

Eagle News

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

We hope you had a safe and relaxing Fourth of July!

Here at the Foundation we are busy helping our reunion coordinators make sure their upcoming events are the best they can be! We're looking forward to hosting 9 reunions this year! For a complete reunion schedule, [click here](#).

Our 2018-2019 Generation "C" campaign is in full swing and we are excited to announce that this year's Chair is the Crossman Family! Be sure to read about them below and consider following in their footsteps and supporting CHS through Generation "C"! Please remember that it is the



generous support of our incredible alumni that allow the Foundation to continue to help Central High School. [For more information click here](#). Special thank you to [Michele Zephier Photography](#) for her outstanding work photographing our Generation "C" Chairs. Michele is the mother of two Central alumni, and she did a fantastic job!

We are excited that our return to the Nebraska Sandhills is approaching quickly. We will be Soaring in the Sandhills at the Dismal River Club on August 5-7, and there are still spots available to join us! This is a unique golf experience and opportunity to catch up with some friends you haven't seen in a while. Please [email](#) or call me if you are interested in more information.

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 159 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

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Executive Director

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.

For more information on Generation "C" or to join, [click here](#).

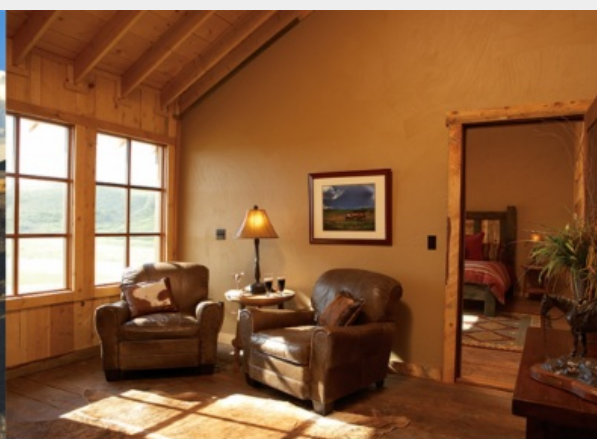
History Students Tour Europe



Students placed flowers on the grave of Marion Crandell, CHS 1889

Social studies teacher Scott Wilson took Eagles from honors history classes on a World War II history tour in Europe in June. 39 students and six faculty members went on this experiential learning trip. One of the places the group stopped was the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (WWI) in Romagne, France, which is where CHS graduate Marion Crandell is buried. Marion was the first American woman killed in action during World War I in 1918. The group also visited the graves of the 6 former Central students buried in Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands. This history trip is offered to students by Mr. Wilson every three years.

Soar in the Sandhills with the Eagles



Join us for a unique golf experience in the Nebraska Sandhills at Dismal River Club on August 5-7, 2018 (hosted by Central alum Aaron McKeever - Managing Partner/Owner.) Nestled in the hills of western Nebraska, Dismal River Club boasts a mix of sporting, lodging and dining that is both rustic and refined, fascinating avid golfers, big game hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. This opportunity is limited to 72 participants, and entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a first come first served basis. For more information on Dismal River Club, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Register Now!

[Click here to view the brochure of the event.](#)

COST: \$800 per golfer/\$3,200 per foursome

Your experience includes:

- 36 holes of golf
- Lodging for two nights
- Round-trip transportation from Omaha (Charter Bus)
- Trap and five stand
- Lessons with PGA professionals and GolfTEC Instructors
- Fishing

Sunday, August 5

8:00 am - Charter bus departs from Omaha (lunch included)

Afternoon Activities:

- Trap and five stand

- Lessons with PGA professionals and GolfTEC Instructors
- Fishing

*Dinner on your own

Monday, August 6

18 holes on the White Course

- Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the White Course offers elevated championship tees with magnificent views in every direction. Playing at 6,994 yards from the tips, this Par 71 features 18 unique holes. Experience it for yourself. Ranked #5 Course in Nebraska.

18 holes on the Red Course

- The Red Course was discovered and designed by world-renowned architect and friend, Tom Doak, and his team at Renaissance Golf Design. The 18th hole delivers breathtaking vistas of the clubhouse, cabins and 400-foot sand dunes overlooking the river itself. Ranked #29 in US Top 150 courses by GOLF DIGEST. Ranked #2 Course in Nebraska.

*Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included

Tuesday, August 7

9:00 am - Charter bus leaves for Omaha (lunch included)

*Breakfast on your own

Spots are limited, so reserve yours today!

Eagle Battalion Visits Nation's Capital



The Eagle Battalion JROTC Academic Team participated in the 2018 Army JROTC

Leadership and Academic Bowl Championship in Washington, D.C. on June 22-26. Our Eagles placed 17th in the Army division of the trivia competition. The CHS Eagle Battalion qualified for the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl Championship by completing the first level of the competition in November of 2017 and the second level of the competition in February of 2018. One of the main goals of the JROTC Academic Bowl is to prepare students for college entrance exams such as the SAT and ACT. Team members include Alex Garabrandt, Anthony Bonner, Shar Soe, and Aidan Marhenke. The picture above is from a tour of the Pentagon. Way to make us proud, Eagles!

Eagles in the News



Congratulations to **Pat Venditte, CHS 2004**, for being called up by the Los Angeles Dodgers! [Click here](#) to watch a story from KETV NewsWatch 7 about Pat and his professional baseball career.



Playwright **Rachel Shukert, CHS 1998**, was recently in an Omaha World-Herald article discussing why Omaha is mentioned so prominently in the Netflix series "GLOW." Rachel is a producer for the hit show. [Click here](#) to read the Omaha World-Herald article.



The Indiana Pacers basketball team announced earlier this month that **Tra-Deon Hollins, CHS 2013**, would be a player on the Indiana Pacers Summer League squad! Last year Tra-Deon played for the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, which is the minor league team for the Pacers.

Eagle Climbs Mount Everest



We have exciting news to pass along from Nepal - Alex Harz, CHS 1991, has successfully climbed Mount Everest and made it back to base camp safely! Believed to be the first Eagle to reach the summit of Mount Everest, Alex has been training for months in preparation of this adventure. The expedition took 51 days to complete, and Alex is putting together a film to document his journey to the top. Join us in congratulating Alex on this incredible achievement! To follow Alex's journey, [click here](#) to visit his Facebook page.

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1958

October 12-14, 2018

Contact: Jackie Jepsen McLellan

402-491-3692

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

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

jgivens1950@gmail.com

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

Other Contacts:

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

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

Class of 1973

July 27-28, 2018

Contact: Grace Alexander Stoddard

gstoddard55@gmail.com

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

omahacentral1978@cox.net

Contact: Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier

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Class of 1988

September 14-16, 2018

Contact: Bruce Lovgren (sofaman@cox.net)

Kara Clark (redkara40@gmail.com)

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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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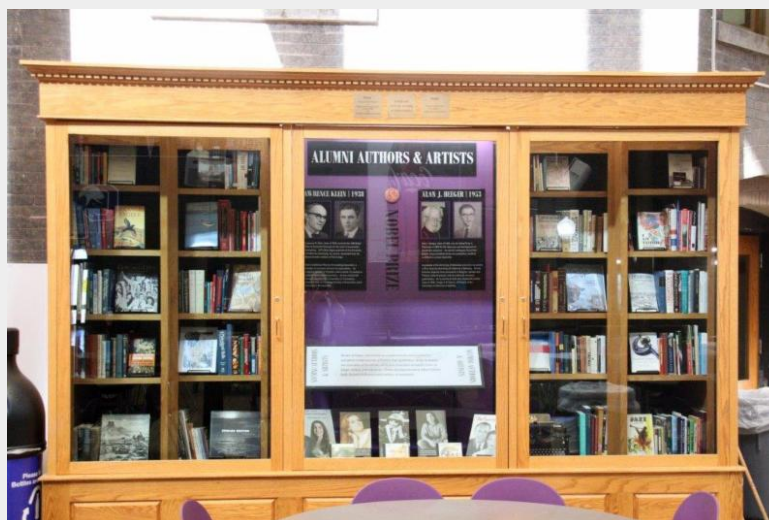
Class of 2008

September 7-8, 2018

Contact: Chloe Greguska

centralhighreunion2008@gmail.com

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.](#)

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 3,250 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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