



Central Theater Tech wins First Place Overall at the ITS NE Thespian Festival!



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**Dear Supporter,**

Happy New Year!

The Central High School Foundation hopes your new year is off to a great start!

We are officially immersed in event-planning mode, and are looking forward to our first ever hybrid Rock the Nest "Trivia Night" on Sunday, April 2nd. Give Education Day will take place on

March 1st! Please mark your calendars to participate in these great events to benefit Central High School. We would love to see all our Eagles there!

We are pleased to announce that the Class of 1966 is the winner of the 2022 First Class Challenge! Thank you for all that you do to help aid Central High School and future generations of Eagles.

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.

Our next virtual Zero Hour MasterClass, titled "Legendary Eagles", will be taught by CHS History teacher, Scott Wilson, on Saturday, January 28th! Former CHS Principal Jerry Bexten will be hosting this event, so don't be late! You're not going to want to miss this event! Click [here](#) to register for class.

We are also looking for donations of silent auction items for our 2023 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

**Congrats to The CHS Theater Tech Challenge Team!**



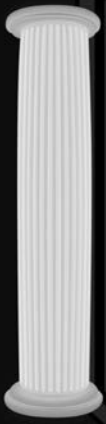
This winter, Central High School students competed at the ITS Nebraska Thespian State Festival. Many awards were won at the festival. Central High School took first place in the Overall Theater Tech Challenge! Congratulations also to individual winners: Holden Fershee, Jaden Cheloha, and Jill Bertino.

Thank you to all the Alumni who help us support groups like the Theater Department! If you would like to help more students, join Generation "C" today!

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The Central High School Foundation Presents




# ZERO HOUR: MASTERCLASS SERIES

# LEGENDARY EAGLES

TAUGHT BY SCOTT WILSON, CHS HISTORY TEACHER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023  
10 AM - 11 AM CT  
ZOOM (VIRTUAL)



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!

*Our next virtual ZeroHour Class is titled “Legendary Eagles” and will be taught by CHS History Teacher Scott Wilson and will be emceed by former CHS Principal Jerry Bexten.*

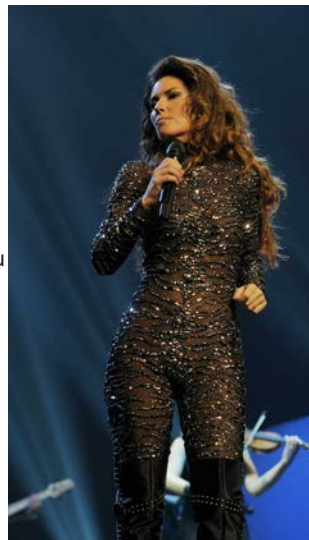
Click below to join us for our latest Zero Hour MasterClass on Saturday, January 28th!

[Register for Zero Hour MasterClass!](#)

## Accepting Donations for Silent Auction

We're excited to share with you that this year's Virtual Rock the Nest Silent Auction will include a pair of suite tickets for the Shania Twain concert at the CHI Center in Omaha! Silent Auction opens to Eagle Nation on March 12. Mark your calendars now!

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 purposes based on the retail value of your item or service. Furthermore, you will be recognized 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](mailto: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!

### CHS Alumni Travel Program Announces 2024 Trip



We invite the entire Central community to join us as we celebrate Eagle traditions and values through our alumni travel program. 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. A trip Q&A session will take place on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CT via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Scott Wilson at [scott.Wilson@ops.org](mailto:scott.Wilson@ops.org) for further information.

[Learn about the 2024 Trip!](#)

## Congrats to the Winner of the First Class Challenge!



2022 was a fantastic year for reunions, and the classes of 1962, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1982, 1990, 1992, 2002, and 2012 really impressed us with their dedication and motivation to aid Central High School with their donations to the First Class Challenge.

The results are in, and we are pleased to announce the winner of the First Class Challenge for 2022 is the Class of 1966. Congratulations!

We would also like to recognize the class with the most number of individual donors for the 2022 First Class Challenge. We are pleased to announce the participation winner is the Class of 1966.

Thanks to the sustained gifts and donation from our Central family, the exceptional educational experience offered at Central continues to endure. Generation "C" continues the work of these amazing classes.

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

## Eagle Alumni Basketball Outing



Rebound, rebound get that ball!

Did you cheer on Central's basketball teams back in the day? Did you play for the Eagles?

You can relive those days and support the school's current teams by joining the Central High School Alumni Association on Saturday, Feb. 11 for an Eagles hoops outing.

Unlike back in the day, Central home games are now played in the school gym, where the Eagles that night will host visiting Norfolk. The girls tip off at 5:15 p.m., with the boys game following at 7. Between the two games, we will serve pizza and refreshments and get the chance to meet Eagles boys coach Bruce Chubick and girls coach Mike Kroupa.

Both teams currently rank among the best in the state, keeping with the school's championship tradition. So round up some old classmates, put on



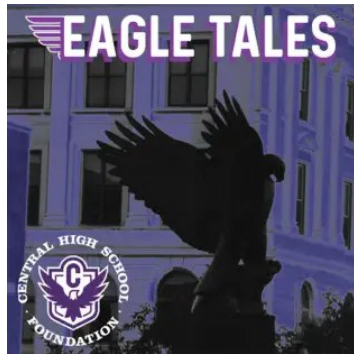
your purple and join us at the nest. We'd especially love to see former Central players return, whether you took the court for the varsity, JV or reserves.

Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids and includes your reserved seating and food. All proceeds benefit the Central athletic department. Tickets will be available soon online in the [Alumni Association store](#).

Questions? Email the event coordinator, [henry.cordes@owh.com](mailto:henry.cordes@owh.com). Hope to see you there.

## 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 keep you connected to Central High School, You can support all efforts by joining 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 Mrs. Lindsay Rosenthal, a current Special Education educator and coach at Central High!

## 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.

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[OC Broadcasting Students Reach Audiences Across Country](#)



Thanks to a grant from the Central High School Foundation, the Omaha Central Broadcasting Team develops platforms to help connect Eagle Nation! Your support has helped students learn how to effectively produce, announce, and broadcast CHS athletic, performing arts, and academic events. These events also help allow audiences from across the country connect to our favorite high school! Now we can all cheer and support our Eagles wherever we are! 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 2002 Eagles Spotted at the Nest for their Reunion!**





The Class of 2002 celebrated their 20th reunion with a weekend of events this fall. On Friday night, they joined together for a tailgate before the homecoming football game and wrapped up at DJ's Dugout Downtown. Saturday morning was spent back at the Nest to see the updated renovations to Central High School. While on their tour, they participated in a scavenger hunt, enjoyed refreshments, and were even treated to warm Otis Spunkmeyer cookies made by current DECA students.

Saturday evening's gathering brought a 90's and Early 00's themed party at Louie M's Burger Lust, hosted by 2002 classmate, Jack Marcuzzo. Our reunion, because we are all that, extended to a Sunday morning brunch to round out our wonderful 20th reunion weekend. 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](#)

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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](#)

## 2023 Reunion Schedule



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

[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

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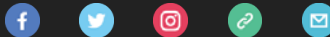
It's easy to do! Just go to the link [tagg.today](https://tagg.today), snap a photo of your receipts from [participating businesses](#), and a percentage of your total will be donated to the Central High School Foundation. Visit their [website](#) to learn more!

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