



Congratulations to the thirty-five Eagles who earned a 30 or higher on the ACT!



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Dear Supporter,

From our Eagle family to yours, the Central High School Foundation would like to wish you a very happy 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. 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!

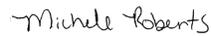
Our annual campaign, Generation "C," is also in full swing. This annual giving campaign makes it possible for your generous contribution to help the Foundation maintain the legacy of excellence that was established at Central more than 160 years ago. Gifts and donations from the extended Central community are essential to the Foundation's ability to enhance the Central experience. Click [here](#) to join Generation "C" today!

We are also already working hard to get ready for all the great things coming in 2023! First, a new year of class reunions is coming together. Scroll to the end of this email for the most up-to-date information if you have an upcoming class reunion. Also, make sure you [update your record](#) on our website so that your physical invitation and event communications are mailed to the correct address. Secondly, CHS History teacher, Scott Wilson, is teaching our next Zero Hour MasterClass titled "Legendary Eagles" on Saturday, January 28th! You're not going to want to miss this event! Click [here](#) to register. Finally, we are looking for donations of silent auction items for our 2023 Rock The Nest Trivia Night! If you have an item, service, or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Erika Buffington at events@chsomaha.org or (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions.

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

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Michele Roberts



Executive Director

Central Math Team Brings Home Trophy!

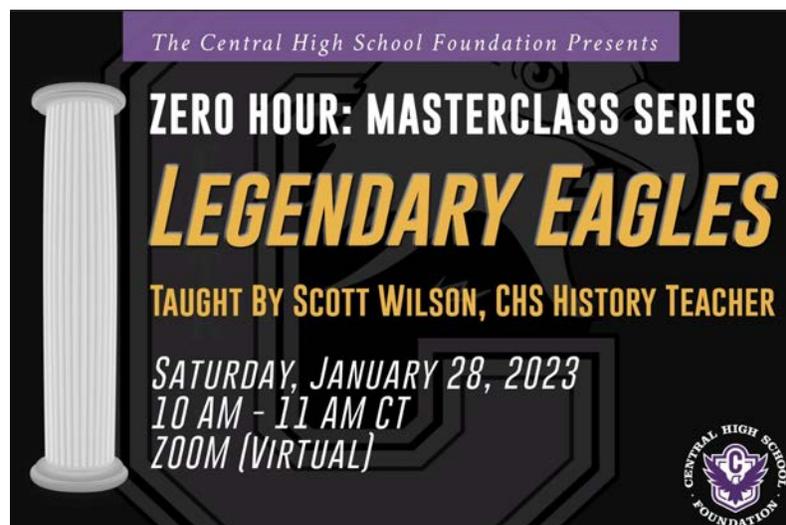


Congrats to the Central Math Team! Central High School won the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Day Bowl tournament in November. They brought home the trophy for the first time since 1995. Congratulations to team members Sam Morris, Orion Schoell-Schafer, Lachlan O'Keefe, Frank Luceri, and Math Club President Maggie Ernst!

Thank you to all the Alumni who help us support groups like the Math Club! If you would like to help more students, join Generation "C" today!

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

Learn with Eagle Nation

A promotional banner for a virtual masterclass. The background is dark with a subtle grid pattern. On the left, there is a white classical column. The text is in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'The Central High School Foundation Presents'. Below that, in large white letters, is 'ZERO HOUR: MASTERCLASS SERIES'. In the center, 'LEGENDARY EAGLES' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, in white, is 'TAUGHT BY SCOTT WILSON, CHS HISTORY TEACHER'. At the bottom, it says 'SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023', '10 AM - 11 AM CT', and 'ZOOM (VIRTUAL)'. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for the Central High School Foundation, featuring an eagle and the text 'CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION'.

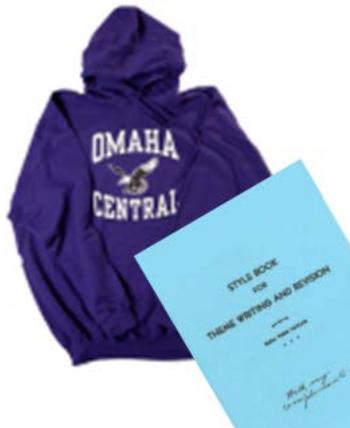
Do you remember trying to squeeze an extra class into your schedule when you were a student at Central? And the only hour you had available was Zero Hour? Well, even after graduation, Zero Hour is still available for you to fill with fun, unique “extra-curricular” learning!

Our next ZeroHour Class is titled “Legendary Eagles” and will be taught by CHS History Teacher Scott Wilson.

Click below to join us for our latest Zero Hour MasterClass on Saturday, January 28th!

[Register for Zero Hour MasterClass!](#)

Pick up your Eagle Swag for the Holidays 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 help keep Central Central!

