

# Eagle News

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Dear Supporter,

Happy Spring! Summer will soon be here and that means it will be the perfect time to play golf! Remember to mark your calendars for the 16th Annual CHS [Golf Fore Eagles Golf Outing](#) on June 4th and for [Soaring in the Sandhills at the Dismal River Club](#) on August 5th - 7th!

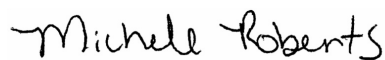
The Omaha Design Center was rocking on April 8th for our annual Rock the Nest Trivia Night. 40 teams competed in this sold out event, and congratulations to Table #17 for their winning efforts! Our prize sponsors were Omaha Steaks, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Scooters Coffee. I'd also like to thank our trivia round sponsors: G.E. "Doc" Moller, Cyndy Peacock, the CHS Drama Department, Arnold Weitz & Co., CHS Band Parent Organization, Broadmoor Apartment Communities, CHS VOICE, Terry Hughes Tree Service, and CHS P.E.P. This event wouldn't be successful without your support, so thank you!



Please mark your calendars now for OmahaGives, Wednesday, May 23rd! We are very excited to share with you that this year, L.B. "Red" CHS 1954, and Jann Thomas will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation on this special day of giving, dollar for dollar up to \$20,000! We're hoping to see many of our alumni participate again this year in OmahaGives! Watch for our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds during the week surrounding the event: current Eagles, CHS teachers, and Central alumni will be shouting out about how the Central High School Foundation has impacted them! Please feel free to contact us at 402-556-1996 or contact me directly at [michele@chsfomaha.org](mailto:michele@chsfomaha.org) if you have any questions about how to make sure your donation gets matched!

Again, 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 Inductees Announced



Congratulations to the Central High School Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees!

Barry Combs, CHS 1950

Sally Fox, CHS 1968

Olive Graham, CHS 1961

Samuel Johnson, CHS 1981

Harry A. Koch, Jr., CHS 1947

Michael and Susan Strauss Lebens, CHS 1970

Stephen and Judith Hutton Olson, CHS 1960

Merle Rambo, CHS 1969  
Jerry Slusky, CHS 1963  
Doris Stevens, CHS 1905

To learn more about the Central High School Hall of Fame, [click here!](#)

Is there someone you would like to see in the Central High School 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! [Click here to nominate an Eagle for the CHS Hall of Fame!](#)

## Rock the Nest 2018 - Thank You!



We held our annual fundraiser Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" on Sunday, April 8th. Over 350 Central High School parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered at the Omaha Design Center in Omaha to celebrate "Eagle Nation." Guests enjoyed dinner, a raffle and a friendly trivia competition. The event raised over \$40,000 for Central High School.

Trivia was one of the evening's activities that brought everyone together. After six rounds including "On This Day", "Gray's Anatomy", and "Mean Girls" the following teams were recognized:

**First Place - Table #17:** Henry Cordes, CHS 1981 & Susan Stiles, CHS 1981; Michael & Cheryl Goodwillie; Claire Goodwillie, CHS 2009, & Victor Sherony; and Keith & Lisa Winton

**Second Place - Table #39:** Gary & Paula Groff; Brooks Humphreys; James & Victoria

Deniston-Reed; Matthew Shafer; Jennifer Stastny; and Scott Wilson

**Third Place - Table #26:** Steven Andrews & Amy Welch; Brent & Jennifer Larson; Justin & Chelsea Thomalla; and Daniel & Whitney Wilson

The Grand Prize winner of a one week stay at the Surfside Resort in Destin, Florida and two round trip airline tickets, donated by Matt, CHS 1974, and Sheri Aden valued at \$4,000, was Catherine Farrell Proctor, CHS 1988.

The following individuals were raffle prize winners:

**A Tee-rific Time:** Murray Crummer, CHS 1981

**Weekend in Kansas City:** Justin Thomalla

**Night Out on the Town:** Luke Dillon

**An Eagle on the 18th:** Connie Huck

**International Omaha Grand Prix:** Jim Nolan

**Borsheims:** Merrilee Moshier Miller, CHS 1966

**Driving To Excellence:** Roni Gray

**Holiday Blooms:** Robin Prescott

**The Perfect Watch:** Sue Roberts

**Better ACT Now!:** Doe Cohn Florsheim, CHS 1968, and John Sgourakis, CHS 1985

**Eagle Pride:** Marie Spomer

Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased raffle tickets, or donated to the giving tree! Big thanks to Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991, for emceeding our event as well as to the CHS staff and faculty and Rock the Nest committee for making sure the event ran smoothly. In addition, a big thank you to the CHS jazz band for providing music for the evening and to Chloe Jones, CHS 2019, and Xzavier Herbert, CHS 2019, for serving as celebrity guests at Tables 4 and 5. We will see you next spring for another edition of Rock the Nest Trivia Night!

