

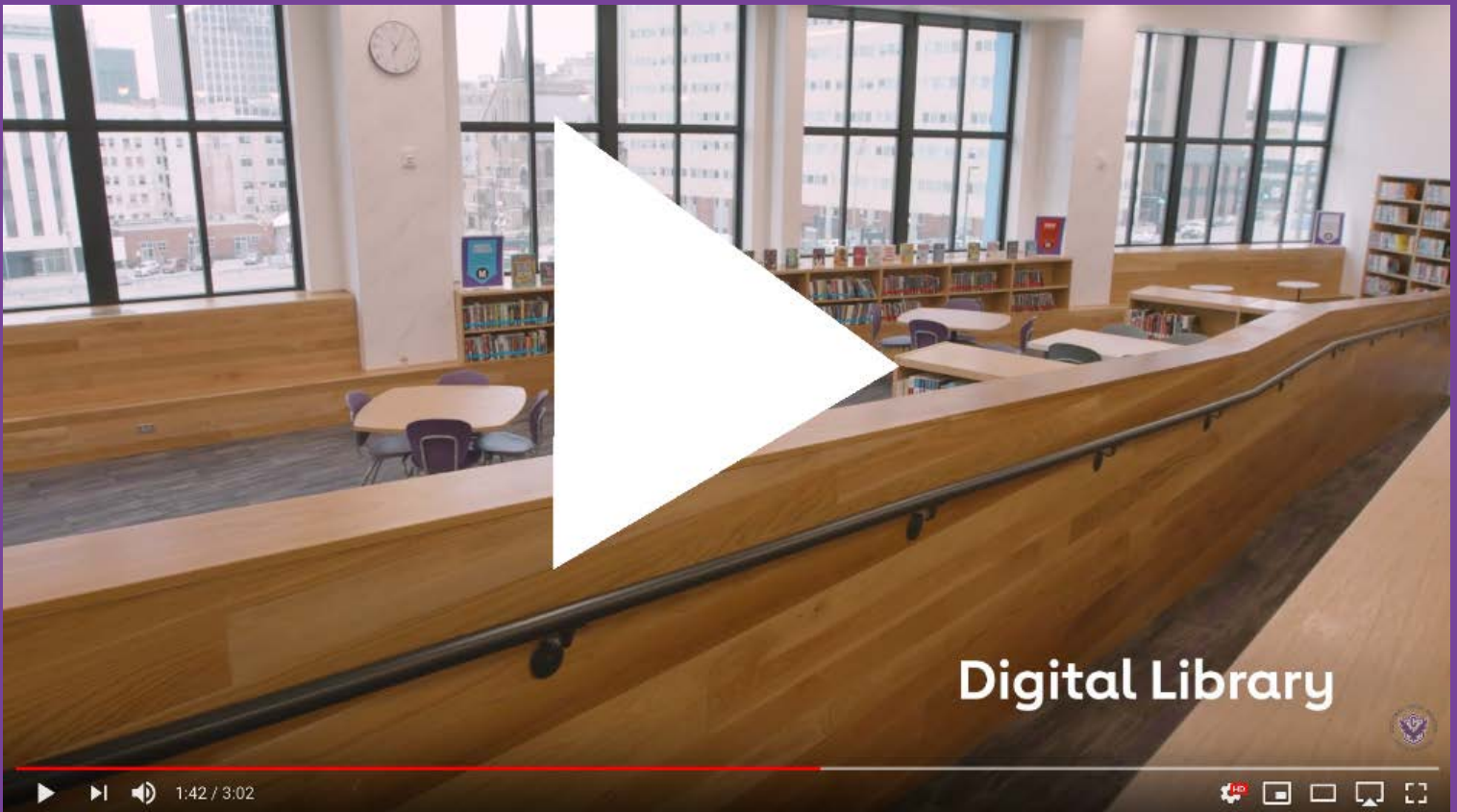
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EAGLE NEWS

December 2019



Want to tour the Arts and Library Addition? Click on the picture above to watch a video showcasing elements of the Addition



Dear Supporter,

Happy Holidays! We, at the Central High School Foundation, want to thank you for making 2019 a very special year for Central High School. Your support allows Central High School to continue to be a lighthouse for public education. We are truly blessed and thankful for all of our Foundation supporters who enable us to do great things, every day, for Central High School students, staff, families, friends and alumni. One of the highlights of 2019 was the opening of

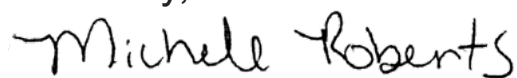
the Arts and Library Addition. If you click on our header picture at the top of this email, you can get a [tour of the Addition](#). Capital campaign projects like this aren't possible without the support of our alumni, so thank you!

