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We are excited to welcome Eagles back to the nest this month!



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**EAGLE NEWS**  
September 2020



**Dear Supporters:**

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well.

A committee of Central High School alumni has been formed to establish a bronze statue of the late Gale Sayers, CHS 1961. The statue will be placed outside Seemann Stadium at Central High School. Gale, who passed away last month, was the youngest person ever to be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. If you would like to contribute to this project, [please click here](#) to make a donation, and a card will be sent to Gale's family, on your behalf, acknowledging your gift.

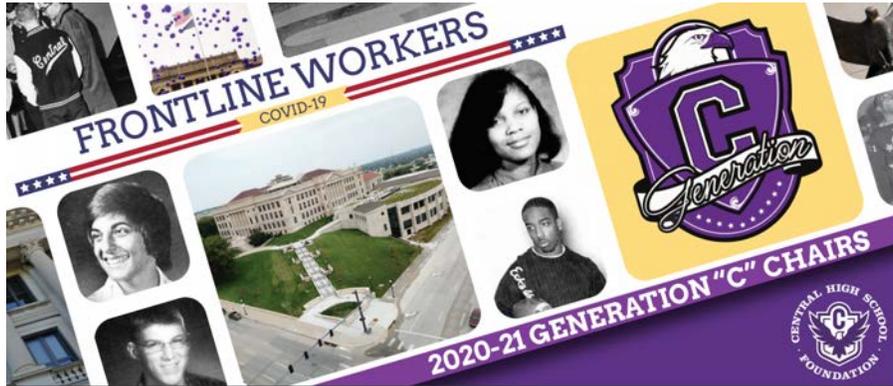
Our Eagles are back in school on a 2-3 rotation! And we are so excited to have them back at the nest! To help teachers manage their hybrid teaching experience, and to safely limit the amount of shared materials between students, the Central High School Foundation funded the purchase of various materials (iPad stands, individual art supplies, computer speakers and cameras, musical instrument accessories, and much more) to help assist educators with their virtual and in-person teaching. Your support helps us meet the needs of our excellent educators! [You can help support Central High School and our Central educators by making a donation today!](#)

If you haven't yet checked out our virtual reunions as a way to stay connected to your alma mater, please consider joining us! We have 2 Affinity Reunions left this fall! You can [click here](#) to learn more and register for free. Additionally, you can join us for our next Zero Hour Masterclass: "The Stylebook" with CHS English teacher, Marcy Mahoney! You can register for that event by [clicking here](#). We look forward to seeing you, virtually, back at the nest!

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

Michele Roberts

## 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

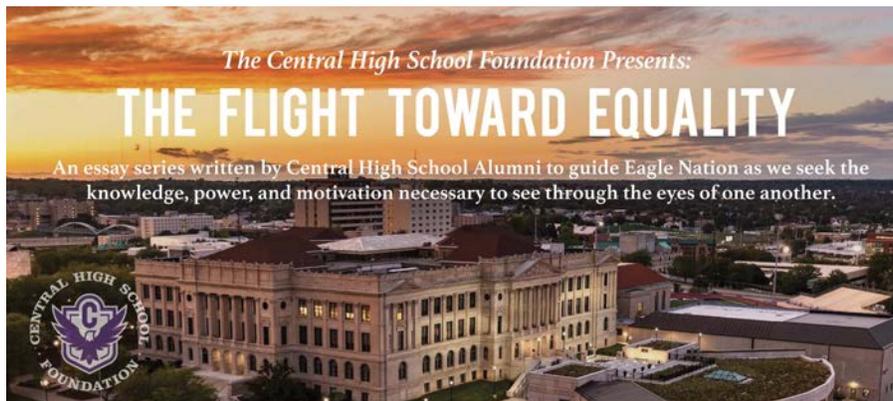
Thomas Byrne, CHS 2004

Robert Wesley, CHS 2005

Generation "C" Chairs

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**"Our Flight Toward Equality" Essay Series:  
New essay about LGBTQ Equality from Central Counselor and  
1966 Alumni, John Flemming**



A proud 1966 alumni, Eagle parent, and current Guidance Counselor at Central,

John Flemming reflects on his experiences in the LGBTQ community in the third essay of our "Flight Toward Equality" series. He writes that although the LGBTQ community has experienced large gains in their struggle to achieve equality, there is still a long way to go.



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 John Flemming'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 1895 Society Brochure](#)

## Upcoming: Zero Hour MasterClass 'The Stylebook' with Marcy Mahoney



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 "The Stylebook and English at Central" and will be taught by Marcy Mahoney, an IB and AP English teacher at Central High School.

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Ticket: \$5

Location: Online (Zoom)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. CST

If you are unable to attend, please register for the event and a link to the recording will be sent you you!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Journalism Affinity Reunion Brought Together Journalists and Writers Who Got their Start at Central



Our recent Journalism Affinity Reunion was an excellent evening of reminiscing about our collective experience on *The Register* and *The O-Book*!

The event was hosted by Henry Cordes, Class of 1981, who has spent his career as an Award-winning journalist. He interviewed Mike Geherty, the journalism teacher at Central for more than 35 years, as well as Steve Marantz, Class of 1969, and Ali Hodge, Class of 2009.

The event was attended by writers and journalists of all ages who got their start at Central! One guest even spoke about how she spent her long career as a reporter and her most valuable tool as a journalist was her copy of the CHS Stylebook, which she used every day!