**Cones, Caps & Gowns Ice Cream for Eagles**



[eCreamery Gourmet Ice Cream Sorbet and Gelato](#) have churned out a special signature flavor for the Central High School Eagles during the month of May in support of the Central High School Foundation.



For the entire month of May, \$1.00 of each pint of "ConeS, Caps and Gowns" ice cream purchased at eCreamery will go to support the Central High School Foundation. Through its mission of improving the education of present and future students at Central High School, the Central High School Foundation annually awards scholarships to graduating seniors and classroom grants to teachers, raises money for capital campaign projects, hosts alumni events and provides class reunion assistance. The delicious cake ice cream

mixed with chocolate covered waffle cone bits topped off with Central Celebration sprinkles is the perfect way to celebrate Central High School Eagles who are graduating on May 27th.

On Thursday, May 24, the Central High School Foundation will be at eCreamery from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with some "Special Guests" awarding hourly door prizes. 10% of all sales on Thursday will go to the Central High School Foundation! So start rounding up your former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who loves ice cream!

For more information about eCreamery, check out their website:

<https://www.ecreamery.com/omaha-parlor/>.

## Chandler Sanders Wins March Madness Bracket Challenge

Earlier this month, the Villanova Wildcats won the 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship. In our third annual Bracket Challenge, Chandler Sanders from the class of 2010 came in first place by correctly guessing 42 game winners, including Villanova to win it all. Congratulations, Chandler! Chandler, pictured below, received a prize bag from the CHSF. Finishing in 2nd place was Mark Beasley, CHS 1979, and finishing in 3rd place was James Dorsey, CHS 1974. Thank you to everyone who participated, and a reminder that the [Golf Fore Eagles](#) golf outing will be held on Monday, June 4!



## Golf Fore Eagles on June 4



On Monday June 4, 2018, the Central High School Foundation will host its 16th 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 Aaron McKeever, CHS 1991.

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

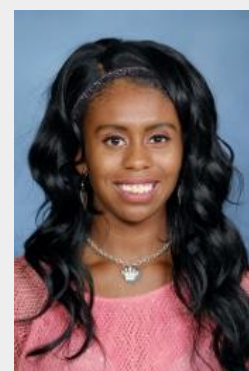
## Gaylor, Wiles Go Extra Mile for DECA Students



Central High School has always had fantastic educators, and that tradition of excellence continues to this day. [Check out this article](#) from the Omaha World-Herald about DECA and marketing teachers Harry Gaylor and Vicki Wiles! Together, Gaylor and Wiles have 78 years of combined service to marketing/DECA. Keep up the great work, Harry and Vicki! Central is so fortunate to have both of you.

## Eagle Featured in OPS Student Spotlight on KIOS Radio

Check this out - CHS student Witney Stanley was interviewed by KIOS Omaha Public Radio in this month's OPS Student Spotlight. Witney, who is a senior, is currently taking a culinary cooking class through the OPS Career Center. [Click here](#) to hear the interview with KIOS News Director Cheril Lee.



Witney Stanley,  
CHS 2018





Are you a United States Military Veteran who attended Central High School? The Central High Alumni Association would like to invite you to a morning of coffee, rolls and comradery on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Central High School Gym Lobby located on the north side of the school. You don't have to be a veteran to attend, so if you are interested in this event, we'd love to have you there!

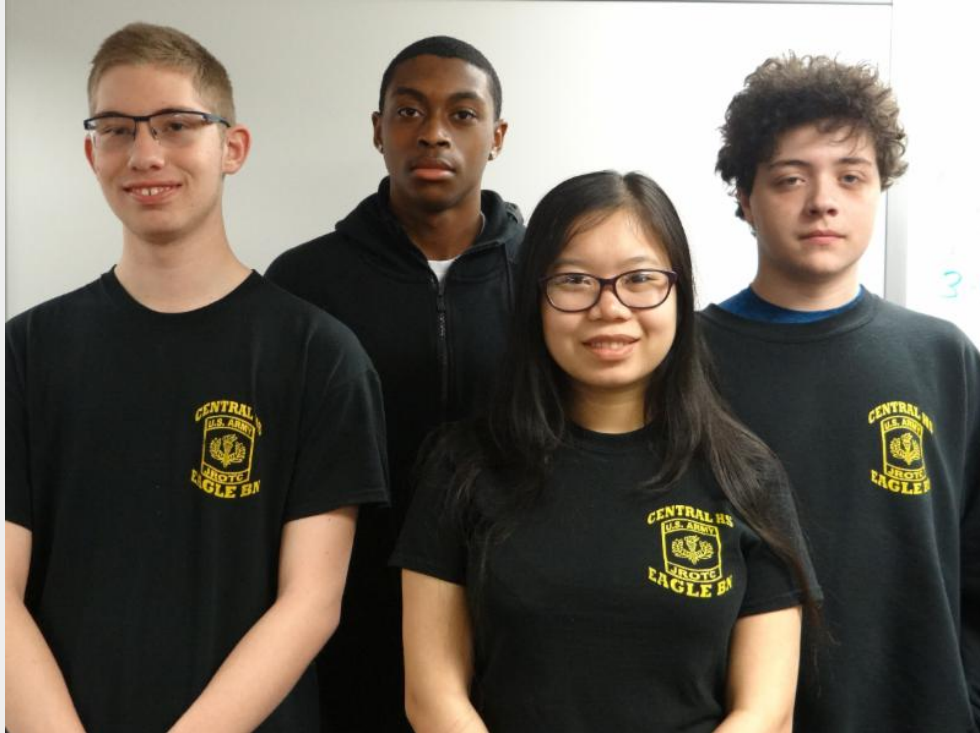
CHS History teacher Scott Wilson will discuss the trip to Europe his students went on to study WWI and WWII. During the trip, the Central High School Alumni lost in WWI and WWII who are buried in Europe were honored by the CHS students and teachers.

