

Eagle News

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Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2017!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

Fall is in the air and Halloween is on the horizon! I hope you all are having a wonderful autumn!

At the beginning of this month we celebrated the induction of 10 new members into the Central High School Hall of Fame! Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and congratulations to all of the inductees. Special thanks to the Central High School Alumni Association who helped make this event the best it could be!



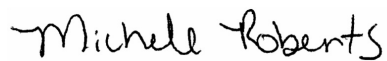
Our annual campaign, Generation "C," is in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 158 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. [Please donate to Generation "C" today!](#)

We're excited to be partnering with alum Nate Gasaway, CHS 2000, with Göswen Visual Marketing. Nate is documenting the construction of the Central High School Arts and Library Addition. Please [click here](#) to view a time-lapse video of the progress being made.

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

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

10 Alumni Inducted into CHS Hall of Fame



Hall of Fame inductees Kimera Bartee, Natalie Brown, Henry Cordes, and John Emery speaking to students on Friday during their classroom visits

Ten new Eagles joined the ranks of the Central High School Hall of Fame on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Central High School. The event, sponsored by the Central High School Alumni Association and Central High School Foundation, featured a dinner in the courtyard and ceremony in the auditorium.

On Friday morning, the inductees had an opportunity to speak to current Central students

about their experiences and share some wisdom about their time as an Eagle. Kimera Bartee chatted with the CHS baseball team; Natalie Brown conversed with German and AP French classes; Howard Chudacoff spoke with a US History class; Henry Cordes talked to an AP English Language and Composition class; John Emery spoke to a Omaha History class; Sanford Friedman reminisced about his Central days with an Honors Introduction to Business class; and Lawrence "Red" Thomas chatted with an art class. The finale of the Hall of Fame weekend was the Passing Periods luncheon at the Field Club of Omaha.

Do you know of someone worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame? Nominations for the Class of 2017 are now open through December 31, 2017! Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are good for three years. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination online. Congratulations again to the Class of 2017, the 19th Hall of Fame class!



Howard Chudacoff, Sanford Friedman, and Lawrence Thomas speaking to students about their Central experiences

Hall of Fame Week Concludes With Passing Periods Luncheon



Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon guest speaker Susie Buffett, CHS 1971

On Friday, October 6, the Central High School Foundation held its final Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon for 2017 at the Field Club of Omaha. More than 150 Eagles were in attendance as well as members of the 2017 Hall of Fame class and former Hall of Fame inductees. The guest speaker for the event was Susie Buffett, who was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame in 2009.

While this was the final luncheon for the year, we will continue this tradition next year with two more luncheons in 2018, one in the spring and one in the fall. Stay tuned, as we will reveal dates and speaker information in upcoming Eagle Newsletters. Go Eagles!



Eagles Soared in the Sandhills at Dismal River Club



On September 17-19, 2017, the Central High School Foundation held the inaugural Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles at the Dismal River Club. Hosted by Managing Partner/Owner and Central alum Aaron McKeever, CHS 1991, this event featured the opportunity to play 36 holes of golf, to fish, and to shoot blue rock in the beautiful Sandhills near Mullen, Nebraska. It was a fantastic experience, and we look forward to hosting an event there next year! For more pictures, check out the [CHSF Facebook page](#).

Mark your calendar: next year's Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles will be on August 5-7, 2018. Don't forget that next year's Golf Fore Eagles event will take place on Monday, June 4, 2018, at Field Club of Omaha.



Class of 1962 Meets for 55 Year Reunion



The Class of 1962 met on August 25th and 26th to celebrate their 55 year class reunion. On Friday night, classmates gathered for a meet and greet at DJ's Dugout. On Saturday, there was a barbecue and river boat cruise on the River City Star. The reunion wrapped up with a dance featuring the music of the George Walker band. Thank you to Beth Sargent and Susan Cooper for the picture!

Class of 1977 Holds 40 Year Reunion



The Class of 1977 held their 40 year class reunion on Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th. Friday was full of fun activities, including playing 18 holes of golf at Elmwood Park golf course, watching the CHS football team take on Omaha Bryan High, and ending the day with a gathering at the Old Mattress Factory. On Saturday morning, classmates were led on a tour of the school before concluding the reunion weekend with a dance and dinner at il Palazzo. Thank you to Michelle Johnson for this picture from the weekend!

Eagle Named Runza Student of the Week



Last month, Runza Restaurants named CHS senior Jessi Ferguson the Runza Student of the Week! Upon graduation from Central, Jessi plans to attend college and study biomedical engineering or neuroscience. Congratulations, Jessie! Click on the picture above to watch a video to learn more about Jessi.

Alumni Association Welcomes Henry Cordes for Lecture Series



The Central High School Alumni Association is excited to announce that Henry Cordes, CHS 1981, will be the guest speaker in its next lecture series. Henry Cordes is an award winning investigative reporter for the Omaha World-Herald and recent Hall of Fame inductee.

Topic: "The Mystery of Leslie Arnold"

Date: Monday, November 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Omaha Central's Gymnasium Lobby located on the North side of the building overlooking the football field.

The lecture is free of charge and open to all Central Alumni, Staff & Friends. To RSVP, please email Roy Katskee at rkats1@cox.net.

Central Students Named National Merit Semifinalists



Continuing the Central tradition, CHS seniors Simon Schoenbeck, Eric Polerecky, and Madison Seefeld were recently recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Madison was named a National Merit Commended Student, while Simon and Eric were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. Finalists will be revealed in February 2018. Congratulations to these Eagles on their fine academic achievements!

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

402-491-3692

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Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

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

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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.

2017-18 Generation C Chairs - 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!](#)

2017-2018 CHS Drama Schedule Announced

Contact Scott Mead at scott.mead@ops.org or 402-557-3300 for more information about upcoming shows at Central High School!

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OMAHA CENTRAL DRAMA SEASON SCHEDULE

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|  <p>Book, Music and Lyrics by: Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey</p> | FRIDAY, NOV. 3RD AT 7PM SATURDAY, NOV. 4TH AT 2PM & 7PM |
| <i>Improv</i> NIGHT PART 1 | THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 2017 AT 6PM |
| The OPS ONE ACT PLAY Festival | SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 2017 AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL |
| Honors DRAMA ONE ACT Play | MONDAY, DEC. 18, 2017 AT 6PM |
|  <p>INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY</p> <p>CHS Troupe 7833 NE State Festival Showcase</p> | WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20, 2017 AT 6PM |
|  <p>104TH ANNUAL ROAD SHOW</p> | FRIDAY, FEB. 9, 2018 AT 7PM SAT., FEB. 10, 2018 AT 2PM & 7PM |
|  <p>Honors Drama Touring Show - Public Performance</p> | THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 6PM |
|  <p><i>Almost</i> Maine</p> | FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018 AT 7PM SAT., APRIL 28, 2018 AT 2PM & 7PM |
| <i>Improv</i> NIGHT PART 2 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 AT 6PM |
|  <p>DRAMA AWARDS BANQUET</p> | THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018 AT 6-9PM |
|  <p>OMAHA CENTRAL DRAMA</p>  <p>@OPSCSDRAMA</p> |  <p>FOR MORE INFO: EMAIL: SCOTT.MEAD@OPS.ORG PHONE: 402.557.3300 OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL 124 N. 20TH STREET OMAHA, NE 68102</p> |

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.

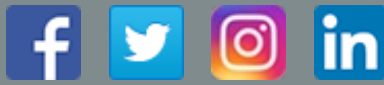
Stay in the Loop and Update Your Record!

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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