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

### Upcoming: DECA Affinity Reunion



Are you a former Central DECA student?! Well then we are calling you back to the Nest! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to reconnect with old classmates and hear from special speakers! Gather your friends together and attend this virtual affinity reunion. [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:**

**DECA Affinity Reunion**

November 10, 2020

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

Special Guests: Harry Gaylor and Vicki Wiles

**JROTC Affinity Reunion**

December 8, 2020

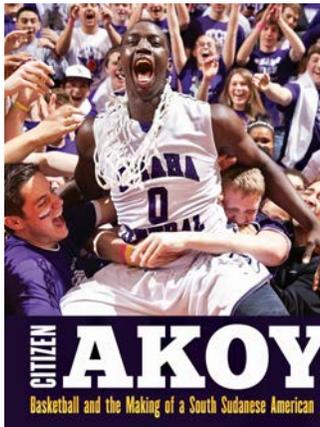
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. CST

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](#)

**Steve Marantz, Class of 1969, wins the 2020 Best Nonfiction Immigration Story Award for his book 'Citizen Akoy'**



Congrats to Steve Marantz, Class of 1969 (and Akoy Agau! Class of 2013) for this exciting designation! 🦅 "Citizen Akoy" has been awarded the Best Nonfiction Immigration Story Award by The Nebraska Center for the Book!

Have you read "Citizen Akoy" yet? It's an amazing story about Akoy Agau, Class of 2013, and his journey as a South Sudanese immigrant who became a high school basketball superstar! Pick up a copy from your local bookstore!

[Click here](#) to order your copy of 'Citizen Akoy: Basketball and the Making of a South Sudanese American' by Steve Marantz!

[Click Here To See the Book Rewards Press Release](#)

**CHS History Teacher, Scott Wilson, Assists with a Documentary about Marian Crandell (Omaha High School, Class of 1889)**

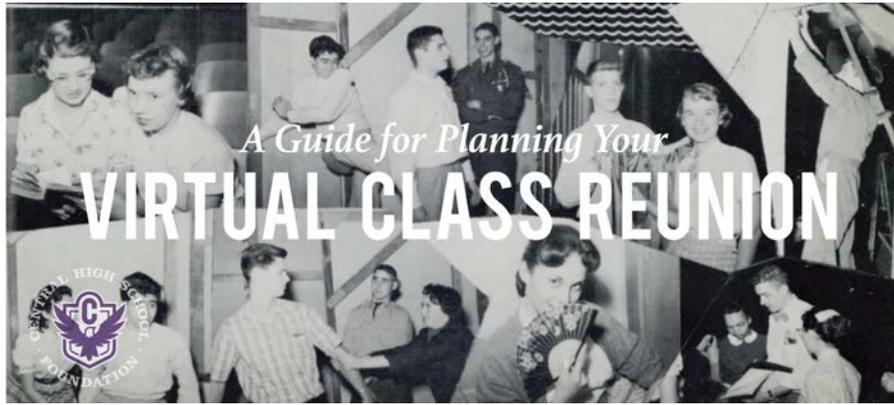


Central High School history is Nebraska history... is American History! 🇺🇸❤️

**From History Teacher Scott Wilson:**

"Spent the morning at NET in Lincoln helping with a piece for "Nebraska Stories" on Marion Crandell (OHS 1889), who is believed to be the first American woman killed at the front line in WWI. This story came out of Peter Bock's (CHS 2010) research project for my AP U.S. History class. Hoping to be on the air in Spring 2021."

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



**"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. 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 - July 30-31, 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**

**POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled for March 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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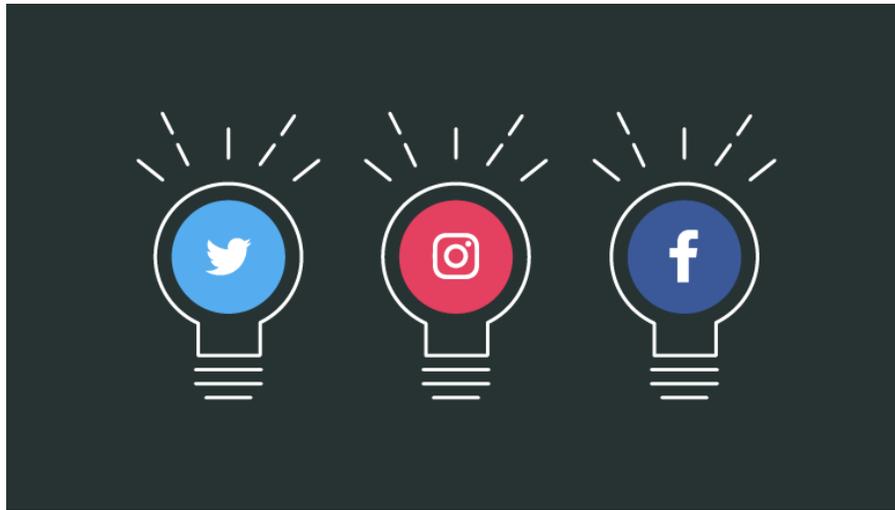
Hy-Vee, is now on TAGG! More specifically, all 17 stores in Omaha, Council Bluffs, Fremont and Plattsmouth will happily donate 1% of your purchases to the Central High School Foundation when you scan a picture of your whole receipt on the free Together A Greater Good mobile app. Exclusions include gift cards, postage, pharmacy, money orders, prepaid debit cards, lottery and

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### 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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