



The Central High School Jazz Band entertained alumni and supporters as they gathered for the 2022 Rock the Nest Trivia Night at the Omaha Design Center! This great annual event raised \$35,000 for Central High School!



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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**EAGLE NEWS**  
April 2022



**Dear Supporter,**

Happy Spring!

First, I wanted to specially thank everyone who supported Central High School this past month through Give-Education Day and at our virtual and in-person Rock the Nest "Trivia Night"! Eagle Nation made these events a great success, and your generosity will go to supporting the next generation of Central Eagles. Thank you!

Our 108th Road Show will be happening this weekend! If you would like to attend, why not add dinner and a school tour to your evening out? The Central High School Alumni Association is hosting a pre-show event on April 30th! Purchase tickets by midnight on April 27th by [clicking here](#). More information can be found below!

Additionally, in this newsletter we are happy to announce the 2022 Hall of Fame inductees! Please save the date for the Hall of Fame ceremony at Central High School on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Coming up on Monday, June 6th is our 20th annual Golf Fore Eagles Golf Outing! This year's event will honor Central's retiring Basketball Coach, Eric Behrens, CHS 1992. There are still some spaces available, so gather your team and [register](#) by May 20th! Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels](#).

Finally, we wanted to extend a warm welcome to Central High School's new Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Bruce Chubick, Jr., our new Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach, Matt Storm, CHS 2004, and our new Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach, Corbin Foster, CHS 2016! We can't wait to see our student athletes continue to fly high under their leadership!

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

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

Michele Roberts

*Michele Roberts*

## Hall of Fame 2022 Inductees Announced!



It is our pleasure to announce the incoming Class of 2022 of the Central High School Hall of Fame! These inductees have exemplified the Eagle spirit of excellence in their respective communities, in their professional endeavors, and in their ceaseless efforts to give back to others. **The 2022 Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Central High School.**

Keith Bigsby

Harry Gaylor

Jennifer Gruber, CHS 1994

Richard Fellman, CHS 1953

Stephanie Kurtzuba Coakley, CHS 1990

Thomas Novotny, CHS 1965

Christine Andreasen Pellman, CHS 1982

Gennean Scott, CHS 1994

Joel Stebbins, CHS 1895

Michael Thompson, CHS 1955

Keep an eye out for their forthcoming biographies and photos! Congratulations to all who were inducted!

Is there someone you would like to see in the Central High School Hall of Fame? Remember, for them to be considered by the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee, they have to be nominated! [Click here to nominate an Eagle for the CHS Hall of Fame!](#)

## Congratulations to our Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" Winning Teams!

More than 350 Eagles rocked the nest at Rock the Nest Trivia Night virtually on April 3rd and in-person on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. For the in-person event, parents, faculty, alumni, students and friends gathered at the Omaha Design Center in Omaha for a night filled with good food, fun trivia, and ice cream! The events raised over \$35,000 for Central High School.

Trivia was one of the evening's activities that brought everyone together. Categories for the trivia included: Can You Hear Me Now? (pop culture), Home of the Brave (history), 90s Playlist (music category), Better than the Original (movie sequels), Live from New York (Saturday Night Live), and Here I Come to Save the Day (superheroes).



**First Place**

Victoria Deniston Reed  
Beth Eilers  
Brooks Humphreys  
James Reed  
Jennifer Stastny  
Scott Wilson

**Second Place**

Scott Fullerton, CHS 1991  
Daniel Fellman, CHS 1991  
Erika Gaylor, CHS 1991  
Michael Gudgel, CHS 1993  
Timothy James, CHS 1993  
Brian James, CHS 1991  
Jeffrey Kaisershot, CHS 1993  
Cyrus Mulready, CHS 1994

**Third Place**

Doug Thoreson  
Samantha Thoreson  
Brad Thoreson  
Matt Thoreson  
Jill Thoreson

**In-Person**

**First Place**

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

**Second Place**

Nate Gasaway, CHS 2000  
Dan Gilbert  
Matt Hjersman-Everson  
Bruce Nelson  
Matthew Truesdell  
Jeff Pospisil

**Third Place**

Beth Eilers  
Brooks Humphreys  
Victoria Reed  
Jennifer Stastny  
Joannie Wilson  
Scott Wilson  
Tom Wilson

Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased wine from the wine pull, or bid on a silent auction item! A big thank you to Mike DiGiacomo ('91) for emceeding our event as well as to the volunteers for making sure the event ran smoothly. In addition, a big thank you to the CHS jazz band for providing music for the evening. We will see you in spring 2023 for another edition of Rock the Nest Trivia Night!

**Alumni Association Hosting Dinner and School Tour Before the 108th Annual Road Show!**

# 108TH ANNUAL ROADSHOW

A STARRY NIGHT



Omaha Central High School Auditorium

124 N 20th Street, Omaha, NE

Friday, April 29 at 7pm

Saturday, April 30 at 2pm and 7pm

Tickets: Students \$ 8, Adults \$10

Call (531)299-5643



How long has it been since you have attended Road Show? The Central High Alumni Association is hosting a pre-show event for alumni and friends on April 30, 2022. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Your ticket includes:

- An optional tour of new Arts and Library addition at 5pm!
- Dinner in the Courtyard (catered by Greek Islands) at 6pm!
- Reserved Seats for 108th Road Show in the CHS Auditorium
- A complimentary Central lapel pin, courtesy of the Alumni Association!

Purchase tickets **by midnight on April 27th** by clicking the button below!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Reserve Your Spot Today for the 20th Annual Central High School  
Foundation Golf Outing





**Golf For Eagles 2022 – Monday, June 6, 2022**

**Field Club of Omaha – 10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

2022 Honoree: Eric Behrens, CHS 1992

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and driving range
- Brunch and Banquet Dinner for all players
- Awards Banquet will begin immediately following the conclusion of golfing
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (Hole-In-One Challenge on the 14th hole)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees on 6th Hole

All registration fees are due by May 20. After May 20, 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. Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels](#) or signup for a sponsorship below.

