



In January select students were inducted into the 2022 O-Club. Eagles were selected for their athletic talent, academic acumen, and leadership qualities!



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

EAGLE NEWS
February 2022



Dear Supporter,

I hope your new year is off to a great start!

This year, our annual Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" Fundraiser for Central High School will offer Eagles an opportunity to participate however they'd like! Eagles can choose to attend our virtual event on Sunday, April 3, 2022 or our in-person event on Sunday, April 10, 2022! If you're feeling especially trivia savvy, feel free to attend both! So, start rounding up your teams and [click here to register](#) today!

Save the date for the next Zero Hour MasterClass! This lesson will be taught by Retired LTC Michael Melvin, and is titled "The History of the Eagle Battalion" on Saturday, March 19th! Melvin taught ROTC at Central from 2001-2019. 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 2022 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@chsfomaha.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

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Executive Director

Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" to Include Two Events for Twice the

Fun!



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- **A professionally-produced, high-quality experience**
- **Emcee for the evening, Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991**
- **Teams of eight** – If attending virtually, you can still pick your teammates! And the cool part? They can be located anywhere in the country! You don't have to log in from the same location.
- **Dinner served** – If attending virtually, a GrubHub gift certificate will be provided!
- **Special Appearances and Performances**
- **Social Media Interaction** – Share selfies in your Central gear, or take pictures of your team as you're competing using the hashtag #RocktheNest2022! Your tweets and posts will be cast during the event!
- **Online Silent Auction**
 - Bidding Opens March 20 at 12 AM CST
 - Bidding Closes April 10 at 9 PM CST
- **Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each event**

As always, proceeds from this event will go to support the needs of our students and staff at Central High School through scholarships, classroom grants, capital grant projects, and much more. Our community's commitment to protecting each other by social distancing doesn't mean we can't creatively show up for our students. Our mission remains the same: to support the current and future students of Central. Through your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future. *Please note: registration for the virtual event will close on March 31st and registration for the in-person event will close on April 7th.*

[Click Here to Register](#)

Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon with Rachel Jacobson



The Bell has Rung! Eagles all across Omaha are brushing shoulders for a quick hello during the Passing Periods: CHS Alumni Luncheon Series, and we hope to bump into you there! For \$20, you can enjoy a great meal, catch up with friends you haven't seen since first period, talk with teachers you haven't seen since home room and listen to our exclusive lineup of guest speakers. Join us for our next luncheon:

Rachel Jacobson, President of Heritage Omaha

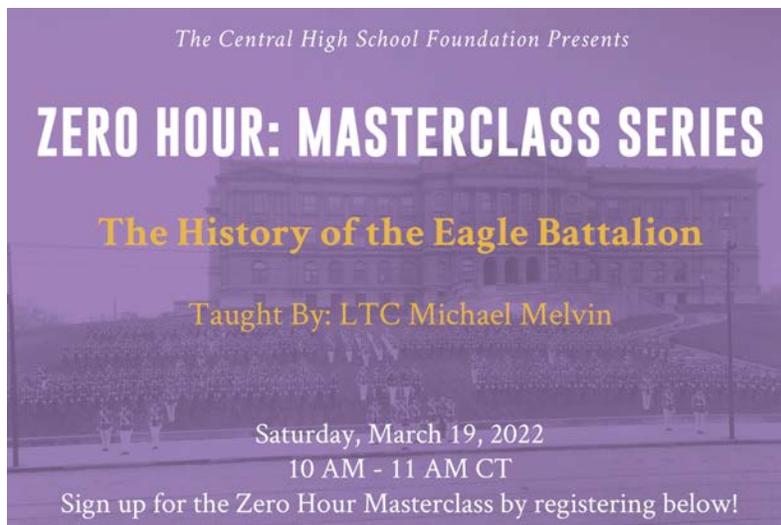
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

11:30 AM – 1 PM
Field Club of Omaha
3615 Woolworth Ave
Omaha, NE 68105

To register online, click the button below.

[Register Today!](#)

Mark Your Calendars and Register Today for Zero Hour: MasterClass with Michael Melvin



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 “History of the Eagle Battalion” and will be taught by retired Senior Army Instructor LTC Michael Melvin.

