



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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Central JROTC Places Third in the AL Annual Drill Meet!



Dear Supporter,

We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to our events this spring.

Give-Education Day is on March 1st, 2023! This 24-hour online day of giving supports Central High School. Drs. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966, and Stephanie Meyers will be matching all donations received for Give-Education Day, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! Thanks to this challenge fund, your donation will double and make twice the impact! You can make your

donation early by [clicking here](#).

The 2023 Central High School Rock the Nest Silent Auction will open to Eagle Nation on March 12th! You can bid on an array of awesome items and packages regardless of your participation in trivia night. To register for the Silent Auction, [click here](#)! Early Bidding will close on Sunday, April 2, 2022 at 8:45 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!

There are numerous class reunions planned for 2023, and save the date invitations will be sent out in the coming months. If you have a reunion this year, make sure you [update your record](#) on our website so that your physical invitation 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!

Sincerely,

Michelle Roberts

Michele Roberts, Executive Director

March 1st is Give-Education Day



The Central High School Foundation is getting ready for Give-Education Day on March 1st! This is an effort to help K-12 public schools across the country.

"We are excited to be part of Give-Education Day," said Michele Roberts. "This is a great way for not only our community to support Central High School, but also an avenue for others to help K-12 organizations close the opportunity gap."

Your donation on this day will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000! Thank you to the generosity of Drs. Rusty Crossman, CHS 1966 and Stephanie Meyers! Mark your calendars today for our annual online day of giving.

[Schedule Your Donation](#)

Congrats to CHS JROTC at Abraham Lincoln Meet



Central JROTC students competed at the Abraham Lincoln Annual Drill Meet in January. CHS JROTC placed third overall out of twelve schools. Individual award winners were 2nd Place-Varsity Color Guard, 2nd Place-Varsity Unarmed Drill, 2nd Place-Individual Drill Down (Cadet Isabela Vela) & 3rd Place-Varsity Armed Drill. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to all our Alumni who help our Eagles soar! To continue to help our Eagles soar, join Generation "C" today!

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Rock the Nest Trivia Night



Rock the Nest Trivia Night: April 2, 2023

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! With our hybrid event, Eagles can choose to participate in-person at the Omaha Design Center or virtually with a team on Zoom. 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 #RocktheNest2023! Your tweets and posts will be cast during the event!
- [Online Silent Auction](#)
 - Bidding Opens March 12 at 9 AM CT
 - Bidding Closes April 2 at 8:45 PM CT
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

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. Through your support, the Foundation can continue to honor the past, live successfully in the present, and plan for the future. *Please note: registration will close on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.*

Order of Events

- 5:30 p.m. CT – Registration & Social for those attending in-person at the Omaha Design Center
- 6:00 p.m. CT – Zoom Meeting Opens for those attending virtually
- 6:15 p.m. CT – Dinner at Omaha Design Center for those attending in-person
- 6:30 p.m. CT – Assigned to Zoom Breakout Rooms for those attending virtually
- 7:00 p.m. CT – Trivia Begins for all participants

- 9:00 p.m. CT – Winners Announced for all participants

[Register for Trivia](#)

Journey to the 109th CHS Road Show

Central High Performing Arts Department Presents:

109 Roadshow

Friday, Feb. 24, 2023
6:30PM
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023
2PM and 6:30PM

Tickets:
\$8 - Students
\$10 - Adults

124 N 20th St
Omaha, NE
68102

Scan Here
For Tickets:



Call for tickets:
(531) 299-4738



Find a treasure trove of talent at the 109th annual Road Show! See the amazing performances of dancers, musicians, singers, and more on Friday, February 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM and Saturday, February 25, 2023, at both 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

Avoid lines and call (531) 299-4738 to purchase tickets in advance for the bargain price of \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. Whether you are adventuring to take a trip down memory lane or witnessing the talent of current Eagles, a great time will be had by all. Brave the cold to experience the treasures that will be found in the Central High School Auditorium during Road Show 109.

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

CHS Pep Band Supports NCAA Tournament



This winter, Central High School Pep Band members were called upon to help the San Diego Volleyball Team. The San Diego Volleyball Team played in the Final Four of the Tournament and needed a Pep Band for their section. Central High School Students stepped up and 30 out of the 105 students in Band were selected for this amazing opportunity. "When I need help, when school needs help, community needs service from us, we gather together and make it happen," said band director Chiyo Trauernicht.

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CHS Alumni Travel Program Prepares for the 2024 Trip



Planning continues for the inaugural trip to important Eagle sites in Europe in 2024. We have several travelers already searching for their passports! This will be a rich travel experience thanks to the educational content, unique access to special events, and, most importantly, traveling with your fellow Eagles!

