

Eagle News

August 2018



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION
Tradition of Excellence



Andy Haggart ('88) attempts to hit his golf ball out of a sand trap at the Dismal River Club

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

Welcome back! School is back in session today, and we are excited to see what new and wonderful things our Eagles will accomplish this academic year!

Keep your eyes open for our 2018 Annual Report! Every graduate will receive one in their mailbox over the next couple of weeks. I want to personally thank Josh Bucy, CHSF Communications and Database Manager, for creating an excellent annual report. A reminder that if you haven't received our mailings recently, we encourage you to [update your record](#) to ensure



that we have your current contact information.

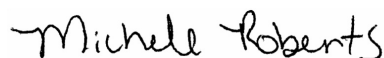
Hall of Fame week is approaching quickly, and you can [sign up online](#) today if you'd like to attend! There will be a dinner at 6:30 in the CHS courtyard followed by the Hall of Fame Ceremony in the CHS auditorium. Registration is \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. The induction ceremony is open to the public, and we hope to see you there! [Register now](#) for this special event.

One other exciting opportunity that I want to pass along is the Eagle Business Alliance. The Central High School Alumni Association has created this new alliance that allows networking opportunities as well as other opportunities to promote your business or services. See below for more details about the August 28 information session.

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 159 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence!

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

2018 Hall of Fame Ceremony



2018 HALL OF FAME

 BARRY COMBS CHS 1950	 SALLY FOX CHS 1968	 OLIVE GRAHAM CHS 1961	 SAM 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

The 20th Annual CHS Hall of Fame will held Thursday, October 4, 2018, at Central High School. The Central High School Alumni Association is proud to induct eight individuals and two couples whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service. RSVP now to come celebrate this

special day with your fellow Eagles! Inductees are selected by the Central High School Alumni Association and the program is presented by the Central High School Foundation.

This year's inductees include Barry Combs (CHS 1950), Sally Fox (CHS 1968), Olive Graham (CHS 1961), Sam 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), and Doris Stevens (CHS 1905).

The dinner will be held at 6:30 pm in the Courtyard and the ceremony will take place at 7:30 pm in the Central High School Auditorium. Registration is \$50 per person, \$400 for a table of eight and \$500 for a table of ten. Please contact the Foundation office at 402-556-1996 with any questions, or [click here to register online.](#)

Join the Eagle Business Alliance



Calling all Eagles! Do you own a business, have a home based business or provide a service that other Eagles may be interested in?

The Central High Alumni Association is forming the Eagle Business Alliance, which will promote businesses or services that are affiliated with the Eagle Business Alliance. Your affiliation with Central can be as an alum, current student's parent or family, teachers or staff members.

The Alliance will include networking opportunities as well as other opportunities to promote your business or services. The first organizational meeting is scheduled. Please plan to attend this meeting to learn all the details and get in on the ground floor of this unique opportunity.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

5:15-5:45 PM Networking & Light Refreshments (Cash Bar)

5:45 PM Eagle Business Alliance

Prize Drawings

The Field Club of Omaha - Swing Room
3615 Woolworth

RSVP to Reserve Your Space

Chris Pellman

Central High Alumni Association President

Central_Alumni@yahoo.com

Eagles Soared in the Sandhills



Jennifer Likes, Jane Farrell, Tim Martin, and Aaron McKeever ('91) on the 4th hole of the White Course at the Dismal River Club

On August 5-7, the 2nd annual Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles was held at Dismal River Club near Mullen, Nebraska. More than 50 golfers joined us for this three day, two night event. Our group arrived at Dismal River Club around 1 PM MST on Sunday, just in time for some fun activities including chipping and putting practice with PGA professional Tony Driscoll ('03), shooting blue rock, and a swing analysis by one of our PGA golf professionals - Jamie Stogdill ('96). On Monday, most of our golfers played 36 holes of golf in less than 12 hours on the award-winning Red and White golf courses. A dinner on Monday night concluded the day, and we departed back for Omaha on Tuesday morning. Thank you to our host and managing partner/owner Aaron McKeever ('91) for a great time! We can't wait to return to Dismal River Club next year. For more pictures, check out the [CHSF Facebook page](#).

