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Congratulations to the CHS Hall of Fame Class of 2026!



Dear Supporter,

As fall settles in, it has already been a busy and exciting season for the Central High School Foundation.

Last week, we proudly welcomed ten outstanding individuals into the Central High School Hall of Fame. Congratulations to this year's inductees, whose accomplishments continue to inspire our students and alumni community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success, especially the Central High School Alumni Association for their invaluable partnership and support.

Our annual Generation "C" Campaign is in full swing. Your generosity helps us preserve and strengthen the tradition of excellence established at Central more than 167 years ago. Gifts of all sizes make a difference, providing opportunities for students, supporting alumni engagement, and ensuring that Central remains a place where Eagles can thrive. If you haven't yet participated, I encourage you to join Generation "C" today.

We're also excited to share a new video featuring Allan Noddle '58, whose lifelong connection to Central inspired him to include the Foundation in his estate plans. Allan's story highlights the impact of planned giving and the importance of

investing in future generations. Through the 1859 Society, named for the year Central was founded, alumni and friends can create a lasting legacy that supports Central students for years to come. I invite you to watch Allan's story and learn more about how the 1859 Society is helping secure Central's future.

As reunion season comes to a close, now is a great time to begin planning for next year. If your class has an upcoming reunion, please visit our reunions page for the latest information. And don't forget to update your record so you receive invitations, Foundation news, and event communications at the correct address.

Thank you for helping us carry forward more than 167 years of tradition, excellence, and Eagle pride. Your support ensures that Central's legacy continues for generations to come.

Go Eagles!
Sincerely,

Michele Roberts
Michele Roberts, Executive Director

Welcoming the 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees



The 27th Annual Central High School Hall of Fame was held Thursday, October 8th 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 Hall of Fame selection committee from a pool of nominations, and the program was presented by the Central High School Foundation. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the student ambassadors, JROTC, theatre students, and student broadcasters for helping make the evening a great success!

Make a Tribute Gift in Honor of an Inductee

Join Allan Noddle CHS 1958 in Leaving a Legacy



As a member of the Class of 1958, Allan Noddle has a lifelong connection to Central High School and a deep commitment to its future. In the video, Allan shares why he chose to include the Central High School Foundation in his estate plans and how a planned gift can help ensure future generations of Eagles have the same opportunities that shaped his life.

Join Allan by watching his story and learning how you can make a lasting impact through the 1859 Society.

Named for the year of Central's founding, the 1859 Society recognizes alumni, parents, and friends who have included the Central High School Foundation in their estate plans. Through these legacy gifts, members help preserve Central's tradition of excellence and create opportunities for students for generations to come.

If you would like to learn more about joining the 1859 Society, contact Michele Roberts at 402-556-1996 or michele@chsfomaha.org.

Join the 1859 Society

Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon



To conclude Hall of Fame Week, the Central High School Foundation hosted the Passing Periods: Alumni Luncheon at the Field Club of Omaha. The event welcomed a strong turnout of alumni and friends eager to hear from guest speaker Alex Harz ’91. The morning began with a special screening of Alex’s film, *The Quest: Everest*. Serving as emcee was Susan Breding ’74, a 2023 CHS Hall of Fame inductee, who sat down with Alex, a member of the 2026 CHS Hall of Fame class, for an engaging conversation. Alex reflected on his time at Central, shared stories from his climb of Mount Everest, and offered insights into his many adventures. Thank you for joining us, Alex!

Nominate Someone for Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Inductees Speak with Students



After the Hall of Fame dinner and ceremony, the inductees had the chance to speak with current Central students on Friday morning. A big thank you to the following host classrooms for welcoming the inductees back to their alma mater:

- **Muzette Hill Stallings, CHS 1974** – Jordan Boyer
  - AP Government and Political Science
- **Heather Schacht Reisinger, CHS 1992** – Adam Raffety
  - AP Human Geography
- **Rachel Shukert, CHS 1998** – Remy Lupo
  - Drama
- **Matthew Wynn, CHS 2002** – Brody Hilgenkamp
  - Journalism
- **Alvin Samuels, CHS 2006** – John Morley
  - Honors Anatomy
- **Dr. Edward Bennett, Distinguished Educator** – Scott Wilson
  - IB History



Alumni Spotlight: Aaron Marcus, CHS 1961



Aaron Marcus, CHS 1961, is a pioneer in digital media, computer graphics, and information design. He was among the earliest designers to use computer technology in art, virtual reality, and information visualization. Mr. Marcus has taught at universities around the world, including Yale University, Princeton University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, UC Berkeley, and Tongji University in Shanghai. In 1982, he founded his own computer-based design firm, Aaron Marcus and Associates, which he continues to lead today. His career includes more than 60 books, hundreds of articles, and numerous accomplishments in design and technology. His art and design work is represented in the permanent collections of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Letterform Archive, Computer History Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, and RIT's Vignelli Graphic Design Center Archive.

