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CHSF Executive Director Michele Roberts announced that the DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, Class of 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, Class of 1948, Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships will be awarded in May 2019

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

Happy Thanksgiving! There is no time more fitting to say thank you for your continued support of Central High School.

The holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend or classmate. The Central High School Foundation's Honor and Memorial Gift Program allows you to recognize individuals, couples, groups, special occasions



such as birthdays or anniversaries, or someone's passing. When you make a memorial gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to the individual or family being honored. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your gift and the gift amount will appear on your donor acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. All donations will be recognized in the CHSF annual report. To make an honor or memorial gift, please [visit us online](#). Please feel free to contact the Foundation Office at 402-556-1996 if you have any questions.

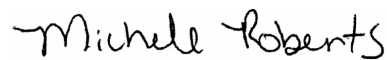
The 2018 class reunions have come to a close, and we are steadily working on a schedule for 2019. The class reunion coordinators are picking their dates, and as new information comes in, we are making updates to the website. We encourage you to [visit our website](#) for the latest information on your upcoming reunion! If you want to make sure that you receive reunion information, please [update your record](#) so that we can send you information.

Finally, congratulations to Kimera Bartee, CHS 1990, for his induction into the Omaha Public Schools 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame! Congratulations!

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

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Limestone Installed on Arts and Library Addition



At the end of October, members of the local media were able to check out progress of the Arts and Library Addition. The architecture of the Arts and Library Addition is intended to complement the existing school building designed by architect John Latenser Sr. in the early 20th century. The best way to achieve that goal was to go to the same Indiana quarry where limestone was extracted for the original building in 1905 and use that same Indiana limestone for the Arts and Library Addition.

We couldn't be more excited about providing new spaces for the library, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, and art departments for the first time since the 1930s! The Addition is on schedule to be completed by early 2019 with a target move-in date for March 2019.

[Click here](#) to watch the story by KETV Channel 7 about the process and planning behind this design decision.

Class of 2019 Hall of Fame Nominations



If you would like to recognize one of your classmates for their outstanding achievements, nominate them for the 2019 CHS Hall of Fame!

The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Hall of Fame Class! If you have a distinguished alumni, educator or CHS benefactor that is worthy of this honor, please [submit your nomination](#) by December 31, 2018. You can submit your nomination online or [download a nomination form](#) by visiting our website.

If you have any questions please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996. Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are good for three years.



Pictured: Michele Roberts, Maxine Zerbe, De Emmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43), Dr. Ed Bennett, and Dean Zerbe

Last week was a very exciting time for Central High School students! Starting with the Class of 2019, thanks to Dean Zerbe and his generosity, two \$2,500.00 scholarships will now be awarded annually to one male and one female senior by the Central High School Foundation at the Senior Recognition Ceremony.

The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, Class of 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, Class of 1948, Central High School [Student of the Year Scholarships](#) are named after two brothers who were model students who embodied what it means to be an Eagle at Central High School. During their time at Central, both DeEmmett and Mason were strong academic students who were highly involved in both school and community activities. Mason was named the Male Central High School Student of the Year in 1948 for his academics, school spirit, and involvement in the Omaha community. Mason's brother, DeEmmett, enjoyed math, running on the track team, and serving on the JROTC Eagle Battalion. Both brothers loved their time at Central High School. Mason's son, Dean Zerbe, wanted to honor his father and uncle, and so the The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43) and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48) Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships were established. These two scholarships will recognize two graduating seniors, one male and one female, who will pursue a post-secondary education and who have spent the past four years demonstrating the same academic, leadership, community, kindness, and school spirit that Mason and DeEmmett represented during their time at Central.

A scholarship was endowed with sprinkles on top! Thank you to the Zerbe family for their generosity.



Central students were able to visit Midland University thanks to a partnership between the Central High School Foundation and Midland University

On Friday, November 2, 43 juniors and seniors visited Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, for a college visit. For some of these students, this was their first official college visit. Eagles participated in classes alongside current Midland students and also had the opportunity to ask questions about the admission process with MU admission counselors. The visit concluded with the most important part of any visit - with a trip to the dining hall to enjoy that delicious college food!

This opportunity was made possible by the partnership between the Central High School Foundation and Midland University.

Update from the Alumni Association



The Alumni Association

The CHSAA would like to thank all who participated in the Hall of Fame program. Whether you attended the event or participated on a committee -- thanks for making it a great success. A special thanks to the CHS Students and Staff who helped to make this event memorable for the Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

The Alumni Association Board meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM (September thru May). Meetings are held at Central in room 131. There are various opportunities from board positions to committee members. All Alumni are always welcome to attend.



Eagle Business Alliance

The first meeting for the Eagle Business Alliance was a success! More than 25 people attended, and the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018** from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Swanson Meeting Room at the Swanson Branch of the Omaha Public Library (9101 West Dodge Rd Omaha NE 68114). For questions or more information, please contact the CHS Alumni Association at: central_alumni@yahoo.com.

Veteran's Day Program

The Central High School Alumni Association is holding a special Veterans Day program at Central High School on Saturday, November 10. This two hour open house is for all Central High School military veterans and will begin in the CHS courtyard at 10:00 AM. Eric Krelle, a local Military Historian, will be the presenter. To RSVP, contact Roy Katskee at rkats1@cox.net. There is no cost to attend.

Alum Climbs to Top of Mountain in the Alps



At an elevation of nearly 15,000 feet, the Matterhorn is a fun but challenging climb for climbers and hikers. Alum Antoine Bachmann, who graduated from Central in 1981 and lives in Switzerland now, climbed the Matterhorn in October for the first time in 35 years. According to Tony, the nine hour climb is challenging because of the altitude, and the need to remain very concentrated because many bits have 3,000 feet of vertical drop on the sides. As Tony said, a fall isn't recommended! Congratulations, Tony, on your successful climbing expedition!

