

# **EAGLE NEWS**

February 2020



Latrell Wrightsell Jr. (12th grade) scored his 1,000th career point as a Central Eagle on Saturday, Feb. 15th and on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, Latrell also scored 43 points, setting the school record for the most points earned in a single game! Latrell dethroned the great Josh Jones for that honor, but he congratulated him on his achievement saying, "way to move the game forward!"

## Dear Supporter,



We hope you have some great plans for your extra day this leap year! We will be spending our weekend cheering on our Eagles at the 2020 Road Show! We hope to see you there!

Our events are shaping up to be excellent this year, and we are certainly excited! We are looking forward to a great laugh

at the first <u>Passing Periods</u> Alumni Luncheon of 2020 on March 10th! We will be listening to comedy writer Sam Johnson, Class of 1981, in conversation with Dr. Keith Bigsby. <u>Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"</u> is also coming up on April 5th, and we have announced a great list of new <u>raffle prizes!</u> Following Rock the Nest, <u>OmahaGives!</u> will be coming up May 20th! Please mark your calendars to attend these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there!

There are numerous class reunions planned for 2020, and save the date invitations

will be sent out in the coming months. If you have a reunion this year, make sure you <u>update your record</u> on our website so that your physical invitation will be mailed to the correct address. Especially for recent graduates, we often have parental addresses instead of graduate addresses.

Between the upcoming events and your reunions, we are in for an exciting, busy season of bringing the Eagle community together. As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts

Michele Roberts, Executive Director

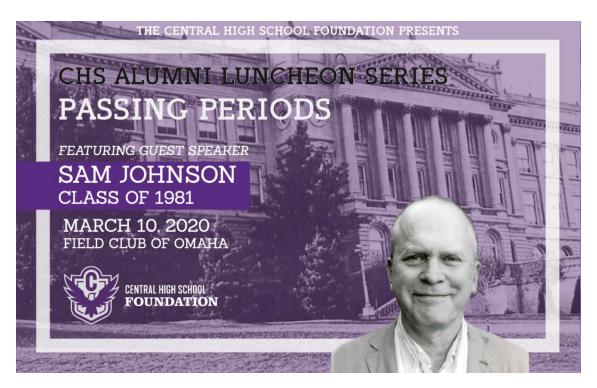
## **CHS Programmers Take 3rd at UNO Championship Competition**



CHS Programming students competed at the UNO High School Programming Challenge on February 3rd. The challenge consisted of 12 programming problems and 3 hours to complete as many of them as possible!

Left to Right: Collin Holmquist (Teacher), Emiliano Altuzar (12), Grant Goding (12) and Danny Denenberg (11), a UNO Representative

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Passing Periods Luncheon



PICTURED ABOVE: Sam Johnson ('81)

2020 has officially arrived, and we are excited to kick off our events season with the first <a href="Passing Periods Luncheon">Passing Periods Luncheon</a> of 2020! Join your classmates on March 10 for a luncheon at the Field Club of Omaha to hear guest speaker Sam Johnson, CHS 1981. Sam is a comedy writer who has worked on projects including <a href="Frasier">Frasier</a>, Beavis and Butt-Head, and How I Met Your Mother. 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. Here are the details:

## Tuesday, March 10, 2020

11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Field Club of Omaha 3615 Woolworth Avenue Omaha, NE 68105 Guest Speaker: <u>Sam Johnson, CHS 1981</u>

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 check to:
Central High School Foundation
1111 N 13th Street Suite 318
Omaha, NE 68102-4252

Please register by Friday, March 6, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Erika Buffington at 402-556-1996 or <a href="mailto:events@chsfomaha.org">events@chsfomaha.org</a>.

**Register for Passing Periods Luncheon** 

## Rock the Nest Raffle Prizes Are Announced



Raffle Tickets \$10 each or 3 for \$25 Need not be present to win.

