



2021 Outdoor Senior Recognition Ceremony



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EAGLE NEWS
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Dear Supporter,

We hope you and your loved ones are doing well! We are looking forward to summer!

Congratulations to the following Eagles who will be retiring from the Central High School Staff at the end of this school year: Lyn Bouma and Jane Elliott. Thank you for your service to Central, and may you always fly like an Eagle!

The Central High School Hall of Fame will held Thursday, October 8, 2021, at Central High School. Inductees are selected by the Central High School Alumni Association Selection Committee, and the program is presented by the Central High School Foundation. We look forward to sharing with you more information in the upcoming months, but for now, mark your calendars!

There are numerous announcements about [class reunions](#) planned for 2021. If you have a reunion this year, 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

Michelle Roberts

Executive Director

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.

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.

Thank you to this year's Title Sponsor: Danielson, Inc.



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Thank You for a Successful Virtual Rock The Nest Trivia Night!



Thank you, Eagle Nation, for a successful Virtual Rock the Nest Trivia Night! For the first time, Eagles from all across the country participated from the comfort of their own homes! Whether it was by participating in trivia or through our virtual silent auction, Eagles made it a successful night!

More than 300 Eagles rocked the nest at Rock the Nest Trivia Night on Sunday, April 11th. Parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered virtually for a night filled with special appearances and performances, food catered directly to participants' homes, fun trivia, and craft drinks! The event raised over \$35,000 for Central High School.

Trivia was one of the evening's activities that brought everyone together. Additionally, the CHS Jazz Ensemble performed for participants and the night's host, Mike DiGiacomo (CHS 1991), showed us what exciting things some former Eagles have been up to since leaving the nest.

Thank you to everyone who participated or bid in our virtual silent auction! A big thank you to Mike DiGiacomo (CHS 1991) for emceeding our event. We will see you in spring 2022 for (hopefully) a hybrid edition of Rock the Nest Trivia Night!



Winners!

2021 Virtual Rock the Nest Trivia Night

First Place: 1859-ers

Scott Wilson & Beth Eilers
James & Vicki Deniston Reed
Brooks Humphreys
Jen Stashy
Matt Shafer
Tim Shipman

Second Place: The Champoins (Sp6)

Brandon Steenson, CHS 1994
Ian Barnes, CHS 1994
Jeff Darst, CHS 1994
Kristen Perry, CHS 1994
Charles Cunningham, CHS 1994
John Knechtges
Troy Barnes, CHS 1995
Laura Perry, CHS 1996

Third Place: Nerd Immunity

Henry Cordes, CHS 1981 & Susan
Stiles, CHS 1981
Keith & Lisa Winton
Mike & Cheryl Goodwillie
Victor & Claire Goodwillie Sherony, CHS
2009

Join us and eCreamery for Scoops of Support Day on May 27th!



On Thursday, May 27, the Central High School Foundation will be hosting a Scoops of Support for Central High School event at eCreamery's Dundee Parlor Ice Cream and Gelato on 50th and Underwood Ave. from 11:00am - 5:00pm. Stop by before the graduation ceremony to get your picture taken in the 2021 Graduation Selfie Frame, or pick up some Central gear to show your Eagle pride! 10% of all sales on Thursday will go to the Central High School Foundation.

So start rounding up your former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who loves ice cream!

eCreamery ships nationwide! Click the link below to order!

[Click Here to Order](#)

2021 CHS Teacher of the Year Announced!



It is our pleasure to announce that the 2021 CHS Teacher of the year is Sara Cowan. Sara is no stranger to Central, having graduated from Central in 2004 while participating in activities such as National Honor Society, the French program, A Cappella Choir and CHS Singers.

She attended Grinnell College for her undergraduate degree and the University of Minnesota for her master's degree. Even while at Grinnell, she knew she wanted to teach high school choir and called teaching at Central her "dream job."

Sara has been teaching at Central since 2012, and she became chair of the Performing Arts Department in 2018. In 2016, she was named the Outstanding Young Choral Director of the Year by the Nebraska Choral Directors Association. She has been described as a good listener who approaches challenges with calm and grace. Even during teaching online this past year, she weaved humor into her teaching and created a sense of community and engagement that some choirs don't reach while practicing in person.

She is grateful to her former high school choir teacher, present colleague, and mentor, Lyn Bouma. "I love teaching," she said, "and Central is a special place."

