



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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EAGLE NEWS

December 2021



Dear Supporter,

From our Eagle family to yours, the Central High School Foundation would like to wish you a very happy holidays!

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. We are excited to share with you that The Crossman Family has pledged to match honor and memorial donations made to the Central High School Foundation. Matching funds will be provided dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000, through December 31, 2021. An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor family or friends. [Click here to make an honor or memorial gift](#) for that special Eagle in your life!

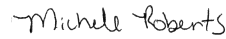
Our annual campaign, Generation "C," is also in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 160 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. [Click here to join Generation "C" today!](#)

Finally, we are already working hard to get ready for all the great things coming in 2022! First, a new year of class reunions are coming together. Scroll to the end of this email for the most up-to-date information if you have an upcoming class reunion. Also, make sure you [update your record](#) on our website so that your physical invitation and event communications will be mailed to the correct address. Second, CHS History teacher, Scott Wilson, is teaching our next Zero Hour MasterClass titled "The History of Central High School" on Saturday, January 22nd! You're not going to want to miss this event! [Click here to register](#). Finally, we are looking for donations of silent auction items for our 2022 Rock The Nest Trivia Night! If you have an item, service or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org or (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions.

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

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Michele Roberts



Executive Director

Matching Donation of \$50,000 Makes Your Honor and Memorial Gift Go Far this Holiday!



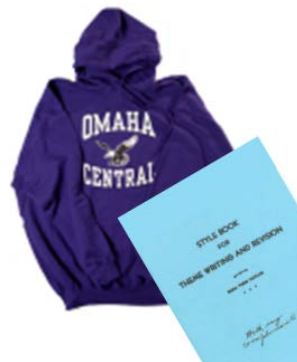
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[Click Here to Make an Honor or Memorial Gift](#)

Eagle Swag Makes the Perfect Holiday Gift! Get Yours Today!

Would your Eagle love some new Central gear? The Central High School Alumni Association has new items in its Alumni Store such as new "old school" t-shirts and sweatshirts that are available in limited quantities at a great price. You can even get a commemorative Central Style Book! Your store purchases support the Alumni Association's projects and activities and generally keeping Central Central!



[Visit the CHS Alumni Website to Shop](#)

Mark Your Calendars and Register Today for Zero Hour:
MasterClass with Scott Wilson!



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 Zero Hour MasterClass Series!

Our next ZeroHour Class is titled “The History of Central High School” and will be taught by Central History Teacher, Scott Wilson.

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. CST

Ticket: \$5.00

Location: Online (Zoom)

[Click Here to Register!](#)

CHS Singers Get the Community Into the Holiday Spirit!



The CHS Singers welcomed the holiday spirit by singing carols for Lights On Dundee this month! They also performed at the Cottonwood Hotel on December 4th and 17th, at Leavenworth Tower on December 6th, and at their winter concert and Madrigal Dinner. The CHS Singers' activities are supported by the Central High School Foundation. Your holiday donation this year will help to support important extracurricular arts activities like this. Donate today by pressing the button below!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

CHSF Now Accepting Silent Auction Donations





We are excited to share with you a recently donated item to this year's Rock the Nest silent auction! This gorgeous, personally designed and handcrafted 10' x 10' Central quilt was donated by quilter Joannie Wilson, and it will be auctioned off at this year's virtual silent auction on Sunday,

April 10, 2022.

If you have an item, service or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! As always, proceeds from this event will support the needs of Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and much more. Through your support, the Central High School Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future.

After you donate, you will receive a gift-in-kind letter for tax deduction based on the retail value of your item or service. Furthermore, you will get recognition on the Silent Auction publicity materials. For your convenience, click here for our [Gift Information Form](#) to submit with your donation.

Please contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org or (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions! Your generosity is appreciated by the entire Central High School community!

CHS IB Students Visit Film Streams



With support from a grant from the Central High School Foundation, IB students ventured out into their community to expand their learning! IB students went to Film Streams to go see "Belfast," a coming-of-age set amidst the tumult of Belfast, Northern Ireland, in the 1960s. Shout out to our scholars for deepening their understanding of history through different mediums!

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation this holiday season helps us support our Eagles to soar! Donate today by clicking the button below!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

Reunion Recap: Class of 2011 Fly Back to the Nest!



Talk about a fun group! 🌟🥳 The Class of 2011 celebrated their 10-year reunion this past October! On Friday night they kicked things off at a home football game. Although they haven't been away from the Nest long, they said it was awesome to be back with their family and friends! Saturday morning they toured the school. Reunion organizers said, "our classmates really enjoyed seeing the new Arts and Library addition!" That night the Class of 2011 danced the night away at a welcome back dinner. They said, "It was a complete blast. We danced to songs from back when we were in high school and it felt so good!"

Is your high school reunion coming up? Click the button below for the most up-to-date information or check out the information at the end of this newsletter.

[Click Here for the Class Reunion Schedule](#)

Join Generation "C" Today!

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The DiGiacomo family is honored to be this year's Central High School Foundation Generation "C" Chairs. As the 2021-2022 school year begins and our Eagles get ready to go back to the nest in person, we hope you and your family are looking forward to spending more time with friends, family, and colleagues face-to-face. As media professionals, small business owners, and healthcare professionals, we too are excited to interact more with our communities in person and reinvigorate our local economies. Like the wider community around us, our Eagles are also transitioning back to in-person activities, and we need your help to make this transition a success!

