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On October 20, 2022, ten members of Eagle Nation were inducted into the 23rd Class of the Central High School Hall of Fame!



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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**EAGLE NEWS**

November 2022



**Dear Supporter,**

Happy November! Wishing you and your family a safe and cozy fall!

At the beginning of this month, we celebrated the induction of ten new members into the Central High School Hall of Fame. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and congratulations to all of the inductees. Special thanks to the Central High School Alumni Association who helped make this event the best it could be!

We hope to see you and your family at the fall musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, on November 4th or 5th! To make the event even more fun for the family, sign up for the Performing Arts Department's Lunch with the Characters on November 5th at 12:30 p.m.! Lunch is served with a side of in-character student performers, and families can take photos and interact with their favorite characters! Reserve your tickets for the luncheon by [clicking here](#).

If you have a [reunion](#) this year or next, scroll to the end of this email for the most up-to-date information. Also, make sure to [update your record](#) on our

website so that your physical invitation and event communications are mailed to the correct address. This is especially important 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

*Michele Roberts*

Executive Director

## Welcoming the 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees



The 23rd Annual CHS Hall of Fame was held Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Central High School. The Central High School Alumni Association was proud to induct ten individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service. Inductees were selected by the Central High School Alumni Association from a pool of nominations, and the program was presented by the Central High School Foundation.

The dinner was held before the ceremony in the Courtyard and the induction ceremony took place afterwards in the Central High School Auditorium.

If you would like to nominate someone into the Central High School Hall of Fame, click the button below.



[Submit a Nomination](#)

## CHS Legacy Walk Offers Alumni Moment of Reflection



Janet Lipsey, Class of 1971, shared a recent photo of her visiting her dad's Legacy Paver at Central High School. We are so proud to offer moments for families to connect over their shared love of Central High School!

Established in 2011 with the inaugural contribution of Stanford Lipsey, CHS 1945, the Legacy Fund allows a donor to provide a financial contribution to the areas of greatest need at Central High School. The funds are endowed to create a permanent source of support to ensure the Tradition of Excellence continues for future generations. The Dr. G.E. and Betty Moller Legacy Walkway and the Jepsen Family Legacy Plaza were erected at Central High School to honor Legacy Fund donors. 💜🦅

If you want to learn more about Legacy donations to the Central High School Foundation, click the button below.

[The Legacy Fund](#)

## Central Educator Wins National Excellence Award



Talk about Eagle Excellence! Central High School Chorus Teacher, Sara Cowan, received the Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation's Music Teachers of Excellence Award this month in Nashville, TN! She was one of only thirty teachers nationwide to earn this honor. Sara is also a Central High School alumna and the 2021 winner of the Central High School Teacher of the Year Award.

Help support Sara's and others' classrooms by joining Generation "C"! Your support helps us offer teacher grants, so that our talented educators can continue to fly high!

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

[NASA Engineer and 1994 Graduate Joins "Passing Periods"](#)



Jennifer Gruber, member of the Class of 1994 and recent inductee to the Central High School Hall of Fame, spoke with Principal Emeritus Keith Bigsby at last month's "Passing Periods Alumni Luncheon" about her fascinating career and time at Central. Jennifer is a NASA engineer and manager working on the current mission to Mars. She is a Boston University graduate, Rhodes Scholar, and earned her doctorate in engineering science at Oxford University before landing at NASA in 2002. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming events in our "Passing Period" series and to hear audio from this and past luncheons.

[Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon](#)

## 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 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!](#)

**Central High School Fall Musical Announced**

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PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

