



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



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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**EAGLE NEWS**

June 2022



**Dear Supporter,**

Happy Summer!

We are excited to announce the unveiling of the [Gale Sayers](#) memorial statue outside Seeman Stadium at 6:00 p.m. before Central's first home game of the season on Friday, August 26, 2022. Mark your calendars now! This special event will be open to the public.

This year, there are many wonderful educators who are retiring from Central High School: Patricia Brizendine, John Flemming, Ron Moore, Rod Mullen, Sherry Polonic, Dwaine Sutter, and Mike McWhorter. We would also like to thank Tim Herbert for his 32 years of service! Eagle excellence is built from the dedication and expertise of our faculty, and we would like to express our genuine gratitude to each of them for their many years of service to Central High School.

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 160 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence!

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

Michele Roberts

*Michele Roberts*

Executive Director

## Golf Outing Brings in \$40,000 for Central High School!



The 20th Annual Golf Fore Eagles CHS Golf Outing took place on Monday, June 6, at the Field Club of Omaha. Over 200 alumni, parents, friends, and supporters dusted off their putters for a good cause to raise over \$40,000 for Central High School! This year the Golf Committee honored longtime Central High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Eric Behrens, CHS 1992. A big thank you to all of our sponsors for this great event! Save the date for next year's golf outing on Monday, June 5, 2023!