2021 Central High School Foundation Scholarships Announced!



DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 11948, Central High School 2021 Male Student of the Year Scholarship: Mac DePriest

DeEmmett Bradshaw Zerbe, CHS 1943, and Mason Speltz Zerbe, CHS 11948, Central High School 2021 Female Student of the Year Scholarship: Mackenzie Coughlin

Jo Peterson Peace and Justice Scholarship: Mohamed Thant Lin, Tommie DeLeon

W. Edward Clark, CHS 1932, Scholarship: Willa Rauch

Larry Kavich, CHS 1963, Scholarship for Business: Megan Moy

John Keenan Scholarship: Daisy Friedman

Frank Knapple Scholarship: Alec Weedman

Arthur, CHS 1914, and Genevieve K. Loomis Scholarship: Edward Easton VI

E. Frank Maycock, CHS 1948, Scholarship: Noor Himdan

G.E. "Doc" Moller Scholarship: Claire Bouma

Doris and Allen Oglander Scholarship: Abraham X. Hoskins

Duane M. and Douglas J. Perry Mathematics Award: Isabela Weber

Ruth Pilling, CHS 1926, Scholarship: Reagan Mabus

Virginia Lee Pratt, CHS 1937, Scholarship: Carolyn Dillman

Seth Rich, CHS 2007, Scholarship: Killian Green

Ramona Byers Sanders, CHS 1965, Scholarship: Owen Strazdas

Ned Sariscsany, CHS 2005, Scholarship: Nyapuka Jock

Robert Spire, CHS 1943, Scholarship: Daniel Denenberg

Hird Stryker, Jr., CHS 1936, Scholarship: Ryan Turner

James Baume Stryker, CHS 1942, Scholarship: Jackson Farho

Augusta Turpin English Scholarship: Avenlea White

World War II Memorial Scholarship: Benjamin Jezewski

John E. Sunderland, CHS 1916, Scholarship: Devon Gill, Camila Munoz, Aleah Welton

Thor, CHS 1924, and Kay Krogh English Prize: Alexandria Schmidt

Paul Jepsen, CHS 1929, Scholarship: Mac DePriest, Emily Engel, Hser Hser Paw, Francisco Ramirez-Reyna

Janice Ross Scholarship for the Outstanding Social Studies Student Award:
Emerson Badje

Ruth Vodak Scholarship for the Woodmen of the World American History Award: Arianna Chism

Beverly Fellman Best French Award: Olivia Gilbreath

Robert Nelson, CHS 1963, Athlete of the Year Award: Christina Spomer

David Hojnacke, CHS 2020, Scholarship: Naomi Weak

Marvin Gilman, CHS 1953, Scholarship: Maeve Dineen

Marilyn Gray Buresh, CHS 1943, Scholarship: Shane Waits

Henry Davis, CHS 1969, Scholarship: Sierra Jesus, Jailyn Haros Monroy, Bryan Jimenez-Adan, Jaquelin Vega-Bustamante

Giving to the CHSF Scholarship Endowment is a wonderful way to give back to Central High School. To support these scholarships for Central High School students, click the button below!

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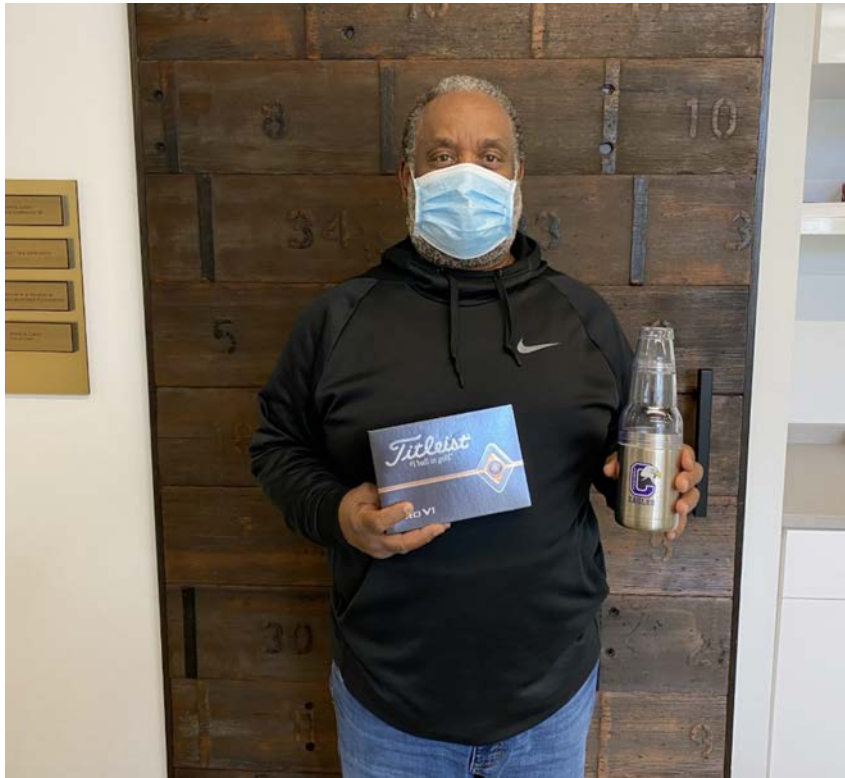
Cassie West Received a 2021 Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award



