

Eagle News

September 2018



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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Tradition of Excellence

PASSING PERIODS: CHS ALUMNI LUNCHEON SERIES



Guest Speakers:

Citizen Akoy author

Steve Marantz ('69)

and

CHS Basketball Head Coach

Eric Behrens ('92)

Friday, October 5, 2018

We're excited to announce our October "Passing Periods" speakers - Steve Marantz ('69) and Eric Behrens ('92)

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

Fall is in the air, and we have several upcoming events that we're excited about!

The 2018 Hall of Fame week is approaching fast, and we have a full week of activities planned to celebrate and honor those who have been selected for Central's 20th Hall of Fame class. The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at Central High School. [Click here to register for the Hall of Fame](#) ceremony dinner and presentation. The following day, on Friday, October 5, we will be having the next edition of our Passing Periods: [Alumni Luncheon Series](#). Steve Marantz ('69) and Eric Behrens ('92) will be our guest speakers. We hope to see you there!



We are in the midst of class reunion season! [Like us on Facebook](#) to receive pictures and recaps of class reunions that happen this fall. We are already starting to plan for 2019 reunions, so if you haven't set a date yet, contact [Sydney Davidson](#) to get started.

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

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Passing Periods is Back!



The Bell has Rung!

Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Central High School Foundation's Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon Series, and we hope to bump into you there! For \$15, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends you haven't seen since first period, talk with teachers that you haven't seen since homeroom, and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers.

Our Next Luncheon Date is:

Friday, October 5, 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Field Club of Omaha

3615 Woolworth Avenue

Omaha, NE 68105

Guest Speakers:

Steve Marantz ('69) and Eric Behrens ('92)

To register online, please register and pay using the online registration link below. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your online registration and payment.

To register by mail, please mail your registration and check to:

Central High School Foundation

1823 Harney Street, Suite 203

Omaha, NE 68102-1913

Please register by Monday, October 1, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Sydney Davidson at 402-556-1996 or events@chsfomaha.org.

There is Still Time to Register for the Hall of Fame Dinner

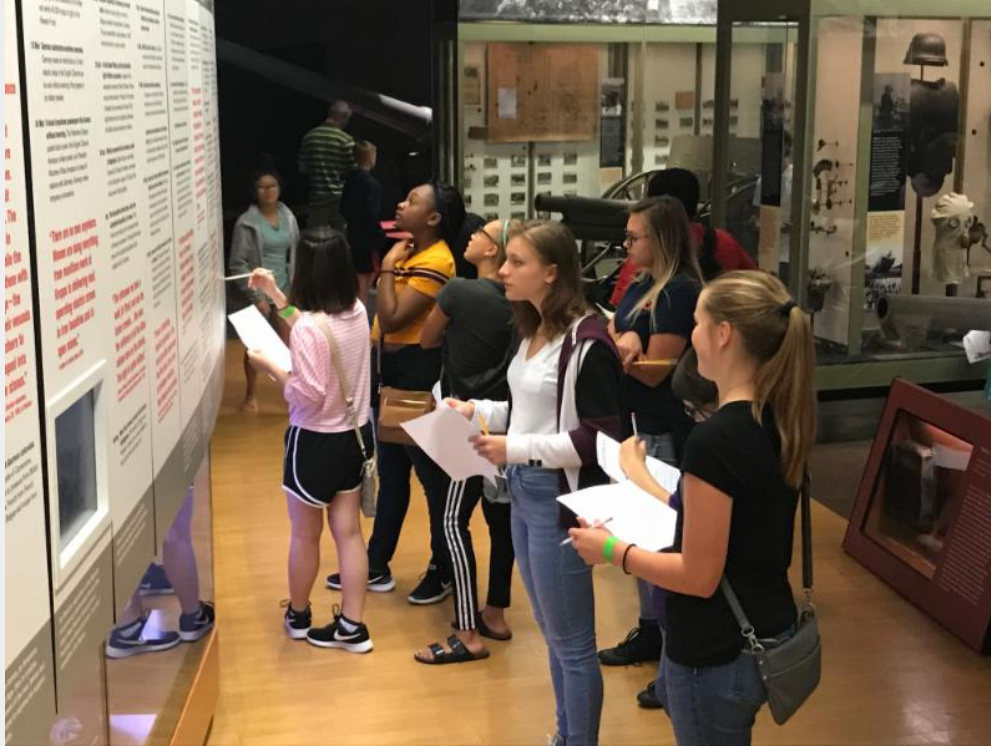


The 20th Annual CHS Hall of Fame will be held Thursday, October 4, 2018, at Central High School. The Central High School Alumni Association is proud to induct eight individuals and two couples whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business 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.](#)

Students Visit World War I Museum in Kansas City



Central High School Honors US History students in Mr. Scott Wilson's classes traveled along with several faculty members down to Kansas City on Saturday Sept. 1 to visit the National World War I Museum. Students started the school year by learning about the Great War, and this museum is an excellent augmentation of their in-class experience. Students studied international perspectives as well specific American topics regarding WWI. The trip was made possible by a grant from the Central High School Foundation.

1968 50 Year Reunion Rocked



On August 24th and 25th, the Class of 1968 reunited for their 50 year class reunion. The weekend kicked off with a happy hour event at the Magnolia Hotel on Friday evening. Saturday morning, Eagles gathered to tour Central as well as the elementary schools that they attended. Saturday afternoon was spent with Ollie the Trolley as alumni were given a tour of Omaha area attractions and landmarks.