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 20, 2022. If you have any questions please contact Erika Buffington at 402-556-1996 or email [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org).

[Click Here to Register!](#)

**Give-Education Day Raises \$76,162 for Central High School**

## GIVE-EDUCATION DAY 2022

**THANK YOU,  
EAGLE NATION!**

**\$76,162**

Total Amount Raised for Central High School!

- **139**  
Number of Individual Donors
- **\$51,062**  
Individual Donations
- **\$25,000**  
Matching Donation
- **\$100**  
Participation Gift



This year's annual 24-hour day of online giving was a great success thanks to the power of Eagle Nation! Give-Education Day 2022 raised \$76,162 for Central High School. Thanks to your generous support, the Central High School Foundation can support our Eagles in the continuance of our #TraditionofExcellence! Thank you, Eagles!

Missed Give-Education Day, but still want to support the Central High School Foundation? You can by joining Generation "C," our annual giving campaign! Click the button below:

[Give to Generation "C" Today!](#)

### CHS Welcomes New Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Bruce Chubick, Jr.!



Central High is excited to announce Coach Bruce Chubick, Jr. as our new Head Boys Basketball coach. Coach Chubick brings a wealth of experience as a player and coach. Coach Chubick played for the University of Nebraska basketball program from 1989 – 1994, after college he played professionally in Europe for seven years and one year for the CBA league for the Omaha Racers. Coach

Chubick has spent the past 10 years as varsity assistant coach on the South High boys basketball staff. We look forward to seeing Coach Chubick lead our boys basketball team for the upcoming season.

### CHS Welcomes New Varsity Boys and Girls Wrestling Coaches!



After 25 years of leading the Central High School Wrestling program, Coach Jimmie Foster has decided to retire from coaching. He will still remain a teacher at Central. Matt Storm, CHS 2004, has been named the new Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach and Corbin Foster, CHS 2016, is the new Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach! We can't wait to see our student athletes continue to fly high under their leadership!

### Seeking Community Feedback: Central High School Celebrates 10 Years as an International Baccalaureate World School!



April 24th is an important milestone in Central High School's journey as an International Diploma Programme! It is their 10th anniversary as an IB World School!

Every five years a school is authorized as an IB World School, it must perform an evaluation of its Diploma Programme. The goal of the evaluation is to identify major achievements and practices that need further development.

The IB embraces the notion that implementing an IB program is a journey. We move forward with that understanding, confident that our assessment will identify many areas of strength within our program as well as opportunities to align more closely with IB's goals and serve our students even better.

We will be working with students, parents, teachers, coordinators, school administrators, and district personnel to review, brainstorm, gather information, invite input, and collaborate to determine where we are as a program, what things we are doing well, and in what ways we could improve.

**The community is welcome to be part of this evaluation process!** If you would like to be directly involved in the evaluation process, please contact Central's IB Diploma Program Coordinator, Cathy Andrus, at (531) 299-5654 or by email at [cathy.andrus@ops.org](mailto:cathy.andrus@ops.org).

### Joey Mayberger, CHS 2019, Finishes Boston Marathon in Top 10% of Competitors!

Congratulations are in order for Joey Mayberger, CHS 2019, ran the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18th! The Boston Marathon is one of the largest events of its kind in the world, attracting competitors from all over the world, including many olympians! Of the 28,000 people who ran the marathon, Joey finished in the top 10%! Joey was involved in athletics during his time at Central, and ran cross country. We are thrilled to see that he has continued his commitment to this sport!



Same History Classroom, Same CHS Duo, 23 Years Later



Being part of the Eagle Community is a membership you have for life! We love this story shared by CHS History Teacher, Scott Wilson:

"Former student Sarah Johnson (CHS '99) stopped by recently to say hello on her way to guest speaking to one of our student clubs after school. The left picture was taken on the last day of school in 1999 outside my same classroom. Sarah remains one of the most dedicated and engaged citizens in the community. A true Eagle. Downtown Proud!"

Join Generation "C" Today!



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 Seaman Stadium at Central High School will happen at Central's first home game of the season on Friday, August 26, 2022.**

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](mailto: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](#)

### 2022 Class Reunion Schedule



**Old friends reunited at the CHS Class of 1961 class reunion!**

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

Please contact any of the committee members for information: Rochelle Sommer Ban, Patricia McFarland Bennett, Susan Gilinsky Cooper, Lois Greenberg Finkel, Dora Gerber Goldstrom, Susan Lucas, Deborah Barger Sandstedt, Beth Alexander Sargent, Linda Siref Simon, Pat Dunham Trotter, Terryl Milder Zacharia

**[Class of 1966](#)**

August 26-27, 2022

Cindy Hadsell

402-312-4929

<https://omahachs66.com>

[omahachs66@gmail.com](mailto:omahachs66@gmail.com)

**[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](mailto: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](mailto:omahachs1972@gmail.com)

[Join the 1972 Facebook Group](#)

**[Class of 1978](#)**

August 12, 2023

Field Club of Omaha

**[Class of 1982](#)**

September 16-17, 2022

[Contact Joan Larsen](#)

**[Class of 1990](#)**

October 21-22, 2022

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

**[Class of 1992](#)**

September 9-11, 2022

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date for your 2022 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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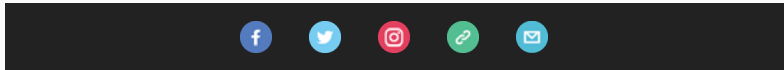
Using the app, you can snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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