



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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**EAGLE NEWS**

September 2020



**Dear Supporters:**

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well as we all continue to navigate our new normal!

Today we are mourning the loss of our great friend and powerful advocate for Central High School, Gale Sayers (Class of 1961). While Gale was a national star and icon to many, he was family to us. An important member of Eagle Nation, Gale was a proud supporter of the Central High School Foundation and made it a point to return to the nest when he could. His smile and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Keep your eyes open for our 2020 Annual Report! Every graduate and supporter will receive one in the mail over the next couple of weeks. This year's Annual Report details what was accomplished during the 2019-20 fiscal year. I want to thank our Creative Director and Database Administrator, Josh Bucy, for creating the Annual Report. A reminder that if you haven't received our mailings recently, we encourage you to [update your record](#) to ensure that we have your current contact information.

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 4 Affinity Reunions left this fall! You can [click here](#) to learn more and register for free. We look forward to seeing you, virtually, back at the nest!

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

Michele Roberts

Executive Director

The 2020 Golf Outing was a Success!



Photo: This year's event honorees were longtime Central High School marketing teachers Harry Gaylor and Vicki Wiles, who both retired this year after decades of teaching.

More than 150 Central High School alumni and supporters gathered at the Field Club of Omaha on Monday for the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Golf Fore Eagles golf outing. This socially-distanced event, annually held in June, was postponed to September due to COVID-19. Despite the change of date, it was a tremendous success, raising more than \$20,000 for Central High School students. Attendees were treated to perfect weather for a fun day of golf. This year's event honorees were longtime Central High School marketing teachers Harry Gaylor and Vicki Wiles, who both retired this year after decades of teaching. Congratulations to Harry and Vicki; enjoy retirement!

Here are the golf flight winners:

#### First Flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Fourteen Under Par)
  - Tony Driscoll, CHS 2003
  - Steve Hogan, CHS 2004
  - John Farrell, CHS 1993
  - Kobe Rhodes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Twelve Under Par)
  - Gary Kudym, CHS 1979
  - Jeff Mann (the sheet has a typo, it's Jeff)
  - John Snodgrass
  - Jeff Hebert

#### Second Flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Three Under Par)
  - Tom Manley
  - Cale Dillenburg
  - Drew Dillenburg
  - Justin Sides
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Two Under Par)
  - Chad Ahlvers, CHS 1990
  - Ty Egbert, CHS 1990
  - John Jackson
  - Brian Marshall

The Central High School Foundation greatly appreciates all of our sponsorships, which help promote student excellence within and outside the Central High School walls. Thank you to these sponsors for making the 2020 Golf Fore Eagles outing a success:

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Nelson and Linda Gordman Class of 1958

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**Save the Date for the 2021 Golf Fore Eagles: Monday, June 7, 2021!!**

**Gale Sayers, an Eagle Football Titan and Proud Supporter of**

## CHS, Passes Away



Gale Sayers (Class of 1961), a great Eagle athlete, friend of the Central High School Foundation, and former Chicago Bears star passed away September 22, 2020. Gale is considered one of the greatest running backs in the history of the National Football League. He is the youngest person to ever be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame at age 34. "I Am Third," his autobiography which inspired the film "Brian's Song," was critically acclaimed. It told the story of his family, of the crippling knee injury that almost destroyed his career, and, most of all, it recalled the story of Gale's short but unforgettable friendship with Brian Piccolo. He was a member of the Central High School Hall of Fame, and was a proud supporter of Central High School and the Central High School

Foundation until the end of his life. Gale will be greatly, greatly missed.

## 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!](#)

Anonymous Donor Makes \$5,000 Matching Gift in Honor of Central Faculty and Staff Working Hard During COVID-19



WE DID IT! 🖤🦅✍️📱🎉 Eagle Nation, you are the best! Thank you for supporting the best downtown high school ever! Our educators are so special, and your support helps us keep them soaring high for our students!

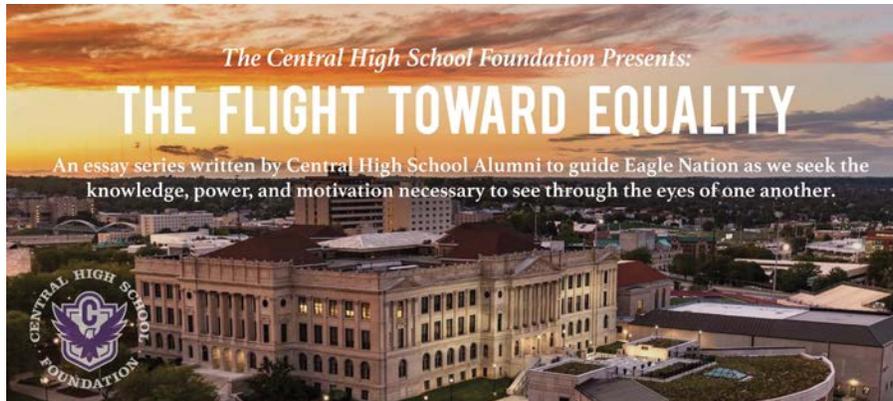
An anonymous alumni donor made a \$5,000 matching gift in honor of Central faculty and staff working hard during COVID-19! For every donation we received this month in honor of a teacher or staff member, the donor matched it dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000!