### Flight Winners

#### 1st Flight

**1st Place:** Jed Ortmeyer, CHS 1997, Jamie Stogdill, CHS 1996, Paul Swirzinski, CHS 1996, Justin Erspamer

**2nd Place:** Tyler Huttman, Tony Driscoll, CHS 2003, Ross Koley, John Farrell, CHS 1993

#### 2nd Flight

**1st Place:** Marcus Polk, CHS 2015, Norbert Schuerman

**2nd Place:** David Herman, CHS 1979, James Hill, CHS 1979, Joseph Burke, CHS 1979, William Curfman, CHS 1979

#### 3rd Flight

**1st Place:** John Maaske, CHS 1992, Joseph Maginn, CHS 1992, Eric Behrens, CHS 1992, Robert Franzese, CHS 1992

**2nd Place:** Ty Egbert, CHS 1990, Chad Ahlvers, CHS 1990, Michael Langan, CHS 1992, Brian Marshall, CHS 1988

#### 4th Flight

**1st Place:** David Bushey, CHS 1988, Daniel Corcoran, CHS 1988, Erik Hoiekvam, CHS 1988, Andy Hagart, CHS 1988

**2nd Place:** Sam Morrison, CHS 2022, Doug Pera, Tom O'Hara, Daniel Morrison, CHS 1993

**Hole Prize Winners:**

Hole #1: Longest Putt Made: Joe Godbersen, CHS 1980

Hole #2: Closest 2nd Shot: Jenny Gowan

Hole #3: Longest Drive in Fairway: Tyler Huttman

Hole #4: Closest Tee Shot: Mike Driggs, CHS 2005

Hole #5: Longest Putt Made by Woman Only: Jaclyn Oltmans CHS 1998

Hole #6: Closest Tee Shot: Tom DeLong, CHS 1968

Hole #7: Closest 3rd Shot: Steve Lindsay

Hole #8: Closest 2nd Shot: Mike Driggs, CHS 2005

Hole #9: Closest Tee Shot: Mike Lebens, CHS 1970

Hole #10: Closest 2nd Shot: Nicholas Danielson, CHS 2005

Hole #11: Longest Drive in the Fairway: Jason Bosiljevac

Hole #12: Closest Tee Shot: Bobby Zielinski, CHS 1991

Hole #13: Longest Putt Made: Teri Loneman

Hole #15: Closest 2nd Shot: Jason Bosiljevac

Hole #16: Closest Tee Shot: Chris Sacco, CHS 1987

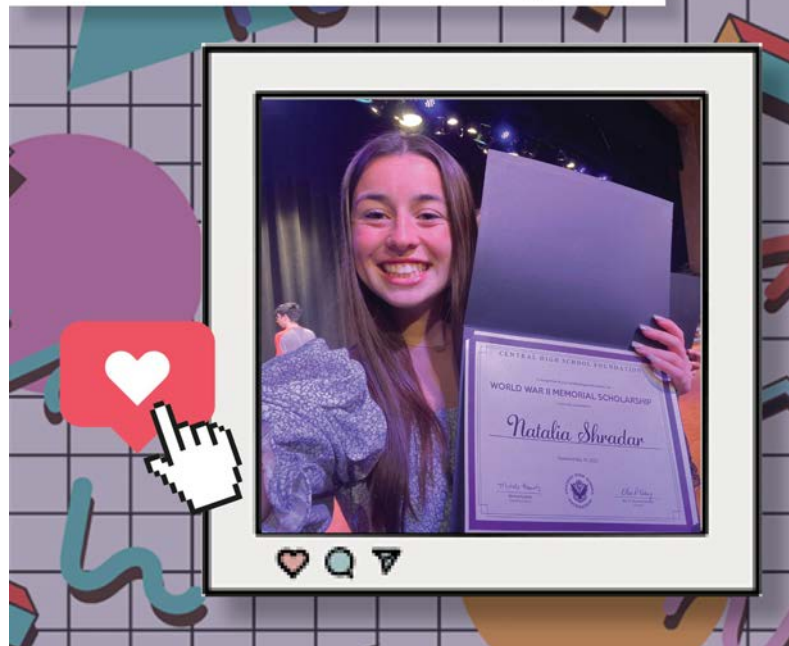
Hole #17: Closest Tee Shot: Tim Langan, CHS 1995

Hole #18: Closest 2nd Shot: Nicholas Danielson, CHS 2005

Mega Putt Winner: Brian Walters, CHS 1995

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 Natalia Shradar, who was awarded the World War II Memorial Scholarship! She will be attending Hamline University in the fall to major in Communications and Marketing! Natalia said that what made Central special was “the atmosphere of the classrooms! They were always positive and they were places where I could grow into the person I am today.”

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

## Eagles All Over the World!



Eagles all over the world! 🦅 🇵🇱 🇩🇪 🌍 This summer CHS History Teacher, Scott Wilson, took a group of 40 Eagles (pictured below) on a history tour across Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, and Poland for a Holocaust-centered history tour! While on the tour, they met up with Maria Szyrowska, CHS 2020, who was a Polish exchange student in his Honors U.S. History class. She came out to see him and the students in Warsaw one evening during their visit! Our community stretches wide!





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CHS Student Delegates Sweep at State!



This summer the Omaha Central student delegates raised the bar at Cornhusker Boys and Girls State!

Central was represented at [Cornhusker Girls State](#) by MacKenzie Altuzar and Maggie Ernst and by Joshua King and Holden Fershee at [Cornhusker Boys State](#) the week of June 5-11 on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Joshua King was voted mayor of his town and won his primary to run for Boys State governor for the National Party against the Federalist Party challenger. He finished as runner-up in what was described by many as "one of the closest Boys State elections in memory." Truly a great week for Joshua!

Holden Fershee was named to the Boys State Supreme Court, also a

prestigious post. At the end of the week, Holden was one of two boys to be selected to attend Boys Nation! There he will be joined by Boys Nation delegates from across the country!

Finally, MacKenzie Altuzar ran for State Commissioner at Girls State and won!

[Donate Now to Support Student Grants](#)

### Eagles Travel to Brazil!



We aren't jealous.... not even a little bit! 🌞🕶️ The Eagles took a trip to Belize for a week long trip! They learned about local wildlife and ecosystems as well as visited a few Mayan location as they zipped through some tropical canopies and tubed through some cave systems! Oh yeah, they also snorkeled with sharks!

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



The unveiling of the planned bronze statue of [Gale Sayers](#) outside Seeman Stadium at Central High School will happen at 6:00 p.m. ahead of Central's first home game of the season on Friday, August 26, 2022.

[Click here to watch](#) KMTV 3's News Coverage of this story!

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, had been 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 Support Sayers Memorial!](#)

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.

**Join the 1859 Society Today!**





## What is Your Legacy?

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!



## 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](mailto: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](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)

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

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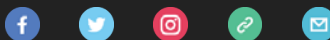
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