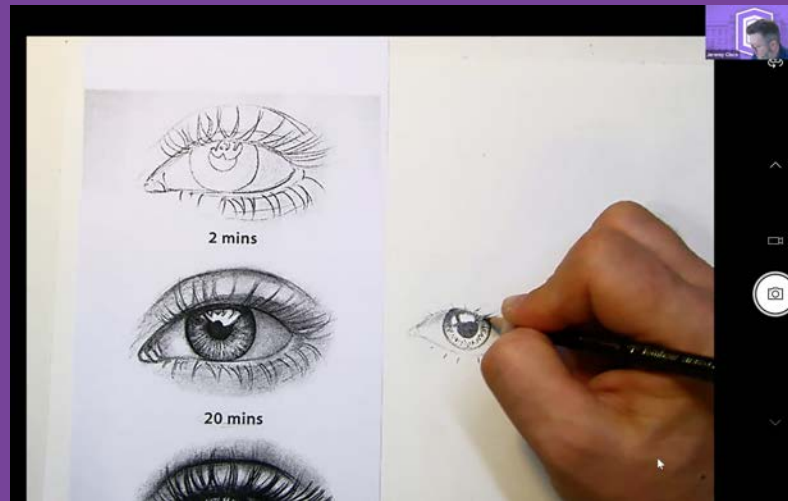


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Jeremy Cisco, Art Teacher at Central, guided guests through a virtual lesson during Zero Hour Masterclass, hosted by the Central High School Foundation!



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Dear Supporter,

Happy New Year!

The Central High School Foundation hopes your holiday was full of much needed relaxation and family time.

We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to our first ever virtual [Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"](#) on April 11th and Give Education Day on March 24th! Please mark your calendars to participate in these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there!

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

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Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" 2021!



Save the Date 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
- 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!](#)

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 Join Generation C!](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Give Education Day 2021



The Central High School Foundation is partnering with Alumni Nations for the 1st annual Give Education Day on March 24th! This is an effort to help K-12 public schools across the country as the unprecedented challenges of this year continue.

"We are excited to be part of Give Education Day," said Michele Roberts. "This is a great way for not only our community to support Central High School, but also an avenue for others to help K-12 organizations, especially during these challenging times. After eight years of successfully participating in OmahaGives!, we were sad to see the program discontinued. We are looking forward to this new day of giving, and are excited for what the future holds."

Mark your calendars today! More information will be coming soon!

Central Antique Finds Its Way Home

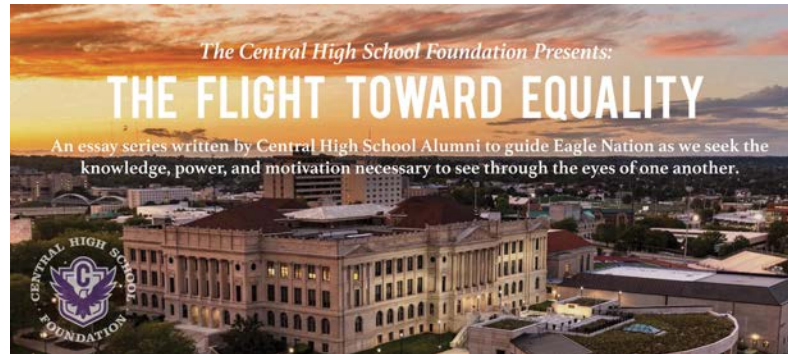


Central U.S. History teacher, Scott Wilson, shared a wonderful story with the Eagle community this month:

"I love teaching at Central High for so many reasons. Here is my latest reminder: I acquired this 1956 letter sweater from an antique dealer this week and I wanted to find the original Eagle owner: Jerry Gray. With help from the Central High School Foundation and some Eagle alumni, we connected with him! I was happy to present Jerry with his letter sweater this morning! We had a great chat! 🗨️ 🏀 🏈 🏉 🏊 🏏 "

That's the Eagle way!

"Flight Toward Equality" Essay Series: Alumni Advocates for Equality for Persons with Disabilities



"Central High School was *good to me*." That was my first thought when the Central High School Foundation requested that I write an essay reflecting on our society's continued efforts at creating a more equitable world for people with disabilities. Of course I would do it, I thought! Because Central made me — someone with a physical disability — feel like a welcomed, valued part of the community, which is unfortunately no small feat." So begins Bruce Lovgren's (CHS 1988) essay, in which he advocates for Eagle Community to come together to advocate for equality for persons with disabilities.

