



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

EAGLE NEWS

June 2020



To Our Eagle Family:

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Therefore, we are announcing a collaborative essay series called "Our Flight Toward Equality." We will be using the voices of our diverse alumni to help us derive the knowledge, power, and motivation necessary to see through the eyes of one another. Our first blog post for this series will appear in July.

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during OmahaGives! The final numbers are in and we are so grateful. We exceeded all of our previous records, received our highest number of donations ever, and saw the largest number of individual donors! Our valuable alumni and community supporters did that! In total, we earned \$239,878 in 24-hours. We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to each of you, and a special thanks to Linda and Nelson Gordman, Class of 1958, who provided a matching gift of \$150,000 to make this possible. Go Eagles!

Finally, we would like to announce that this year's Hall of Fame ceremony will be rescheduled to October 2021 for the safety of our alumni during this time of COVID-19. The health of our alumni and their families is our top priority. Congratulations to all of our 2020 inductees, who are listed below! We look forward to celebrating with you in person in 2021!

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle. Together.

Michele Roberts

Executive Director

THANK YOU, EAGLE NATION!



Thank you for making this our most successful Omaha Gives yet! Go Eagles!

OmahaGives! 2020 By the Numbers

448

Number of Donors

\$239,878

**Total Amount Raised
for the Central High School Foundation**

\$88,878

Individual donations to the
Central High School Foundation

\$150,000

Matching gift from
Nelson and Linda Kavich Gordman ('58)

\$1,000

4 PM Participation Prize
1st Place Medium Organization

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This year was especially important because we, like everyone in Omaha and around the globe, have taken a hit due to COVID-19. Your community spirit has ensured that our work will continue as strong as ever, even amid a global pandemic. The need for quality education for all students -- regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender, immigration status, and more -- persists, and so does our mission because you have made that possible.

Thank you! GO EAGLES!

You don't have to wait for events like OmahaGives! to support the Central High School Foundation! Click the button below to make your donation today!

Donate Today!

Announcing Essay Series: “Our Flight Toward Equality”



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As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” Using his words as our guide, we are inviting you to join “Our Flight Toward Equality.”

Celebrating the Class of 2020 with Online Commencement



This year, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to celebrate graduation in person. However, all over Omaha families celebrated their 2020 seniors during an online commencement. You too can watch the online commencement by clicking the link [here](#).

We are so proud of our Eagles from the class of 2020. We understand that this year didn't include the milestones they deserved -- Purple Feather Day, Prom, Senior Week, Graduation, and so much more -- but we are proud of their resilience, their tenacity, and their outstanding commitment to keeping their community safe by being home. We are so proud to have this strong, adaptive class join the ranks of Eagle Alumni! Welcome to the wider Eagle Nation, Class of 2020!

2020 Teacher of the Year Announced!



We are so happy to announce that this year's Teacher of the Year award goes to Joseph Mickeliunas! He has been at Central since 2009 and currently teaches AP Human Geography and AP World History. In the past he has taught Modern World History, Anthropology, Economics, and Geography. Mr. Mickeliunas has a B.A. in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Social Studies from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He currently is working on his Master's in History and a minor in Ancient Mediterranean studies at UNO.

A student said this of Mr. Mickeliunas in their nomination letter:

"At Central it can be almost be hard to identify the teachers that truly stand out -- so many teachers are amazing! -- however, once you have had a class with Mr. Mick, you realize what you've been missing. He is truly one of a kind. I will now and forever argue the importance of recognizing Mr. Mick not only as one of the best teachers, but also an incredible human being that has and will forever change the world."

2020 Student Scholarships Announced!



Arthur, CHS 1914, and Genevieve K. Loomis Scholarship

Emiliano Altuzar

Augusta Turpin English Scholarship

Grace Turner

Beverly Fellman Best French Award

Betty Dessie

DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, 1948, Central High School 2020 Female Student of the Year Scholarship

