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# EAGLE NEWS

September 2019

## Doc Moller

November 6, 1929 - September 10, 2019



The Central High School Foundation will host an open house celebrating Doc Moller's life on Wednesday, November 6. See below for details.



### Dear Supporter,

As many of you probably saw in our email earlier this month and on our social media pages, former principal [Doc Moller died on Tuesday, September 10](#), at the age of 89. I first met Doc when I was a teacher and coach at Central in the 90s, and he was a great ambassador for Central and a great friend. While there won't be a public

service for Doc, the Central High School Foundation will be hosting a Celebration of Life Open House on November 6 on what would have been Doc's 90th birthday from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Thompson Alumni Center at UNO (6705 Dodge St Omaha, NE 68182).

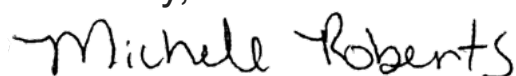
The 2019 [Hall of Fame](#) week has officially arrived, and we have a full week of activities planned to celebrate and honor those who have been selected for Central's 21st Hall of Fame class. The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 3 at Central High School. The following day, on Friday, October 4, we will be having the next edition of our Passing Periods: [Alumni Luncheon Series](#). Former journalism teacher Mike Gaherty and one of his former pupils Henry Cordes ('81) will be our guest speakers. We hope to see you there!

We are in the midst of class reunion season! [Like us on Facebook](#) to receive pictures and recaps of class reunions that happen this fall. We are already starting to plan for 2020 reunions, so if you haven't set a date yet, contact [Sydney Oehm](#) to get started.

Finally, we recently surpassed 3,500 Facebook Likes to reach our next random prize drawing. For every 250 Facebook Likes we receive, we randomly select one of our followers to win a prize from the [Alumni Association store](#). Congratulations to Wayne Reynolds II from the Class of 1999 for being selected as this milestone winner! Be sure to [Like Us on Facebook](#) to be eligible for the next milestone drawing at 3,750 likes.

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 Alumni 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, Bette 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.

**The Bell is Ringing for the Next Passing Periods Luncheon**



THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION PRESENTS

CHS ALUMNI LUNCHEON SERIES: PASSING PERIODS



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

FEATURING MIKE GAHERTY AND HENRY CORDES ('81)

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Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Central High School Foundation's Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon Series, and we hope to bump into you there! For \$15, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends you haven't seen since first period, talk with teachers that you haven't seen since homeroom, and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers.

**Friday, October 4, 2019**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Field Club of Omaha

3615 Woolworth Avenue

Omaha, NE 68105

*Guest Speakers:*

**Mike Gaherty, Journalism Department Teacher 1963 to 1995**

**Henry Cordes, Omaha World-Herald Journalist CHS 1981**

To register online, please register and pay using the online registration link

below. You will receive a confirmation email upon completion of your online registration and payment.

*To register by mail, please mail your registration and check to:*

Central High School Foundation

1111 N 13th Street Suite 318

Omaha, NE 68102-4252

If you have any questions please contact Sydney Oehm at 402-556-1996 or [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org).

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## Large Crowd Attends Generation "C" Tailgate





Rita Ryan enjoys dinner with one of her former students, Jim Backer ('80)

The Central High School Foundation held its annual Generation "C" tailgate on Friday, September 27. Eagle fans gathered before the homecoming football game against the Lincoln High School Links to socialize and enjoy a nice meal. Our Eagles beat Lincoln High 17-7 to improve to 3-2 on the season.

Generation "C" is the official support group recognized by Central High School. Gifts to this Annual Giving Campaign allow the Foundation to provide for the emerging needs and challenges of Central High School. These unrestricted funds give the Foundation the flexibility to meet the greatest needs of Central, while allowing you to support your favorite school!

While membership provides essential support for the Foundation, it also gives alumni various ways to stay connected. Members also receive exclusive benefits - from reserved parking at athletic contests, to front row seating at the Road Show, to special incentives. Click [here](#) for more information about how you can [join Generation "C."](#)

## Class of '69 Celebrates 50 Year Reunion



“The Best Reunion Ever” was the theme and the result for the Class of 1969 when they held their 50th class reunion on the weekend of August 2 and 3,

2019.

The optional Meet & Greet on Thursday night Aug. 1st got things started when an impromptu gathering that was held at La Casa Restaurant. Friday night was the cocktail party at the official reunion hotel, The Magnolia, in downtown Omaha. Classmates enjoyed the hotel's hospitality suite both before and after the party and had a chance to catch up with over 200 fellow Eagles and spouses in attendance while they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Saturday morning more than 100 classmates visited the hallowed halls of Central High School, both old and new. They heard about the amazing things that are happening now and remembered that they are part of a tradition long-standing and still growing. For those who were interested there was a tour of old districts and neighborhoods of Omaha on Ollie the Trolley following the school tour.

The final gathering was Saturday night at the Scottish Rite, an historic building designed by the same architect who designed Central High, John Latenser. Classmates enjoyed cocktails, Omaha-centric passed hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner and dancing to the music of The Continentals. They were honored that Dr. Moller attended and shared many humorous stories with us. A class photo was taken of all the graduates who were there.

