



Join us for  
**Rock the Nest**  
Trivia Night 2021

Sunday, April 11, 2021  
6 p.m. CST  
Visit [chsfomaha.org](http://chsfomaha.org) to register!



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FOUNDATION

**EAGLE NEWS**  
April 2021



**Dear Supporter,**

We hope you are enjoying Spring! We are looking forward to many days of warm weather!

We wanted to share that Dr. Bennett has announced that this will be his last year as Principal of Central High School. He has served as Principal since 2013, and previously served as an Assistant Principal of the school. While we are sad to see him fly the nest, we are also happy for him as he embarks on his next journey! We will continue to keep Eagle Nation informed as the search for a new Principal begins.

We are looking forward to our first ever virtual [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"](#) on this Sunday, April 11th. We currently have over 300 members of Eagle Nation signed up, and are looking forward to a great event! There is still time to register; we would love to see all our Eagles there! Also remember to bid in the virtual [silent auction](#) to benefit Central High School!

There are numerous class reunions planned for 2021, 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.

Thank you for helping perpetuate 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence!

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

Michele Roberts



Executive Director

**Register Today for Virtual Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" 2021!**



### **REGISTER TODAY for Rock the Nest 2021: Sunday, April 11th!**

For the first time, our annual Rock the Nest “Trivia Night” Fundraiser for Central High School will be a virtual event! Eagles from all across the country can participate from the comfort of their own homes! Although things may look different this year, the fun and excitement of coming together to benefit Central High School will be exactly the same. So start rounding up your team of eight now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ole fun, add “watch Jeopardy!” to your to-do list, and get ready for an evening full of fun, prizes, dinner, and some “very special guests”... Our virtual Rock the Nest event will include the following:

- **A professionally-produced, high-quality virtual experience**
- **Emcee for the evening, Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991**
- **Virtual teams of eight** – You can still pick your teammates! And the cool part? They can be located anywhere in the country! You don’t have to log in from the same location.
- **Catering right to your home** – Included in the ticket price is a voucher for local food delivery (Omaha Metro Area), or a GrubHub gift certificate!
- **Special Appearances and Performances**
- **Social Media Interaction** – Share selfies in your Central gear, or take pictures of your team as you’re competing using the hashtag #RocktheNest2021! Your tweets and posts will be cast during the event!
- **[Online Silent Auction](#)**
  - Bidding Opens March 21 at 12 AM CST
  - Bidding Closes April 11 at 9 PM CST
- **Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners**

As always, proceeds from this event will go to support the needs of our students and staff at Central High School through scholarships, classroom grants, capital grant projects, and much more. Our community’s commitment to protecting each other by social distancing doesn’t mean we can’t creatively show up for our students. Our mission remains the same: to support the current and future students of Central. Through your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future.

[Register Now!](#)

## Virtual Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" Silent Auction!



For the first time, our annual Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" Fundraiser for Central High School will be a virtual event! Eagles from all across the country can participate from the comfort of their own homes! One way to participate, regardless of if you attend the virtual event or not, is by bidding in the silent auction!

**Bidding opens March 21 at 12 AM CST and closes April 11 at 9 PM CST!**

There are some great items to choose from including a 14K White Gold Amethyst Pendant from Borsheim's Fine Jewelry; a copy of 'Scoreless' signed by the late Gale Sayers, CHS 1961; a refurbished drafting desk from Central High School; Bose SoundLink Headphones; a vacation to Destin, FL; and more!

[Rock the Nest Silent Auction](#)

## Register Now for the 2021 Golf Outing!



**Registration for the 2021 Golf Outing is now open! Register your team today!**

Golf Fore Eagles 2021: Monday, June 7, 2021  
Field Club of Omaha

- Four person Texas Scramble
- Shotgun Start
- Open to women and men
- Golfers of all abilities are welcome
- Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.”

Morning Shotgun Start: 7:30 AM  
Afternoon Shotgun Start: 12:30 PM

The Awards Banquet and Prizes will begin immediately following the conclusion of the golf outing.