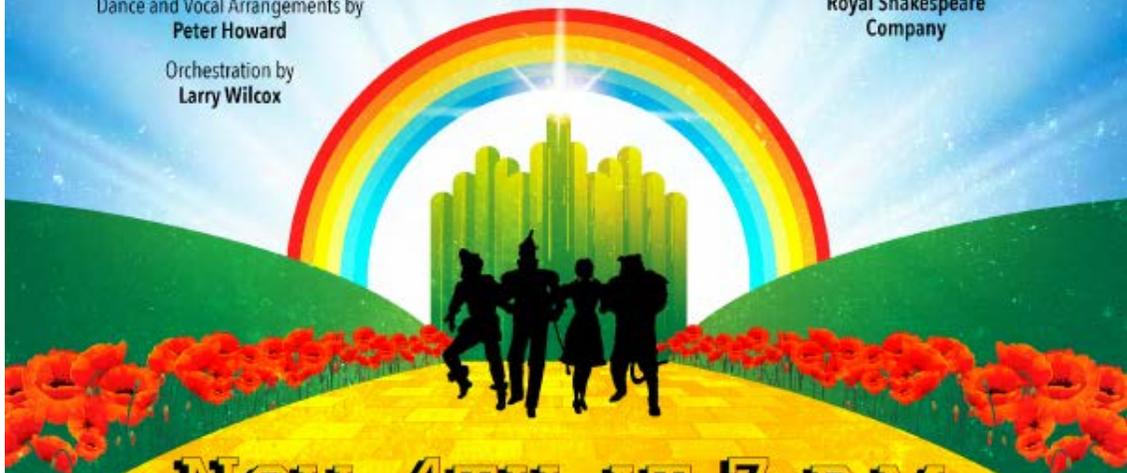
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THE  
WIZARD  
of  
OZ

By **L. Frank Baum**  
With Music and Lyrics by  
**Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg**  
Background Music by  
**Herbert Stothart**  
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by  
**Peter Howard**  
Orchestration by  
**Larry Wilcox**

Based upon the Classic  
Motion Picture owned by  
**Turner Entertainment Co.**  
and distributed in all media  
by **Warner Bros.**

Adapted by **John Kane** for the  
**Royal Shakespeare  
Company**



**NOV. 4TH AT 7 P.M.**  
**NOV. 5TH AT 2 & 7 P.M.**

**TICKETS:**  
**ADULTS \$10**  
**STUDENTS \$8**  
**TO ORDER CALL 531.299.4738**

**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**124 N 20TH STREET**  
**OMAHA, NE 68102**

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, A Concord Theatricals Company ([concordtheatricals.com](http://concordtheatricals.com))

Central High School's Fall Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, will debut November 4th and continue on November 5th. You can purchase tickets by calling 531-299-4738.

Additionally, you and your family can join the cast for lunch on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.; this is a great opportunity to have fun before the performance! More information on lunch is below.

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation translates to support for arts education at Central High School, including the fall musical and spring play. You can support our student artists by joining Generation "C" today!

CHS PERFORMING ARTS INVITES YOU TO

# WIZARD OF OZ

*Lunch with the Characters*

SCAN HERE TO RESERVE TICKETS!



**SATURDAY, NOV 5 12:30-1:30 PM**

**CHS COURTYARD**

**ADULTS: \$15      KIDS (AGES 3-12): \$10**

LUNCH WILL INCLUDE BBQ PORK SANDWICH,  
MACARONI AND CHEESE, SALAD.  
THERE WILL BE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES WITH  
CHARACTERS IN THE SHOW AND FAMILY-  
FRIENDLY FUN!

Join Generation "C" Today!

Huskers Make Offer to Central's Offensive Line Prospect



This month, the Huskers made an offer to Central's offensive line prospect, Caleb Pyfrom, Class of 2024! This was the University's first offer for 2024. Pyfrom has been a standout at the varsity level in football and basketball for the Eagles since his sophomore year. Pyfrom is the son of former Creighton basketball player Livan Pyfrom, who played for the Jays from 1999-2001. Congratulations, Caleb!

Interested in helping to forge a pathway to college for our Eagles? Click the button below to learn how you can endow a Central High School Foundation Scholarship!

[Learn More About CHSF Scholarships](#)

**Class of 1992 Returns to the Nest for their 30th Reunion!**



The Class of 1992 celebrated their 30th reunion over a long weekend in October! On Friday evening they gathered at Central's stadium to cheer on our Central Eagles as they took on Lincoln High. After the game, they hosted a casual gathering at The Sports Hall in Blackstone. Saturday morning they enjoyed pastries before embarking on a tour of the school! Alumni and their families were excited to see the new addition! They ended the events with a dinner at Legend's Patio & Grill in Aksarben on Saturday night and enjoyed an impromptu late-night get together at The Interlude Lounge. A fun time was had by all! 💜👏

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

[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](mailto: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](#)

**2022 Reunion Schedule**



**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 2012](#)**

November 5, 2022

Contact [Anna Di Ruocco](#) or [Syndey Zenon](#)

**[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**

August 11-12, 2023

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

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](https://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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