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The 21st Central High School Hall of Fame class was inducted on Thursday, October 3. Read below for more information about the inductees and Hall of Fame week.



Dear Supporter,

Fall is in the air and Halloween is on the horizon. I hope you are having a wonderful autumn!

At the beginning of this month we celebrated the induction of 10 new members into the Central High School [Hall of Fame](#)! Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and congratulations to all of the inductees.

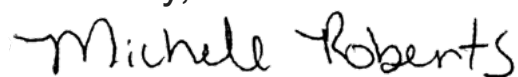
Special thanks to the Central High School Alumni Association who helped make this event the best it could be!

Our annual campaign, [Generation "C,"](#) is in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 160 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. [Please donate to Generation "C" today!](#)

I'm excited to share that we will once again be partnering with [eCreamery Ice Cream and Gelato](#) as their community partner for the month of November. Our specialty flavor is *Invest-MINT in Central* and features mint chip ice cream with Oreo bits mixed in. You can purchase the flavor in the parlor as well as in pints.

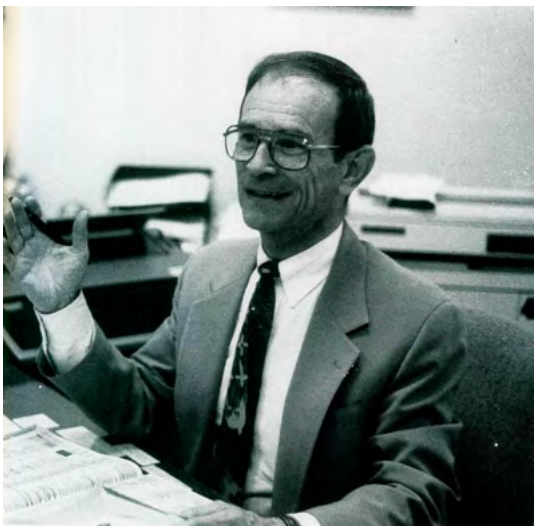
As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,



Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

Join Us for an Open House Celebrating Doc's Life



The Central High School Foundation will host an open house celebrating Doc Moller's life on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Thompson Center at UNO (6705 Dodge St Omaha, NE 68182). November 6 would have been Doc's 90th birthday. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the life of a special member of the Central family.

Gaylord E. "Doc" Moller

(November 6, 1929 - September 10, 2019)

Preceded in death by wife of 65 years, Betty E. Moller; parents; and grandson, Benjamin Hofmeister. Survived by sister, Gloria Howat; daughters, Londa (Gene) Claxton and Risa Hofmeister; grandchildren, Nikki Stephens, Stacy Russ, and Jackson Hofmeister; great - grandchildren, William GH Stephens VI, Taylor Stephens, Krystal Russ, and Jessa Garner Russ; numerous other family and friends. Keeping with Doc's final request, his remains will be donated to The University of Nebraska Medical Center in lieu of a memorial service. [Memorial contributions can be made to The Omaha Central High School Foundation](#) or St. Jude Children's Pediatric Cancer Research Center.

10 Eagles Inducted into CHS Hall of Fame



PICTURED ABOVE: John Kuhns ('65), Zahn McClarnon ('86), and H. Bruce Bernstein ('61)

Ten Eagles joined the ranks of the Central High School Hall of Fame on Thursday, October 3 at Central High School. The event, sponsored by the Central High School Alumni Association and Central High School Foundation, featured a dinner in the courtyard and induction ceremony in the auditorium. [Click here to watch the induction ceremony.](#)

On Friday morning, the inductees had an opportunity to speak to current Central students about their experiences and share some wisdom about their time as an Eagle. John Kuhns ('65) chatted with the staff of *The Register*; Zahn McClarnon conversed with a group of N.I.C.E. and drama students; H. Bruce Bernstein ('61) shared his wisdom with Ms. Baldrige's AP Language Composition class; Speedy Zweiback ('55) spoke with Mr. Wilson's U.S. History class; Sharon Gidley Marvin Igel ('54) talked to Ms. Wiles' Fashion Marketing class; Richard Speier ('58) spoke to Ms. Rumbaugh's AP Biology class; and Bruce Krogh ('71) chatted with Dr. Sands' I.B. math class. The finale of the Hall of Fame weekend was the Passing Periods luncheon at the Field Club of Omaha.

Do you know of someone worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame? Nominations for the Class of 2020 are now open through December 31, 2019! Anyone can [submit a nomination](#), and nominations are good for three years. [Click here](#) to submit a nomination online. Congratulations again to the Class of 2019, the 21st Hall of Fame class!

PICTURED BELOW: Speedy Zweiback ('55), Sharon Gidley Marvin Igel ('54),
Richard Speier ('58), and Bruce Krogh ('71)



Gaherty and Cordes Featured at Passing Periods Luncheon



PICTURED ABOVE: Henry Cordes ('81) and Mike Gaherty

On Friday, October 4, the Central High School Foundation held the final Passing Periods luncheon of the year at the Field Club Of Omaha. More than 150 Eagles attended to conclude the Hall of Fame week festivities and listen to guest speakers Mike Gaherty and Henry Cordes ('81) tell stories about their time working on the *Register* student newspaper at Central.

