



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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# Eagle News

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OmahaGives! 2019 is on Wednesday, May 22. Visit [omahagives.org/chsfomaha](http://omahagives.org/chsfomaha) to donate today!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporter,

We're hoping that April's showers have brought you many flowers this May! Summer will soon be here and that means it will be the perfect time to play golf! Remember to mark your calendars for the 17th Annual [CHS Golf Outing](#) on June 3rd!



OmahaGives, the 24 hour marathon event of online giving, is right around the corner! Mark the date on your calendar - Wednesday, May 22, 2019. We are very excited to share that Matt ('74) and Sheri Aden will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation during OmahaGives 2019, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000! Thanks to this challenge fund, your donation during OmahaGives will double and make twice the impact! Can't wait for the big day? Show your support now by [scheduling your donation](#) today.

Congratulations to the following Eagles who will be retiring from the Central High School Staff at the end of this school year: Lori Falcon, Christine Goetz, Anne Haas, Jodi Martinez, Mike Melvin, Tim Shipman, and Drew Thyden. Thank you for your service to Central, and may you always fly like an Eagle!

One last note - we are moving into a new home at the end of this month. Please update your records, effective May 29 our new mailing address will be 1111 N 13th Street Suite 318 Omaha, NE 68102-4252.

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

*Michele Roberts*

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*Executive Director*

## Empowering Eagles - OmahaGives 2019



**Can't wait for the Big Day? Show your support now by scheduling your donation today!**

OmahaGives! is a wonderful day of city-wide support of local nonprofits, and we would love to see all our Eagles come together for Central High School on this great day of charitable giving!

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Visit [omahagives.org/chsfomaha](http://omahagives.org/chsfomaha) to schedule a donation now, or make your donation on May 22nd from Midnight to Midnight. Donations may be made online or through an Omaha Community Foundation account. Your donation will not only help qualify Central High School to win additional prizes and matching participation gifts, but your initial donation just doubled with the matching gift from Matt and Sheri Aden.

The Central High School Foundation has been #EmpoweringEagles since 1996, and your generous support helps us ensure that Central honors the past, lives in the present, and plans for the future. Remember to [like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#) to get live updates on May 22nd!

**Make a Donation**

## Class of 2019 Honored at Senior Recognition Ceremony



Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship Recipients (left to right): Arthur Brown III, Xzavier Herbert, Alyssa Lawrence, and Shar Soe

On May 14th, Central High School, the Central High School Foundation, and the Central High P.E.P. presented the Class of 2019 Senior Recognition Ceremony. The Top 10% of the Class, Departmental Awards, and Central High School Foundation scholarship winners were recognized. The members of the Class of 2019 earned a total of \$16.2 million in scholarship

money to further their education at post-secondary schools.

Annually since 1999, the CHS Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Starting with the Class of 2019, two \$2,500 scholarships will now be awarded annually to one male and one female senior by the Central High School Foundation. These scholarships are named after DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe ('43), and Mason Speltz Zerbe ('48). Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

Teacher of the Year - Tracy Rumbaugh, Science Teacher

DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and  
Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School 2019 Female  
Student of the Year Scholarship - Lauren Tse

DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and  
Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School 2019 Male  
Student of the Year Scholarship - Cormac O'Brien

Linda Gryva Belzowski, CHS 1969 Scholarship - Carlee Thompson

W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932, Scholarship - Benjamin Wichert

John Keenan Scholarship - Gryphon Rowell

Frank Knapple Scholarship - Savanna Vacek

Arthur, CHS 1914, and Genevieve Loomis Scholarship - Ashari Allen

E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948, Scholarship - Natalie Ruckman

Dr. G. E. "Doc" Moller Scholarship - Nae Mae

Doris and Allen Oglender Scholarship - Lauren Tse

Duane M. and Douglas J. Perry Mathematics Award - Ilana McNamara

Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926, Scholarship - Cristian Silverio Cabrera

Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937, Scholarship - Hudson Hooper

Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965, Scholarship - Lacey Grabowski

Ned Sariscany, CHS 2005, Scholarship - Skylar Belt

Robert Spire, CHS 1943, Scholarship - Lilly Weak

Hird Stryker Jr., CHS 1936, Scholarship - Anthony Bonner

James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942, Scholarship - Cecilia Huber

Augusta Turpin Scholarship - Abigail O'Brien

World War II Memorial Scholarship - Jonathon Paul

Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship - Arthur Brown III, Xzavier Herbert, Alyssa Lawrence, Shar Soe

John Sunderland, CHS 1916, Scholarship - Curtis Berge, Isaac Bonner, and Nicholas Larson

Henry Davis, CHS 1969, Scholarship - Marisa Antunez, Hailee Camacho, Dianna Chavez, Patrice Monson, Gabriela Rodriguez, Bryanna Veach

Thor and Kay Krogh English Prize - Cormac O'Brien

Ruth Vodak Scholarship for the Woodmen of the World American History Award - Nora Graham

Janice Ross Scholarship for the Outstanding Social Studies Student Award - Abigail O'Brien

Beverly Fellman Best French Award - Grace Tschudin

Congratulations to the Class of 2019! To view all pictures from the evening, [visit our Facebook page](#).

Pictured below left: Lauren Tse and Cormac O'Brien. Right: Tracy Rumbaugh.



Update Your Records - the CHSF is Moving!





