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Former CHS Principal Doc Moller (left) and Ed Jepsen ('61) cut the ribbon to officially open the Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

After a whirlwind couple of weeks, we are finally settled into our new office space. With three events in the past five weeks, we want to thank the overwhelming support we've received to help make these events successful.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Omaha Gives, the Golf Fore Eagles golf outing, and the Legacy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



In 24 hours, Eagle Nation came together on May 22 to raise \$114,163 for Central High School during Omaha Gives 2019. Thank you to those who participated in this special day of giving, and we would like to especially thank

Matt ('74) and Sheri Aden for their \$50,000 matching gift.

The month of events continued with the 17th annual Golf Fore Eagles Golf Outing at the Field Club of Omaha. More than 170 golfers braved the wet conditions to raise over \$45,000 for Central High School. My heartfelt thanks goes out to our committee members: Co-Chairs Jono Bradford ('95), Wiff Farrell ('91), and Pat Salerno ('84); and committee members Tony Driscoll ('03), Harry Gaylor, Andy Haggart ('88), Cathy Farrell Proctor ('88), Matt Scanlan ('92), Jamie Stogdill ('96), and Vicki Wiles.

Finally, Eagles gathered for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza on June 11. I was honored to introduce speakers Dr. Edward Bennett, Dr. Keith Bigsby, and legendary Doc Moller. Please see our story below for a full recap of the event.

Thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Legacy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held



Pictured above: Michele Roberts opens the Legacy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Pictured below: Doc Moller giving his keynote speech

On the morning of Tuesday, June 11, more than 200 donors, alumni, and



faculty members were in attendance for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza.

The ceremony began with an introduction from Central High School Foundation Executive Director Michele Roberts before a brief message from current CHS principal Dr. Edward Bennett. Then Central High School Foundation Board Member and former CHS principal Dr. Keith Bigsby had the honor to introduce the distinguished guest - Doc Moller. Doc, who taught at Central for 32 years and was principal for the last 27, talked about his tenure and how important his wife Betty was to Central's successes.

The Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway is named in honor of Central's longest-tenured and beloved principal, Doc Moller. This generous gift, donated by the Class of 1995, will forever honor one of the greatest principals ever to walk the halls of Central. The Legacy Walkway runs diagonally from 20th and Dodge to the southeast corner of the school. The Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza is named in honor of the Jepsen Family and the numerous generations of Jepsen family members that have attended Central High School. The Legacy Plaza is on the east side of the school on the roof of the Arts and Library Addition. For information about how to purchase an item on the Walkway or Plaza, see below for pictures and giving society information.

To watch the Ribbon Cutting ceremony in its entirety, please click on the thumbnail below.





The past 6 CHS Principals attended the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Pictured left to right: Dr. Ed Bennett (2013-Present), Dr. Keith Bigsby (2010-2013), Doc Moller (1968-1995), Dr. Gary Thompson (1995-2002), and Gregory Emmel (2006-2010). Not pictured: Jerry Bexten (2002-2006).

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, 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 [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.

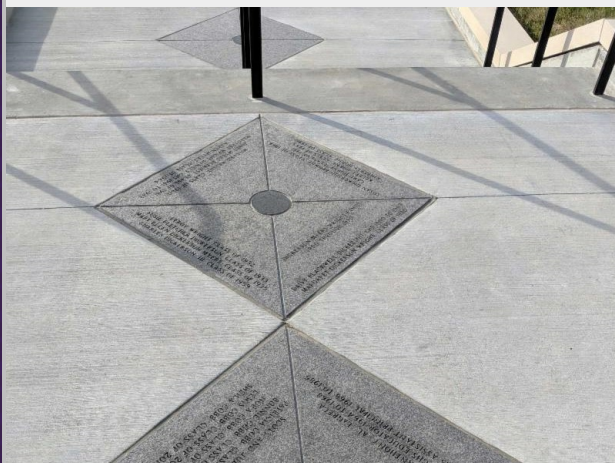


Style Book Society

\$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.

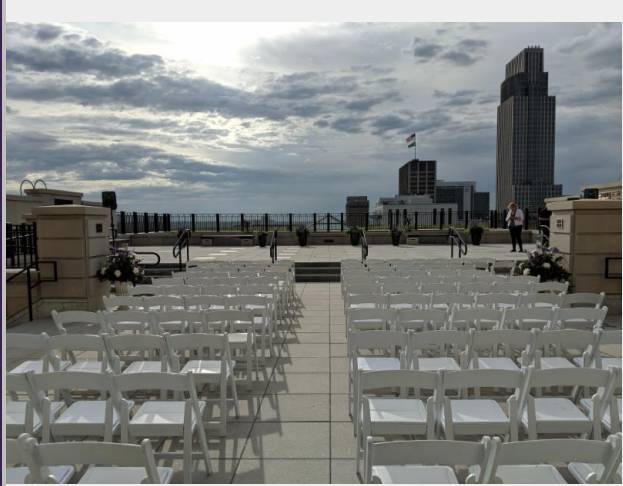


O-Club Society

\$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.

