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Dear Supporters:

I hope you and your family are healthy and happy as our new school year kicks off virtually!

We are excited to announce that an Anonymous donor has made a \$5,000 matching gift in honor of Central faculty and staff working hard during COVID-19! For every donation we receive in honor of a teacher or staff member, the donor will match it dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000! [Click here to make your donation!](#) When you make a tribute gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to the individual being honored.

Our Golf Outing is right around the corner, on September 21, 2020! This Fall we will have one shot gun start teeing off at 10:00 a.m. at Field Club of Omaha. Our honorees are Vicki Wiles and Harry Gaylor. [You can join us by clicking here to register online!](#) All sponsorships at this event will also be honored and recognized at the 2021 CHS Golf Outing on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Keep your eyes open for our 2020 Annual Report! Every graduate and supporter will receive one in the mail over the next couple of weeks. This year's Annual Report details what was accomplished during the 2019-20 fiscal year. I want to thank our Creative Director and Database Administrator, Josh Bucy, for creating the Annual Report. A reminder that if you haven't received our mailings recently, we encourage you to [update your record](#) to ensure that we have your current contact information.

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Michele Roberts
Executive Director

Register Today for the 2020 Golf Outing!



The 2020 Golf Outing has a New Date! Monday, September 21, 2020 Field Club of Omaha

- Four person Texas Scramble
- Shotgun Start
- Open to women and men
- Golfers of all abilities are welcome
- Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a "first come, first served basis."

Shotgun Start: 10AM

The Awards Banquet and Prizes will begin immediately following the conclusion of the golf outing.

- This year's honorees are Vicki Wiles and Harry Gaylor

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Lunch and Dinner for all players
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (hole-in-one)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees

Click the button below to register for the 2020 Golf Outing Online!

[Click Here to Register for the 2020 Golf Outing](#)

**Nelson and Linda Kavich Gordman, CHS 1958, Provide Donation
for Updates to Varsity Weight Room**



The Central School High School Foundation recently completed significant upgrades to the varsity weight room in the Dave Van Metre Complex, thanks to the generous donation of Nelson and Linda Kavich Gordman, CHS 1958.

The total amount for the larger project, which includes the varsity weight room and auxiliary weight room, was \$100,000. All funds raised, including the lead gift, were allocated to updating equipment and installing

performance flooring.

Five new multipurpose power racks highlight the changes in the Central varsity weight room. The power racks allow multiple exercises to be done at a single station, which frees up significant user space to allow approximately 60 students to use the weight room at one time.

Field turf was also installed to be used for agility drills, sled work, and conditioning.

The weight room also features a revamped color scheme. The new equipment is inlaid with the Eagle logo, and features a purple and white color scheme. Specialized performance flooring was installed as well to allow for safety of our students and staff, and versatility to be able to maximize spacing.

The Central High School Foundation and the Physical Education Department at Central leaned on the expertise of David Kutler (CHS, 1972), President and Owner of Omaha's Body Basics Fitness Equipment, to design and provide state-of-the-art upgrades which include:

- A new highly specialized performance flooring (18 mm rubberized floor)
- A speed and agility turf available for sprinting, sled pushes and other conditioning work
- Five-four station weight racks that have the ability to allow twenty athletes workout at the same time
- Two weight sleds
- Eighteen exercise benches
- Dumbbells and dumbbell racks (5 lbs. to 75 lbs.)
- Two Dip stations
- Bar rotation attachments
- Reverse bar hook attachments

“We are very excited about our weight room renovations,” said Dennis Baker, Central High School Physical Education Department Chair. “These upgrades have made our weight room a first-class facility that will serve our students for many years to come.”

Your support for the Central High School Foundation makes these opportunities possible! You can donate by clicking the button below!

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2020-2021 Generation "C" Chairs: Eagle Frontline Workers of the COVID-19 Pandemic



As Central High School alumni and Frontline Workers during this pandemic, we are honored to be the 2020 Generation “C” membership co-chairs. During these challenging times, we know our work is crucial for protecting our community, and that the exceptional education we received at Central prepared us to make an impact. We also know that the exceptional education Central continues to provide will produce a new generation of health care workers, public safety officers, and community leaders ready to take on future challenges like COVID-19. We hope you consider joining Generation "C" today to support Central High School!

