

Eagle News

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I am forever grateful for the many learning opportunities that Central High School has provided for me. Having these experiences wouldn't have been possible without support from the Central High School Foundation. The Central High School Foundation supports both success and opportunity.

Ra'Daniel Arvie, CHS 2018

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INVEST IN THE BEST



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Support Central High School by donating to the Central High School Foundation during OmahaGives! 2018 on Wednesday, May 23

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

We're hoping that April's showers have brought you many flowers this May! 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 Outing](#) on June 4th!

OmahaGives!, the 24 hour marathon event of online giving, is right around the corner! Mark the date on your calendar - Wednesday, May 23, 2018. We are very excited to share that L.B. "Red", CHS 1954, and Jann Thomas will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation during OmahaGives! 2018, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000! This gift was made in honor of Red's brother, Jim Thomas, CHS 1957. Red and Jann have been longtime supporters of Central High School. Can't wait for the big day? Show your support now by [scheduling your](#)



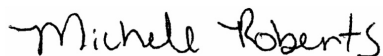
[donation](#) today, and doubling your gift!

Congratulations to the following Eagles who will be retiring from the Central High School Staff at the end of this school year: Deb Bolas, Rich Bollerup, Mike Campbell, Jerry Frerichs, Cat Kennedy, David Morlan, Ginger Riffel, Steve Russell, and Pete Wilger. Thank you for your service to Central, and may you always fly like an Eagle!

Finally, congratulations to Jodie Martinez and Jimmie Foster for winning the [Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award!](#) We're so fortunate to have them at Central, they inspire our Eagles to be not only better students but also better people.

Again, thank you for helping perpetuate 158 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Invest in the Nest By Supporting Central High School



Can't wait for the Big Day? Show your support now by scheduling your Donation Today!

OmahaGives! is a wonderful day of city-wide support of local nonprofits, and we would love to see all our Eagles come together for Central High School on this great day of charitable giving!

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Our theme this year is "Invest in the Nest," because when you support the Central High School Foundation, you're making an investment in the hard working students and staff of Central High School.

Make a donation to the CHSF through OmahaGives! 2018, and tour the new Central High School Arts and Library Addition on May 23rd! You may either make a donation in advance, or make a donation on site to get a first look of the new 51,000 square foot addition. Tours

will be available throughout the day, and spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. To sign up for a tour, contact Sydney Davidson at events@chsfomaha.org or 402-556-1996.

Visit omahagives.org/chsfomaha to schedule a donation now, or make your donation on May 23rd from Midnight to Midnight. Donations may be made online or through an Omaha Community Foundation account. Your donation will not only help qualify Central High School to win additional prizes and matching participation gifts, but your initial donation just doubled with the matching gift from Red and Jann Thomas.

The work that the Central High School Foundation does would not be possible without the support from our alumni, friends, Adopt-A-School partners, parents, and staff. The Central High School Foundation is dedicated to maintaining Omaha Central High School's Tradition of Excellence by connecting past, present and future Eagles, and your donation will be used to help the Foundation continue to honor the past, live in the present, and plan for the future. Thank you for your support! Remember to [like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#) to get live updates on May 23rd!

Donate Now!

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Central instilled a can-do attitude in me that stuck with me for the rest of my life. Central was a great school back in 1954, and it is still a great school today. I want students to have the same wonderful experience that I had as an Eagle.

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L.B. “Red” Thomas, CHS 1954

INVEST IN THE NEST



Photo courtesy of the CHS Journalism Department

Senior Recognition Night for the Class of 2018



LEFT: Student of the Year Alec Rome RIGHT: Teacher of the Year Diane Allen

On May 8th, Central High School, the Central High School Foundation, and the Central High P.E.P. presented the Class of 2018 Senior Recognition Ceremony. The Top 10% of the Class, Departmental Awards, and Central High School Foundation scholarship winners were recognized. The members of the Class of 2018 earned a total of \$21.7 million in scholarship money to further their education at post-secondary schools, which is the most scholarship money ever for a CHS graduating class.

Annually since 1999, the CHS Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Awardees receive \$1,000 to use on tuition, professional development, or other related activity. English teacher Diane Allen was named the 2018 Teacher of the Year, while Alec Rome was named the 2018 Student of the Year. Central High School Foundation Scholarship Recipients include:

Linda Gryva Belzowski, CHS 1969 Scholarship - Anastasia Mustoe
 W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932 - Emma Niebaum
 John Keenan - Alec Rome
 Frank Knapple - Brenden Andersen
 Arthur L., CHS 1914, and Genevieve K. Loomis - Adina Gray
 E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948 - Amna Haider
 G. E. "Doc" Moller - Madison Seefeld
 Allen and Doris Oglander - Madison Badje
 Duane Perry Mathematics Scholarship - Allison Zetterman
 Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926 - Courtney Young
 Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937 - Tomohide Bessho
 Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965 - Devan Brichacek
 Ned Sariscsany, CHS 2005 - Elham Abdalla
 Robert Spire, CHS 1943 - Simon Schoenbeck
 Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936 - Ra'Daniel Arvie
 James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942 - Thomas Redington
 Augusta Turpin English Scholarship - Nathan Turner
 World War II Memorial - Colette Achee
 Paul Jepsen, CHS 1924 - Nicholas Koehler, Sekina Yaseen, and Ilana Lewis
 Thor, CHS 1924, and Kay Krogh English Prize - Jessi Ferguson
 John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916 - Marshall Dawkins, Bennett Jackson, Jaydon Value,
 Paul Koesters, Michaela Galeski, and Davina Westbrook

