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# EAGLE NEWS

January 2020



Author Rebecca Erbelding spoke at Central on Thursday about her new book entitled *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*. Erbelding, who is a curator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., features Central alumnus John Pehle ('26) prominently in her book.



**Dear Supporter,**

The Central High School Foundation hopes your holiday was full of much needed relaxation and family time.

We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to the first [Passing Periods](#) Alumni Luncheon of 2020 on March 10th and [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"](#) on April 5th. 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 [update your record](#) 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.

Finally, the results are in and we are pleased to announce the winner of the First Class Challenge for 2019. The Class of 1959 raised the most money and also had the most unique donors. Congratulations to the Class of 1959! Thank you to all classes and alumni who participated this year. Thank you for all you did to make it such a success.

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate 161 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Roberts".

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

**And the First Class Challenge Winner is...**



PICTURED ABOVE: Class of 1959 classmates Charles Dickerson, Ron Swain, Bruce Hunter, and Jim Hall

2019 had many successful class reunions, including reunions for the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2009. These classes impressed us with their dedication and motivation to aid Central High School with their donations to the First Class Challenge.

The results are in, and we are pleased to announce that the winner of the First Class Challenge for 2019 is the Class of 1959. Congratulations! The Class of 1959 had the most unique donors and also raised the most money among the participating classes.

Thanks to the sustained gifts and donations from our Central family, the exceptional educational experience offered at Central continues to endure. Congratulations once again to the Class of 1959!

**Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events**

Your favorite events are back for 2020! Plans are underway for our spring events, and you won't want to miss out on all the fun. These are great opportunities to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater. We hope to see you there!



### **Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon Series**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Field Club of Omaha

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Register Now](#)



### **Rock the Nest Trivia Night**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Omaha Design Center

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

[Register Now](#)

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### **OmahaGives**

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Omaha's 24 hour online day of giving

[Schedule Your Donation Now](#)

### **18th Annual Golf Fore Eagles**

Monday, June 1, 2020

Field Club of Omaha

Morning Flight: 7:30 am

Afternoon Flight: 12:30 pm

[Register Now](#)



## Rock the Nest Trivia Night Registration is Open



We are excited to announce that Rock the Nest Trivia Night will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at the Omaha Design Center! Rock the Nest Trivia Night 2019 sold out, so make certain to secure your spot by registering now. [Click here to secure your spot today!](#) It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your high school classmates, have fun, and raise money for your alma mater.



PICTURED ABOVE: Orestes Cooper III ('19) with Sam Johnson ('81) at the 2018 Hall of Fame Ceremony

2020 has officially arrived, and we are excited to kick off our events season with the first [Passing Periods Luncheon](#) 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 *Frasier*, *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: [Sam Johnson, 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 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 [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org).

[Register for Luncheon](#)

## 2020 Student and Teacher of the Year Nominations



The 2020 Student and Teacher of the Year applications have been posted on the [Central High School Foundation website](#). You can download the forms and fill them out right now by clicking on the buttons below. Annually since 1999, the Central High School Foundation has honored a Student of the Year and a Teacher of the Year. Beginning with the Class of 2019, the Central High School Foundation now awards two Student of the Year scholarships. The DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 1948, Central High School Student of the Year Scholarships are awarded to one Central High School senior male student and one Central High School senior female student who plan to attend a college, university, or trade school and who have spent the past four years demonstrating the same academic, leadership, community and school spirit that Mason and DeEmmett represented during their time at Central. In addition, the Teacher of the Year receives \$1,000 to use on tuition, professional development, or another related classroom activity. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 23, 2020. Best of luck to all applicants!

[\*\*Download Student of the Year Application\*\*](#)

[\*\*Download Teacher of the Year Application\*\*](#)

[\*\*Alumni Association Hosting Pasta Dinner at Road Show\*\*](#)



## Turn back the clock . . .



**. . . and visit Central for Road Show 2020.**

Central grads, have you ever been back for a Road Show and seen the amazing talent that still walks Central's halls? Are you interested in seeing our old school's new Arts and Library Addition? Well, mark your calendar for Saturday, February 29.

The Central High School Alumni Association is hosting a special CHS alumni night for Road Show 2020. You and fellow alums will take a guided tour of the Arts and Library Addition with Central's current principal, enjoy a catered pre-show pasta dinner in the school and then head down to the auditorium for the show.