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Jean Ogborn, M.D.

Class of 1975

Dr. Jean Ogborn, Class of 1975, is faculty at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and is an Attending Physician in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the JHH Children’s Center. She has been serving the needs of her patients in Baltimore during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has served as the Fellowship Director for Pediatric Emergency Medicine, and as the Medical Director for the Pediatric Emergency Department. She has served on the JHU Medical School admissions committee, and as the Course Director for the first year medical student course entitled “Physician and Society.” She is also actively working as the Epic (electronic health record) physician champion for Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Her research has included the care of care of children with asthma, pediatric trauma care, and medical education. She is married to Tom Brantigan and has one adult daughter, two adult stepchildren, and is “Jama” to a delightful 5 year old boy. She divides her time between Baltimore, MD (where she loves to sail and lives aboard the family sailboat) and Folsom, CA, where she enjoys her family and the delights of Northern California. She plans to retire at the end of 2020.



Dr. Angela Felton-Coleman
Class of 1989

Dr. Angela Felton-Coleman is a Nurse Practitioner in the Children's Hospital & Medical Center Emergency Department and the Nebraska Medicine Immediate Care Clinics, and has been assisting the community during COVID-19. She graduated from Central High School in 1989, received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Clarkson College in 2006, Master's of Science in Nursing from the College of Saint Mary in 2012, post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner certification in 2015, and recently graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Executive Doctor of Nursing Practice Program in May 2020. She is a Director on the Clarkson College Alumni Board and the Vice President of the Omaha Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Angela attends and volunteers at numerous community events, including the Black Family Health and Wellness Fair as well as Nebraska AIDS Project, and is committed to the health and well-being of her patients as well as her community. Angela is married to Ronald Coleman, a 1990 Central graduate, and is a mother of 4, two girls and two boys.



Thomas Byrne
Class of 2004

Thomas Byrne is a Police Officer for the Blair Police Department, as well as a Military Police Officer in the Nebraska Army National Guard. He has been serving his community during COVID-19 in both professional capacities. He graduated from Omaha Central High School in 2004 and earned his Bachelor's of Science in Criminology from University of Nebraska Omaha in 2009. He enlisted in the United States Army in 2010 and served six years on active duty in Georgia and Washington as a field artilleryman. He was then deployed to Iraq in 2011. He served in Guam in 2014 before returning to Nebraska in 2016. In his free time he volunteers with the local Boy Scout troop. He is married to Sarah (Beck) Byrne, a 2006 Central graduate, and together they have three children.

Robert Wesley is a Firefighter with the Omaha Fire Department. He was serving his community during the pandemic until he contracted COVID-19 and took two weeks off to recover. Fully healed, he was eager to get back to his commitment to helping others. After graduating from Central in 2005, he attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he earned his Bachelor's of Public Administration and Bachelor's in Speech Communications. Robert worked for the Boys and Girls Club