To purchase raffle tickets in advance, please call us at 402-556-1996 All raffle tickets are automatically eligible for the GRAND PRIZE

## **Grand Prize: Trip to Florida**

One Week at Surfside Resort in Destin, Florida and 2 round trip airline tickets

Donated by: Matt, CHS 1974, and Sherri Aden

Retail Value: \$4,000.00

#### Not Your 80s Walkman

Bose SoundLink around-the-ear bluetooth wireless headphones (black)

Donated by: Ron Blumkin ('66) and Irv Blumkin ('70)

Retail Value: \$279.00

#### **Golf at Dismal River Club**

All-inclusive golf package to Dismal River Club. Includes 2 days golf with carts for 4

## people (Sunday - Wednesday) and 1 night lodging

Donated by: Dismal River Club Retail Value: \$2,600.00

## **Color Me Purple**

14K White Gold Amethyst Pendant

Donated by: Borsheims Fine Jewelry & Gifts

Retail Value: \$540.00

#### **Drawn With the Wind**

You can own a piece of Central history! Enter to win a refurbished drawing table

from a Central High School art classroom

Donated by: Central High School Foundation

Retail Value: Priceless

## **Road Trip to KC**

4 tickets to your choice of a 2020 Sporting KC soccer game; a \$50 gift card to

Casey's General Stores

Donated by: Coca-Cola and Casey's General Stores

Retail Value: \$450.00

#### **Greatest Show on Dirt**

4 seats behind home plate to College World Series Finals Game #1 and Game #2 on

Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 with parking pass for each game

Donated by: Harley ('65) & Beth Schrager Retail Value: \$500.00

#### **Treat Yourself**

One-night stay at the Magnolia Hotel; \$150 gift card to the Flatiron Café

Donated by: Magnolia Hotels and the Jamrozy Family

Retail Value: \$309.00

## A Tee-rific Time

ArborLinks Weekend Package - includes an overnight stay, 2 days of unlimited golf for a foursome, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and \$100 in beverages of your choice

Donated by: Mike & Susan Lebens ('70) and ArborLinks

Retail Value: \$3,000.00

## **Date Night**

Deluxe room stay at Hilton Omaha; \$100 gift card to Pitch Pizzeria and a bottle of

wine; \$100 gift certificate to Osteria Segreto

Donated by: Hilton Omaha, Pitch Pizzeria, and the DiGiacomo Family

Retail Value: \$600.00

## **Driving to Excellence**

Teen Driver Education Course and Central High School Reserved Parking Spot
Donated by: National Safety Council, Nebraska, and Central High School
Retail Value: \$365.00

## **Better ACT Now! There are Two Opportunities to Win**

John Baylor Test Prep in person class for ACT or SAT in Omaha, Lincoln, or Kearney

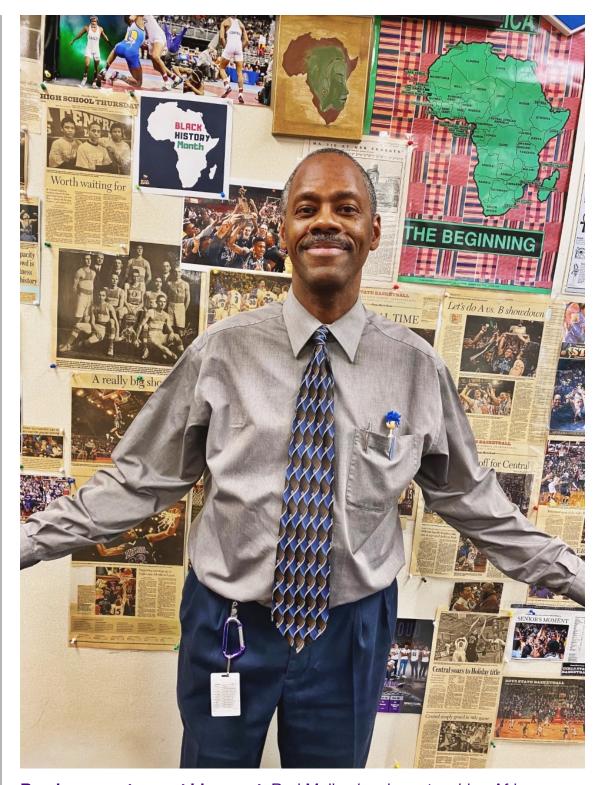
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**Register for Rock the Nest** 

The Central High School Foundation Has a New Blog!