The presentation will conclude with a visit to the memorials that are currently housed at Central.

Omaha Central High School  
Gym Lobby  
(Located on the North Side of the Building)  
Saturday, May 19, 2018  
10:00 AM

RSVP to: Roy Katskee  
[Rkats1@Cox.net](mailto:Rkats1@Cox.net) or 402-572-7512





Team Members Alex Garabrandt, Anthony Bonner, Shar Soe, and Aidan Marhenke

We have some exciting news to share from the CHS Military Science Department. The Eagle Battalion JROTC Academic Team has qualified for the 2018 Army JROTC Academic Bowl Championship at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, June 22-26, 2018. Team members include (from left to right): Alex Garabrandt, Anthony Bonner, Shar Soe, and Aidan Marhenke. Join us in congratulating these outstanding Eagles!

## 2018 Class Reunion Schedule

### Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

402-491-3692

[Jmclellan8@cox.net](mailto:Jmclellan8@cox.net)

### Class of 1963

September 21-22, 2018

Contact: Lyle Karre

[l.karre@cox.net](mailto:l.karre@cox.net)

### Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

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

[jgivens1950@gmail.com](mailto:jgivens1950@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/omahacentralhigh1968](http://www.facebook.com/groups/omahacentralhigh1968)

Other Contacts:

Pam Weiss Friedlander - [pfriedla@cox.net](mailto:pfriedla@cox.net) or 402-334-8773

Jim Costello - [costellosteel@gmail.com](mailto:costellosteel@gmail.com) or 402-670-9612

### Class of 1973

July 27-28, 2018

Contact: David Finkle

### **Class of 1978**

October 5-6, 2018

[omahacentral1978@cox.net](mailto:omahacentral1978@cox.net)

Contact: Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier - 402-496-3407

### **Class of 1988**

September 14-16, 2018

Contact: Bruce Lovgren - [sofaman@cox.net](mailto:sofaman@cox.net)

Kara Clark - [redkara40@gmail.com](mailto:redkara40@gmail.com)

[Click here to join the Facebook Group](#)

### **Class of 1993**

August 31 - September 1, 2018

Contact: Dan Bagley - [danbagley2010@gmail.com](mailto:danbagley2010@gmail.com)

### **Class of 1998**

Date Pending

Contact: Sarah Price - [centralhigh98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:centralhigh98reunion@gmail.com)

### **Class of 2008**

Date Pending

Contact: Chloe Greguska - [dgreguska@gmail.com](mailto:dgreguska@gmail.com)

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.

## Central Spring Play Production

Central High School Drama Department Presents

# Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

**Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7 PM**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2 PM & 7 PM**

**Tickets:**



**\$8 Adults, \$6 Students**

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc, New York  
Central High School 124 N. 20th Street Omaha, NE 68102 // 402.557.3332

The Omaha Central High School Drama Department proudly presents their spring play production of *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani.

Production dates are:

**Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM** in the CHS Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students with their school ID. Tickets can be purchased by calling (402) 557-3332 and will also be sold at the door before each show.

For more information about the production, contact Scott Mead, at (402) 557-3300 ext. 3317015 or by email at [Scott.mead@ops.org](mailto:Scott.mead@ops.org).

## Join Generation C Today!



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!](#)

## 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,

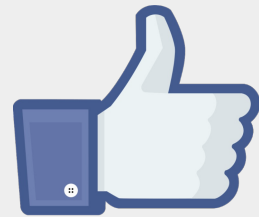
available on iPhone and Android devices, is free to download and easy to set up. Here's how to get started:

- 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 3,000 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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