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The Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway is named in honor of former Principal Doc Moller by the Class of 1995

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,  
It's hard to believe that summer is almost over!

Here at the Foundation, we are busy helping our reunion coordinators make sure their upcoming events are the best they can be. There are nine reunions happening during the 2019 calendar year, and the Class of 1979 kicked off our reunion season with their 40 year reunion on July 13. See below for a full recap from that reunion weekend. For a complete reunion schedule, [click here](#).



Our 2019-2020 Generation "C" campaign is in full swing, and we are excited to announce that this year's Chair is the Friedman Family! Sandy, Amy, Andrea, and Dustin are tremendous ambassadors to Central High School, and we are

thrilled to have them as our chairs this year. Be sure to read about them below and consider following in their footsteps and supporting CHS through Generation "C." Please remember that it is the generous support of our incredible alumni that allow the Foundation to continue to help Central High School. [For more information about Generation "C," click here.](#)

School resumes on August 14 for students, and we are looking forward to another great school year. Thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

*Michele Roberts*

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*Executive Director*

## Friedman Family Named 2019-20 Generation "C" Chairs



Andrea Friedman ('97), Amy Friedman, Sandy Friedman ('64), Dustin Friedman ('00)

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.

For more information on Generation "C" or to join, [click here](#).

## Class of 1979 Meets for 40 Year Reunion



The Class of 1979 reunited for their 40 year reunion earlier this month. Here's a recap of the events from reunion chair Anne Scott-Miller Roberts:

Thank you Central Class of 1979 for the fabulous turn out to our 40 Year Central High School Class of 1979 Reunion!! We said, "Meet You At The "C" and ninety-five plus classmates and their spouses along with several faculty members showed up Saturday, July 13th for a tour of our old alma mater. It was fabulous to hear and see that the standards of excellence are being maintained not only in how the old building is cared for and updated with new wiring and WIFI but to hear how passionate the administration and staff is today to maintain the tradition of excellence that has been built up all these years. It was lovely to see the new arts wing and to see what future students have to look forward to attending Central.

The tour and presentation renewed the sense of pride in all of us that we too are Central Eagles. We then headed to Mama's PIZZA on Saddle Creek where about seventy of us "Reunited" over lunch and lingered late into the afternoon. The main event was that evening at Legend's Patio Bar and Grill on 69th and Pacific where 140 classmates and spouses gathered for a fun evening of socializing, reconnecting with old friends and making new friends. The weekend concluded on Sunday with a relaxing afternoon at the lake home of Carol (Watson) and Dominic Cosgrove. We are grateful to all who joined us from near and far for our 40 year class reunion: Reunited after all these years!!!

## Former CHS Guidance Counselor Passes Away

We have some sad news to share - former guidance counselor Josephine Valasek has passed away. **Josephine** was a guidance counselor at Central for more than 20 years, starting in 1969 and retiring in 1990. She died on June 24 at the age of 96. [Please](#)



[click here her obituary.](#)

Our thoughts and condolences go out to the Valasek family for their loss. Josephine helped thousands of Eagles during her time at Central, and we are grateful for that.

A memorial gift is a thoughtful way to honor someone important to you. If you're interested in making a memorial gift, please contact [Michele Roberts](#) or visit [chsfomaha.org](http://chsfomaha.org).

## Alumni in the News

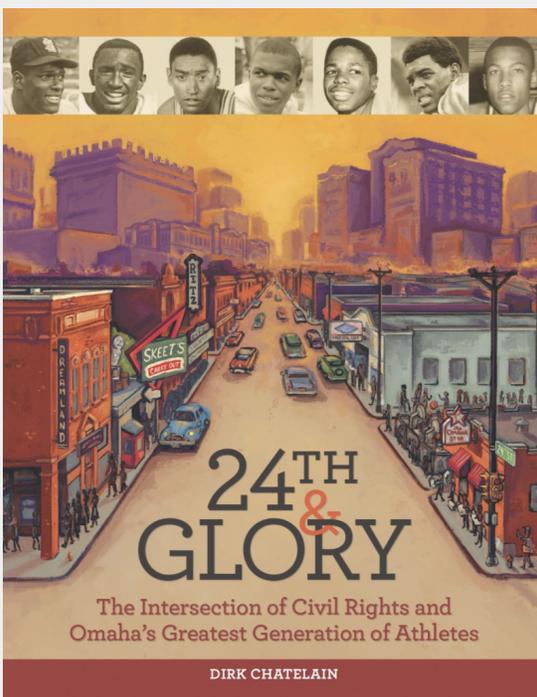


Two Eagles from the Class of 2019 will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall. Those alumni are Hudson Hooper ('19) and Xzavier Herbert ('19). [Click here](#) to read an article about Xzavier and his journey to selecting MIT.



The University of Nebraska Medical Center will soon have a place for its artifacts, archives, and history to be on display. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in June for the \$8 million Wigton Heritage Center on UNMC's campus. **Robert Wigton, MD**, a 1960 CHS graduate and 1969 alumnus of the UNMC College of Medicine, was the unofficial historian for campus and helped make this project a reality. [Click here](#) to read the press release of the event.

