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Dear Supporter,

Happy Thanksgiving! There is no time more fitting to say thank you for your continued support of Central High School.

The holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend or classmate. 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 someone's passing. 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 will appear on your donor acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. All donations will be recognized in the Central High School Foundation Annual Report. To make an honor or memorial gift, please [visit us online](#). Please feel free to contact the Foundation Office at 402-556-1996 if you have any questions.

2019 class reunions have concluded, and we are steadily working on a schedule for 2020. The class reunion coordinators are picking their dates, and as new information comes in, we are making updates to the website. We encourage you to [visit our website](#) for the latest information on your upcoming reunion! If you want to make sure that you receive reunion information, please [update your record](#) so that we can send you information.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Roberts".

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Time Capsule Placed and Cornerstone Laid at Addition



At the end of October, construction workers from Sampson Construction laid the cornerstone for the Arts and Library Addition. The cornerstone is featured on the column next to the northeast entrance of the Arts and Library Addition on 20th Street. Behind the cornerstone is a time capsule filled with items from Central, including a 2019 O-Book, *Register* newspapers from the 2018-19 school year, a Stylebook, a Road Show program, and numerous other items. Thank you to the Scottish Rite Omaha for donating the time capsule box and to CHS history teacher Scott Wilson and administrator Paul Nielson for helping gather the items that went into the time capsule. This time capsule is protected from the elements so that future Eagles can one day open it and learn about what it was like to attend Central High School in 2019.

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Student and Teacher of the Year Applications Now Available



PICTURED ABOVE: Left - 2019 Students of the Year Lauren Tse and Cormac O'Brien.
Right - 2019 Teacher of the Year Tracy Rumbaugh.

The 2020 Student and Teacher of the Year applications have been posted on the [Central High School Foundation website](#). You can download the forms and fill them out right now by clicking on the buttons below. Annually since 1999, the Central High School Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Beginning with the Class of 2019, the Central High School Foundation now awards two Student of the Year scholarships. The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships are awarded to one Central High School senior male student and one Central High School senior female student who plan to attend a college, university, or trade school and who have spent the past four years demonstrating the same academic, leadership, community and school spirit that Mason and DeEmmett represented during their time at Central. In addition, the Teacher of the Year receives \$1,000 to use on tuition, professional development, or another related classroom activity. The deadline

to apply is Monday, March 23, 2020. Best of luck to all applicants!

[Download Student of the Year Application](#)

[Download Teacher of the Year Application](#)

Thankful For Your Invest-Mint in Central!



PICTURED ABOVE: Andy Haggart ('88), Wiff Farrell ('91), Addison Roberts, and Matt Scanlan ('92)

On Friday, November 15, the Central High School Foundation hosted a Scoops of Support day at [eCreamery Ice Cream and Gelato](#). November 15 is the National Day of Philanthropy, and the Central High School Foundation encouraged visitors to the ice cream parlor to write letters of gratitude to

someone who made an impact in their lives. Attendees also had the opportunity to try out the special flavor of the month: "Invest-MINT in Central" featuring mint chip ice cream with Oreo pieces. This special opportunity was made possible thanks to eCreamery Ice Cream and Gelato partnering with the Central High School Foundation to be featured as the community partner of the month. The Foundation's flavor is available in the parlor for purchase until the end of November, so you still have time to purchase your scoop of "Invest-MINT in Central" if you haven't had a chance yet!

Join the 1859 Society Today



Named for the year of Central's founding, the 1859 Society honors donors who have included The Central High School Foundation in their estate plans. By arranging for such deferred gifts, alumni, parents and friends of CHS play a vital role in securing the future of Omaha's oldest educational institution. Combining financial planning, estate planning, and tax planning techniques, planned giving enables donors to make gifts of significance often with tax and financial rewards. If you're interested in making a planned gift, contact Michele

[Click here to view the CHSF Planned Giving brochure.](#)

Class of '94 Gathers for 25-Year Reunion



The Class of 1994 met for their 25-year class reunion on October 4th and 5th. Here is a recap from reunion organizer Jeff Darst:

On Friday night, a few hardy souls braved a cold rain to watch the Eagles take on Pius X at our (still new to us) home football stadium. Then, over 70 of us met at Annie's Irish Pub in the Capitol District, and several took over the dance floor from some young 20-something whipper snappers.