With the end of 2019 approaching, that also means that the 2019 [First Class Challenge](#) will be wrapping up. The First Class Challenge is an exciting rivalry for classes holding reunions each year. The class that donates the most money by December 31, 2019, will win the 2019 First Class Challenge Award! All contributions are tax deductible and are critical to the survival of The Foundation. A plaque is proudly displayed in the CHS Courtyard recognizing the winners and the participants from each year.

Finally, you have the power to share your legacy and make a lasting impact on Central High School. With the opening of the Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza, now you have the ability to commemorate or honor your family, a former teacher, a loved one, or a former classmate with numerous different recognition options. If you're interested in making a gift or for more information, please contact me at 402-556-1996. [Click here to view the Legacy Giving Brochure.](#)

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

'Tis the Season for Giving



Honor someone you love this Holiday season by donating a tribute gift to the Central High School Foundation.

An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor family or friends. 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 the holidays!

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 for your records. All donations will be recognized in the CHSF annual report. [Please visit our website to make a tribute gift.](#)

Journalism Students Win Big at Conference



In November, Central journalism students attended the National High School Journalism Convention in Washington, D.C. and returned home with numerous award recognitions. Out of more than 6,000 high school journalists in attendance, Emma Whaley won a "Superior" award and Lauren Anderson, Alexis Radke Chism, Dillon Galloway, Simret Habte, Emma Nieland, and Malcolm Durfee O'Brien all won "Honorable Mention" awards. Congratulations, Eagles!

Rock the Nest Trivia Night Registration Open



We are excited to announce that Rock the Nest Trivia Night will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at the Omaha Design Center! Rock the Nest Trivia Night 2019 sold out, so make certain to secure your spot by registering now. [Click here to secure your spot today!](#) It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater.

Eagle Teacher Recognized by College of Saint Mary



CHS special education teacher Lindsay Rosenthal was recently [recognized by the College of Saint Mary](#) earlier this month. Rosenthal, a 2005 CHS graduate, was an accountant for 10 years before deciding to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching. Rosenthal joined the CHS staff in August to complete her student teaching requirements, and she has been hired to work full time at Central upon graduation this month. Congratulations, Lindsay!

Student Impact - Wrestling Camp



Each summer since 1997, the CHS wrestling program has brought in clinicians to help teach at a wrestling camp. The majority of the wrestlers who attend this week-long camp are on free and reduced lunch. Each day of the camp features a new clinician to help learn new wrestling moves and techniques. The camp provides an opportunity for students to be introduced to the CHS coaching staff and learn the expectations of being an Eagle student-athlete. This camp is made possible thanks to a grant from the Central High School Foundation. Best of luck this season to our wrestling team! Jimmie Foster, who won the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2018, is the head coach.