## Get Your Copy of *24th and Glory*



During this summer, Omaha World-Herald writer Dirk Chatelain has been sharing stories about great athletes from North Omaha. This 11-part series has been published into a book format and is [available for purchase](#). Two of the parts feature CHS athletes:

[Part 8](#) features the Rhythm Boys  
[Part 10](#) features Roger Sayers ('60) and Gale Sayers ('61)

There will be a book meet and greet event in the Central Courtyard on Sunday, August 4 from 2 to 4 PM. Books will be available for purchase, and some of the athletes and people involved in making the series happen will be in attendance.

## Mark Your Calendars

Summer is almost halfway over, but there are some exciting upcoming events that you should mark your calendar for! These are great opportunities to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater. We hope to see you there!



### Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Central High School

Social Hour: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

[Click here to register for the Hall of Fame](#)



### Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon

Friday, October 4, 2019

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Speaker TBD

[Click here to register for Passing Periods](#)

## Leave Your Legacy



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, you now 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 [Michele Roberts](#) (402-556-1996). [Click here to view the Legacy Giving Brochure.](#)



### **Register Society**

\$100,000 and Above

Naming Opportunity: Legacy Garden

*The Register*, Central High's student newspaper, is the oldest continuously published high school student newspaper west of the Mississippi River. The first issue of the paper was dated December 2, 1886. *The Register* has been recognized throughout the decades as one of the finest high school newspapers in the country. In 2005, *The Register* won the National Pacemaker Award.



### **Road Show Society**

\$50,000 and Above

Naming Opportunity: Legacy Pier

The first Road Show was produced in 1914 and quickly became a favorite tradition of Eagle Nation. This talent show annually showcases the diverse and unique talents of Central High students. Past and present Road Show acts that have entertained generations of Eagles include music, comedy, acting, dancing and just about anything else you can think of.



### **Eagle Battalion Society**

\$25,000 and Above

Naming Opportunity: Legacy Bench

The Military Science program at Central High School began in 1892, predating the JROTC program. It became the most popular activity at the school, and at one point all male students were required to participate. Today, The Eagle Battalion continues to be recognized as one of the finest JROTC programs in the country.

### **Style Book Society**

\$10,000 and Above

Naming Opportunity: Plaza Paver



In 1921, CHS English department chair Sara Vore Taylor copyrighted her *Style Book for Theme Writing and Revision*. Her creation provided for a common language for writing instruction that is the foundation of Central's unique theme writing curriculum. Graduates often request copies of the *Style Book*, hoping to further the composition skills of their children.



**O-Club Society**  
\$5,000 and Above  
Naming Opportunity: Walkway Paver

Organized in 1920, Central's O-Club was created with the purpose of intensifying school spirit and promoting good sportsmanship. Still in existence today, O-Club members must have received a varsity letter in at least one athletic and one academic activity. Every Friday, current O-Club members wear their purple cardigans with the distinctive "O" to show their school spirit.



**The 1859 Society**  
Planned Gifts

The 1859 Society - named for the year of our school's founding - honors those individuals who have included The Central High School Foundation in their estate plans. By arranging for such deferred gifts, alumni, parents and friends of Central High School play a vital role in securing the future of the Omaha's oldest educational institution. We hope you'll join us in honoring Central High School's history with a gift to support its future.

## 2019 Class Reunion Schedule

**Class of 1959**  
September 20-21, 2019  
Contact: Terry Foster or David Krecek

[etf@cox.net](mailto:etf@cox.net)

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

### **Class of 1964**

September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Jeannene Rice Mason

[masonjeannene@aol.com](mailto:masonjeannene@aol.com)

### **Class of 1969**

August 2-3, 2019

Contact: Rosemarie Lahs Matza

[central69reunion@gmail.com](mailto:central69reunion@gmail.com)

### **Class of 1984**

Date: September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Pat Salerno

[psalerno@dundeebanking.com](mailto:psalerno@dundeebanking.com)

### **Class of 1989**

September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Kurt and Julee Goeser

[goeser5@gmail.com](mailto:goeser5@gmail.com)

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### **Class of 1994**

October 4-5, 2019

Jeff Darst

[Jeffrey.darst@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:Jeffrey.darst@childrenscolorado.org)

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### **Class of 1999**

September 27-28, 2019

Contact: Jane Luethge

[Jmluethge1@cox.net](mailto:Jmluethge1@cox.net)

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### **Class of 2009**

September 27-29, 2019

Contact: Doug Knickrehm, Ali Hodges, Chloe McPherson, Jade Franklin, and Bailey Ruten

Email: [omahacentralreunion2009@gmail.com](mailto:omahacentralreunion2009@gmail.com)

Website: [bit.ly/centralreunion2009](http://bit.ly/centralreunion2009)

Tickets: [bit.ly/central2009](http://bit.ly/central2009)

Facebook: Omaha CHS Class of 2009 Reunion

Instagram: @omahachs\_2009\_reunion

## **2020 Reunions**

### **Class of 1960**

October 17, 2020

Contact: Steve and Judie Olson

[judieolson@yahoo.com](mailto:judieolson@yahoo.com)

If you haven't set the date for your reunion yet, contact Sydney Davidson

at [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) for help getting started.

## Download the TAGG App and Support While You Shop



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 3,500 fan milestone, we will award a great prize from the Central High School Alumni Store. Winners will be pulled from our Facebook Fans!

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