Back to School Luncheon Held



Jed Ortmeier ('97) speaking to CHS faculty at the Back to School Luncheon

On Friday, August 10, the Central High School Foundation hosted its annual Back to School Luncheon for the faculty and staff of Central High School. As a way to say "thank you," this year's luncheon was held in the CHS courtyard. Alum Jed Ortmeier, CHS 1997, was the guest speaker, and he talked about how the skills he learned at CHS helped him when he attended the University of Michigan and later the National Hockey League. His main message to the faculty and staff: students will later learn to appreciate the patience and extra help that teachers gave to them during their time at CHS.

Eagles in the News



The Pacific Preserve public park opened last month to the public. Located near 162nd and Pacific Streets, the land for the park was donated by Dr. Jim Wigton ('66) and his wife Judy. [Click here](#) to read the Omaha World-Herald article about the park.



Wah Paw Bweh ('18) became a viral sensation when she found a way to reuse her graduation gown as a robe. [Click here](#) to read a short story from the Omaha World-Herald about the project.



How did the owner of Reddit end up wearing a Benson t-shirt? Lissie Garvin ('07) is the chief of staff for Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian. [Click here](#) to read about this Eagle and her current job with Ohanian.



Don Nogg ('47) and Harold Kosowsky ('55) were featured on the front page of the Omaha World-Herald in an article by Matthew Hansen. Don and Harold enjoy visiting local cafes and diners for breakfast food and good conversation. [Click here](#) to read the fun article.



Jim Schalles ('04) recently launched his own business - Tallgrass Vernacular. Tallgrass Vernacular works to design items such as ovens and heaters to be functional, economical, and sustainable. [Click here](#) to read an article in Omaha Magazine about Jim and his business.

Students Prepare for 2018-19 School Year



National Honor Society students help at All Student Orientation

The annual All Student Orientation (ASO) was held at Central High School on July 31, August 1, and August 2. This is a time when students can pick up their class schedules (they don't have to run for classes anymore!), student parking passes, take their student ID pictures, and receive their student activity passes. Hopefully none of the freshmen bought an elevator pass!

Freshman reported for their first day of class on Wednesday, August 15, while the rest of the students will begin today on Thursday, August 16. We are looking forward to a great school year!

New Digital Library Built for 21st Century Learning



Rendering of the Digital Library courtesy of DLR Group

Central High School is unmatched for its tradition of excellence in educating Omaha's young people for their future roles as citizens and leaders. The Arts and Library Addition's Digital Library, with its one of a kind design and completely integrated technology, further enhances Central's historic commitment to ensuring every student has access to the resources they need to pursue their academic, personal and social endeavors. The Digital Library will be the first OPS high school library to offer a complete range of digital learning devices, innovative maker space, digital research, and social/collaboration spaces that work to support the Central student learning experience. The Digital Library, built on a next generation wireless infrastructure that allows for ubiquitous device connectivity, creates an educational environment where both teacher instruction and student learning is enhanced and elevated to meet the current and future requirements of 21st century citizenship. Check back in future newsletters for building updates on the Arts and Library Addition.

Class of 1973 Holds Reunion



The Class of 1973 met on July 27th and 28th for their 45 year class reunion. The reunion began with a Purple Carpet Premier Opening Night full of movies and fun at the Dundee Theater. On Saturday morning, classmates received a tour of Central High School and presented former music department head Robert McMeen with a special award. The reunion weekend concluded on Saturday night with some Zio's pizza and cocktails at the Waiting Room Lounge in Benson.

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

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Jmclellan8@cox.net

Class of 1963

September 21-22, 2018

Contact: Lyle Karre

l.karre@cox.net

Class of 1968

August 24-25, 2018

Contact: Joanne Wagner Givens

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Jim Costello - costellosteel@gmail.com or 402-670-9612

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

sally.rehmeier@gmail.com

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Class of 1988

September 14-16, 2018

Contact: Bruce Lovgren (sofaman@cox.net)

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

Class of 1993

August 31 - September 1, 2018

Contact: Dan Bagley

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Class of 1998

September 14-15, 2018

Contact: Sarah Price

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Class of 2008

September 7-8, 2018

Contact: Chloe Greguska

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2018-2019 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!