Saturday, March 19, 2022

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. CST

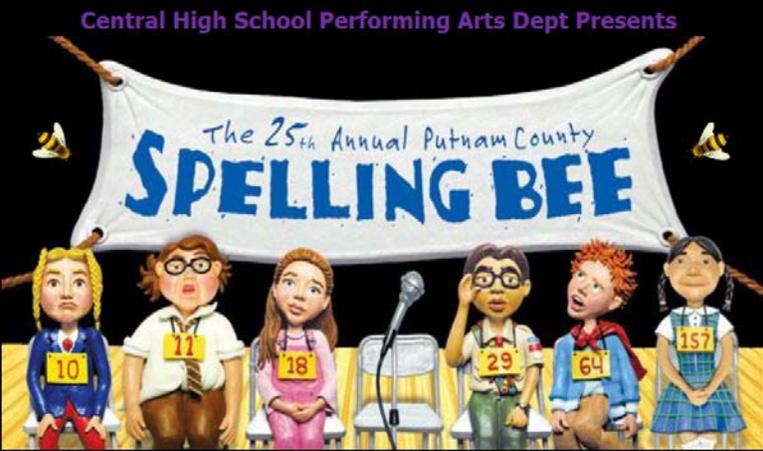
Ticket: \$5.00

Location: Online (Zoom)

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Save the Date for the CHS Spring Musical Production!

Central High School Performing Arts Dept Presents



**The 25th Annual Putnam County
SPELLING BEE**

Music and Lyrics by WILLIAM FINN, Book by RACHEL SHEINKIN,
Conceived by REBECCA FELDMAN

Additional Material by Jay Reiss, Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapin
Originally produced on Broadway by David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo
at the Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

Friday, March 4, 2022 @ 7PM
Saturday, March 5, 2022 @ 2PM & 7PM
All performances in the CHS Auditorium

Tickets:
\$10 Adults \$8 Students
Call (531) 299-5643



Or scan the QRCode

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Omaha Central High School 124 N 20th Street Omaha, NE 68102

Save the date for the Central High School Spring Musical Production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" March 4-5, 2022! The CHS Performing Arts Department is supported by the Central High School Foundation. Your donation this year will help to support important extracurricular arts activities like this. Donate today by pressing the button below!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

CHSF Now Accepting Silent Auction Donations



This beautiful lithograph -- "The Air, the Forest, and the Watch" A Celebration of Earth Day by Robert Bateman (Numbered 40,123/42,558) -- was generously donated by Doug Weedman, and it will be auctioned off at this year's virtual silent auction on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

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 based on the retail value of your item or service. Furthermore, you will get recognition on the Silent Auction publicity materials. For your convenience, click here for our [Gift Information Form](#) to submit with your donation.

Please contact Erika Buffington at events@chsfomaha.org or (402) 556-1996 if you are interested in donating an item or have any questions! Your generosity is appreciated by the entire Central High School community!

Biology Lab Students Learn How to Trace Antibodies with an ELISA Test



Eagle Excellence was present in Tracy Rumbaugh's Biology lab this past semester! "Our biology students conducted ELISA tests with huge success," she said. "ELISA (Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay) is an antibody-based test used to diagnose diseases and track pathogenic agents. Students performed a simulated bodily fluid exchange and then reported data to the class. They worked in groups to figure out how the simulated disease was passed and spread, essentially playing the role of a contact tracer. this lab was done in connection to our cell communication unit and is very timely as this is one of the ways to perform a COVID-19 antibody test! Thank you, Central High School Foundation, for providing the funding to purchase these tests! This was an amazing experience for our students."