Congratulations to Cassie West, Math teacher at Central High School, for receiving a 2021 Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award! Thank you for everything you do for our Eagles!

The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award, handed out each year since 1988, recognizes excellence in teaching in OPS. The award is named for Alice Buffett, who taught high school home economics in OPS for more than 35 years. This year's awards specifically recognize teachers who have taught through a pandemic, learning to innovate and be flexible as new challenges and changes arose.

Eagle Nation March Madness Bracket Challenge winner: James Dorsey Jr., CHS 1974



Congrats to our Eagle Nation March Madness Bracket Challenge winner: James Dorsey Jr., CHS 1974! Out of 71 participants, he won with 112 points! And he won with 1 point over the second place winner! 🇺🇸🏆🥳

James swung by the CHSF Office to pick up his prize pack: a set of Titleist golfballs, a copy of Steve Marantz's (CHS 1969) award-winning book, "Citizen Akoy," and a Central Pride koozie! Congrats, James!

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. Shown here are the members of the Gale Sayers Memorial Committee: Rusty Crossman, M.D. (CHS 1966), Kristie Hayes, M.D. (CHS 1973), Rob Likes (CHS 1991), Mike Lebens (CHS 1970), and Roger Sayers (CHS 1960)



standing with the artist, Littleton Alston.

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](#)

Central Athletes Participate in NIL Signing Day



Central hosted an all season NLI signing day! Congratulations to our student athletes! 🦅 We can't wait to see how high you fly!

Fall Sports

Christian Dump - Football - Midland University (Fremont, NE)

Winter Sports

Nyanuar Pal - Basketball - Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)

Nyawargak Gatkek - Basketball - Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, AR)

Christina Spomer - Swimming - University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD)

Denim Johnson - Basketball - Central Arizona Community College - (San Tan Valley, AZ)

Spring Sports

Connor Mahoney - Soccer - Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, IA)

Olivia Baker - Soccer - Palm Beach Atlantic University (West Palm Beach, FL)

Camila Munoz - Soccer - Nebraska Wesleyan University (Lincoln, NE)

Cole Kreber - Baseball - Whitman College (Walla Walla, WA)

Joseph (Joey) Craig - Baseball - Glendale Community College (Glendale, CA)

Jaxson Fullerton - Golf - Concordia University (Seward, NE)

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

Join the 1859 Society Today



What is Your Legacy?

[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.

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 1960](#)

RESCHEDULED – October 22-23, 2021

JoAnn Kratky

joann.kratky@gmail.com

[Class of 1961](#)

October 15-16, 2021

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

joycetomich@gmail.com

[Class of 1966](#)

POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

Cindy Hadsell

402-312-4929

[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](#)

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

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Class of 1985

POSTPONED – Will be Rescheduled for Fall 2021

[LaConda Scott McKinney](#)

402-517-7138

[Take the reunion survey](#)

Class of 1986

September 16-19, 2021

[Bart Lovgren](#) & [Becky Crowell](#)

Class of 1990

POSTPONED – Will be Rescheduled in 2021

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

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Class of 1991

October 8-9, 2021

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

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Class of 2006

Date: TBD

Jim Hubbard

james.d.hubbard@gmail.com

Class of 2010

RESCHEDULED – September 2021

[Sierra Hogan](#)

402-740-0379

2010centralhigh@gmail.com

No Reunion: 1950, 1955, 2015

Cancelled: 1965, 1970, 1995, 2000, 2005

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.

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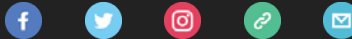
Using the app, you can snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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