**This year’s honorees are Vicki Wiles and Harry Gaylor**

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Lunch and Dinner for all players
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (hole-in-one)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees

The Omaha Central High School Foundation appreciates the support we receive from our community and alumni. Our sponsorship packages offer businesses, clubs, and individuals an opportunity to gain exposure as outstanding members and supporters of our community. We have developed a set of sponsorships for all budgets and commitment levels. Please consider a sponsorship at [one of the listed levels](#), or call Michele Roberts at 402-556-1996 to see if we can create a specialized sponsorship opportunity for you.

All registration fees are due by May 14. After May 14, unpaid teams may be replaced by a team on the waiting list. Make your check payable to: The Central High School Foundation.

Both women and men players are encouraged to participate! Golfers of all abilities are welcome. Sign up as a foursome, individual or a co-ed team.

Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.” Telephone calls will not secure a spot. Previous participants will receive preferred status if payment and entry form are received by May 14, 2021.

[Register Here](#)

**THANK YOU for Participating in Give Education Day 2021!**



Thank you to everyone who participated in Give-Education Day 2021!

**\$133,900**

Total raised for Central High School thanks to your generous support!

**170**

Number of Donors

**\$58,650**

Individual Donations Received

**\$75,000**

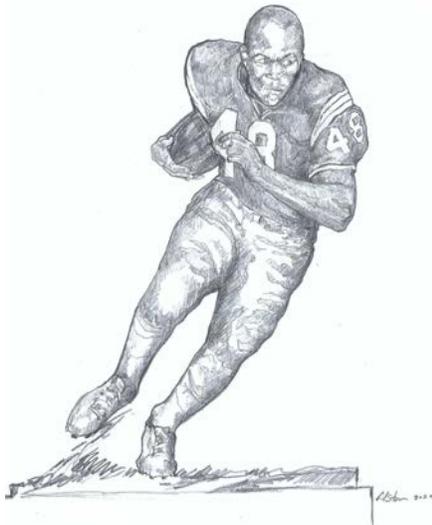
Matching Gift from Mike and Susan Strauss Lebens, CHS 1970; David, CHS 1970, and Martha Slosburg

**\$250**

Participation Prize Received

Thank you again, and mark your calendars for next year's annual online day of giving: March 22, 2022!

**Gale Sayers Statue to Be Erected Outside CHS Football Stadium**



A bronze statue of [Gale Sayers](#) will be unveiled outside Seeman Stadium at Central High School this fall. 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.

Littleton Alston, Eagle parent and owner of Alston Art Studio, has been selected as the sculptor to design and construct this bronze statue. The Victory Eagle will be forever soaring over one of Central's greatest athletes!

**We need your help to make this memorial statue a reality!** Make a memorial donation in Gale's name to assist in the erection of this monument. Thanks to three generous alumni, and the Class of 1961, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$85,000! Make a memorial donation by [clicking here](#). When you make a memorial gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to his family. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your gift and the gift amount will appear on your donor acknowledgement for your records. All donations will be recognized in the CHSF annual report.

[Make a Memorial Gift](#)

Get Ready for the 107th Annual Road Show!

Omaha  
Central High School  
One night only!  
Saturday, April 17th, 2021  
At 7pm

Ticket cost: Free!  
(Live-streamed on Striv.Tv!)

107th  
(Socially distanced!)

Road Show

For more information contact:  
(531) 299-5600

One of the silver linings of this virtual world we are in is that Eagles from all across the world can join us for the 107th Annual Road Show! Take advantage of this unique (and free!) opportunity to support Central High School students in real time by tuning in to their performances on Saturday, April 17th at 7pm CST. See you there!

[Click Here for StrivTV](#)