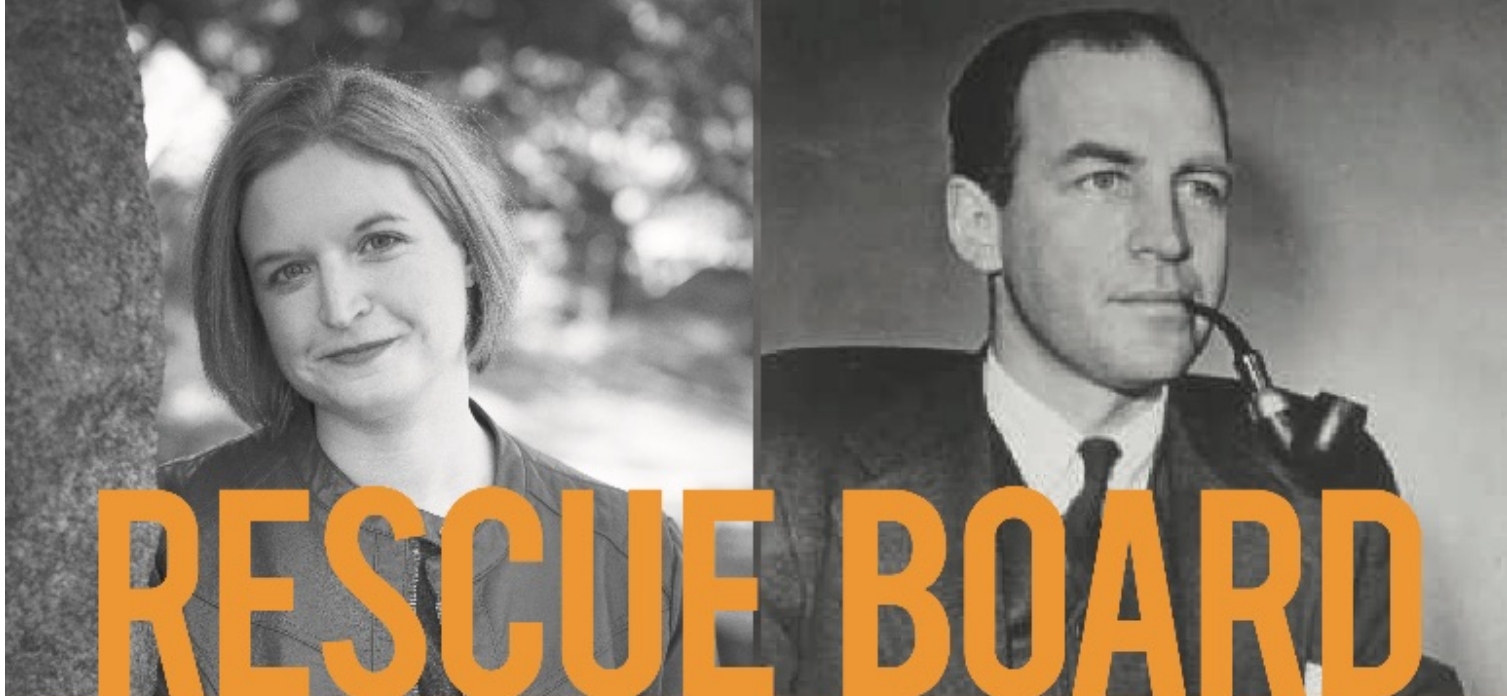
1956 Classmates Gather for Luncheon



Last week, the class of 1956 gathered for its annual luncheon. Now in its 14th year, the luncheon is an opportunity for the classmates to reconnect and share fun memories. Thank you to Dick Kelley for the picture and list of names!

1. Lee Martin 2. Jerry Gordman 3. Mike Erman 4. Jerry Gray 5. Wally Bryans
6. Howard Goldstein 7. Doug Cohn 8. Steve Rosenblatt 9. Bob Hall
10. Frank Anania 11. Dick Einstein 12. Murray Newman 13. Dick Kelley
14. Keith Christian 15. Stu Westphal 16. John Emery
17. John Goldner 18. Larry Hagan 19. Tom Kessler

Book Talk to be Held at Central in January



RESCUE BOARD

REBECCA ERBELDING

THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICA'S EFFORTS TO SAVE THE JEWS OF EUROPE

Featuring the story of Omaha native and Central High School graduate, John Pehle, Class of 1926.

THURS
1/23/20
7PM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
124 NORTH 20TH ST. OMAHA, NE 68102
FREE ADMISSION

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: REBECCA ERBELDING is an archivist, curator, and historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. She has a Ph.D. in American history from George Mason University. She and her work have been profiled in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The New Yorker, the History Channel, NPR, and other outlets.



Rescue Board books will be on sale on the evening of the event through the Bookworm and the author will be signing after her presentation.

For more information, please contact: Scott Littky, Institute for Holocaust Education at 402.334.6575



Author Rebecca Erbelding will be speaking at Central in January about her new book entitled [Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to](#)

[Save the Jews of Europe. This event](#), hosted by the Jewish Federation of Omaha, will include a presentation by Erbelding and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book after the presentation. Erbelding, who is a curator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., features Central alumnus John Pehle ('26) prominently in the book. For more information, contact Scott Littky at the Institute for Holocaust Education at 402-334-6575.

Documentary Showing Boys Basketball Road to State



Ryan Hunter, who is in charge of Digital Video Production for the OPS Career Center, recently released a documentary about the 2018-19 boys basketball team. This documentary shows off some of the pre-game routines and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Eagles run to the state finals in March. Click on the picture above to watch the documentary. Thank you to Ryan for creating this neat video!

Brothers Inducted into Hospitality Hall of Fame



PICTURED ABOVE: Howard Epstein ('69) and Steve Epstein ('67)

Two Central alumni were recently recognized by the Omaha Restaurant Association. Brothers Howard ('69) and Steve ('67) Epstein were inducted into the Omaha Hospitality Hall of Fame on October 20. Both worked in the hospitality industry for many decades, including Howard serving as President and Steve as Vice-President of the E.L. Nogg Fruit Company. Congratulations to these Eagles for their special recognitions!

Update from the Alumni Association

Save the Date - Alumni Outing at Road Show

The Central High School Alumni Association is hosting a special CHS alumni

night for Road Show 2020 on Saturday, February 29. Tickets will go on sale in January, so check future newsletters and Foundation social media for more information. For any questions, [please contact Henry Cordes](#). Hope to see you there!

Get your Purple - Alumni Gear Available!

Do you know a CHS Eagle who might like some new Central gear? Maybe someone would like to get a copy of the famed CHS Style Book, or choose a hat, T-Shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie! Shop the Alumni Association On-Line Store at <https://omahacentralalumni.com/shop> for your holiday gifts.

Nominations Open for the 2020 Hall of Fame

The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is accepting nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame. If you have a distinguished alumni, educator, or CHS benefactor worthy of this honor, please submit your nomination by December 31, 2019. You can [submit your nomination online](#) or [download the nomination form](#) by visiting the Foundation website. Please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402 556-1996 if you have questions.