Tickets for the dinner and show cost \$16 for adults, \$12 for children 18 and under, with all proceeds going to support Central's drama department. As a special offer, the Alumni Association is also giving all who order tickets to the dinner and show a free Central "Old School" car magnet (see below).

The evening will start when we gather in the courtyard at 5 p.m. for the tour.

# Omaha Central Alum



**We're old school. Since 1859.**

[Click on the link here](#) to order your tickets online with a credit card. Your tickets will be held for you at the door. Deadline for ordering tickets is Friday Feb. 21.

Please come join us, share this post with your classmates, or even better, ask them to come with you to the show. Hope to see you

there!

[Click to Register](#)

## Experiential Learning - David Eisenhower Talk



PICTURED ABOVE: Roz Olson ('20), David Eisenhower II, Dillon Galloway ('20), and Lauren Koster ('20)

Central history students attended the annual Governor's Lecture at the Holland Center in October hosted by Humanities Nebraska. The keynote speaker was David Eisenhower II, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and he discussed the role his grandfather played in the D-Day invasion of Europe in 1944. Central Social Studies teacher Scott Wilson was asked by HN to moderate the Question and Answer session after Eisenhower's speech. Several CHS students had their questions addressed and many stayed to get their picture taken with Eisenhower after the lecture.

## Central Wrestling Team Hitting Stride at Right Time



Wrestling coach Jimmie Foster has his team [gelling at the right time](#) for a run at districts and the state tournament. Seven Eagles are ranked, making this one of the deepest teams in the Metro Conference. The Eagles finished half a point out of second place at the Metro Wrestling tournament earlier this month, further illustrating that this Eagles team will be a tough out at districts (February 15) and at state (February 21-22). Best of luck to our student-

athletes as the winter sports season wraps up!

### [Upcoming Striv TV Broadcasts](#)

#### **Boys and Girls Basketball (Home Games)**

Saturday, February 1 vs. Norfolk 5:30 PM CST

Friday, February 14 vs. Northwest 5:15 PM CST

Tuesday, February 18 vs. Benson 5:15 PM CST (Senior Night)

#### **Generation "C" Pay-Per-View Broadcasts**

Tuesday, January 28 vs. Bellevue West 5:15 PM CST

Saturday, February 29 Road Show 7:00 PM CST

Wednesday, May 13 Senior Recognition Ceremony 7:00 PM CST

*Generation "C" members at the Spotted Eagle level and above have access to watch exclusive Central High School events through Striv TV PPV. To become a member of Generation "C," visit [www.chsfomaha.org/support/generation](http://www.chsfomaha.org/support/generation).*

## 2020 Class Reunion Schedule

**Class of 1955** - Pending

**Class of 1960**

October 17, 2020

Steve and Judie Olson

**Class of 1965**

August 28-29, 2020

Holly Hoberman

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

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

**Class of 1970**

October 16-17, 2020

Cheryl Marks Willis and Karen Smith Buckley

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**Class of 1980**

June 6, 2020

Grant Gier

[Join the 1980 Facebook Group](#)

**Class of 1985**

June 19-20, 2020

[LaConda Scott McKinney](#)

[Take the reunion survey](#)

**Class of 1990**

September or October 2020

[Ben Rouch](#)

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

**Class of 2000**

October 2020

[Jonathan "Jono" Croskey](#)

**Class of 2010**

Fall 2020

Sierra Hogan

[2010centralhigh@gmail.com](mailto: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 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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to download and easy to set up.

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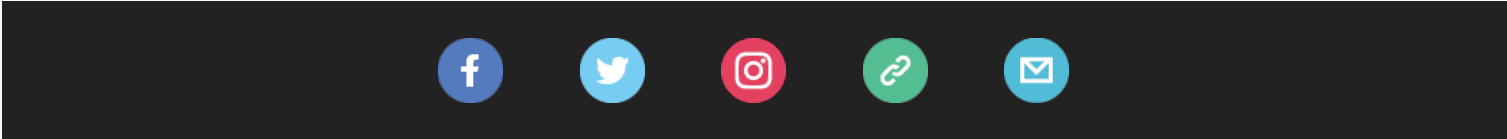


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