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**Dear Supporter,**

Happy Thanksgiving! There is no time more fitting to say thank you for your continued support of Central High School.

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well. While Thanksgiving this year may look different, we still have plenty to be thankful for: our teachers continue to work tirelessly preparing for both virtual and in-person classes, our support staff continues to work hard to make sure our school is clean and safe, and our Principal and Assistant Principals are leading our students to ensure that the tradition of excellence continues even during a time when things seem to be constantly changing.

The holiday season is a great time to let loved ones know we are thinking of them or to remember the passing of a dear friend or classmate. 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 someone's passing. 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 will appear on your donor acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. All donations will be recognized in the Central High School Foundation Annual Report. To make an honor or memorial gift, please [visit us online](#). Please feel free to contact the Foundation Office at 402-556-1996 if you have any questions.

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



Executive Director

**Support The Central High School Foundation as you Shop for the Holidays!**

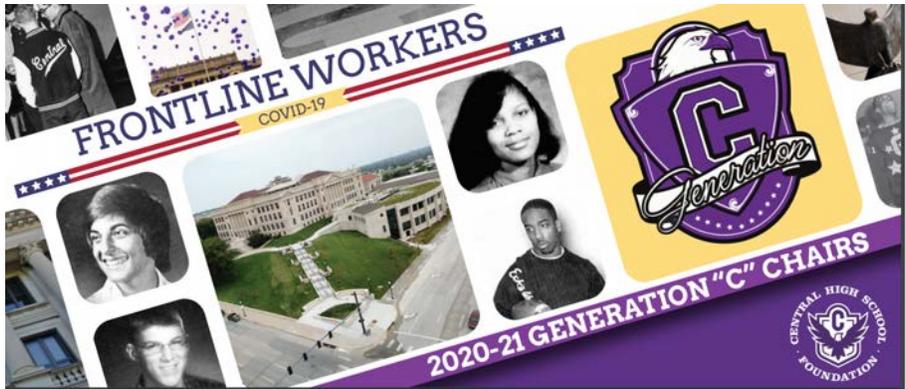


Your support of the Central High School Foundation keeps the scholarships flowin' and the opportunity gaps shrinkin'! You can show that support this holiday season by adding The Central High School Foundation to your Amazon Smile account! [Quick and easy to set up, just list our organization as your charitable recipient](#) and for every purchase you make, a portion of the total will be donated to us at no additional cost to you! You can make those Christmas gifts and Black Friday

purchases work in favor of strengthening the education at, and widening the opportunities for, students at Central High School! Go Eagles!

**Click Here to Add CHSF to your Amazon Smile Account!**

**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

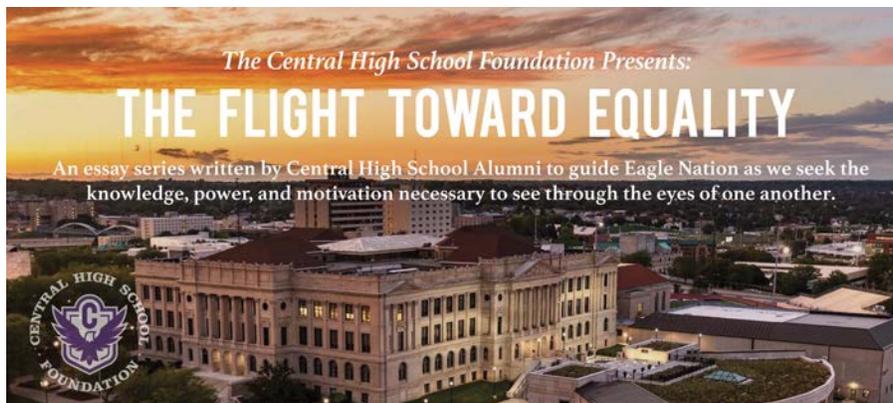
Thomas Byrne, CHS 2004

Robert Wesley, CHS 2005

Generation "C" Chairs

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

**"Our Flight Toward Equality" Essay Series:  
New essay about Gender Equality from Muzette Hill Stallings,  
CHS 1974**



A proud 1974 alum, Muzette Hill Stallings reflects on her experiences as a woman in a predominantly male work environment as an former attorney at Ford Motor Company. She also reflects on our continued efforts toward gender equality in the fourth essay of our "Flight Toward Equality" series. She urges our Eagle community to work together in unison to critically analyze our spaces for gender inequality and be the voice that supports gender equality "in the room where things are

happening."

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 Read Muzette Hill Stallings's Essay](#)

[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](#)

[DECA Affinity Reunion Brought Together Marketing and Business Professionals Who Got their Start at Central](#)



Our recent DECA Affinity Reunion was an excellent evening of reminiscing about alumni's collective experience in the DECA program at Central High School! We found out that throughout the years a lot of cookie dough has been eaten behind Ms. Wiles and Mr. Gaylor's backs, and those DECA competition trips were a wild time full of crazy stories!

The event was hosted by Julie DeWitt, Class of 1994. She interviewed Vicki Wiles and Harry Gaylor, both of whom recently retired after long careers as teachers in the business and marketing department at Central, as well as Bo Gebbie, Class of 1998, Megan Burnett, Class of 1993, and Sam Kruger, Class of 1998.