Upcoming Alumni Association Meetings:

Monday, January 6

Monday, February 3

All meetings are at 6:30 PM in CHS room 145

Alumni in the News



PICTURED ABOVE: Paul Essman ('74), Matt Holland ('79), George Holland ('72), Katie Holland DePriest ('82), John Holland ('75), Maureen Holland ('76) and Andrew Holland ('74)

- **Andrew Holland ('74)** recently ran his 100th marathon. Also an avid biker, Andy is a retired physician assistant who now lives in Fairbanks, Alaska. Andy had a large cheering section filled with friends and family who attended Central.
- **James Crouse ('71)** was recently promoted as Chair of the Board of Directors for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM). Fellow alum **Max Richtman ('65)** is the President/CEO for the NCPSSM.
- **Michael Galeski ('16)** was a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship, an international postgraduate award for students to study at the University of Oxford. Galeski is a senior majoring in Sustainability Studies at Creighton University.

Congratulations to these Eagles for their outstanding accomplishments! Do you know of someone who should be recognized? [Email Josh Bucy](#) so that they can be highlighted in the next newsletter in January.

2020 Class Reunion Schedule

Class of 1955 - Pending

Class of 1960

October 17, 2020

Steve and Judie Olson

Class of 1965

August 28-29, 2020

Holly Hoberman

www.central65.org

GaryGreenCHS@gmail.com

Class of 1970

October 16-17, 2020

Cheryl Marks Willis and Karen Smith Buckley

[Join the 1970 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1985

June 19-20, 2020

[LaConda Scott McKinney](#)

[Take the reunion survey](#)

Class of 1990

September or October 2020

[Ben Rouch](#)

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 2000

October 2020

[Jonathan "Jono" Croskey](#)

Class of 2010

Fall 2020

Sierra Hogan

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date for your 2020 reunion, please [contact the Central High School Foundation](#) to get started.

2019-20 Generation "C" Chairs - The Friedman Family



The Friedman Family has been involved at Central High School for over a century, and we're honored to have them as the chairs for the 2019-20 Generation "C" campaign. Amy and Sandy Friedman ('64) are the proud parents of two Eagles: Andrea ('97), and Dusty ('00). Although they are retired now, Amy and Sandy continue to stay involved and embody the spirit of commitment, caring and generosity to help improve the greater Omaha community as well as Central High School. Andrea and Dusty also have accepted the responsibility of involvement in their respective communities and remain committed to their alma mater.

Sandy graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1968, earning a

degree in Economics. His business career spanned nearly five decades of founding and operating several businesses across a diverse range of fields. In 2001 he sold his last business, Customer Service Profiles. He continued to help other Omaha businesses address specific challenges before retiring to try to perfect his golf game. During his career, he also served his community on numerous boards including Girls Club of Omaha, Omaha Symphony and Jewish Federation of Omaha. In addition, he served as the president of the Anti-Defamation League, Beth El Synagogue and National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has received several awards over the years, but he is most proud of his induction into the Central High School Hall of Fame in 2017.

Amy's legacy to Central dates back to her mother Molline Rubin Cassman ('48) and grandparents Arthur Rubin ('12) and Sarah Tuchman Rubin ('11). Amy earned an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in communications and a master's degree in broadcast journalism from Boston University. She had a 40 year career in public relations, spending the majority of time as a communications director in the public school system. During this time she also served on the boards of Ballet Omaha, Henry Doorly Zoo Women's Board, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Jewish Family Service and the Assistance League Advisory Board. Amy was also elected to a four year term on the Learning Community Coordinating Council. She also served on the PTA board of Central and co-chaired the scholarship auction during the time her children attended Central. She was named a Woman of Vision by YWCA in 2000 and received the Professional of the Year award by the Nebraska Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in 2011.

Andrea graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri in 2002 with a degree in Journalism. She played tennis for the Tigers on a full scholarship and earned Academic All-American honors. She went on to earn an MBA from the International University in Geneva/Pace University. Currently, Andrea lives in New York City where she started and runs her own business.

Dusty earned an Industrial Engineering degree from Northwestern University in

2004 and an MBA degree in finance from Emery University. He worked on Wall Street for several years before returning to Omaha to work for Tenaska. Currently, Dusty works in Corporate Business Development for Aon Risk Solutions. He serves on the board of the Jewish Community Center and was appointed by Mayor Stothert to the Omaha City Zoning Board of Appeals. Dusty and his wife Candice have a 2-year-old daughter: Frankie Nicole Friedman.

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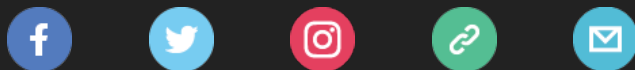
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