**If you missed your opportunity to donate in honor of your favorite teacher, do not worry! You can still make a donation in honor of a teacher, past or present, by clicking the button below!**

[Click Here to Honor a CHS Teacher or Staff Member](#)

"Our Flight Toward Equality" Essay Series:

New essay about Religious Tolerance from Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker (CHS 1981)



A fellow Hall of Fame Inductee and graduate of the Central High School class of 1981, Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, contributed the second essay in our ongoing series "The Flight Toward Equality," titled "Peacemaking Starts with Respecting the Religious Traditions of Others."

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.

Photo: Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker speaks with Central students from the World Religions course.

[Click Here to Rev. J. Scott Barker's Essay](#)

Upcoming: Zero Hour MasterClass African American History with Rod Mullen



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 "African American History" and will be taught by Rod Mullen, a history and African American history teacher at Central High School.

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Ticket: \$5

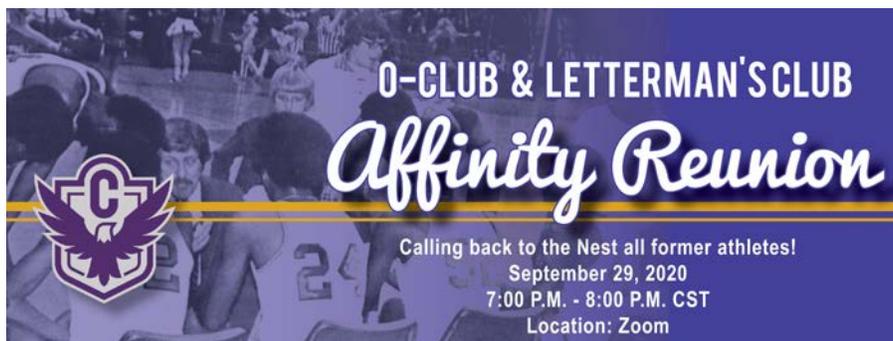
Location: Online (Zoom)

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](#)

**Upcoming: O-Club Athletic Affinity Reunion**



Are you a former athlete of Central?! Well then we are calling you back to the Nest! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to reconnect with old teammates 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 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:**

**O-Club and Letterman's Club Affinity Reunion**

September 29, 2020

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

Hosted by Howard Borden, CHS 1967

**Journalism (*O-Book* and *The Register*) Affinity Reunion**

October 13, 2020

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

Hosted by Henry Cordes, CHS 1981

**DECA Affinity Reunion**

November 10, 2020

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

Hosted by Harry Gaylor and Vicki Wiles

**JROTC Affinity Reunion**

December 8, 2020

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

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

[Click Here to Register](#)

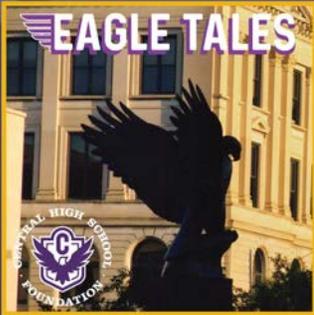
**New Episode of Eagle Tales Podcast Out Now!**



A Special Interview with  
**RACHEL SHUKERT**  
Producer of Netflix's 'The Baby-Sitter's Club'  
Class of 1998

**New Episode of  
Eagle Tales!**

Hosted by Josh Bucy  
Creative Director of the Central High  
School Foundation



Rachel Shukert, Class of 1998, is the Producer of Netflix's "The Baby-Sitter's Club." She also produced "GLOW" for Netflix and is the author of three books! Our Creative Director, Josh Bucy, sits down for a candid conversation with Rachel and it's a must-listen!

[Click Here to Listen to the Latest Episode!](#)

[Join the 1859 Society Today](#)



**What is Your Legacy?**

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).

### Scott Wilson, Central High School Teacher, Wins Outstanding Teacher of American History Award

[Click Here for the 1895 Society Brochure](#)



We are thrilled to announce that Scott Wilson, History Teacher at Central, has received the Nebraska Outstanding American History Teacher from the Daughters of the American Revolution! This accomplishment was supposed to be recognized in late March at their state conference, but was awarded in a small socially-distanced ceremony on the East Plaza above the new addition. Nevertheless, we are so grateful for our accomplished teachers! Congratulations, Scott!