Eagles Empowered During Omaha Gives 2019



May 22 was the 7th edition of Omaha Gives, and we were overwhelmed with the support that we received from alumni, parents, faculty, and members of the community. During this 24-hour online day of giving, the Central High School Foundation met its \$50,000 challenge fund and raised \$114,163 from 269 donors. The CHSF was also awarded a \$1,000 participation prize at 4 PM for having the 3rd most unique donors in the medium category between 8 AM and 4 PM.

Thank you again to Matt ('74) and Sheri Aden for providing the \$50,000 matching gift as well as those who helped us meet our goal! Thanks to your generosity, we will help #EmpowerEagles for a long time!

Morning Rain Brought Afternoon Sun at Golf Outing



Pictured left to right: Luke Wilwerding ('92), Matt Scanlan ('92), Brian Goeser ('92) and Mark Thyllin (92)

Despite a morning filled with rain and clouds, the 17th Annual Golf Fore Eagles CHS Golf Outing took place on Monday, June 3, at the Field Club of Omaha. Over 175 alumni, parents, friends, and supporters dusted off their putters and battled the rain for a good cause to raise over \$45,000 for Central High School! This year the Golf Committee honored Matt ('74) and Sheri Aden for their continued support of Central High School. A big thank you to our Title Sponsor for the event - Project Advocates! Thank you to those who participated and save the date for next year's golf outing on Monday, June 1, 2020!

Flight Winners

1st Flight:

1st Place: Justin Erspamer, Jed Ortmeyer ('97), Jamie Stogdill ('96), and Paul Swirzinski ('96)

2nd Place: Nick Danielson ('05), Will Denton ('05), Michael Driggs ('05), Corey McKee

2nd Flight:

1st Place: Nate Egger, Robert Harris ('85), Joe Pepitone ('85), and Dan Schinzel ('85)

2nd Place: Jono Bradford ('95), Tim Langan ('95), Clark Lauritzen ('95), and Brian Walter

3rd Flight:

1st Place: BJ Dolton, Cathy Farrell Proctor ('88), Bill Pulte, and Justin Specht ('95)

2nd Place: Jennifer Andrea, Mike Moylan, Hal Sinclair, and Sue Woita

Co-Ed Flight:

1st Place: Kelly Faiman, Sam Hardy, Jeff Wiles, and Vicki Wiles

2nd Place: Gary Lebens ('81), Jeff Lebens ('73), Mike Lebens ('70, and Emily Lebens Young ('03)

A big thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's event!



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Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



On May 20 at Baxter Arena, 512 Eagles concluded their high school careers by receiving their diplomas at a graduation ceremony. The Central High School Foundation is extremely proud of the Class of 2019, and we can't wait to hear about the incredible things these Eagles will accomplish. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest alumni, the Class of 2019!



Alumni in the News

Aaron Marcus ('61), a 2012 CHS Hall of Fame inductee, has five works of his on exhibit through the month of June at the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum. His artwork



features typographic computer graphics art works that he created in 1972 and 1974. Congratulations, Aaron! Visit the [BAMPFA website](#) to learn more.



Harry Friedman ('64), Executive Producer of Wheel of Fortune and JEOPARDY!, has been selected by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame as part of their Class of 2020. Congratulations, Harry!

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



Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon

Friday, October 4, 2019

Details TBA

Alumni Association News



Did you know that the CHS Alumni Store goes on the road during reunion season? You can get your purple gear when you attend your class reunion. T-shirts, hoodies, caps, stylebooks and more are available for sale at reunions. The store is located in the courtyard, and either cash or credit/debit card is accepted.

You can now get your Central High School Legacy t-shirt in the [On-Line Alumni Store](#) or at an upcoming reunion. Your purchases from the Alumni Store support the many programs of the Central High School Alumni Association including Historical Collections,

Hall of Fame, Literary Arts, Technology and more. Thanks for supporting the

2019 Class Reunion Schedule

Class of 1959

September 20-21, 2019

Contact: Terry Foster or David Krecek

etf@cox.net

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Class of 1964

September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Jeannene Rice Mason

masonjeannene@aol.com

Class of 1969

August 2-3, 2019

Contact: Rosemarie Lahs Matza

central69reunion@gmail.com

Class of 1979

July 13, 2019

Contact: Anne Scott-Miller Roberts

central79@gmail.com

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Class of 1984

Date: September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Pat Salerno

psalerno@dundeebanking.com

Class of 1989

September 6-7, 2019

Contact: Kurt and Julee Goeser

goeser5@gmail.com

Class of 1994

October 4-5, 2019

Jeff Darst

Jeffrey.darst@childrenscolorado.org

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Class of 1999

September 27-28, 2019

Contact: Jane Luethge

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 Rutten

Email: omahacentralreunion2009@gmail.com

Website: bit.ly/centralreunion2009

Tickets: bit.ly/central2009

Facebook: Omaha CHS Class of 2009 Reunion

Instagram: [@omahachs_2009_reunion](https://www.instagram.com/omahachs_2009_reunion)

2020 Reunions

Class of 1960

October 17, 2020

Contact: Steve and Judie Olson

judieolson@yahoo.com

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

2018-19 Generation C Chairs - The Crossman Family



[Photo by Michele Zephier 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. 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 earned 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 three daughters, one son, and five 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 earned 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!](#)

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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 3,500 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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