The Class of 1969 would like to thank all who attended and missed all who could not attend. There was a toast to the classmates who have passed. They vowed to get together again in maybe 5 but definitely 10 years! They hated to say good-bye and by the end of the weekend realized that there is no other class like the Class of 1969. The Class of '69 is a class who loves and cherishes their Central High School experience and understands that attending that school during that time in history made them better people to face the world and brought them together as a class.

**Alumni in the News**



Central alumna **Maya Taylor ('02)** was nominated for the "Best Choreography" award at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards for her choreography on the song "Almeda." Congratulations, Maya! [Click here](#) to read about Maya's reaction when she received the news that she had been nominated for a VMA. Photo courtesy of Getty Images North America.



Alumnus **Antoine "Tony" Bachmann ('81)** recently swam across Lake Geneva for the third consecutive year in his home country of Switzerland. Although not the widest point in the lake, the distance Tony had to swim was roughly 5.5 miles. Tony credits his Central swim teach **Steve Heck**, a 1968 CHS graduate, for improving his technique and eagerness to train.

Renowned artist **Aaron Marcus ('61)** recently was featured in the September issue of Berkeley Hills





Living. He also announced that a monograph about his life's work in art/design will be published in 2021 by the Letterform Archive in San Francisco. Aaron and his fiancée **Sandra Bassman Speier ('60)** also had the pleasure of meeting up with several West Coast Eagles in Los Angeles last week. Attendees included **Paul Kutler ('61)**, **Jeff Pomerantz ('61)**, **Jeff Wohlner ('61)**, **Roger Friedman ('61)**, **Nancy Reikes Calderon ('61)**, and **Keith, CHS 1961**, and **Kathleen Adler, CHS 1963, Liberman.**

**Class of 1989 Gathers for 30 Year Reunion**



The Central Class of 1989 kicked off their 30th reunion on September 6 with a pre-game tailgate at Barchen Beer Garden in Benson. After mixing for a few hours, many in the class attended the Central vs. Creighton Prep football game.

Saturday morning roughly 40-50 classmates attended the school tour, and everyone who toured raved about how much fun it was! The class really enjoyed seeing the new library in the Arts and Library Addition.

Saturday evening the Class of '89 met at the Upstream Brewery for a dinner. The class had such a fun time, they closed down the upstairs floor. Photo courtesy of reunion organizers Kurt Goeser and Marcie Rosenbaum Ellis.

**CHS Students Visit National World War I Museum**





9th grade US history students and Central teachers traveled to the National World War I Museum in Kansas City on Sunday, September 1 to enhance their classroom studies on The Great War. Students spent time exploring exhibits related to their studies and engaging museum staff with questions about artifacts and historical content. This annual experiential learning opportunity is made possible thanks to a classroom grant funded by the Central High School Foundation.

## Memories Made at Class of 1984 Reunion





Eagles from the Class of 1984 gathered for their 35 year reunion on the weekend of September 6 and 7. The festivities kicked off with a night of fun on Friday at Sullivan's Bar, which is owned by 1983 alumnus Dan Houlihan.

Dozens of classmates met at the school on Saturday morning to tour the school and check out the Arts and Library Addition. Things have changed a lot since 1984!

The reunion weekend concluded with a party at Castle Barrett. Alumnus John Hough and his band Skretta provided live music entertainment for attendees.

## Reunion Schedule

**2019 Reunions**

**2020 Reunions**

**Class of 1994**

October 4-5, 2019

Jeff Darst

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

[Join the 1994 Facebook Group](#)

**Class of 1960**

October 17, 2020

Contact: Steve and Judie Olson

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

**Class of 1965**

August 28-29, 2020

Contact: Holly Hoberman

[www.central65.org](http://www.central65.org)

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

**Class of 1970**

October 16-17, 2020

Contact: Cheryl Marks Willis  
and Karen Smith Buckley

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**Class of 1990**

September or October 2020

Contact: Ben Rouch

[benjamin.rouch@me.com](mailto:benjamin.rouch@me.com)

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

If you haven't set the date for your reunion yet, contact Sydney Oehm at [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) for help getting started.

**Alumni Association Update**





*From: Sandra Bressman Nathan, President, Central High Alumni Association*

As the incoming President of the Central High School Alumni Association, I am honored to walk in the footsteps of those who came before me, and to be associated with a group of amazing people dedicated to perpetuating the tradition of excellence of Central. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings to share in the experience of "keeping Central Central". The next Alumni Association meeting is Monday, October 7 at 6:30PM at CHS room 145 (use the west entrance). Meetings are open to anyone interested in the future and well-being of Central High School.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Monday, October 7

Monday, November 4

Monday, December 2

**Read the Annual Report Online**

The 2019 Central High School  
Foundation Annual Report is in the



mail and should be arriving soon if you haven't received it yet. However you can also this year's Annual Report and view our archived collection by visiting the [Newsroom page on the CHSF website](#). Didn't receive a copy of the Annual Report? [Update your record](#) to ensure that the CHSF has your most-current contact information.



## 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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The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. TAGG offers a smartphone app that, when used at hundreds of 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



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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 3,750 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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