Robert Wesley

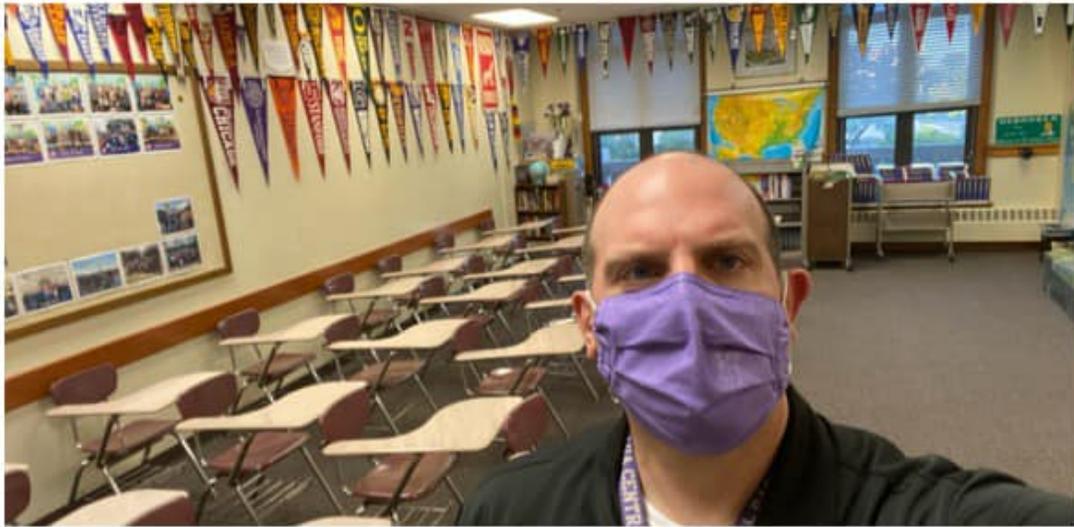
Class of 2005

of the Midlands, Omni Behavioral Health, and the Douglas County Youth Center before becoming the Director of Education for the Boys and Girls Club at Mount View Elementary. His career took a turn when he was offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become a firefighter. "I just felt like with that position I could serve the community in a really impactful way," Robert said. Robert is married to KeOnna (Williams) Wesley, a 2004 Central graduate, in February 2020. Their wedding took place on the outside steps of Central High School. They and their 5-year-old

daughter, Kali, are excitedly expecting a baby late this year.

[Click Here to Join Generation "C"](#)

Anonymous Donor Makes \$5,000 Matching Gift in Honor of Central Faculty and Staff Working Hard During COVID-19



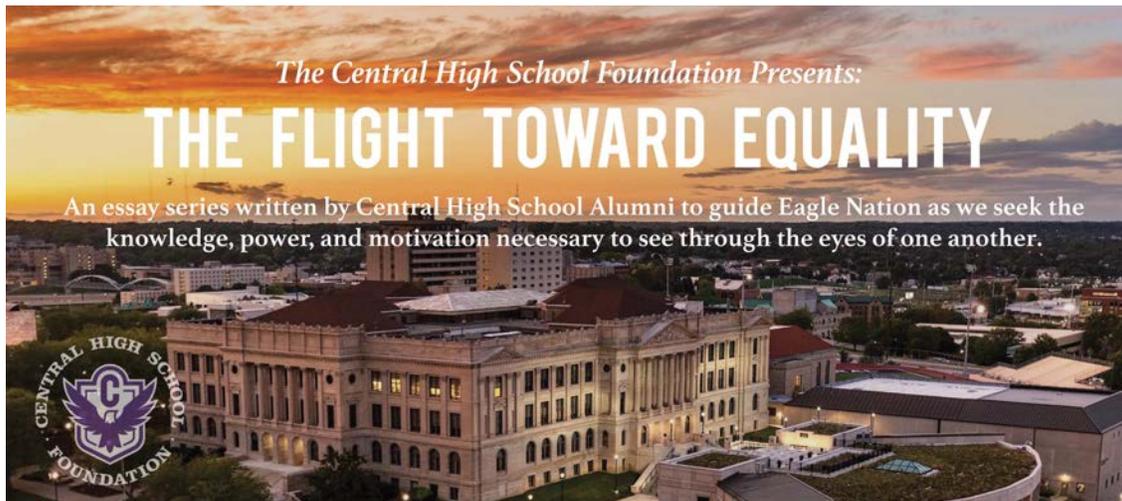
Scott Wilson, veteran history teacher at Central High School, shared his first day of school pics with the caption, "It feels like the first year of teaching!" Many other teachers, like Casey Denton, felt the same. She taught on her first day with a Central Spirit face mask. This year, which started out entirely virtual, left Central teachers speaking to a camera rather than to physical students on their first day. One donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently made a \$5,000 matching donation to the Central High School Foundation to celebrate the work of our dedicated teachers and staff during this unique time.

For every donation received in honor of a teacher or staff member, they will match it dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000! When you make a tribute gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to the individual being honored. Click the button below to make your donation!



