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Photo of The Nest captured by CHS Administrator, Paul Nielson!



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EAGLE NEWS
August 2022



Dear Supporter,

The return of students to the Nest is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to another great year!

We are excited to announce the unveiling of the [Gale Sayers](#) memorial statue outside Seaman Stadium at 6:00 p.m. before Central's first home football game of the season against Omaha Northwest on Friday, August 26, 2022. This special event will be open to the

public.

And be sure to celebrate this special occasion by grabbing your very own commemorative Gale Sayers T-shirt! The Central High School Alumni Association is selling these [on their website](#) for a limited time! Orders will be available for pick up August 13th from 10AM to Noon in the Courtyard at Central High School! There is an option to ship as well, for those who need it.

Additionally, we are excited to announce our new Generation "C" Chairs: Charles "Chuck" Dickerson III, CHS 1959, and his wife, Judie! Chuck recognizes the importance of the exceptional education and life-defining experiences he received during his time at Central, and he and Judie want our future Eagles to have those same opportunities. 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. To join Generation "C," [click here!](#)

Finally, 2022 [class reunions](#) are underway! If you have a reunion this 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 165 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence!

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Michele Roberts

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Executive Director

Gale Sayers Statue to Be Unveiled at First Home Football Game, August 26, 2022!



The unveiling of the [Gale Sayers](#) memorial statue will happen outside Seaman Stadium at 6:00 p.m. before Central's first home football game of the season against Omaha Northwest on Friday, August 26, 2022. This special event will be open to the public!

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, was selected by the Central High School Foundation 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 watch](#) KMTV 3's News Coverage of this story!

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

Announcing The 2022-2023 Generation "C" Chairs

The Central High School Foundation is proud to announce Charles "Chuck" Dickerson III, CHS 1959, and his wife, Judie, as the 2022-2023 Generation "C" Chairs.

Chuck Dickerson is part of a Central High School legacy dating back to 1900.



Chuck was raised in Omaha and describes himself as a “dyed-in-the-wool Midwesterner.” He graduated from Central in 1959 and attended Penn State University for his undergraduate degree. After graduating from Penn State in 1963, Chuck served as a navigator and in communications and cryptology aboard the light cruiser USS Springfield, the flagship of the Sixth Fleet. He served on active duty for two years and in the reserves for another five before resigning his Navy commission in 1970. Following

his time in the military, Chuck attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin. Following graduation, he took a job with AT&T, where he worked for more than 30 years before retiring as a division technical manager in 1997.

His wife, Judie, is an alumna of the University of Iowa. She is a fourth-generation college graduate whose great grandfather was the first Black lawyer to pass the Illinois state bar in 1869. Together, the couple has two daughters, two granddaughters, and one grandson. In his retirement, Chuck started a company that assisted in the installation of an undersea internet cable from New York City to London. In addition, he taught at County College of Morris in Randolph, New Jersey, where Judie was working, and later became an adjunct instructor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Today, he and Judie volunteer for several nonprofit organizations, are active in the Episcopal Church, and are philanthropic supporters of multiple educational institutions including the University of Iowa, Penn State University, and the Central High School Foundation.

Chuck and Judie have been very involved with Central High School. During the unveiling of the Central High School Arts and Library Addition, the Dickerson, Myers, and Wright families honored their Eagle lineage with a Legacy paver donned with fourteen names of family members who had graduated from Central dating back to 1900. They recently endowed a scholarship for a graduating Eagle to continue their education. This scholarship, named the Dickerson/Fletcher/McWilliams Scholarship, is named after their family members spanning multiple generations who have graduated Central High School.

[Join Generation "C" Today!](#)

[New Episode of "Eagle Tales" Now Live!](#)



Head over to the Central High School Foundation website and listen to our latest episode of "Eagle Tales," The Central High School Foundation's podcast! Our Creative Director, Josh Bucy, interviews Henry Cordes, CHS 1981, of the Omaha World-Herald! It was a great conversation with many turns down memory lane! 🎙️🎧💜

[Click Here to Listen!](#)

Remembering a Great Eagle

Edward Lee Waples Jr.

1946-2022



It is with great sorrow we pass along the news of the passing of Ed Waples, CHS 1964. A career and lifelong educator, Edward taught English at Central High School for 25 years. Over this time, he received the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award and was nominated for Nebraska Teacher of the Year. He was frequently recognized by students and faculty for his commitment to student achievement. He continued, until his death, to share his love for literature, music, and the arts with all of those around him.

His family has kindly requested that memorials be sent to the Central High School Foundation to establish a scholarship in his name. You can make a memorial donation to his scholarship fund by visiting the link below:

[Donate to Honor Ed Waples](#)

**Introducing the 2022 Central High School Foundation
Scholarship winners!**

Central High School Foundation 2022 Senior Scholarships



Everyday this summer on the CHSF social media pages, we are introducing each of the 2022 Central High School Foundation Scholarship winners!

Winners like Justin Damon (JJ) Davis, who was awarded the Frank Knapple Scholarship! JJ will be attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha to major in Physical Therapy! "I chose physical therapy because, over the years, I've have seen trainers at wrestling tournaments and football games at Central. When I would see them help athletes it would always seem so satisfying to watch, so I decided I wanted to be the one treating peoples' injuries and helping them."

You can follow along by visiting our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [LinkedIn](#)! Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners!

[Donate Today to Support CHSF Scholarships](#)

Gale Sayers Commemorative T-Shirt Available Now!

The Central Alumni Association has a special Gale Sayers Commemorative T-shirt in their online store! This vintage design depicts the eight-foot bronze statue, which will be dedicated soon at Central's Seeman Stadium.

This T-shirt is available as a pre-sale item and available for pick-up at Central High School, in the courtyard, on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Shipping is available for those who need it!

Your purchase supports the Alumni Association, and the Alumni Association will donate a portion of all sales to the Gale Sayers Memorial Statue fund at the Central High Foundation!



Buy Your Limited Edition T-Shirt Today!

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!



2022 Class Reunion Schedule

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](#)



Old friends reunited back at the Nest last year during the Class of 1991's 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, Terry Milder Zacharia

[Class of 1966](#)

August 26-27, 2022

Cindy Hadsell

402-312-4929

<https://omahachs66.com>

omahachs66@gmail.com

[Class of 1967](#)

August 12-13, 2022

Doing "55" & Feeling Fine!

[Contact Howard Borden](#) Cell: 402- 578- 4162

[Contact Debra Schwertley](#) Cell: 402- 669- 1209

[Class of 1968](#)

September 8-9, 2023

[Contact Pam Weiss Friedlander](#)

[Contact Joanne Wagner Givens](#)

[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

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[Class of 1978](#)

45-Year Class Reunion

August 11 & 12, 2023

Contact Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier 402-670-8986

or go to OmahaCentralHighSchool@myevent.com

[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

[Class of 2002](#)

September 9 -11, 2022

[Contact Angel Starks](#)

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](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org) or call 402-556-1996.

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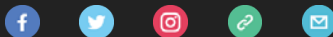
It's easy to do! Just go to the link tagg.today, snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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