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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FOUNDATION

**EAGLE NEWS**

March 2022



**Dear Supporter,**

Spring is on the way and I hope this warmer weather finds you and your family well!

Sign up today for our next Zero Hour MasterClass this Saturday! 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.](#)

Next Wednesday is Give-Education Day! This 24-hour online day of giving supports Central High School! Dennis Circo will be matching all donations received for Give-Education Day, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! This matching gift is in Memory of Olive Odorisio Circo, CHS 1937. Thanks to this challenge fund, your donation will double and make twice the impact! You can make your donation early by [clicking here.](#)

The 2022 Central High School Rock the Nest Silent Auction will open to Eagle Nation on March 20th! You can bid on an array of awesome items and packages regardless of if you are joining us for trivia. To register for the Silent Auction, [click here!](#) Early Bidding will close on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 9 PM CT. 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!

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

Your Gift on Give-Education Day on March 23rd Supports Central High School!

**MARCH 23, 2022**

# **GIVE EDUCATION DAY**

A 24-Hour online day of giving to support Central High School



Give Education Day is BACK on March 23, 2020! This 24-hour online day of giving supports the Central High School Foundation in its mission to preserve the past, present, and future of Central High School!

We are excited to share that Dennis Circo will be matching all donations received for the Central High School Foundation during Give-Education Day, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! This matching gift is in Memory of Olive Odorisio Circo, CHS 1937. Thanks to this challenge fund, your donation will double and make twice the impact!

You can make your donation early by clicking the button below!

[Schedule Your Donation Now](#)

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

Fun!



Back by popular demand, 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 team of eight now: former classmates, neighbors, coworkers or really anyone who is just plain ole fun, add “watch Jeopardy!” to your to-do list, and get ready for an evening full of fun, prizes, dinner, and some “very special guests”... Our Rock the Nest events will include the following:

- **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](#)

**"Rock the Nest" Silent Auction Goes Live March 20th!**



The 2022 Central High School Rock the Nest Silent Auction will open to Eagle Nation on March 20th! You can bid on the items and packages regardless of if you are joining us for our virtual Rock the Nest Trivia Night on April 3rd or our In-Person Trivia Night on April 10th. To register for the Silent Auction, select the button below! Early Bidding will close on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 9 PM CT.

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!

[Register for Rock the Nest Silent Auction](#)

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

*The Central High School Foundation Presents*

# ZERO HOUR: MASTERCLASS SERIES

## The History of the Eagle Battalion

Taught By: LTC Michael Melvin

Saturday, March 19, 2022

10 AM - 11 AM CT

Sign up for the Zero Hour Masterclass by registering below!

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 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!

[Compete in the Eagle Nation Bracket Challenge](#)



This week is the opening round of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament. The Central High School Foundation has created a Bracket Challenge where you can compete against other Eagle alumni.

You will be rewarded as you correctly pick teams that advance further in the tournament, and you can see up-to-the-minute point standings of our bracket group online at [www.CBSSports.com](http://www.CBSSports.com) or on the CBS Sports mobile app. Registration is FREE and open to those 18 years and older.

The Bracket Challenge winner will receive a prize bag from the Central High School Foundation featuring a Central High School YETI bottle, Central High School socks, and more. To be eligible to win our grand prize, we will need your current contact information. To ensure that we have your current contact information, [please update your record.](#)

The registration deadline is 10 a.m. CT on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Good Luck!

[Sign Up for the Bracket Challenge](#)

[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 sign up 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!](#)

**New Episode of Eagle Tales: U.S. Ambassador to Uganda, Natalie Brown, CHS 1985**



A Special Interview with  
**NATALIE BROWN**  
Class of 1985

**New Episode  
of Eagle Tales!**

Hosted by Josh Bucy  
Creative Director of the Central  
High School Foundation

**EAGLE TALES**

Natalie Brown, CHS 1985, sat down with Josh Busy of the Central High School Foundation to discuss her career as the U.S. Ambassador to Uganda. This is an episode of Eagle Tales that you're not going to want to miss!

Brown traces her interest in foreign service to a family visit to the United Nations in New York when she was 10 years old. She graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and obtained a master's degree from the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia.

Brown, who speaks French and Arabic, served as chief of mission of the U.S. Embassy in Asmara, Eritrea, from 2016 to 2019. Among other assignments, she held deputy leadership roles with the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Italy and the U.S Embassy in Tunisia.

Listen to the Podcast on Apple Podcasts or on our website by clicking the button below!



[Click Here to Listen to Eagle Tales](#)

[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 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, 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](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](#)

September 9-10, 2022

[Ben Rouch](#)

402-598-2669

[Join the 1990 Facebook Group](#)

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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.

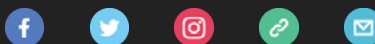
Using the app, you can snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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