OMAHA CENTRAL DRAMA SEASON SCHEDULE



GUYS AND DOLLS
Nov. 2-3, 2018
Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser, Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Dec. 8, 2018

The
OPS ONE ACT PLAY
Festival

OPS ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



IMPROV NIGHT #1
Dec. 12, 2018

THE 9 WORST BREAKUPS OF ALL TIME
Dec. 17, 2018
By Ian McWethy Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

Honors
DRAMA ONE ACT
Play



CHS TROUPE 7833 ITS SHOWCASE
Dec. 19, 2018

VOICE IN THE DARKNESS: A SALEM STORY
Feb. 1-2, 2019
By Elizabeth Downing. Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.



105TH ANNUAL
ROAD SHOW

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ROAD SHOW
Apr. 5-6, 2019

**ONE ACT PLAY: THE SEUSSIFICATION
OF ROMEO & JULIET**
Apr. 23, 2019
By Peter Bloedel. Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.



IMPROV NIGHT #2
May 8, 2019

DRAMA AWARDS BANQUET
May 16, 2019



OMAHA CENTRAL DRAMA



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PHONE: 402.557.3300
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124 N. 20TH STREET
OMAHA, NE 68102

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.](#)

2018-19 Generation C Chairs - The Crossman Family



[Photo by Michele Zephier Photography](#)

Eagle Spirit runs deep for the Chairs of this year's Generation "C" campaign. As a family of multi-generations of Omaha Central High graduates that includes Margaret Crossman Wonn, ('43), and Mary Crossman, ('69), the Crossman Family understands the importance of the exceptional education that they received from Central High School. Rusty Crossman

('66), and his two daughters Elizabeth Crossman Cook ('95) and Allyson Crossman Slobotski ('98), continue to be important members of the Central community. Other 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.

Rusty ('66) is an Omaha ophthalmologist whose incredible vision for Central High School led to the creation of the Central High School Foundation in 1996. Rusty received his undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College before completing his doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. His energy and enthusiasm for his alma mater are boundless, and the positive results will impact Central and the Omaha community forever. The most important thing in Rusty's life is his family. Rusty is married to Stephanie Meyers and has 3 daughters, 1 son, and 5 grandchildren.

Elizabeth ('95) graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a major in finance and a minor in accounting and French. She has been employed with First National Bank for the past twenty-two years, currently serving as the Sr. Director of Talent Acquisition and HR Business Partnering. Liz currently serves on the CHS Hall of Fame Selection Committee as well as the Executive and Human Resources Committees for Heartland Workforce Solutions. Some of her interests include following Husker football and volleyball, playing golf, enjoying country music, and spending time with her husband, Shawn, and her three boys: Evan (9), Nathan (7) and Ryan (5).

Allyson ('98) also graduated from Texas Christian University majoring in accounting and finance. She then received a Master of Accounting from TCU and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The first five years of her career she worked for Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O. focusing on estate planning and tax disputes. She has spent the past seven years as an in-house state tax attorney for Union Pacific Railroad. Within the Omaha community, Ally served as the first Guild President for the WCA Omaha as well as Treasurer for the Midlands Mentoring Partnership. She currently is the Scholarship Advisor for Chi Omega Sorority at UNO. Ally and her husband Mark have twin boys: Leo and Parker.

To learn more about Generation "C" and to join today, [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.

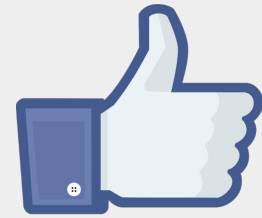
- 2) When it's time to pay at a participating business, click the orange 'TAGG My Purchase' button on the app and tell the cashier that you want to 'TAGG' your purchase.
- 3) On your phone, enter in the total pre-tax amount of your purchase and click 'Next.'
- 4) When you go to TAGG a purchase, you will 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!

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 3,250 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!

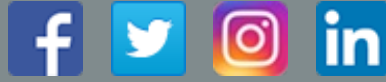
All alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years are strongly encouraged to visit our website to [update their record](#), especially if they have not received updates and mailing from the Central High School Foundation at their own address. For many of our younger alumni, we send mail to the home they lived in upon graduating from Central.

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