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Dear Supporter,

Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you and your family are happy and well this holiday!

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, 2021 class reunions have wrapped up! If your reunion was rescheduled or is scheduled for next year, scroll to the end of this email for the most up-to-date information. 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. 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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Matching Donation of \$50,000 Makes Your Honor and Memorial Gift Go Far this Holiday!



The closing of 2021 is upon us, and 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**

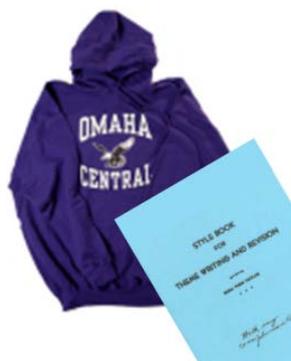
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An honor or memorial gift is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special occasion or to honor family or friends. The Central High School Foundation's Honor and Memorial Gift Program allows you to recognize individuals, couples, groups, special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries, or someone's passing. When you make a memorial gift, a personalized card and acknowledgment is sent to the individual or family being honored. You will also receive a letter acknowledging your gift and the gift amount will appear on your donor acknowledgement letter for tax purposes.

[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!

The Central High School Foundation Presents
Omaha High School, Omaha, Neb.

ZERO HOUR: MASTERCLASS SERIES

The History of Central High School

Taught By: Scott Wilson

Saturday, January 22, 2022

10 AM - 11 AM CT

Sign up for the Zero Hour Masterclass by registering below!

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!](#)

Keep Updated on the Central High School Athletics Website



Check out the Central High School athletics website to keep updated on all things Central sports! There you will find current rosters, game schedules, photo galleries, individual sports news, and much more. Winter sports season has officially begun! Visit the website by clicking the button below. Go Eagles!

[Central High School Athletics Website](#)

CHS Students Named National Merit Commended Students



Congratulations to CHS students Eliana, Srujan, and Nathan for being named National Merit Scholar Commended Students! The National Merit Scholarship Program is a nation-wide academic scholarship competition for recognition and university scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Students posed for a picture with Principal Kirksey in front of the school!

Reunion Recap: Classes of 1991 Celebrates their 30th Class Reunion with a Night of Bowling!



The Class of 1991 celebrated their 30th reunion on October 8th & 9th! The festivities began at Seeman Stadium for the Central vs. Papillion-LaVista South football game. The socializing continued on the patio of The Trap Room, just a short walk from CHS. Reunion organizers said it was "a great turnout and a gorgeous evening to be outdoors catching up with old friends!"

On Saturday morning they gathered for a tour of Central High School. "The magnificent building perched atop a hill overlooking downtown Omaha is the keeper of so many wonderful memories," they said. Some attending alumni had not

stepped foot inside Central for 30 years!

The Saturday evening event was held at West Lanes Bowlatorium on 72nd St and Dodge. Reunion organizers said, "Special thanks for Kim Kurtzuba (CHS 1991) and family for allowing the class of '91 to take over the entire establishment for this private event. There was something for everyone... bowling and dancing to 90's music in the alleys, cheering on the Huskers at The Blue Magoo Bar, and watching a nostalgic photo slideshow while reminiscing with former classmates."

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

Alumni Assoc. Looking For Donations to the CHS Alumni Library



Did you know: The Central High School Alumni Association maintains the CHS Alumni Library? Thanks to their efforts, there is a great record of Alumni authored literature available for interested alumni and students! On top of keeping track of all the books authored by alumni -- which you can see by clicking the button below -- they also maintain the alumni library cabinets on display in the Courtyard. If you or an Eagle you know has authored a book, please consider donating it to the CHS Alumni Library. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 402-556-1996 or by email at foundation@chsfomaha.org.

[Click Here to See Books Authored by CHS Alumni!](#)

Reunion Recap: The Classes of 1980 and 1981 Celebrate Their 40th Reunion with Dinner and Dancing!



The Class of 1980 and 1981 joined forces September 27 – 28th for a spirited CHS Fortieth Class Reunion. Reunion organizers reported: "The weekend kicked off Friday evening with many classmates in the home stands cheering the Eagles on to a 45-28 victory against Columbus. With its terrific indoor/outdoor space and live music, Annies Irish Pub, located in The Capitol District, served as an ideal post-game venue to casually reconnect with long-time friends. Saturday morning, the classes gathered to once again walk the halls of CHS, hear from current students and to get a first-hand look at the many new facilities. The weekend wrapped up Saturday evening at Field Club of Omaha with dinner and dancing; an event attended by nearly 150 Eagles and guests. Although the idea for a combined reunion was sparked by the COVID-19 delay, the inclusive weekend turned out to be a big hit. Discussions are already in the works for a future multi-year reunion!"

Join Generation "C" Today!

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



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@cuanschultz.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

[Join the 1972 Facebook Group](#)

Class of 1990

POSTPONED – Fall 2022

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

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Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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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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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.

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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