Alum Promoted to Assistant Vice Chancellor at UNMC



A 1986 graduate of the Omaha Central High School, Susan Kraft Mann, director of budget and fiscal analysis for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, has been named assistant vice chancellor and director of budget and fiscal analysis for UNMC. In her new role, Kraft Mann will work with Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., the vice chancellors and each of the deans and major business units to determine opportunities for savings and revenue generation, such as new contracts, new collaborations and other potential new revenue sources.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Kraft Mann first joined UNMC as a financial analyst in 2000. She was named assistant manager in 2002 and manager in 2006. For the past eight years, she had been serving as director of budget and fiscal analysis. Kraft Mann said she's excited to take on the new challenge and enjoys the fast pace of the medical center.

"It's always something different," she said. "We have our routine things that we do monthly, quarterly, annually, but we're always changing, always growing and always investigating new areas, whether it's research, clinical or education - and it's exciting to be a part of that.

Congratulations, Susan!

60 Year Reunion Draws Crowd for Class of 1958



The final reunion of the 2018 calendar year was held by the Class of 1958 on October 12-14. Here's a recap of the weekend from reunion organizer Jackie Jepsen McLellan:

The 60th reunion of Central High School Class of 1958 drew 68 classmates and 28 spouses from all four corners of the United States and 16 states to Omaha for a fun filled three day weekend. Friday, October 12th classmates and spouses gathered at Dj's Dugout for

beverages, food and lots of conversation and storytelling. Saturday morning, October 13th began with coffee and purple decorated donuts in the now covered Central High Courtyard followed by a presentation of current Central activities in Swanie's small auditorium/classroom. Many of us gathered Saturday afternoon at the new Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center to view their extensive healing art collection and the Chihuly glass collection and garden plus a presentation about the impressive cancer research that is being conducted there. To complete a busy Saturday 96 of us met at Happy Hollow Country Club for a wonderful evening of great food and conversation with old and new friends. Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and we did it in style on Sunday, October 14th with a fabulous brunch buffet at Champions Country Club, lots more conversation and sharing of special memories of our years at Central High. All left Sunday noon with a mixture of joy in renewing old friendship and making new friends with classmates that we had not know before this weekend and sadness in the knowledge that we may not all meet again. However we had a sense of satisfaction that we had all been a part of a very special group of classmates and school, and that the legacy of top quality education for all was still alive and well within the hall of CHS.

Class of 1978 Meets for 40 Year reunion



The Class of 1978 met for their 40 year class reunion on October 5 and 6 during the CHS Hall of Fame Week. Classmates gathered at the eagle statue outside Seemann Stadium before the football game against Norfolk High School on Friday night. After the game, people reconnected at Upstream Brewery in the Old Market for appetizers and a cash bar. The reunion continued on Saturday morning with a tour of the school and concluded on Saturday night with a semi-formal dinner at the Field Club of Omaha. Classmates are already figuring out when they can get together again next!

Show Off Your Eagle Pride with a Yard Sign



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Central has ordered hundreds of yard signs that can be displayed proudly in your yard during the recruitment month. Deciding which high school to attend is a huge decision, so let's show eighth graders and their families how much Eagle Pride we have!

If you're interested in having a sign for your yard, you can reserve a sign by [clicking here](#). If you sign up, signs will be delivered to your yard by National Honor Society students over the holiday break. For other questions, contact Lori Falcon at Lori.Falcon@ops.org. A reminder that there will be an open house for all incoming freshman on Saturday, Saturday, January 12, 2019, from 2-4 PM at Central.

Save the Date for Giving Tuesday

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Now you don't have to feel guilty about shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday! Tuesday, November 27th is #GivingTuesday, and the Central High School Foundation is joining thousands of nonprofits around the world for this special day of giving. Facebook and PayPal are matching up to a total of \$7 million dollars in donations that are made on Facebook. [Like us on Facebook](#) to receive updates about #GivingTuesday and other news from the Nest.

Join Us for a Madrigal Feaste

25TH ANNUAL

Madrigal Feaste

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
7:00 P.M. IN THE CHS COURTYARD

Online reservations available at central.ops.org

Start your holiday season by celebrating the 25th anniversary of the CHS Madrigal Dinner! Enjoy a Homemade Chicken Pot Pie dinner, complete with salad, bread, drink and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the CHS Singers, Bel Canto Singers, Men's Chorus and CHS Handbell Choir. Royalty for the evening will be Dr. Cheryl Logan, OPS Superintendent. Alumni of CHS Singers and Bel Canto will be invited to sing their signature songs. Raffle Tickets will be available for Theme Baskets (\$2 per ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets), and drawings will happen throughout the evening!

25th Annual Madrigal Feaste
Saturday, December 1, 2018
7:00 p.m. in the CHS Courtyard

[Click here](#) to sign up, or contact Lyn Bouma at lyn.bouma@ops.org.

Upcoming Class Reunions

2019 Reunions

Class of 1959

September 20-21, 2019

etf@cox.net

Contact: Terry Foster or David Krecek

Class of 1969

August 2-3, 2019

central69reunion@gmail.com

Contact: Rosemarie Lahs Matza

Class of 1979

Date TBD

Contact: Anne Roberts

Class of 1999

Date TBD

Contact: Jane Luethge

Class of 2009

October 18-20, 2019

Contact: Doug Knickrehm, Ali Hodges, Chbe McPherson, and Bailey Rutten

If you haven't set the date for your 2019 reunion yet, contact Sydney Davidson at events@chsfomaha.org for help getting started.

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 Zepher 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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