This lab was performed with support from the Central High School Foundation through a Classroom Grant. We invite you to help keep the Tradition of Excellence alive at Omaha Central High School by making a tax-deductible donation. Your gift will help ensure that students of Central High School continue to receive the high-quality education they need to succeed outside the hallways of Central! Click the button below to donate!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

Members of Class of 1956 Reunite for Holiday Dinner



The Central High School Foundation was pleased to get this message from a great group of Eagles from the Class of 1956 last month: "For the past 10 or 11 years, a bunch of our classmates have met for lunch each December. Our numbers were a little lower this year because we have lost several people. Also, Wally Bryans has always come from St. Louis and he was not able to come this year, so he sent Peggy: his little sister! As always, it was a fun lunch. Merry Christmas to you all and stay healthy!"

Do you have a class reunion coming up? Click the button below to find out the latest information about your class reunion. Also, [click here](#) to update your alumni record!

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

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

[Donate to 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



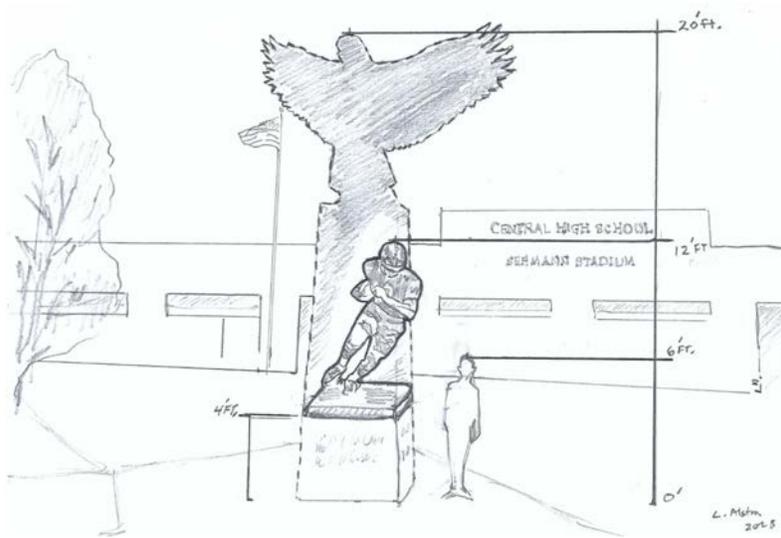
Dominic is a 1995 graduate of Central. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in International Business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dominic is a managing partner for Best Card Payments, a credit card processing company serving small businesses and medical clinics across the United States. Dominic 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 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](#)

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, Terry Milder Zacharia

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

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Class of 1990

POSTPONED – Fall 2022

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

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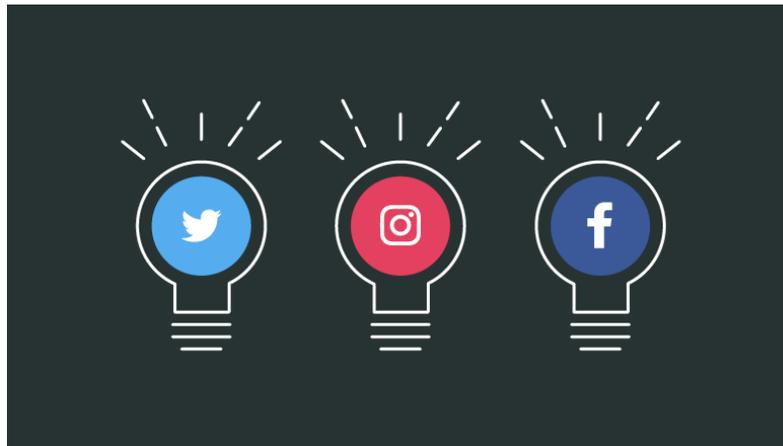
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The Central High School Foundation has partnered with TAGG (Together A Greater Good) to provide an easy and free way to support the Foundation. The app, available on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices, is free to download and easy to set up.

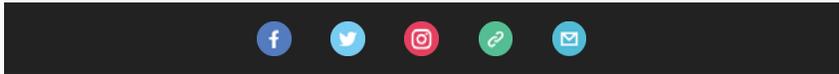
Using the app, you can snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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Are you on [Facebook](#)? How about [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)? Follow and Like us across the social media platforms to stay connected to other Central alumni, staff, parents and supporters, all while receiving the latest news. As we hit fan milestones on each platform we will be giving out great prizes! Keep an eye out!

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