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**Dear Supporter,**

Happy Holidays! We, at the Central High School Foundation, want to thank you for making 2020 a very special year for Central High School. Your support allows Central High School to continue to be a lighthouse for public education. We are truly blessed and thankful for all of our Foundation supporters who enable us to do great things, every day, for Central High School students, staff, families, friends and alumni.

This upcoming year, you have the power to share your legacy and make a lasting impact on Central High School. With the opening of the Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza, now you have the ability to commemorate or honor your family, a former teacher, a loved one, or a former classmate with numerous different recognition options. If you're interested in making a gift or for more information, please contact me at 402-556-1996. [Click here to view the Legacy Giving Brochure.](#)

Honor someone you love this Holiday season by donating a tribute gift to the Central High School Foundation. An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor family or friends. 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 the holidays! 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 for your records. All donations will be recognized in the CHSF annual report. [Please visit our website to make a tribute gift.](#)

Finally, we wanted to remind you about opportunities available in 2020 for charitable donations. Through the CARES Act, the major relief bill that went into effect last spring, individuals who itemize deductions on their taxes can deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income for cash donations to public charities. That means your donation to the Central High School Foundation can be 100% deductible! As always, talk to your tax advisor about what the CARES Act may

mean for your charitable donation.

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

**Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!**

Michele Roberts

*Michele Roberts*

Executive Director

**Help Central JROTC Students Help the Community During COVID-19!**

A promotional poster for a blood drive. The background is a photograph of a person's arm with a blood donation needle inserted. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, 'BLOOD DRIVE' is written in large white letters. Below it is a red cross symbol and the text 'American Red Cross'. To the left is the Central JROTC logo, a shield with an eagle and the letter 'C'. The main text reads 'Benefitting the community during COVID-19' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Funds will support Central JROTC Student Scholarships'. The date and time are 'Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021' and '12:00 pm- 6:00 pm @ Cambria Hotel on 14th & Cummings'. At the bottom, it says 'Use Code: centralhighschool (No Spaces)'.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**American Red Cross**

Benefitting the community during  
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Cummings

Use Code: centralhighschool (No Spaces)

The American Red Cross and local medical professionals have sounded the alarm that blood donations are desperately needed as our community continues to fight Covid-19. So, the JROTC Eagles are taking action! Please join their blood drive! For every pint of blood donated using their code, a portion of the proceeds will go towards scholarship funds for Central JROTC students.

**Here's how to join:**

**Step 1:** [Click here](#) to locate the local blood drive

**Step 2:** Search for the blood drive using their code: centralhighschool

**Step 3:** Sign up for your donation time!

## Alan Noddle, CHS 1958, Earns Lifetime Achievement Award from UNL College of Business



Omaha businessman and Central High School Hall of Fame Inductee, Allan Noddle, CHS 1958, received the 2020-21 Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s College of Business. The college’s most esteemed honor, the award recognizes individuals for their outstanding leadership, as well as time, energy and guidance provided throughout their career.

A paramount leader in the food distribution industry, he worked and consulted in 28 countries on four continents in executive roles for Daymon Worldwide, Royal Ahold and Giant Foods. During Noddle’s time with Ahold, he oversaw all of the Latin American and Asian companies and was the first American to serve on the Dutch corporation’s executive board. Prior to that, he served as CEO of Ahold USA Support Services and president and CEO of Giant Foods in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His career began with Hinky Dinky Supermarkets in 1965.

[Click Here to Read the UNL Press Release](#)

### Join Generation "C" Today!



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!

Dr. Jean Ogborn, CHS 1975

Dr. Angela Felton-Coleman, CHS 1989

Thomas Byrne, CHS 2004

Robert Wesley, CHS 2005

Generation "C" Chairs

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

Listen Now: New Podcast Episode with Ryan Ellis, CHS 1997!

A Special Interview with  
**RYAN ELLIS**  
Class of 1997

**New Episode of  
Eagle Tales!**

Hosted by Josh Bucy  
Creative Director of the Central High  
School Foundation

CEO of PJ Morgan  
Real Estate

**EAGLE TALES**

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The graphic features a man wearing headphones and a microphone, smiling. The background is dark blue with white and yellow text. There is a small inset image of a building with an eagle logo.

🎧🎙️ Check out our latest episode of Eagle Tales! 🎧🎙️

Josh Bucy interviews Ryan Ellis, Class of 1997, CEO of PJ Morgan Real Estate! Listen to find out how Ryan used what he learned at Central to become an owner of a real estate company!

[Click Here to Listen to Eagle Tales!](#)

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](mailto:michele@chsfomaha.org).

[Click Here for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

Upcoming Zero Hour Masterclass: Art 101

The Central High School Foundation Presents  
**ZERO HOUR: MASTERCLASS SERIES**  
**Art 101**  
Taught By: **Jeremy Cisco**  
CHS Art Teacher  
Saturday, January 16, 2021  
10 AM - 11 AM CST  
Sign up for the Zero Hour MasterClass by registering below!