[Click Here to Honor a CHS Teacher or Staff Member](#)

**"Our Flight Toward Equality" Essay Series:
*We Are In this Together: A Response to Dr. Wead's Essay from a
Fellow Hall of Fame Inductee*
by Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker (CHS 1981)**



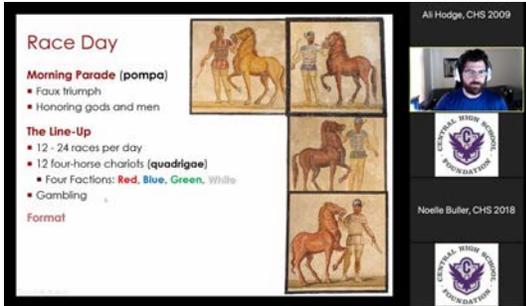
A fellow Hall of Fame Inductee and graduate of the Central High School class of 1981, Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, shared with us a thoughtful and beautiful response to Dr. Rodney Wead's essay in our ongoing series "The Flight Toward Equality."

Now more than ever, we believe in the transformative power of quality public education to bring about lasting equality, inclusivity, and equity for all young people, especially for our Central High School students. As an organization who understands the value of public education, we came to the conclusion that we should respond to the challenges of our time with the same values that drive us daily: a respect for collaborative knowledge, an investment in teamwork, and a commitment to community learning.

Our 5-part collaborative essay series will highlight voices of our diverse alumni to help us derive the knowledge, power, and motivation necessary to see through the eyes of one another.

[Click Here to Rev. J. Scott Barker's Response](#)

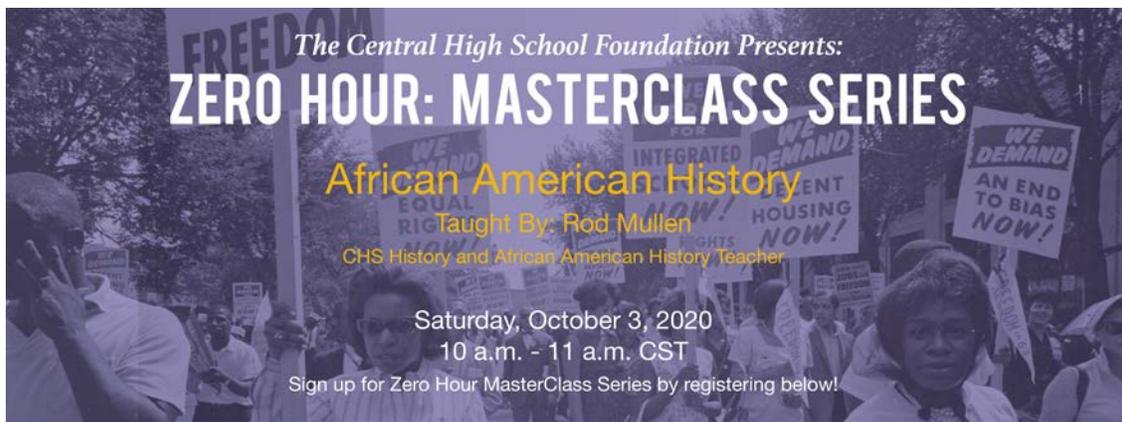
Zero Hour MasterClass Series Kicks Off With Latin Enthusiasts!



What do the Simpsons have to do with Roman culture?! And what's the relationship between ancient chariot races and the 1978 movie *Grease*?? We found out during our first Zero Hour MasterClass: "Roman Culture and Entertainment" with Brian Tyrey, Class of 2010 and Central High's Latin Teacher! It was a blast!

Our next MasterClass will be African American History with Rod Mullen! We hope you'll join us!

Upcoming: Zero Hour MasterClass African American History with Rod Mullen



Do you remember trying to squeeze an extra class into your schedule when you were a student at Central? And the only hour you had available was Zero Hour? Well, even after graduation, Zero Hour is still available for you to fill with fun, unique "extra-curricular" learning!

Join us for our new Zero Hour MasterClass Series!

