued support of Central High School.

The holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend or classmate. The Central High School Foundation's Honor and Memorial Gift Program allows you to recognize individuals, couples, groups, special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries, or someone's passing. When you make a memorial gift, a



personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to the individual or family being honored. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your gift and the gift amount will appear on your donor acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. All donations will be recognized in the CHSF annual report. To make an honor or memorial gift, please [visit us online](#). Please feel free to contact the Foundation Office at 402-556-1996 if you have any questions.

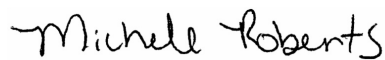
The 2017 Class reunions are coming to a close and we are steadily working on a schedule for 2018. The class reunion coordinators are picking their dates, and as new information comes in, we are making updates to the website. We encourage you to visit our website for the latest information on your [upcoming reunion](#)! If you want to make sure that you receive reunion information, please [update your record](#) so that we can send you information.

Finally, congratulations to Jessica Haynes, CHS 1985, for her induction into the Omaha Public Schools 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame! Congratulations!

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

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Nominations



If you would like to recognize one of your classmates for their outstanding achievements, nominate them for the 2018 CHS Hall of Fame!

The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is now

accepting nominations for the 2018 Hall of Fame Class! If you have a distinguished alumni, educator or CHS benefactor that is worthy of this honor, please [submit your nomination](#) by December 31, 2017. You can [submit your nomination online](#) or download a nomination form by visiting our website.

If you have any questions please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996. Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are good for three years.

Eagles Visit Midland University for College Visit



On November 13, 46 juniors and seniors visited Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, for a college visit. For some of these students, this was their first official college visit. Eagles participated in astronomy, English, and athletic training classes alongside current Midland students and also had the opportunity to ask questions about the admission process with MU admission counselors.

This opportunity was made possible by the partnership between the Central High School Foundation and Midland University. Go Eagles!

Central Grad Inducted into OPS Athletic Hall of Fame



Former Central track coach Jo Dusatko and former Central basketball coach Paul Semrad shown here with Jessica Haynes, CHS 1985

Former Central standout Jessica Haynes, CHS 1985, was inducted into the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday. A three-time all-state and three-time All-Metro player, Haynes helped Central to back-to-back basketball state championships in 1983 and 1984. In 1984, she averaged 16.2 points and 8.4 rebounds per game and her rebound and coast-to-coast drive for a layup sealed the state championship. She averaged 22 points and nearly 12 rebounds per game as a senior when she was a Parade All-American, Street and Smith's All-American, Converse All-American, and Carnation Milk All-American. In track, she ran on three gold-medal relays helping Central to Class A titles in 1983 and 1984 and was also named High School All-American.

To read her complete biography, [click here](#). Congratulations, Jessica!

Bartee Signs Contract Extension with Pittsburgh Pirates



Kimera Bartee, who graduated from Central in 1990 and was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame this year, recently signed a contract extension to continue serving as the first base coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bartee, who played on Creighton University's 1991 College World Series team, played in the MLB for six years and was a minor league coach in the Pirates' organization before being promoted to coach in the Major League last season. Keep up the great work, Kimera!

Date Set for 2018 Craft and Conversation Day

SAVE THE DATE

CRAFT & CONVERSATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

You and all of your friends are invited to attend a fun filled day to complete your hobby projects!

- Open to all crafters whether novice or seasoned
- Scrapbooking, quilting, beading, stamping, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. welcome
- Raffle drawings for theme baskets!

EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:

- A large table
- Car-side carrying service
- Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks & beverages

For more information or to register contact:
Ana Wedergren
chsvoicevol@gmail.com

\$35
(\$20 tax deductible donation)
Proceeds benefit CHS choir student scholarships.

All proceeds from Craft & Conversation go to support V.O.I.C.E., a volunteer group supporting the vocal music program at Central High School.

Help raise money for scholarships for music students! The annual Craft & Conversation Day will

be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 9 AM - 6 PM in the Central High School cafeteria. The event cost is \$35 and will be hosted by the Central V.O.I.C.E. organization. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This event is open to all crafters and their friends! To register, email chsvoicevol@gmail.com and get signed up today!

Class of 1972 Holds 45 Year Reunion



On Friday, September 15th, the Class of 1972 celebrated its 45th reunion at the Old Mattress Factory, with a casual cocktail reception that included hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a cash bar. Classmates Mark Sanford (keyboard & vocals) and Chuck St. Lucas (drums) provided music, along with guest vocalists Debi (Akins) Erdei and Gail (Goynes) Polk. The featured speaker was G.E. "Doc" Moller, who delighted the crowd by sharing some of his keen wit, and reflections on the past.

The following Saturday morning classmates toured Central, where they enjoyed a continental breakfast, an enlightening presentation by former principal Keith Bigsby, and seeing recent improvements and learning about future enhancements to their alma mater.

Thank you to Keith Wagner for the recap and picture!

Central Yard Signs Are Now Available



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Central has ordered hundreds of yard signs that can be displayed proudly in your yard during the recruitment month. Deciding which high school to attend is a huge decision, so let's show eighth graders and their families how much Eagle Pride we have!

If you're interested in having a sign for your yard, you can reserve a sign by [clicking here](#). If you sign up, signs will be delivered to your yard by National Honor Society students over the holiday break. For other questions, contact Lori Falcon at Lori.Falcon@ops.org.

A reminder that there will be an open house for all incoming freshman on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 2-4 at Central.

Class of 2007 Meets for 10 Year Reunion



On Friday, September 22, the Class of 2007 hosted a tailgate prior to the Central vs. Westside

football game in the Central athletic lobby. After the game, classmates gathered at Sullivans Bar in the Blackstone District for a few cocktails. Saturday morning CHS student council members gave a tour of the school. After the tour, the group met at Barrett's for lunch to reminiscence about Friday night and fond high school memories. Then in the evening, reunion organizers hosted an event at The Session Room downtown Omaha. Appetizers and drinks were provided and a special toast was made to honor our classmate Seth Rich. The weekend was a blast and everyone is already looking forward to the 20 year reunion!

Thank you to Kerri Croskey for the recap and picture!

Class Reunion Schedule

Class of 1992

December 29, 2017

Contact Bryan Campbell - 904-626-2915

2018 Reunion Schedule

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

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Class of 1963

September 21-22, 2018

Contact: Lyle Karre

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Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

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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 2018, contact Sydney Davidson (402-556-1996) at the Central High School Foundation to get started. The Foundation has many resources to help make your class reunion the very best possible.



[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!](#)

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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](#).

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!

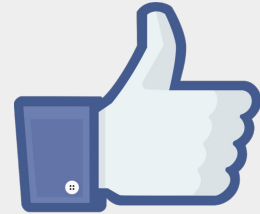
Omaha Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good), an Omaha start-up, to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. TAGG offers a smartphone app that, when used at 120 participating local businesses, the business will donate 5% of your purchase, any day 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!

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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](#) 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.

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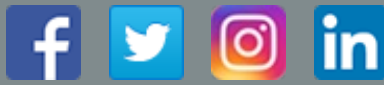
Haven't received information from us in a while? It might be because we don't have your new mailing address or email! Look for your name on our ['Lost Alumni'](#) list, then [fill out the form](#) to update us on how to get in touch with you!

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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