**Rachel Mindrum, CHS 1992 and Creighton Professor, Teaches Humanities to Medical Students**



[Click Here to Watch Rachel's Story!](#)

Medical humanities is something taught to medical students so they learn to understand patients more holistically. One Creighton University professor is taking an artistic and personal approach to her lessons! 💜🦋 Check out this great news story on Rachel Mindrup, Class of 1992!

**Susan Katzman, CHS 1964, Wins Women's Empowerment Award from Women of Achievement**

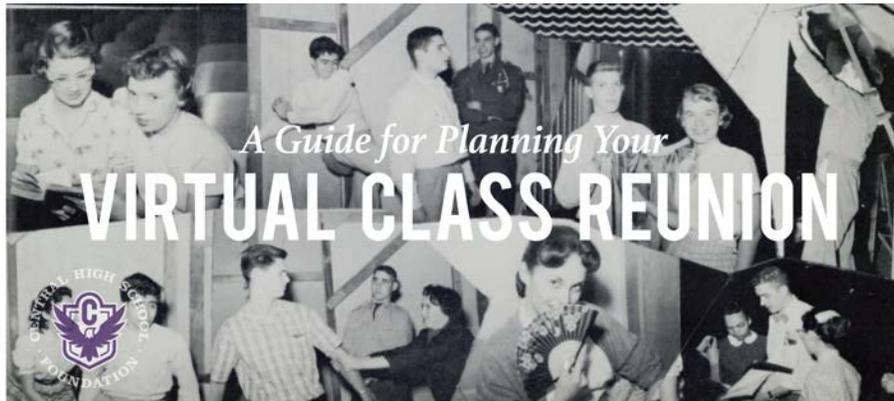


Susan Katzman, Class of 1964, recently won the Women's Empowerment award

from the renown organization, Women of Achievement!

Susan's leadership roles include National Council of Jewish Women, St. Louis Community Credit Union, Prosperity Connection, Michael K. Thomas Scholarship Fund, George Warren Brown School of Public Health advisory council member, Collegiate Medical and Bioscience Magnet High School, and the National Career Academy Coalition. Susan's leadership development includes co-founding the CORO Women in Leadership Alumnae; serving as a Women in Leadership trainer; creating women's training programs for NCJW; helping create Prosperity Connection; designing targeted opportunities for high school females such as the Women of Tomorrow Plan Today seminars for juniors; sharing oversight for the first SLPS internship program, Clyde C. Miller Career Academy and the Collegiate Medical and Bioscience Schools; and mentoring a host of young women in their career and personal development.

### 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!](#)

## Throwback Thursday!

### **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](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**

**POSTPONED - Will be Rescheduled in 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 1975**

Date TBD

Suzanne Tarver Vincent

(414) 852-8862

[tarverharris@msn.com](mailto:tarverharris@msn.com)

**Class of 1980**

CANCELLED - Will be Rescheduled in 2021

Grant Gier

(847) 772-0069

[ggier@comcast.net](mailto: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](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.

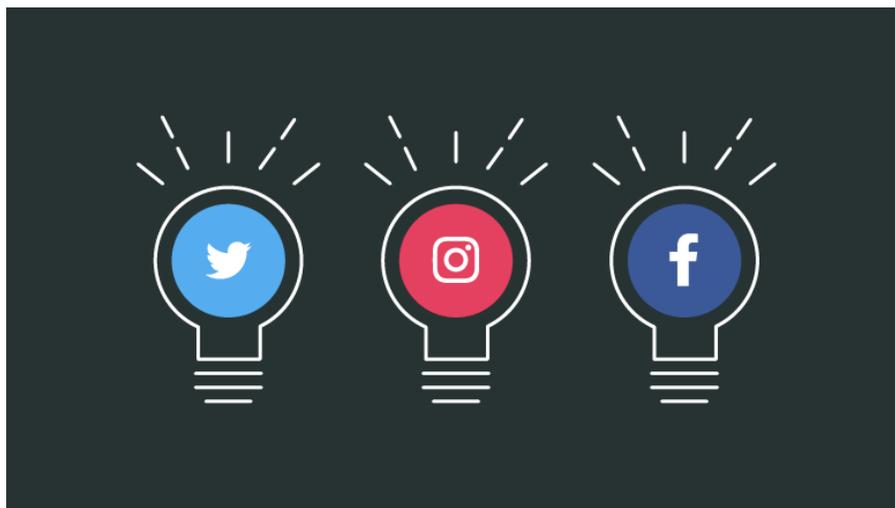
AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the Central High School Foundation! Click below to get started shopping.



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.

## 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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