Carly Flynn

Grant Goding

Doris and Allen Oglander Scholarship

Lanae Kent

Duane M. and Douglas J. Perry Mathematics Award

Zoe Engelbert

E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948, Scholarship

Madison Herchenbach

Frank Knapple Scholarship

Negil McPherson III

G.E. "Doc" Moller Scholarship

Lauren Anderson

Henry Davis, CHS 1969, Scholarship

Mohussin Abakar

Sandra Amaya Martinez

Andrea Coronado

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Kimberly Salas Eloisa

Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936, Scholarship

Kyle Linnell

Janice Ross Scholarship for the Outstanding Social Studies Student Award

Kaitlyn Engel

James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942, Scholarship

Isabelle Sgourakis

John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916, Scholarship

Ashton Hagen

Simret Habte

Tysa Dethloff

John Keenan Scholarship

Miranda Ritchie

Larry Kavich, CHS 1963, Scholarship for Business

Hanna Leslie

Linda Gryva Belzowski, CHS 1969, Scholarship

Melisa Ontiveros

Ned Sariscsandy, CHS 2005, Scholarship

Aaron Ramsdell

Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship

Kaitlyn Engel
Mariolivia Jimenez
Tariq Douglas
Eh Mo Khaing

Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965, Scholarship

Oliver Coffman

Robert Spire, CHS 1943, Scholarship

Om Kami

Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926, Scholarship

Ben Budenheim

**Ruth Vodak Scholarship for the Woodmen of the World American History
Award**

Elizabeth (Bethy) Hernandez

Thor, CHS 1924, and Kay Krogh English Prize

Lauren Anderson

Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937, Scholarship

Grant Goding

W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932, Scholarship

Hudson Gardner

World War II Memorial Scholarship

Rozlyn Olson

Giving to the CHSF Scholarship Endowment is a wonderful way to give back to Central High School. To support these scholarships for Central High School students, click the button below!

Donate Today!

CHS Hall of Fame 2020 Ceremony Postponed



The 2020 Hall of Fame Ceremony has been postponed to October 2021 due to COVID-19. The safety of all of our alumni, as well as the safety of their families, is our primary concern and we are looking forward to celebrating with you in person once it is safe to gather again. Congratulations to all of our 2020 inductees, who are listed below! We look forward to celebrating with you in person in 2021!

Ann Axtell Morris, CHS 1918

John Pehle, CHS 1926

Olive Odorisio Circo, CHS 1937

Marlene Chesneau Bernstein, CHS 1950

Ramon Somberg, CHS 1954

Richard and Helen Hockabout Kelley, CHS 1956

Kathryn Bigsby Moore, CHS 1962

Cynthia Hadsell, CHS 1966

Victor Lewis, CHS 1968

Ronald Blumkin, CHS 1966 and Irvin Blumkin, CHS 1970

To learn more about the Central High School Hall of Fame, [click here](#)! Is there someone you would like to see in the Central High School Hall of Fame? Remember, for them to be considered by the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee, they have to be [nominated](#).

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 60 families to date, with the help of 151 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!

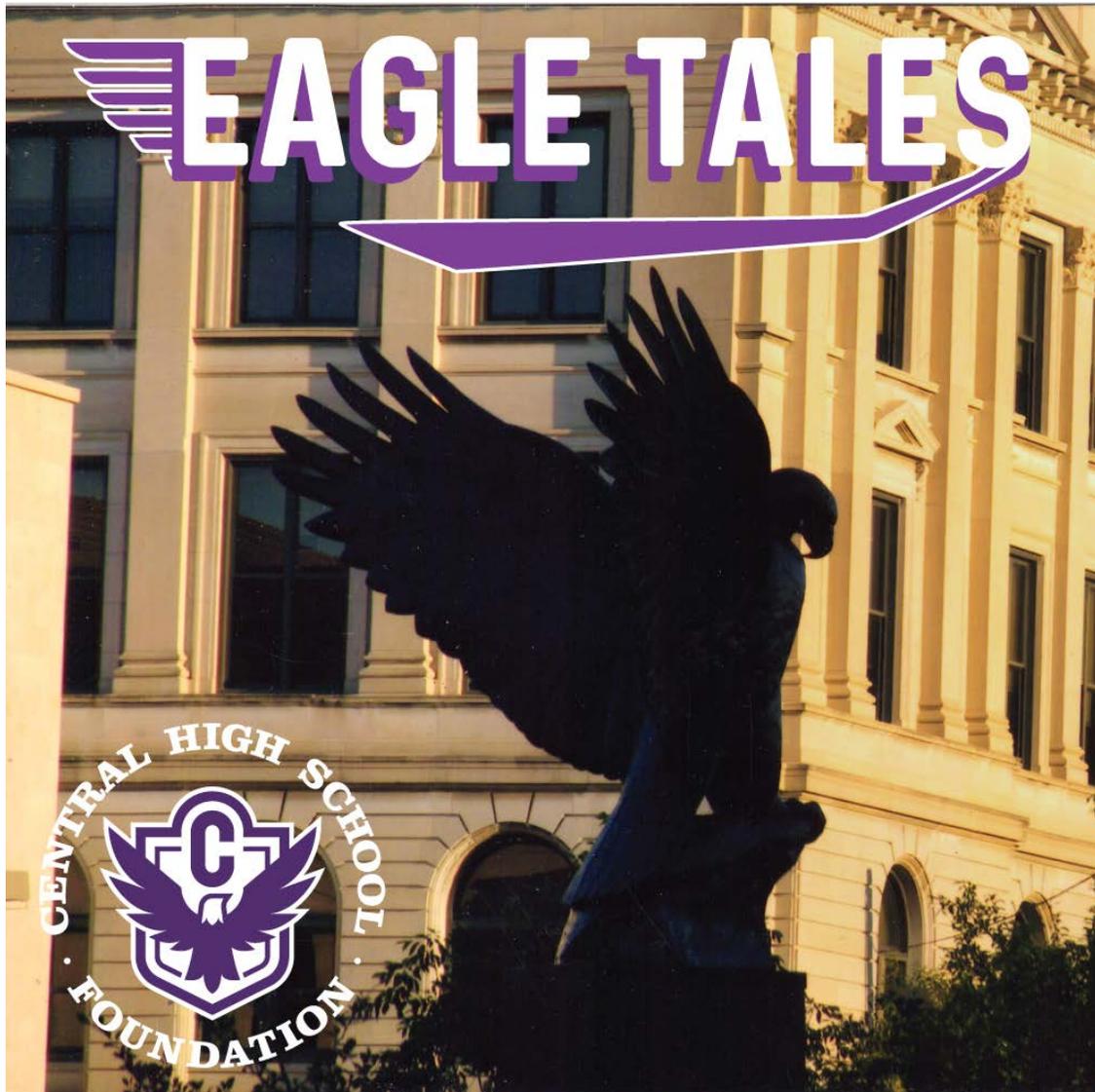
HOW YOU CAN HELP:

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](#)

CHSF Podcast: Eagle Tales



The Central High School Foundation is excited to announce that we are starting a podcast: Eagle Tales! Listen to our first episode by [clicking here](#)! In this first episode we speak with Sam Johnson, Class of 1981, and hear about his experience as a comedy writer.

[Resume Support During Covid-19](#)

THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION RESUME SUPPORT



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We want our Eagle community to know that we are with you during this unprecedented time. We realize that the economic fallout of COVID-19 may have affected some of our Eagles, and now they may face the task of looking for new jobs. The Central High School Foundation has teamed up with Central High School teachers that have offered to assist by providing feedback on resumes and cover letters!

If you would like to participate in this opportunity, please contact Michele Roberts, Executive Director, at michele@chsfomaha.org, and she will connect you to a reviewer.

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 to view the CHSF Planned Giving brochure.](#)

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.

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. We are actively working on virtual reunion templates as a resource for our Reunion Chairs.

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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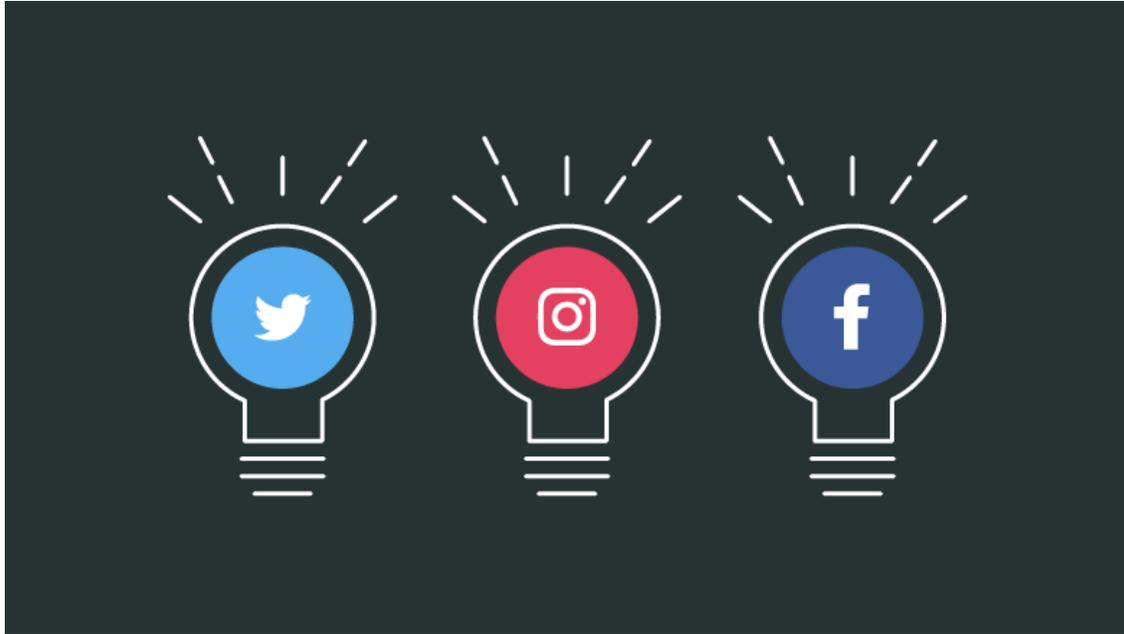
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Hy-Vee, is now on TAGG! More specifically, all 17 stores in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont and Plattsmouth will happily donate 1% of your purchases to the Central High School Foundation when you scan a picture of your whole receipt on the free Together 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.

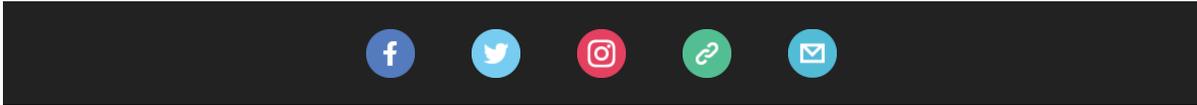
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