[Visit the CHS Alumni Website to Shop](#)

CHSF Accepting Donations for Silent Auction

If you have an item, service or gift card that you would like to donate to the Central High School Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction, we would love to hear from you! As always, proceeds from this event will support the needs of Central's students and staff through scholarships, classroom grants, capital projects, and much more. Through your support, the Central High School Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future.

After you donate, you will receive a gift-in-kind letter for tax deduction purposes based on the retail value of your item or service. Furthermore, you will be recognized on the Silent Auction publicity materials. For your convenience, click here for our [Gift Information Form](#) to submit with your donation.

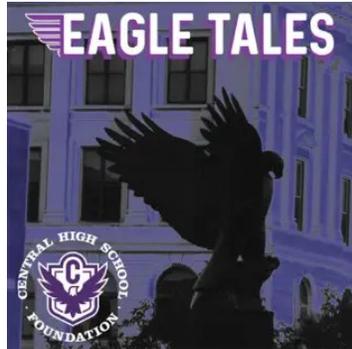


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you are interested in donating an item or have any questions! Your generosity is appreciated by the entire Central High School community!

Keep Up With Eagle Nation Anytime

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts? Do you like to learn new information about Central High School? There are two fascinating podcasts about the faculty, staff, and students (current and former) of our favorite high school!



Eagle Tales is a monthly podcast in which, our creative director, Josh Bucy, sits down with a Central High School alum to talk about their time at Central and how it has impacted them. Listeners get to hear all about the amazing things that Alumni are doing to change the world! You can find this podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or the [Central High School Foundation website](#).



Chatting at The C, run by current Central High School teacher Ben Beockman, is a podcast for Omaha Central Eagle Nation! Their goal is to share the groundbreaking things that happen at Central High and to get to know people in the Eagle family. They interview different people from the legends of Central High to new teachers just getting their start. You can find their episodes on [Spotify!](#)

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps keep you connected to Central High School, You can support all efforts by joining Generation "C" today!

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

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 thirty 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 award, named the Dickerson/Fletcher/McWilliams Scholarship, highlights the several generations of family members who have graduated from Central High School.

Join Generation "C" Today!

Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Seitzer, CHS 1977

Class of 1977, Jeff Seitzer's memoir, *The Fun Master: A Father's Journey of Love, Loss, and Learning to Live One Day at a Time*, which reviewers have called "bold and heartwarming," beautifully crafted," and "witty, Sedaris-esque," has inspired a documentary, *Lake Michigan Drowning: The Ethan Seitzer Story*, produced by the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project. The documentary was released November 23rd. More information on the memoir and the documentary is available on Seitzer's website, www.jeffreyseitzer.com. There

you can also find information on future events, such as a reading in Omaha in the New Year. Spoiler alert: Seitzer is not the title character of his memoir.



English Learner Experience Autumn in Nebraska



Thanks to a grant from the Central High School Foundation, new English Language Learner students to the United States enjoyed a traditional Nebraska autumn experience at the Bellevue Berry Farm. Each student took home a small pumpkin, new vocabulary, and plenty of fond memories. It was a wonderful time for students to enjoy all new opportunities available to them, and they had so much fun!

The Central High School Foundation is able to help give students a diverse range of opportunities because of your support. If you would like to help us continue in endeavors such as this, join Generation "C" today!

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Class of 1990 Flies Back to the Nest for their Reunion!



In October, Central High School Class of 1990 kicked off their reunion with the induction of their classmate Stephanie Kurtzuba into the CHS Hall of Fame! The evening began with a dinner catered by Brandeis Catering in the courtyard and was followed by a ceremony in the auditorium. Inductees were led into the auditorium by the CHS marching band while they played "When the Saints Go

Marching In".

On Friday, they tailgated prior to watching the Central Football Game against Burke. It was great to be back under the Friday Night Lights again. A tour of the school the next morning showcased the many renovations that have occurred. Who would have ever dreamed Central would have a multi-level library with such an impressive view of the Downtown? They capped off the evening with a casual social mixer at West Lanes Bowling.

You can follow along with other class reunion recaps by visiting our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [LinkedIn](#)!

[View the Class Reunion Schedule](#)

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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](#)

2023 Reunion Schedule



Old friends reunited back at the Nest last year during the Class of 1991's class reunion!

[Class of 1963](#)

September 8-9, 2023

[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 1978](#)

45 Year Class Reunion

August 11-12, 2023

Contact [Sally Vrbanac Rehmeier](#) (402-670-8986)

[Reunion Website](#)

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date for your class 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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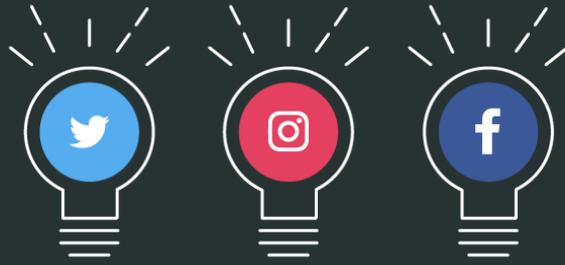
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It's easy to do! Just go to the link tagg.today, snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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