

Eagle News

June 2018



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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Tradition of Excellence



Class of 2018 Eagles pose for a picture before the graduation ceremony on May 27, 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

This past month has been an exciting one, and with the CHS Golf Outing, Graduation, and OmahaGives!, we can't help but thank everyone who participated! I would like to thank everyone who made the 2018 CHS Golf Outing an excellent event this year! Without the support of our amazing alumni, we would not have been able to raise over \$45,000 for Central High School! Also, my heartfelt thanks goes out to our committee members: Co-Chairs Jono Bradford, CHS 1995, Wiff Farrell, CHS 1991, and Pat Salerno, CHS 1984; and committee members Tony Driscoll, CHS 2003, Harry Gaylor, Andy Haggart, CHS 1988, Cathy Farrell Proctor, CHS 1988, Matt Scanlan, CHS 1992, Jamie Stogdill, CHS 1996, and Vicki Wiles.



I want to send a very special shout out to those graduating in the Class of 2018, who accepted their diplomas last month. Congratulations on your success in high school! Be sure to represent Eagle Nation well as you go out into the world!

In 24 hours, Eagle Nation came together to raise more than \$50,000 for Central High School. Wow! We would like to especially thank L.B. "Red," CHS 1954, and Jann Thomas for their matching donation, which made us all the more successful during OmahaGives!

Finally, we have almost surpassed 3,000 Facebook likes on [our Facebook page](#). Every time we hit a milestone number of likes, we randomly select someone who has liked our Facebook page and award them a prize from the [CHS Alumni Store](#). If you haven't already liked our Facebook page, be sure to do so and keep an eye out in the July newsletter for our milestone winner.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Roberts".

Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Overwhelming Support for OmahaGives! 2018

THANK YOU FOR MAKING US #1!



May 23rd was OmahaGives! day, which is Omaha's 24 hour online day of giving event put on by the Omaha Community Foundation. We're excited to share with you that we not only met our goal for OmahaGives!, we exceeded it thanks to your generosity! 301 donors raised \$53,466 for Central High School in just 24 hours, which is a remarkable feat! We had the third most unique donors as well as the most money raised in the medium organization category for the event. In addition, we won a \$1,000 participation prize at 8 AM from TD Ameritrade. It just proves that anything can be achieved when Eagles come together and work together!

A big thank you to L.B. "Red," CHS 1954, and Jann Thomas for their \$20,000 matching gift in honor of Red's brother, James Thomas, CHS 1957. To the hundreds of alumni, teachers, parents, students, and friends who supported us on May 23 - Thank You!

Save the date for next year's giving day - May 22, 2019!

Happy Birthday Mr. Williams!

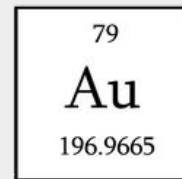


If you attended Central High School from 1962 - 1995, you may remember John F. Williams. Mr. Williams taught Chemistry and AP Chemistry for 33 years!

His daughters Judith Davies and Carole Lentz have established an email for you to send a birthday greeting, note or memory to help their father Mr. Williams celebrate his 80th birthday on July 1.

MrWilliamsBirthday@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to a great guy with a heart of



Eagles Visit eCreamery for Scoops of Support Day



Dozens of students, alumni, parents, and teachers stopped by the eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato parlor on May 24th to enjoy some cold ice cream on a hot summer day. Following

graduation rehearsal at Baxter Arena in the afternoon, students filed in to the parlor in Dundee to try the specialty flavor of the month - "Cones, Caps & Gowns." The Central High School Foundation was selected as the eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato Community Partner of the Month, so we selected cake batter ice cream, chocolate-covered waffle cone bits, and purple celebration sprinkles for our specialty flavor. Celebrity guests who attended the event included: Dr. Ed Bennett, Vicki Wiles, Harry Gaylor, Jimmie Foster, Diane Allen, Eric Behrens, Jay Landstrom, Vicki Deniston-Reed, and Scott Wilson.

Hopefully you stopped in and tried out our amazing flavor, but if not, we will be partnering with eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato in 2019 for another specialty flavor and event. For more pictures from this year's event, [visit our Twitter page](#).

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!

Record Amount of Money Raised for Golf Fore Eagles 2018



Golfers in the foursome who won First Place in the First Flight

The 16th Annual Golf Fore Eagles CHS Golf Outing took place on Monday, June 4, on the grounds of Field Club of Omaha. Over 200 alumni, parents, friends, and supporters dusted off their putters for a good cause and raised over \$45,000 for Central High School, which is the most we've ever raised! This year the Golf Committee honored alum Aaron McKeever, CHS 1991, for his continued support of Central High School. A big thank you to our Title Sponsor for the event - Project Advocates! Thank you to those who participated and save the date for next year's golf outing on Monday, June 3, 2019!

1st Flight:

1st Place: Jamie Stogdill ('96), John Gaskins ('97), Paul Swirzinski ('96), Chris Kelly ('99)

2nd Place: Will Denton ('05), Nick Danielson ('05), Paul Ward, Michael Driggs ('05)

2nd Flight:

1st Place: Jerry Kreber, Randy Conrad, Andy Wilson, Mark Lyons

2nd Place: Robert Whitehouse, Tom O'Hara, Frank Hoy, Doug Pera

3rd Flight:

1st Place: Pat Hill ('80), Peter Danielson ('80), Joe Goberson, Bob Anderson ('80)

2nd Place: Andy Haggart ('88), Dave Bushy ('88), Erik Hoiekvam ('88), Dan Corcoran ('88)

Co-Ed Flight:

1st Place: Chris Sacco ('87), Mike Vazzano ('87), Kym Sorenson, Jason Bosilijevac

2nd Place: Vicki Wiles, Jeff Wiles, Sam Hardy, Kelly Faiman

A big thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's event!



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Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



On Sunday, May 27 at Baxter Arena, more than 500 Eagles concluded their high school careers by receiving their diplomas at a graduation ceremony. The Central High School Foundation is extremely proud of the Class of 2018, and we can't wait to hear about the incredible things these Eagles will accomplish. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest alumni, the Class of 2018! Photo courtesy of CHS History teacher Joseph Mickeliunas.

Alumni Spotlight: Brianna Rollerson, CHS 2012



Brianna Rollerson, a 2012 Central High School graduate, was recently highlighted in the Omaha Public Schools Alumni Spotlight. Brianna led the Eagles to the 2012 Class A state championship before graduating from Creighton University in 2017. Starting her professional basketball career in Germany, Brianna currently plays for the Wolfpack Wolfenbüttel basketball team as a power forward and center. Keep up the great work, Brianna!

Eagle Educators Recognized

Two Central High School teachers were recently recognized for their outstanding work.

International Baccalaureate teacher Tracey Menten received an honorary degree from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Tracey received a Doctorate of Humane Letters at the commencement ceremony on May 21. Each year, Grinnell College recognizes a K-12 educator for their service and dedication to educating young people.



Human Sciences & Education department head Candi Kadar was named the Outstanding Education and Training Teacher by the Nebraska Department of Education at the Nebraska Career Education Conference earlier this month.



Congratulations Tracey and Candi!

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

402-496-3407

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

danbagley2010@gmail.com

Class of 1998

September 14-15, 2018

Contact: Sarah Price

[centralhigh98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:centerhigh98reunion@gmail.com)

Class of 2008

September 7-8, 2018

Contact: Chloe Greguska

[centralhighreunion2008@gmail.com](mailto:centerhighreunion2008@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.](#)

The Farrell Family: 2017-18 Generation C Chairs



[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



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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