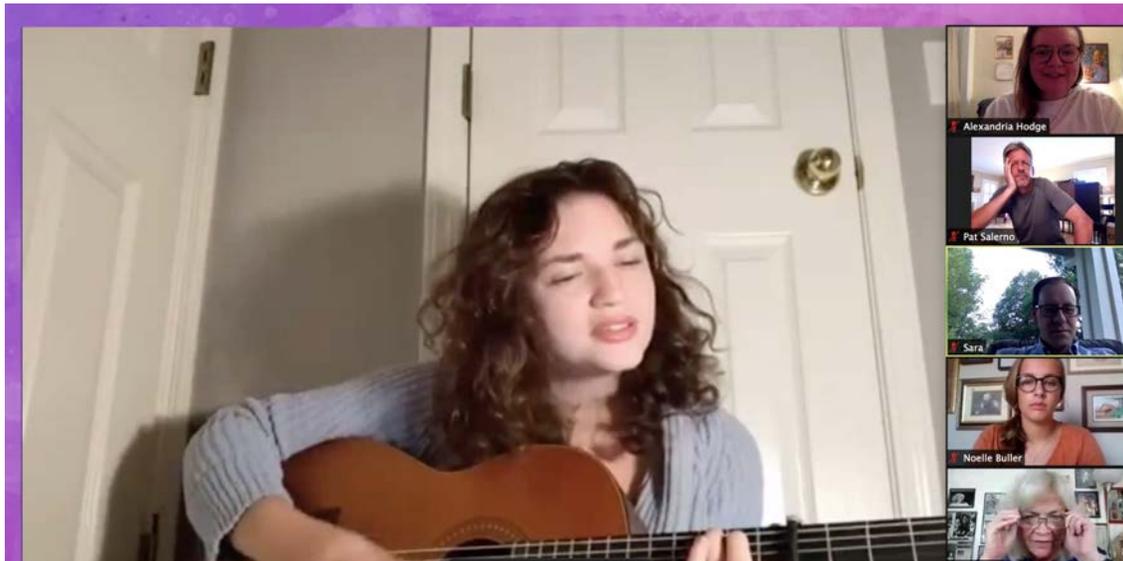
Our upcoming ZeroHour Class is titled "African American History" and will be taught by Rod Mullen, a history and African American history teacher at Central High School.

Saturday, October 3, 2020
Ticket: \$5
Location: Online (Zoom)
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. CST

If you are unable to attend, please register for the event and a link to the recording will be sent you you!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Talent Shared at 2020 Road Show Affinity Reunion



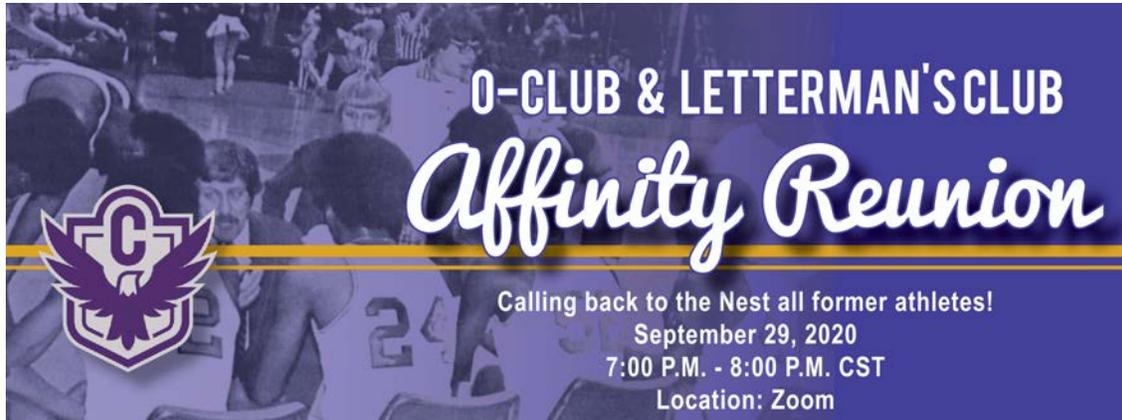
This month alumni gathered to celebrate one of Central's oldest traditions: The Roadshow!

Our virtual Roadshow Affinity Reunion was a great opportunity for some alumni to gather together, reconnect with each other virtually, and reflect on their experiences in the Roadshow and we also enjoyed a few performances from Alumni! We looked at some images of the Roadshow, and we also enjoyed performances from a few alumni including Sam Johnson (1981), Lindsay Bloom (1968), Pat Salerno (1984), Melissa Comstock (2015), and Evelyn Hill (2021). Our moderator for the evening was Brian Fahey (2003)!