[American WWII History: London to Amsterdam for Omaha Central Alumni and Friends:](#)

Step into the past, look toward the future. Victory in Europe marks the surrender of Nazi forces, but this momentous event holds a much deeper meaning. It's a time for people across the former wartime fronts to reflect on their shared history while celebrating the enduring spirit within us all. Follow in the footsteps of the American soldiers and Central graduates as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe.

From June 5-17, 2024, follow in the footsteps of the American soldiers and Central graduates as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe. Starting in London, your group will cross the English Channel and tour Normandy and the D-Day beaches. You will spend time in Paris before heading east for Compiègne and Reims to see where WWI and WWII ended. The group will also visit the grave of Marion Crandell, CHS 1889, at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in eastern France. Marion was the first American woman killed in WWI. From there the group will venture to the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten and visit the graves of six CHS graduates

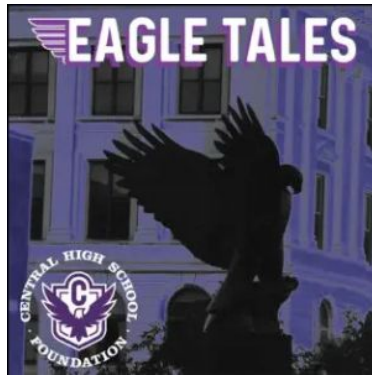
from WWII that are buried there. Stories of CHS students at Normandy and Battle of the Bulge, as well as the Western Front of WWI and elsewhere will be shared. This group will be led by Central history teacher Scott Wilson.

*** Registration is now live. Trip is limited to 28 travelers. If you would like to participate, please contact Scott Wilson at scott.wilson@ops.org for further information.

[Learn about the 2024 Trip](#)

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](#).

Epidemiologist and author Dr. Thomas Novotny, CHS 1965, joins host Josh Bucy to talk about his life experiences and Central's impact on him in the latest episode of *Eagle Tales*.

Your donation to the Central High School Foundation helps our Eagles connected to Central High School. To continue to help our Eagles connect to the nest, join Generation "C" today!

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Chatting at The C, run by current Central High School teacher Ben Boeckman 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!](#)

The latest podcast includes a conversation with Mr. Jordan Boyer, the AP American Government teacher at Central.

Alumni Spotlight: Rachel Shukert

And the Emmy goes to....Rachel Shukert!

Rachel Shukert (CHS '98) has done it again! This time she added not one, but two, Emmys to her growing list of accomplishments as an author, producer, actress, and writer. Living in LA, she has been a writer for her show *The Babysitters' Club*. Her passion for writing earned Emmys in the categories of Outstanding Writer and Best Series. The CHS community is proud of her

accomplishments and continued success.

During her podcast in September 2020 with host Josh Bucy, Rachel said she got “more excited about the reactions people had to things [she] wrote than [her] performance in them.” That seems to still be the case. Congratulations, Rachel!



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 donated 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.

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CHS Athletes Spread Their Wings at Creighton Facilities



Thanks to a grant from the Central High School Foundation, Omaha Central sports teams have room to grow and practice! Your support has helped students access more court space at Creighton University this season. The gym at Central provides practice space for a limited number of athletes on the multiple boys and girls basketball teams. Having the gym space at Creighton enables all the teams to practice right after school rather than having to have the student-athletes train into the evening hours. This allows CHS teams to remain competitive with their district and suburban counterparts whose schools often have more than one gym open for practice.

John Morley, CHS Freshman Basketball Coach is very appreciative for the space at Creighton: "Having access to the Creighton recreational courts has been a true game-changer for our basketball program. The two courts provided by the Foundation more than evens the playing field with other schools that enjoy auxiliary gyms. Gaining access to these high-quality and convenient courts is doing right by our student athletes, and we are excited to continue to see them develop and grow." Thank you for helping us support the students and all members of Eagle Nation.

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 2012 Eagles Spotted at the Nest for their Reunion](#)



The Class of 2012 celebrated their 10-year reunion with a weekend of events this fall. The Class of 2012 met last year for their 10 year reunion. They had a wonderful tour of the new addition and our favorite school. These Eagles enjoyed a great lunch and time together. Time (and Eagles) flies when we're having fun!

Thanks to all those of you who could be here!
You can follow along with other class reunion recaps by visiting our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [LinkedIn](#)!

[View the Class Reunion Schedule](#)

[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.

[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!

Submit Your Memory

2023 Reunion Schedule



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

Upcoming Reunion Schedule

[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](#)

[Class of 2003](#)

September 29-30, 2023

Details TBD

[Class of 2013](#)

September 29-30, 2023

Details TBD

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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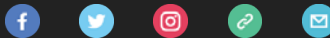
It's easy to do! Just go to the link tagg.today, snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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