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 “Art 101” and will be taught by Jeremy Cisco, an Art teacher at Central High School. **Bring your pencils and paper! This will be a hands-on class!**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. CST**

**Ticket: \$5.00**

**Location: Online (Zoom)**

**Topic: Art 101**

**Guest Speaker: Jeremy Cisco, Central High School Art Teacher**

[Click Here to Register](#)

**JROTC Affinity Reunion Brought Together Former Cadets for a Memorable Evening**



Our recent JROTC Affinity Reunion was an excellent evening of reminiscing about the JROTC program at Central High School!

The event was hosted by Dr. Keith Bigsby, Principal Emeritus of Central High School. He interviewed First Lieutenant Spencer Welton, CHS 2011, Captain Avrie Welton, CHS 2012, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Wallace Bryans, CHS 1956, Retired Colonel David Napoliello, CHS 1964, and special guest Retired Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Melvin, JROTC Senior Army Instructor at Central from 2001-2019.

The event was attended by JROTC alumni of all ages! All of them had one thing in common: they developed their love of serving their country at Central High School!

[Click Here to Watch a Recording of the Affinity Reunion](#)

## CHS Freshman, Travis Hines, Uses TikTok to Start A Business



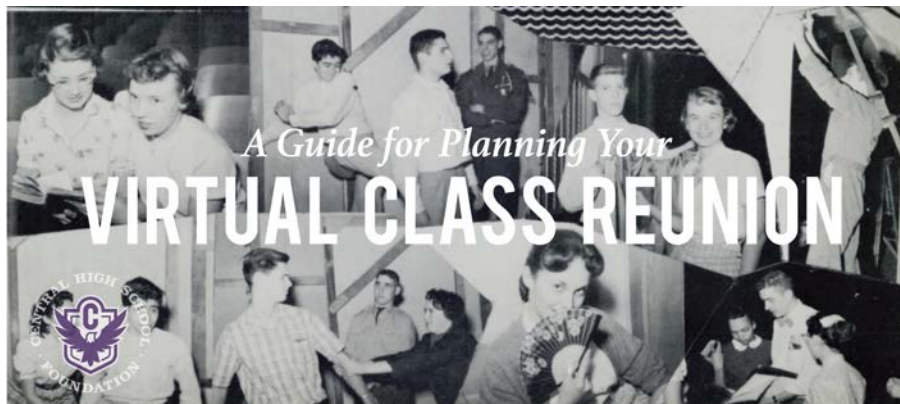
Travis Hines, CHS 2024, was scrolling TikTok when he encountered a video of someone making a rug. "I was like, I wanna do that," he said. And he did! His creations include custom orders for different designs, such as a gaming controller and the Kansas City Chiefs logo. Travis, who sells his creations on TikTok, has shipped orders to other states, and delivers local orders himself.

Travis is supported by the local nonprofit Young Entrepreneurs of the Future. "The reason I'm here is because of Young Entrepreneurs. They helped me a lot. They help other kids too."

Click the button below to watch Travis on the local news! You can find his online shop, Tugs Rugs, on [Instagram](#).

[Click Here to Watch News Story About Travis](#)

## 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



**Class of 1976's 40th Reunion (2017)**

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!](#)

**Class of 1950**

No reunion

**Class of 1955**

No reunion

**Class of 1960**

RESCHEDULED - October 22-23, 2021

Steve and Judie Olson, JoAnn Kratky

402-333-4080 (JoAnn)

[solson@fraserstryker.com](mailto:solson@fraserstryker.com)

**Class of 1965**

CANCELLED

Gary Green

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

402-681-6336

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

**Class of 1970**

RESCHEDULED - Friday, July 30 - Saturday, July 31, 2021

Cheryl Marks Willis and Karen Smith Buckley

402-493-1373

[cgwillis@cox.net](mailto:cgwillis@cox.net)

[Join the 1970 Facebook Group](#)



**Class of 1971**

October 8-9, 2021

Linda Niebauer

303-724-9769

[linda.niebauer@ucdenver.edu](mailto:linda.niebauer@ucdenver.edu)

**Class of 1975**

Date TBD

Suzanne Tarver Vincent

(414) 852-8862

[tarverharris@msn.com](mailto:tarverharris@msn.com)

**Class of 1980 & 1981 Combined Reunion**

August 27-28, 2021

Grant Gier (1980) [ggier@comcast.net](mailto:ggier@comcast.net) (847) 772-0069

J. Scott Barker (1981) [sbarker@episcopal-ne.org](mailto:sbarker@episcopal-ne.org) (402) 830-5240

[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

Michael Smith

402-979-0068

**Class of 2010**

RESCHEDULED - School Tour

March 27, 2021

[Sierra Hogan](#)

402-740-0379

[2010centralhigh@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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Amazon donates.

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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.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the Central High School Foundation! Click below to get started shopping.



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

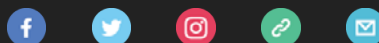
The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. The app, available on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices, is free to download and easy to set up.

Follow and Like Us on Social Media!



Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)? Follow and Like us across the social media platforms to stay connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news. As we hit fan milestones on each platform we will be giving out great prizes! Keep an eye out!

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