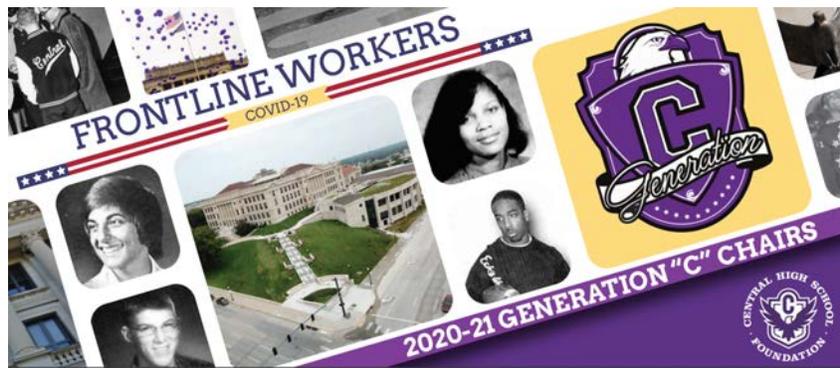
Showcasing Central High School Swimming

Check out the Central High School Swim Team's new board, which showcases the top 8 finishers at State over the years. The board is located in the gym lobby and will be visible alongside other athletic awards. We are proud of our Central athletes, and their coaches, Kristoff Berzins (CHS 1999) and Brendon Smith! Not bad for a school with no pool!



The Central High School Foundation every year supports the CHS Swim Team by paying for the rental fees to a partner facility so our athletes can use the pool. Your support helps us support their team! You can make a difference for our Eagle Swimmers by becoming a member of Generation "C"!

Join Generation "C" Today!



[Click Here to Join Generation C!](#)

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

Marion Crandell, CHS 1889, Story Told on NET!



[Watch Marion Crandell's Story on NET](#)

Watch CHS History teacher, Scott Wilson, speak about Marion Crandell, CHS 1889 and the first American woman to die in WWI, on Nebraska Educational Television (NET)! Marion's story was discovered by Peter Bock, CHS 2010, for his AP U.S. History project!

[Join the 1859 Society Today](#)



[Click Here for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

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).

[2011 Grad Competes on "Tengo Talento, Mucho Talento"](#)



Joslyn Metcalf, CHS 2011, will perform on "Tengo Talento, Mucho Talento" tonight, April 5th, at 7pm! Joslyn is a singer and violinist who will be competing for \$100,000 and an opportunity to launch her professional career! Eagle Nation is cheering for you, Joslyn!!

You can catch the live stream of her performance on [YouTube's Estrella TV](#).

[Watch Joslyn on KMTV News 3](#)

[Share Your Memories From Your Time at Central!](#)



Did you know that the Central High School Foundation collects the memories of our alumni to paint a full, bright picture of life at Central for future generations? In fact, you can read all of the memories others have submitted on our [website!](#)

**We would love to hear from you!**

Submit your memory to the Central High School Foundation!  
You can also share photos of your time at Central, which will be entered into our archives!

[Click Here to Submit Your Memory](#)

## 2021 Class Reunion Schedule



**Class of 1964's Reunion (2014)**

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 click here to watch one of our [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 1961**

October 15th and 16th

Reunion Chairs: Dick Zacharia, Suzi Seglin Mogil, Joyce Anderson Tomich

Invites will be mailed out soon! Email Joyce with questions:

[joycetomich@gmail.com](mailto:joycetomich@gmail.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 1966**

POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

Cindy Hadsell

402-312-4929

**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](#)

[View Complete Schedule](#)

**Class of 1971**

October 8-9, 2021

Linda Niebauer, Danny Slosburg, Denny Brown

303-909-8227 (Linda)

[linda.niebauer@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:linda.niebauer@cuanschutz.edu)

[Join the 1971 Facebook Group](#)

Check out Omaha Central Class of '71 [website](#) (under construction)

**Class of 1976**

Dates: July 2-4, 2021

Details TBD

Ken Gruber

402-305-3053

[Kennyg402@aol.com](mailto:Kennyg402@aol.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 1991**

October 8-9, 2021

Contact: [Sara Torrens](#), Michelle Moerke, and Seraphim Carlson

**Class of 1995**

CANCELLED

**Class of 2000**

CANCELLED

[Jonathan “Jono” Croskey](#)

402-598-4498

**Class of 2005**

CANCELLED

Michael Smith

402-979-0068

**Class of 2006**

Date: TBD

Jim Hubbard  
[james.d.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:james.d.hubbard@gmail.com)

**Class of 2010**

RESCHEDULED

September 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 haven't finalized a date for your 2021 reunion or would like to look at postponing or cancelling it, please [contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org](#) or call 402-556-1996. We are actively working on virtual reunion templates as a resource for our Reunion Chairs.

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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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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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