Saturday morning, we had 60, including spouses and a few kids, at the school for tours and breakfast provided by the Pancake Man. For nearly all of us, it was our first look at the new addition, and several spouses who had never seen Central before suggested that "perhaps our kids should go here."

On Saturday night, about 40-45 diehards met at the Holiday Inn Downtown for a pasta dinner, surrounded by old Registers and O-Books, and even an early 90s Dimension and Road Show program. The party migrated across the street (and likely elsewhere) afterward to make the most of our time together.

It was so great to reconnect with old friends, and to have a good excuse to see those with whom we still have contact. Everyone had the looks of a 30-year-old with the wisdom of a 60-year-old.

Fall Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent



Last week in the gym atrium, three Eagle student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers after graduating from Central. Congratulations to Elle Shaneyfelt (Soccer - University of St. Thomas), Curtis

Flint (Baseball - Concordia University), and Easton DeBolt (Baseball - Nebraska Wesleyan University)! Photo courtesy of assistant athletic director Paul Nielson.

Veterans Day Program Held at School



PICTURED ABOVE: William Wood ('64 - USAF), Matt Kelly ('85 - Army), Dan Katskee ('64 - USMC), Rich Andrews ('67 - Army), Ken Stephan ('64 - Army), Scott Wilson (CHS Historian & Presenter), Roy Katskee ('60 - Alumni Veterans Chairman), Merrilee Moshier Miller ('66 - Alumni History Chairman), Gene Pfeifer ('64 - Navy), Robert Anderson ('66 - Army), Merle Rambo ('69 - ROTC), Jerry Rambo ('66 - Army), Harold Pharoah ('66 - Navy), Al Garcia ('66 - Navy), Gloria Cribbs Harmon ('64 - Army)

On November 9, the CHS Alumni Association held its 3rd annual Veterans Day program. This year featured guest speaker CHS history teacher Scott Wilson and the public display of a Central High School service flag. The flag features 450 blue stars, 19 gold stars and 11 silver-barred stars, with each blue star representing a student, teacher or alumnus who served in World War I. [Click here to read more](#) about this special event honoring Central's veterans and the historical significance of the service flag.

Upcoming Alumni Association Meetings:

Monday, December 2

Monday, January 6, 2020

Monday, February 3, 2020

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

Class of 2009 Meets for 10 Year Reunion



On the weekend of September 27, the Class of 2009 met for the 10-year class reunion. Here is a recap from reunion committee member Ali Hodge:

The Class of 2009 started off their 10-year reunion by inviting their classmates to the Generation C tailgate with the Central High School Foundation, followed by a '09-only tailgate party in the Senior Parking Lot. Classmates wore their old CHS t-shirts and sweatshirts, throwin' it back to the high school's 150th graduating class! Their sugar-rush was provided by Elizabeth Alfaro, CHS 2009 and owner of 3 Sons Baking Co., who made custom cookies for the event! The night was spent swapping hellos, reminiscing, and cheering on the Eagles as they won their homecoming game!

On Saturday morning, the Class of '09 invited one of their favorite teachers, Scott Wilson, to walk them through the school tour. They were especially excited to see the new addition to the school, and even more excited to walk through the old hallways they knew so well as teenagers. They heard speeches from former Principal, Keith Bigsby, and Executive Director of the Central High School Foundation, Michele Roberts.