Although the bell has rung on this class, the next Passing Periods luncheon will be held in March 2020. Stay tuned, as we will reveal dates and speaker information in upcoming Eagle Newsletters. We hope to see you then!



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 Roberts at the CHSF Office at 402-556-1996 or michele@chsfomaha.org.

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

Three Eagles Named National Merit Semifinalists



The 2020 National Merit Semifinalists were recently announced, and Central High School has three students who made the list. Continuing the Central tradition, Central High School seniors Eric Sager-Pera, Carly Flynn, and Sedona Cheloha were recognized as National Merit Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program will be revealed in February 2020. Congratulations to these Eagles on their fine academic achievements! Pictured here are the semifinalists with CHS Principal Dr. Ed Bennett.

'64 Graduates Gather for 55 Year Reunion



The Class of 1964 spent September 6th and 7th celebrating their 55th Class Reunion. Classmates reminisced and reconnected with friends at Champion Run and Happy Hollow. The Saturday morning tour gave classmates a chance to revisit the past and see the future of CHS. The new addition was experienced

with awe. Visit central64.org to see highlights of the reunion and a video produced by Harry Friedman, Jeopardy producer, to honor the deceased classmates.

Thank you to reunion chair Jeannene Rice Mason for the recap and pictures!

Former Eagle Great Honored at Football Game



On October 4 during the Central football game, the Central High School Foundation honored a standout from Central's rich athletic past.

Fred "Bud" Abboud, CHS 1945, was a three-sport letterman, including quarterback, running back and hard-hitting defender on the Eagle football team. He also lettered on the school's baseball and basketball teams. After

serving in the Army at the end of World War II, Abboud entered Omaha University, where he was a four-year starting running back and again a multisport athlete. He is a member of both the UNO Athletics Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame. Abboud died last year at age 90.

The Central High School Foundation presented replicas of Bud's No. 69 Central jersey to his sons Andy, Chris, Greg, and Jeff Abboud.

Veterans Day Program to be Held at Central

The Central High School Alumni Association is holding a special Veterans Day program at Central High School on Saturday, November 9. Here are the details:

Saturday, November 9

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Central's Gym Lobby (overlooking the football field)

Speaker: Scott Wilson

Subject: Central's long lost WWI banner

Program:

- Introduction of Veterans
- Update on our Vietnam Monument
- Coffee and rolls served
- Drawing for a sweatshirt
- Ideas for future veterans programs



RSVP Contact: Roy Katskee rkats1@cox.net or Harold Pharoah Hap5121@yahoo.com

Upcoming Alumni Association Meetings:

Monday, November 4

Monday, December 2

6:30PM in CHS room 145

Experiential Learning - Historic Vehicles Visit Central



9th grade US History students were visited by 8 cars from the Omaha Centennial Model T Club and the Meadowlark Model A Club. This is the 10th year these clubs have returned to Central High School. The clubs not only answered student questions about these historic vehicles, but they also allowed them to sit in the cars and even took them on short rides around the Joslyn Art Museum parking lot. This experiential learning opportunity augmented classroom studies about Henry Ford and the emergence of automobile culture in the United States during the 1920s.

Class of '59 Meets for 60 Year Class Reunion



The weekend of September 20-22 was a great time for 62 classmates and their 34 guests at the Class of 1959 60th Reunion. It started on Friday with a reception at the Marriott Regency where many out-of-town classmates and guests stayed. Activities continued Saturday morning with an eye-popping visit to Central Saturday morning where attendees were able to see the beautiful newly-completed Arts and Library Addition on the east side of Central. From this visit it was easy to see how Central currently has a waiting list of about 600 students from inside and outside the Omaha area. At the Saturday evening dinner, everyone celebrated the academics, diversity, and inclusion that made Central so special. On Sunday morning, many attendees gathered at the Marriott Regency for a farewell breakfast to end a fantastic weekend.

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MARC SHAIMAN

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MARC SHAIMAN

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by JOHN WATERS

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 7 PM
Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 2 PM & 7 PM



Tickets:
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Hairspray is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) www.MTIshows.com

The Central High School Drama Department proudly presents its fall musical

Hairspray! There will be three showings: Friday, November 1 at 7 PM; Saturday, November 2 at 2 PM; and Saturday, November 3 at 7 PM. Contact Scott Mead at scott.mead@ops.org or 402-557-3300 to [purchase tickets](#) or for more information about upcoming shows at Central High School.

Class of '99 Parties Like It's 1999 for 20 Year Reunion



The Class of 1999 met for their 20 year class reunion on September 27th and 28th. On Friday night, Eagles attended a happy hour event at Paddy McGowan's Pub and Grill. Attendees then went to the CHS football game where Central defeated Lincoln High 17-7. Saturday morning featured a tour at Central and the opportunity to walk the halls again for the first time since graduating. Saturday night included appetizers and entertainment at the B Bar. More than 100 people enjoyed chatting and mingling with many former classmates. Thank you to reunion chair Jane Luethge for the recap and pictures!

2020 Class Reunion Schedule

Class of 1950 - 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 1990

September or October 2020

[Ben Rouch](#)

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

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 Sydney Oehm](#) 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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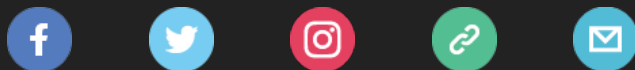
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