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 highlighted voices of our diverse alumni to help us derive the knowledge, power, and motivation necessary to see through the eyes of one another. To read the entire essay series, [visit our website](#).

[Click Here To Read Bruce's Essay!](#)

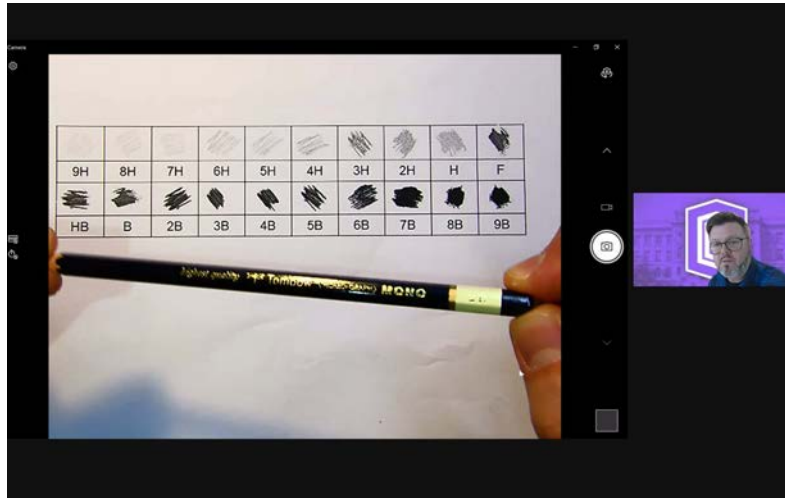
Join the 1859 Society Today



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.

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

Zero Hour Masterclass Lesson Let Alumni Experience Distance Learning!



In this era of distanced learning, many people are wondering, "how do you do some classes online? Surely some classes require you to be in the classroom?" Art is one of those classes many wonder about as their children are distance-learning during the pandemic.

Jeremy Cisco, CHS Art Teacher, gave guests a first-hand look at how Central students are engaging with their art education online! During his Zero Hour Masterclass lesson, attendees joined him in a guided drawing lesson. With ELMO Document Cameras, which were purchased with the support of the Central High School Foundation, students are able to create right alongside their instructor! And what fun it was! 🐣🙌

You can continue to support our student's learning by becoming a Generation C member! Support to the Central High School Foundation helps us purchase vital equipment like ELMO Document Cameras, and keep fun events like the Zero Hour Masterclass Series rolling! Click below to join today!

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

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



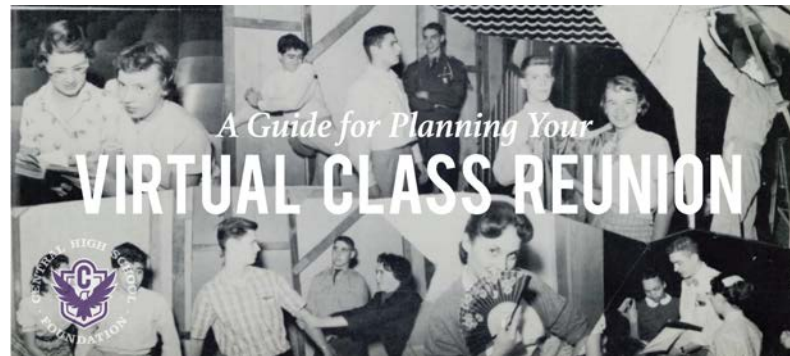
Did you know that the Central High School Foundation collects the memories of our alumni to paint a full, bright picture of life at Central for future generations? In fact, you can read all of the memories others have submitted on our [website!](#)

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](#)

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 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

Class of 1965

CANCELLED

Gary Green

www.central65.org

402-681-6336

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

[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@cuanschultz.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

Class of 1980 & 1981 Combined Reunion

August 27-28, 2021

Grant Gier (1980) ggier@comcast.net (847) 772-0069

J. Scott Barker (1981) 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 2006

Date: TBD

Jim Hubbard

james.d.hubbard@gmail.com

Class of 2010

September 2021

[Sierra Hogan](#)

402-740-0379

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 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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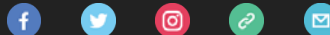
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