If you missed this event, and would like to watch the recording, [click here](#). Our next

Affinity Reunion will be for former athletes! Keep scrolling to find out more! We hope you'll join us!

Upcoming: O-Club Athletic Affinity Reunion



Are you a former athlete of Central?! Well then we are calling you back to the Nest! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to reconnect with old teammates and hear from special speakers! Gather your friends together and attend this virtual affinity reunion. [Register to attend by clicking here!](#)

Due to COVID-19, 2020 reunions have been cancelled. In response, this Fall we will be hosting Central Affinity Reunions. Affinity reunions bring together Alumni based on their involvement in a particular activity or student organization rather than by graduating class. These fun virtual reunions will be hosted on Zoom, will be free to participate, and will be hosted on the second Tuesday of the month for the remainder of the calendar year from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. CST!

Upcoming Central Affinity Reunions:

O-Club and Letterman's Club Affinity Reunion

September 29, 2020

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. CST

Hosted by Howard Borden, CHS 1967

Journalism (O-Book and The Register) Affinity Reunion

October 13, 2020

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. CST

Hosted by Henry Cordes, CHS 1981

DECA Affinity Reunion

November 10, 2020

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. CST

JROTC Affinity Reunion

December 8, 2020

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. CST

If you are unable to attend, please register for the event and a link to the recording will be sent you you! And if you missed the last Affinity Reunion, you can [click here](#) to watch the recording!

[Click Here to Register](#)

CHSF Covid-19 Emergency Fund

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION EMERGENCY FUND



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Since the start of the pandemic, The Central High School Foundation has been working hard to fundraise, and quickly distribute support to Eagle families in need. The Central High School Foundation Emergency Fund supports Central students and staff by securing needed resources during this pandemic. In addition, the emergency fund is also used to support current students and staff who have immediate financial needs.

We are happy to report over the past few weeks we have impacted over 75 families to date, with the help of 189 donors, by dispersing funds to help with food support, hygiene items, clothing, computer repair and internet access for remote learning, utilities, school supplies and living expenses!

We are so truly moved by the response from Eagle Nation, who have quickly banded together to support one another!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Those who wish to contribute to the Central High School Foundation Emergency

Fund can donate on our website (the link below). Any amount can be given and all donations are tax deductible. Our community's needs continue to rise, and so now - more than ever - we need your continued support!

[Donate to the CHSF Emergency Fund](#)

[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 joining the 1859 Society and making a planned gift, contact Michele Roberts at the CHSF Office at 402-556-1996 or michele@chsfomaha.org.

[Click Here for the 1895 Society Brochure](#)

[Alumni Shoutout: Ann Milroy, CHS 2016, Creates Welcome Back Video for First Day of School](#)



Ann Milroy, Class of 2016, works in digital marketing. She said she always wanted to get back to Central and create something for her alma mater, a school which gave her the inspiration to jumpstart her career. And she held to that dream! This year she returned to create a welcome video for the 2020-2021 school year; a virtual pep very much needed in the time of distance learning. Excellent work, Ann!

Pete Festersen, CHS 1989, Shows His Eagle Pride at City Council!

[Watch Ann's Welcome Back Video](#)