IMPROVING THE EDUCATION OF PRESENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1996



Beginning on May 29, the new home for the Central High School Foundation is The Mastercraft. Our phone number, email addresses, fax number, and website will all remain the same. Thank you to Steve Nogg ('69) with I-Go Van and Storage for helping us move to our new home! We look forward to welcoming Eagles to our new space. Effective May 29, our mailing address will be:

**Central High School Foundation**  
**The Mastercraft**  
**1111 N 13th Street, Suite 318**  
**Omaha, NE 68102-4252**

**Time to Hit the Driving Range - Golf Fore Eagles is Back**



On Monday June 3, 2019, the Central High School Foundation will host its 17th annual Golf Fore Eagles presented by Project Advocates at the Field Club of Omaha. With over 200 participants expected to be registered, we are thrilled to be hosting both morning and afternoon flights to accommodate all the golfers. There are a few slots still available, so sign up now to reserve your spot today. Don't miss out on all of the fun and register now!

Morning Flight: 7:30 a.m.

Afternoon Flight: 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for all participants
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (hole-in-one)

This year's honorees are Matt ('74) and Sheri Aden.

[Click here to register](#) and learn more about the CHS Golf Outing!

**Cornerstone Laid at Arts and Library Addition**





Pictured left to right: Chris Flott, Project Manager; Michele Roberts, Executive Director; Scott Carson, Carson Stone and Supply; Robert Moninger, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; Dr. Ed Bennett, CHS Principal; Jason Ruwe, Sampson Construction; Jim Torres, DLR Group

Just as they did for the original school building in November 1900, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska laid a cornerstone at the Central High School Arts and Library Addition on April 26 in the Phillip G. Schrager Black Box Theater. In addition to the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone, there will also be a time capsule featuring items such as *The Register* and notes and letters from students and faculty. The cornerstone will be installed by Sampson Construction at a later date. Thank you to the Scottish Rite of Omaha for this neat ceremony!

## Purple Feather Day Honors Eagles

On April 24, CHS principal Dr. Bennett surprised students with the annual Purple Feather Day. Hundreds of Central students received their purple feathers for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher after their 1st, 3rd, 5th or 7th semester. Students also received a flag that they used to wave for the picture seen to the left. This Central tradition began in 1977 by then-principal G.E. "Doc" Moller and CHS P.E.P.

Congratulations, Eagles! We're very proud of you. Photo courtesy of assistant principal Justin Thomalla.





## Alumni in the News



The 2019 [Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award](#) recipients were recently named, and two of them are CHS alumnae. Congratulations to **Lacie Hansen ('99)** at Norris Middle School and **Vanessa Kruse ('99)** at Picotte Elementary for being recognized!



**Harley Schrager** was recently named the Omaha Sports Commission Sports Person of the Year! Harley is a 1965 graduate of Central and is on the Central High School Foundation Board of Directors. Harley will be recognized at the [Omaha Sports Commission Awards](#) on May 30.

## Eagles Fly High at National Competition



CHS journalism students attended the National Journalism Education Association Spring Conference in Anaheim, California at the end of April. Congratulations to these students for receiving awards for their work!

**Molly Ashford** - excellent in review writing

**Emma Whaley** - excellent in commentary writing

**Anne Gallagher** - honorable mention in sports writing

**Simret Habte** - honorable mention in news writing

**Sophia Gibson** - honorable mention in literary magazine photography

**Jamie Reiff** - honorable mention in first year photo

**Grace Salanitro** - honorable mention in feature writing

## Mark Your Calendars

Your favorite events are back! Plans are well underway for our spring events, and you won't want to miss out on all the fun! 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!



[OmahaGives! 2019](#)

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

[CHS Golf Fore Eagles](#)

Monday, June 3, 2019

Field Club of Omaha

Morning Flight: 7:30 am

Afternoon Flight: 12:30 pm





### [Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#)

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Central High School

Social Hour: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

## Alumni Association News



Thanks to all who attended the book talk on *Pathological*, presented by Henry Cordes. It was an interesting look behind the scenes of the investigation and chain of events. Thanks, Henry!

Don't forget the [Alumni Store](#) to get your Reunion Gear. You can order on-line and your order will be sent to you. Get your Old School t-shirt, ball caps or a Stylebook. The Alumni Store is also featured at most CHS Reunions, so you can purchase items at your reunions. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

A special thanks to our Alumni Association Board. This committed group chairs various committees and events during the year. They attend meetings and represent the alumni community. You'll see them when they take Alumni Store on the road for events and reunions. As the outgoing President of the Alumni Association Board, I would like to personally thank this dedicated group of Eagles for their continued support to all of the CHS Alumni Community. I would also like to encourage ALL EAGLES to consider getting involved with the Alumni Association. There are many opportunities with varying time commitments. You can [contact us](#) through the Alumni website or via e-mail at [central\\_alumni@yahoo.com](mailto:central_alumni@yahoo.com) to get more information. We'd love to see you join the group.

## Central's IB Program Featured in Documentary



NE Loves Public Schools recently debuted a documentary about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Central High School. It interviews students and teachers and talks about what the program is like. Click on the picture above to watch!

[Nebraska Loves Public Schools](#) is an organization that is dedicated to supporting public education across Nebraska.

## 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 1979



July 13, 2019

Contact: Anne Scott-Miller Roberts

[central79@gmail.com](mailto:central79@gmail.com)

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### **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)

### **Class of 1994**

October 4-5, 2019

Jeff Darst

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

### **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, and Bailey Rutten

[Doug.mainebased@gmail.com](mailto:Doug.mainebased@gmail.com)

## **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.

**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!](#)

## 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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