Saturday night, the 09-ers got dressed up for a cocktail party and dinner at Upstream Brewery, where they caught up with classmates over drinks and a buffet dinner. They heard a welcome speech from the Reunion Committee: Doug Knickrehm (President), Chloe McPherson (Finance and Records Chair), Alexandria Hodge (Fundraising Chair), Bailey Rutten (Event Coordinator, Communications Chair), and Jade Franklin (Event Coordinator). They also held a moment of silence for classmates who had passed and raised a glass in their memory. Following the party at The Upstream, alumni moved to Flavas Margarita Lounge, owned by Marquita Lambert (CHS 2009). Commemorative reunion gifts were provided to guests by the Reunion Committee, and t-shirts were designed by Trevesia Marion, CHS 2009, owner of the clothing brand Young Black Visionaries.

Eagle Receives Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame



PICTURED ABOVE: Penny Krasne Endelman ('65), Harry Friedman ('64), Jayne Smeerin ('65), Linda Eisenstatt Luttbeg ('66), Jennifer Rodin Seigner ('66), Marshall Widman ('63), Jan Janger Zlotowicz ('64), and Robert Slutzky ('63).

Central alumnus Harry Friedman ('64), Executive Producer of *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy!*, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday, November 1 in Los Angeles. Friedman, a 2004 [CHS Hall of Fame inductee](#), has served as the Executive Producer for *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy!* since 1999, producing more than 6,000 hours of game shows during his career. Harry is retiring in May 2020, having served as the showrunner for two of America's favorite shows for more than 25 years. Harry was supported at the ceremony by many Eagles, including Executive Director Michele Roberts.

Congratulations, Harry! [Click here](#) to view a recap of the ceremony on YouTube.

Experiential Learning - Trip to Kansas City Federal Reserve



On October 11th, 17 students along with 6 staff members left Omaha in pursuit of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The bank covers Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, and portions of western Missouri and northern New Mexico. Upon arrival, Eagles watched a video explaining the historical facts about the creation of our nation's Bank along with its 12 districts. In addition, students toured the money museum featuring the Harry S. Truman Coin Collection and gained an understanding of the money creation process and the main functions of the Federal Reserve.

This experiential learning opportunity was made possible thanks to a classroom grant from the Central High School Foundation.

Nominations Open for 2020 Hall of Fame



If you would like to recognize one of your classmates for their outstanding achievements, nominate them for the 2020 Central High School Hall of Fame!

The Central High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Selection Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame Class. If you know a distinguished alum, educator or CHS benefactor that is worthy of this honor, please [submit your nomination](#) by December 31, 2019. You can submit your nomination online or [download a nomination form](#) by visiting our website.

If you have any questions please contact the Central High School Foundation at 402-556-1996. Anyone can submit a nomination, and nominations are valid for three years of consideration.

Kick off the Holiday Season with the Madrigal Feaste

Start your holiday season by celebrating the 26th anniversary of the CHS Madrigal Dinner! Enjoy a Holiday Dinner, complete with garlic drumsticks and roasted veggies, salad, bread, caramel snickerdoodle cake and punch.

Entertainment provided by the CHS Singers, Bel Canto Singers and CHS Handbell Choir. Royalty for the evening will be Ann Davis, OPS Music Supervisor. Raffle Tickets will be available for Theme Baskets (\$2 per ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets). Drawings will happen throughout the evening! For tickets please contact [Lyn Bouma](#).

26th Annual Madrigal Feaste

Saturday, December 7, 2019
7:00 p.m. in the CHS Courtyard
\$20.00 per person

We hope to see you there!

2020 Class Reunion Schedule

Class of 1950 - No reunion

Class of 1955 - No reunion

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

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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

2010centralhigh@gmail.com

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 Emory 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.

[Join Generation "C"](#)

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Hy-Vee, is now on [TAGG](#)! More specifically, all 17 stores in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont and Plattsmouth will happily donate 1% of your purchases to the Central High School Foundation when you scan a picture of your whole receipt on the free Together A Greater Good mobile app. Exclusions include gift cards, postage, pharmacy, money orders, prepaid debit cards, lottery and money transfers

The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. The app, available on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices, is free

to download and easy to set up.

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We are continuing to grow our social network! When we reach our 3,750 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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