We, as Generation "C" members, recognize the importance of the exceptional education and life-defining experiences we received during our time at Central. After a year of online and hybrid learning, we know that our Eagles are also eager to return to the classroom full time. **Therefore, we are asking you to help us provide them with the same life-defining educational activities, club experiences, and athletic opportunities that were afforded to us during our years at Central High School.** Your Central High School Foundation Generation "C" membership is a simple and easy way for you to give back to the next generation of Eagles.

Michael DiGiacomo, CHS 1991



A 1991 graduate of Central, Mike studied broadcasting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. Mike has spent his career working in television, starting at KOLN/KGIN in Lincoln before becoming the Capital Bureau reporter for KETV in 2001. In 2010, Mike moved to KMTV Omaha where he co-hosted "The Morning Blend" talk show for 8 years. Mike currently does freelance work for KMTV and hosts a local cooking show on KPAO in Omaha. A third-generation trumpet player and former member of the Cornhusker Marching Band, Mike is active in his 90's-2000's alternative horn band, GroovePuppet. In addition to his freelance work, Mike is busy with the two-family businesses: Social Holdings LLC and Best Card Payments. Mike is married to his wife Erin. They have three children and two dogs, Miley and Emmy Lou.

Dominic DiGiacomo, CHS 1995



Dominic is a 1995 graduate of Central. He also holds a bachelor's degree in International Business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dominic is a managing partner for Best Card Payments, a credit card processing company serving small businesses and medical clinics across the United States. Dominic is also a co-founder of Social Holdings LLC with Mike and Jaclyn. Engaged with the Omaha community, Dominic serves as a member of the Santa Lucia Festival

Committee and also enjoys helping fundraise for Children's Hospital & Medical Center and CRCC, both Omaha based organizations that specialize in kids with medical and special needs. Dominic is married to his wife Megan and has three wonderful daughters.

Jaclyn DiGiacomo Oltmans, CHS 1998



Jaclyn graduated from Central in 1998 and from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. Jaclyn studied Physical Therapy at Creighton University and graduated in 2005. After graduation, she moved to Chicago and especially enjoyed Lake Michigan and the Chicago Cubs. Now back in Omaha, Jaclyn has spent the last 11 years working for Accelerated Care Plus, specializing in long-term care with an emphasis in Dementia. She is also the co-founder of the family business, Social Holdings LLC. Jaclyn and her husband Chris spend their free time traveling, playing pickle ball, and playing and golf. But their favorite pastime is watching the activities of their three daughters: Olivia, Arianna, and Lola.

Gale Sayers Statue to Be Erected in 2022!



The unveiling of the planned bronze statue of [Gale Sayers](#) outside Seeman Stadium at Central High School has been delayed to Fall 2022 because of supply chain delays of raw materials as a result of COVID-19.

However, we still 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.

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!

[Click Here to Support Sayers Memorial!](#)

[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 for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

[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



The CHS Classes of 1985 and 1986 celebrated their 35th and 36th reunion on the weekend of September 16th!

The 2022 Reunion Season is upon us! 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 1962

October 14–15, 2022

Beth Sargent, Susan Lucas, Patti Trotter

Class of 1966

POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

Cindy Hadsell

402-312-4929

Class of 1970

POSTPONED

July 25-26, 2025

Class of 1971

RESCHEDULED – October 7-8, 2022

Linda Niebauer, Danny Slosburg, Denny Brown

303-909-8227 (Linda)

linda.niebauer@cuanschutz.edu

[Join the 1971 Facebook Group](#)

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

Class of 1972

October 7– 8, 2022

Nancy Johnson, Val (Acuff) Johnson, David Kutler, Michael Muskin

omahachs1972@gmail.com

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Class of 1990

POSTPONED – Fall 2022

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

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Amazon donates.

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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.

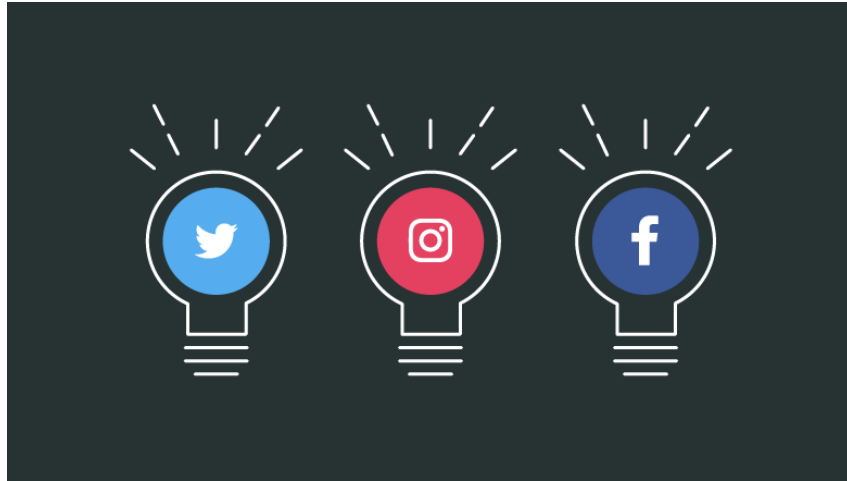


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AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase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

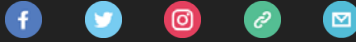
Using the app, you can snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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