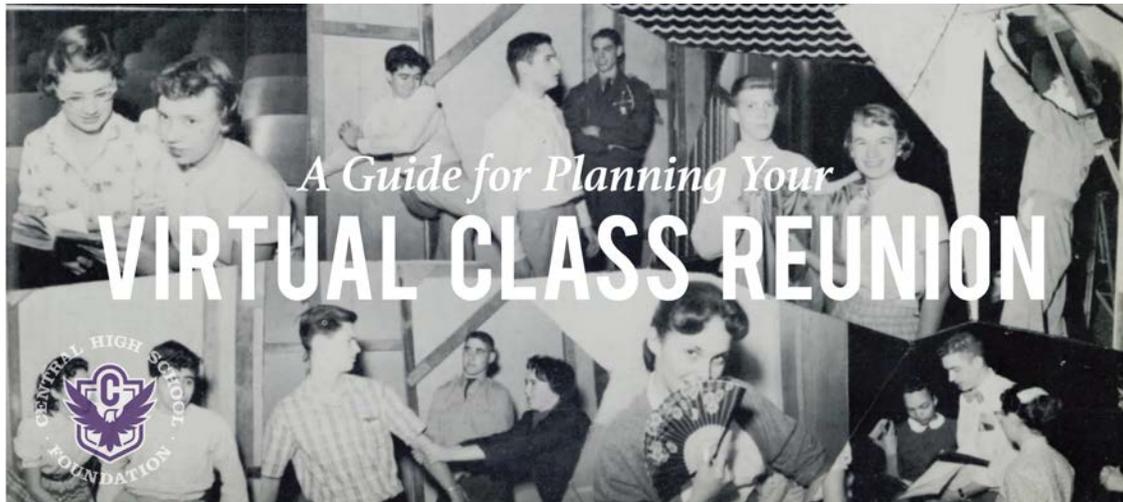


Pete Festersen, Class of 1989, showed his Eagle Pride by supporting his alma mater at a City Council meeting!

Would you like a Central High School face mask!? Join Generation "C," our annual giving campaign! For donating at any level, we will send you one as a thank you gift!

[Click Here to Join Generation "C"](#)

Virtual Class Reunion Guide



Eek! COVID-19 really ruined a lot of our plans, didn't it? Unfortunately, all of the class reunions that were planned for this Fall have been cancelled. However, you don't have to go another year without seeing your classmates if you don't want to! We have compiled a list of tips and tricks to help you make the most out of a virtual class reunion!

[Click Here to Read Guide](#)

2020 Class Reunion Schedule



"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!"

- A 1994 Graduate

Many of our reunions have been postponed or cancelled for 2020. Please look below for an update and a person of contact for your reunion. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Central High School Foundation. In the meantime, please join us for one of our upcoming [Affinity Reunions!](#)

Throwback Thursday!

Class of 1950

No reunion

Class of 1955

No reunion

Class of 1960

POSTPONED - Rescheduled for October 22-23, 2021

Steve and Judie Olson, JoAnn Kratky

402-333-4080 (JoAnn)
solson@fraserstryker.com

Class of 1965

CANCELLED

Gary Green

www.central65.org

402-681-6336

GaryGreenCHS@gmail.com

Class of 1970

POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled in 2021

Cheryl Marks Willis and Karen Smith Buckley

402-493-1373

cgwillis@cox.net

[Join the 1970 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1975

Date TBD

Suzanne Tarver Vincent

(414) 852-8862

tarverharris@msn.com

Class of 1980

CANCELLED - Will be Rescheduled in 2021

Grant Gier

(847) 772-0069

ggier@comcast.net

[Join the 1980 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1985

POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled for Fall 2021

[LaConda Scott McKinney](#)

402-517-7138

[Take the reunion survey.](#)

Class of 1990

POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled in 2021

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1995

CANCELLED

Class of 2000

POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled in 2021

[Jonathan "Jono" Croskey](#)

402-598-4498

Class of 2005

CANCELLED - Will host a school tour in Fall 2020

Michael Smith

402-979-0068

Class of 2010

POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled for March 2021

[Sierra Hogan](#)

402-740-0379

2010centralhigh@gmail.com

Class of 2015

No reunion

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and would like to look at postponing or cancelling it, please [contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) or call 402-556-1996. If you would like to host a virtual class reunion, [check out our online guide](#) and reach out to us with any questions!



Happy Throwback Thursday... throwback all the way to the early 1900s! A local history enthusiast sent us this treasure on social media! In the distance you can see the tower that used to sit in the middle of what is now Central High School! Have

you ever seen such a fine looking school? 💖🦅

Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)? Follow and Like us across the social media platforms to see more great throwback images!

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If you're buying Back to School supplies or books on Amazon, make sure you click on the link below first! We have partnered with AmazonSmile so that you can support the Central High School Foundation while you shop.

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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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