Read our most recent blog post: Rod Mullen has been teaching African American History at Central High School for 22 years, and his goals for his students have always been the same: create an accepting environment where students can explore history more deeply, and make sure they leave the classroom with more knowledge than they had when they came in the door.

Bookmark our new <u>blog on on the Central High School Foundation website!</u> This blog, written by our Digital Engagement Manager, Ali Hodge (CHS 2009), will explore the stories of alumni past and present, and will cover stories

coming from the high school! The blog will illustrate the diverse, impressive, funny, and inspiring tapestry of Central's alumni and wider community! You don't want to miss out on these fascinating stories. <u>Visit the blog today!</u>

## **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 <a href="michele@chsfomaha.org">michele@chsfomaha.org</a>.

Click here to view the CHSF Planned Giving brochure.

Don't Miss the 2020 Road Show - This Weekend!



The Central High School Drama Department proudly presents the 106th Road Show! There will be three showings: Friday, February 28 at 7 PM; Saturday, February 29 at 2 PM; and Saturday, February 29 at 7 PM. \$8 for students, \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased in the box office before the show. Contact Scott Mead at <a href="mailto:scott.mead@ops.org">scott.mead@ops.org</a> or 402-557-3300 for more information about upcoming shows at Central High School.



"The class reunion was an awesome event! It was such a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates in a more personal way than just liking their photos on social media. I suggest everyone go to their class reunion - they'll have the best time!"

- A 2009 Graduate

We are gearing up for the 2020 class reunions and we are excited to see what new memories are made! Look below to see the date and person of contact for your class reunion. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Central High School Foundation.

Class of 1950

No reunion

Class of 1955

No reunion

Class of 1960

October 16-17, 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
Join the 1970 Facebook Group

## Class of 1980

June 6, 2020
Grant Gier
Join the 1980 Facebook Group

### Class of 1985

June 19-20, 2020

<u>LaConda Scott McKinney</u>

<u>Take the reunion survey</u>

## Class of 1990

September 4 - 5, 2020

<u>Ben Rouch</u>

<u>Join the 1990 Facebook Group</u>

### Class of 2000

October 2020 Jonathan "Jono" Croskey

#### Class of 2010

September 11-12, 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 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.

Join Generation "C"

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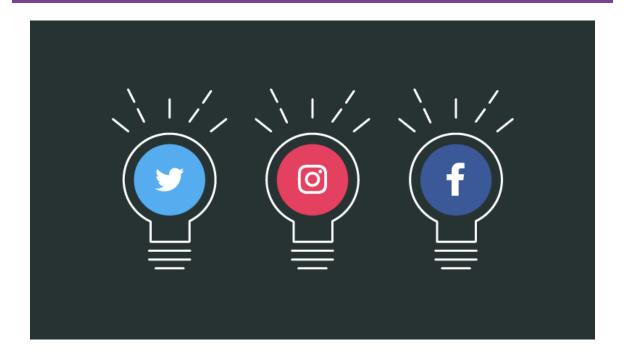
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specifically, all 17 stores in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont and Plattsmouth will happily donate 1% of your purchases to the Central High School Foundation when you scan a picture of your whole receipt on the free Together A Greater Good mobile app. 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 <a href="Phone">iPhone</a> and Android devices, is free to download and easy to set up.

## Follow and Like Us on Social Media!



Are you on <u>Facebook</u>? How about <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>? 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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