The reunion weekend concluded on Saturday night with a dinner and dance at the Hilton Hotel downtown. Eagles danced the night away like it was 1968 again with music courtesy of Billy McGuigan. More than 200 Eagles returned to Omaha for this special weekend.

An Evening With the Eagles at Martha's Vineyard



In August, Eagles on the East Coast gathered at Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. Eagles were able to catch up with each other to reflect about the past as well as hear about the great things happening at Central today. Thank you to Edward, CHS 1961, and Michele Jepsen for hosting such a lovely event for members of Eagle Nation.

25 Year Reunion for Class of 1993



Over Labor Day weekend, the Class of 1993 reunited for their 25 year class reunion. The fun began with a cocktail event at Blackstone Social on Friday evening. Classmates had an opportunity to tour Central High School on Saturday morning and reminisce about when they attended CHS. The weekend concluded on Saturday evening with dinner and drinks at Paddy McGown's Pub and Grill.

An Eagle Spotted in St. Louis

Central High School math teacher Christine Goetz was able to catch a picture with Los Angeles Dodger baseball player Pat Venditte ('05) last weekend. The Dodgers were playing against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri. Venditte pitched an inning of relief and did not allow a hit. Unfortunately the Cardinals won the game 5-0, but Christine was able to wave Pat down for a picture and autographed ball. Keep up the great work, Pat!



Eagles Cheered On To Victory at Generation "C" Tailgate



The Central High School Foundation held its annual Generation "C" tailgate on Friday, September 14. Eagle fans gathered before the football game against the Omaha Bryan Bears to socialize and hear an update from CHS principal Dr. Ed Bennett.

Generation "C" is the official support group recognized by Central High School. Gifts to this Annual Giving Campaign allow the Foundation to provide for the emerging needs and challenges of Central High School. These unrestricted funds give the Foundation the flexibility to meet the greatest needs of Central, while allowing you to support your favorite school!

While membership provides essential support for the Foundation, it also gives alumni various ways to stay connected. Members also receive exclusive benefits - from reserved parking at athletic contests, to front row seating at the Road Show, to special incentives. For more information about how you can join Generation "C" visit our website by [clicking here!](#)

Class of 1998 Meets for 20 Year Reunion



"Time flies" and "we cannot believe it has been 20 years since we graduated" seemed to be common words spoken at the Class of 1998 reunion on September 14-15. The weekend kicked off with the Central vs. Bryan football game during homecoming weekend.

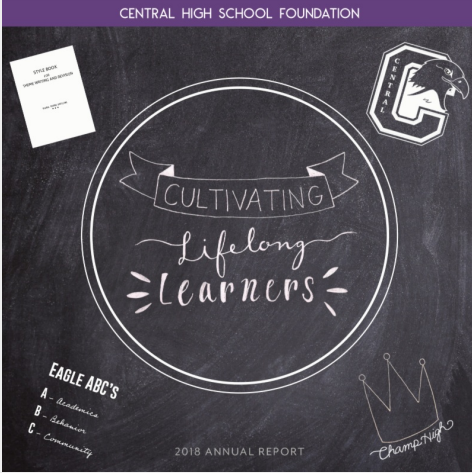
On Saturday morning, classmates gathered in the courtyard to enjoy and be entertained during breakfast by The Pancake Man. After breakfast, alumni enjoyed stepping back in time and reminiscing while taking in the new changes of the building as they took a tour of the school with current CHS students.

The reunion weekend concluded with a night out for cocktails and appetizers in the Blackstone District at Early Bird. It was a great night spent catching up, reminiscing and hopefully making an effort to stay in touch a little more often. Many are already looking forward to the next reunion.

The 2018 Annual Report: Available Online!

This year's annual report highlights our annual events, class reunions, and how Central High School cultivates lifelong learners with passion. To read an electronic version of this year's annual report as well as annual reports from previous years, [click here!](#)

If you did not receive a copy of the annual report in



the mail, contact the Foundation office at 402-556-1996 and we would be happy to send one to you! Please [update your record](#) so we have your current contact information.

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

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Class of 1978

October 5-6, 2018

sally.rehmeier@gmail.com

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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

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

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 Produced by special arrangement with MTI
 Music & Lyrics by Frank Loesser, Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

OPS ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL
 Dec. 8, 2018 **OPS ONE ACT PLAY**
 Festival

 **IMPROV NIGHT #1**
 Dec. 12, 2018

THE 9 WORST BREAKUPS OF ALL TIME
 Dec. 17, 2018 Honors **DRAMA ONE ACT**
 Play
 By Ian McWethy Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

 **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.

 **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**  **@OPSCHSDRAMA**

FOR MORE INFO:
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 PHONE: 402.557.3300
 OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
 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 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.

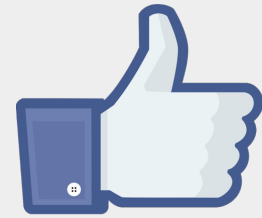
- 2) When it's time to pay at a participating business, click the orange 'TAGG My Purchase' button on the app and tell the cashier that you want to 'TAGG' your purchase.
- 3) On your phone, enter in the total pre-tax amount of your purchase and click 'Next.'
- 4) When you go to TAGG a purchase, you will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

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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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