The event was attended by DECA alumni of all ages! All of them had one thing in common: they developed their love of business and honed their foundational skills at Central High School!

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

### Upcoming: DECA Affinity Reunion



Are you a former Central JROTC student?! Well then we are calling you back to the Nest! Gather your friends together and attend this virtual affinity reunion. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to reconnect with old cadets and hear from a special guest speaker: LTE Michael Melvin! Melvin taught at JROTC at Central from 2001-2019! [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:

##### JROTC Affinity Reunion

December 8, 2020

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

Host: To Be Announced

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

[Click Here to Register](#)

#### Xzavier Herbert, CHS 2019, Pursues Research at NASA as a Sophomore at MIT

Xzavier Herbert - Class of 2019 and recipient of the Central High School Foundation's Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship - is making waves as a sophomore at MIT! He is pursuing research at NASA studying connections between classical information theory and quantum information theory.

"Growing up in Omaha, Nebraska, Herbert discovered his love of math in eighth grade, when he outgrew his school's math classes and began teaching himself new math concepts. At one point, he asked his teacher whether it was possible to have an exponent with fractions. 'My teacher said, 'Yes, but I'd have to remind myself how it worked.'" Instead, Herbert found

his answer on Khan Academy, where he also explored algebra and trigonometry. In high school, he took math classes at the local community college, where his mother worked, and at the University of Nebraska, where he was mentored by Professor Griff Elder. 'Math kind of flowed for me,' Herbert recalls."



[Click Here to Read More About Xzavier](#)

## Congratulations to Our CHS National Merit Semi-Finalists!



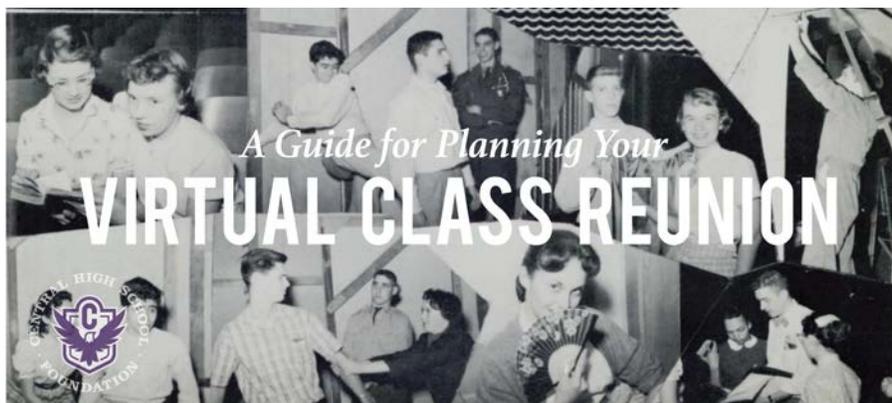
Watch the CHS National Merit Celebration Video

Students celebrated CHS's six National Merit Semi-Finalists virtually and in-person this week! The following students are semi-finalists for the National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT scores!

Carolyn Dillman, CHS 2022  
Eddie Easton, CHS 2022  
Emily Engel, CHS 2022  
Anna Festersen, CHS 2022  
Killian Green, CHS 2022  
Mila Herszbaum-Harding, CHS 2022

Your donation helps ensure that Central High School remains a beacon of academic excellence for our young people! Show your support by [donating today!](#)

## 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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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.

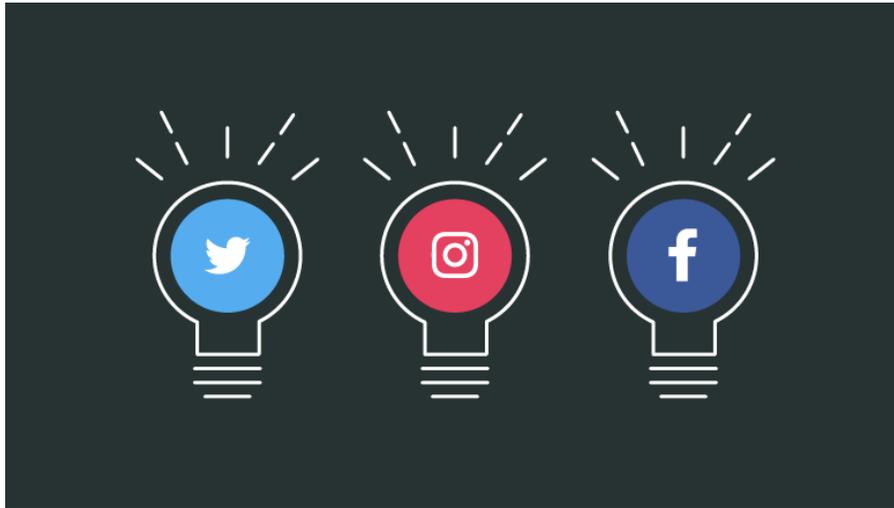
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The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. The app, available on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices, is free to download and easy to set up.

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