Most recently, Mr. Marcus's exhibition, Video Craft, was featured at the Museum of Craft and Design in San Francisco through August 16, 2026. In July, he presented a tutorial on his life's work at the Human-Computer Interaction International (HCII) Conference in Montreal. In 2026, Springer published his memoir and monograph, Bridging Art, Design, and Technology: My Lifetime Work, a retrospective of more than seven decades of innovation in art, design, and technology. The Letterform Archive, which houses a significant collection of his work, recently hosted a special event celebrating the publication of the book, featuring a lecture and book signing with Mr. Marcus.

Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight

Class of 2006 Celebrates 20th Reunion



The Omaha Central High School Class of 2006 celebrated its 20th reunion with a full weekend of events, giving classmates and their families several opportunities to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate their shared Central experience.

The weekend began Friday evening with a tailgate in the senior parking lot, where classmates and families gathered before heading to the Central vs. Benson football game. Following the game, classmates continued the evening at Duck Duck Bottle Shop in Dundee, owned and operated by Central alum Chloe Fortina ’06.
Saturday morning, classmates and their families returned to Central for coffee and donuts in the courtyard, followed by a tour of the school. For many, it was a meaningful opportunity to revisit familiar spaces, see what had changed, and share Central with their families.

The weekend concluded Saturday evening with the main reunion celebration at Millwork Commons. Classmates enjoyed food and drinks from Heirloom, a photo booth, and plenty of time to catch up while the Class of 2006 senior video played on the large screen. More than 95 classmates RSVP’d for reunion events throughout the weekend, with many attending alongside spouses or significant others.

The Class of 2006 reunion weekend was a wonderful success and a meaningful reminder of the friendships, memories, and connections that began at Central. Twenty years later, it was special to see classmates come together once again and celebrate what it means to be an Eagle.

Donate to the First Class Challenge

New Episodes of Chatting at the C

Chatting at the C is a CHSF-sponsored podcast series by CHS teachers Scott Wilson and Ben Boeckman, which focuses on highlighting the history of Central High School. In each episode, they interview past and present CHS staff to preserve their contribution to Omaha Central High School.



Ivan Maisel



Michele Roberts



Dr. Ed Bennett (2 pts.)

Listen to Chatting at the C

2026-2027 Generation "C" Chair



Since graduating from Central High School in 2011, Kane Adkisson has built an internationally recognized culinary career while remaining deeply connected to the school that helped shape his journey.

Following elementary school at Belle Ryan and Swanson, and middle school at Westside, there was never much doubt about where Kane would attend high school. With a family legacy of Eagles, his mother and her sisters are all Central graduates, Central was always part of his future.

During his four years at Central, Kane valued the opportunity to learn alongside classmates from diverse backgrounds and cultures. His favorite course, Holocaust Literature, challenged him to think beyond the surface and engage deeply with history and humanity. A class trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., remains one of his most meaningful educational experiences and left a lasting impact on his perspective of the world.

After graduating from Central, Kane attended Metropolitan Community College's Culinary Arts program. At just 19 years old, he moved to Oslo, Norway, to begin his professional career at the Michelin-starred restaurant Maaemo. Over the next several years, he trained and worked at some of the world's most acclaimed restaurants, including Saison and Coi in San Francisco, as well as Crony and Nihonryori RyuGin in Tokyo. While living in San Francisco, Kane launched kanō, a pop-up dining concept designed to introduce diners to Nebraska through food. After returning to Omaha, he reimagined kanō as a private in-home dining experience, bringing a Michelin-level tasting menu directly to guests. In 2023, Kane and his team earned national recognition as James Beard Award semifinalists for Emerging Chef, and in 2024, he was featured by the James Beard Foundation, further establishing his reputation as one of the Midwest's most innovative culinary talents.

Omaha is also where Kane met and married his wife, Meg. Together, they enjoy traveling, playing pickleball, cooking, and taking on home improvement projects. They are proud to call Omaha home and are committed to building their future in the community. Kane credits Central with providing the foundation that prepared him for success both professionally and personally. His experiences at Central fostered an appreciation for culture, diversity, curiosity, and lifelong learning – values that continue to guide him today.

As Chair of the Central High School Foundation's Generation C Campaign, Kane is proud to give back to the school that invested in him and wants to ensure that current and future Eagles have access to the same life-changing opportunities and experiences that helped shape his own journey.

Join Generation "C"

Upcoming Reunion Schedule



The class of 1965 at their reunion in 2025!

Class of 1965 80th Birthday

September 11-12, 2027

Gary Green – garygreenchs@gmail.com

Holly Jepsen Hoberman – hollyhoberman@gmail.com

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 or call 402-556-1996.

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