Martinez and Foster Win Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award



English teacher Jodie Martinez



Social studies teacher Jimmie Foster with his wife Shannon

CHS English teacher Jodie Martinez and CHS social studies teacher Jimmie Foster were recently named recipients of the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award. The award is named after Warren Buffett's aunt, who was an Omaha Public Schools economics teacher for more than 30 years. Awarded by the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award highlights teachers who cultivate a love of learning, understand the specific needs of their students and are experts in their subject matter. Both Jodie and Jimmie will receive an engraved medallion, \$10,000, and \$500 in McDonald's gift certificates.

Here's what a nominating student said about Jodie: "I can honestly say she is the reason for every good grade I received on a term paper in college. She has an uncanny way of helping each student shape and articulate their own voice."

Here's what a nominating student said about Jimmie: "In Mr. Foster's class we learned how to be better students, and most of all, better people."

We're so lucky to have such wonderful and talented staff at Central. Congratulations, Jodie and Jimmie! [Click here](#) to read more about Jimmie in this Omaha World-Herald article.

Cones, Caps & Gowns for Eagles at eCreamery



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 "Cone, 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 hosting a [Scoops of Support for Central High School](#) event 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!

You can order your pint online by [clicking here](#). We hope to see you on Thursday, May 24th!

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.

Thank you to this year's sponsors:

- Title Sponsor - Project Advocates
- Banquet Sponsor - Danielson, Inc.
- Eagle Nest Sponsor - Prairie Mechanical, Inc.
- Lunch Sponsor - Eat Fit Go
- Award Sponsor - Todd Smith Fitness and NutriShop Omaha

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

Eagle Named Youth of the Year

Congratulations to CHS senior Teiah Wells for winning the 2018-19 Nebraska State Youth of the Year award! Teiah was first named the Youth of the Year in Omaha by the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. The Youth of the Year recognition is the highest honor a Club member can achieve, and title is bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle. While at Central, Teiah was a member of the track and field team while posting a 3.6 GPA. Teiah will attend Creighton University this fall with an interest in studying athletic training.



Teiah's next step in the competition is the Boys and Girls Club of America Midwest Regional Youth of the Year Competition in July in Chicago. We wish her the best and can't wait to see how far she will go!

Congratulations, Teiah! Photo courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands.

Thank You to Our Retiring Faculty Members



On Tuesday, May 8th, Central staff members gathered for their annual Retirement Tea to honor staff members who were retiring at the end of the school year. The Central High School Foundation would like to thank these individuals for countless years of service to Central High School and its students:

Deb Bolas
Rich Bollerup
Mike Campbell
Jerry Frerichs
Cat Kennedy
David Morlan

The Final Eagle Update with Alec Rome



For four years, Central student Alec Rome has served as the voice of Eagles athletics by calling football, basketball, and soccer games for the Eagle Sports Network on StrivTV. He also hosted a regular web series called "Eagle Update," where he highlighted activities going on at the school through feature stories and interviews. Later this month, Alec will graduate from Central High School, bringing to an end his show "Eagle Update." Alec will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall to study broadcast journalism. [Click here](#) to view Alec's final Eagle Update. We wish Alec the best of luck!

Attention All CHS Military Veterans - We Want You!



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 or 402-572-7512

Upcoming Class Reunions in 2018

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: David Finkle

Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

omahacentral1978@cox.net



Class of 2002

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

Date Pending

Contact: Sarah Price - centralhigh98reunion@gmail.com

Class of 2008

September 7-8, 2018

Contact: Chloe Greguska - centralhighreunion2008@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.

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!](#)

Spring Into Summer Contest - TAGG

April 15 - May 15

SPRING INTO SUMMER ALL SCHOOL CONTEST

When the school wins, **EVERYONE** wins!



Spring Into Summer and help the Central High School Foundation raise money for Central High School! Each time you shop at a [participating TAGG business](#) and "TAGG" your purchase, a portion of your purchase goes toward Central High School. During the Spring Into Summer contest, the school who raises the most money from now until May 15 will receive \$1,000 and every student & staff member will win a prize pack.

Are you new to TAGG? Here's how to get started:

1. Download the TAGG (Together A Greater Good) app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#)
2. Visit [participating businesses](#) and snap a photo of your receipt
3. Select "Central High School Foundation" as the cause to support
4. You're done!

For more information, visit <http://www.togetheragreatergood.com/spring-into-summer-contest/>. Let's win this!

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 Reunion 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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