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## DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO KEYNOTE ANNUAL DINNER ON JUNE 5

Join us for the AACHS Annual Meeting and Dinner on Tuesday, June 5 from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel (1 Dock Street, Philadelphia).

We are honored to announce that our keynote speaker will be the **Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General of the United States.**

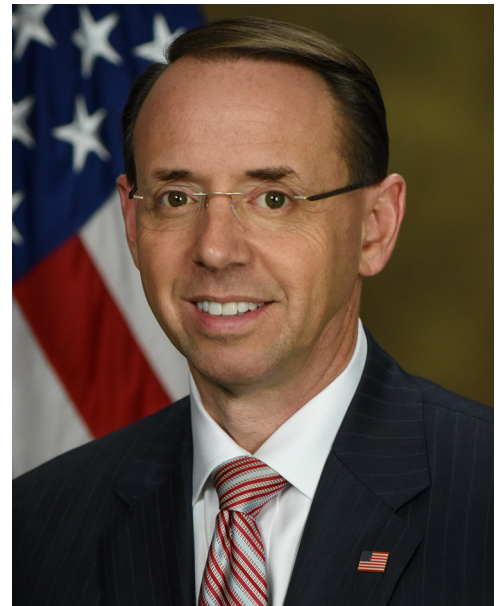
As Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Rosenstein advises and assists the Attorney General in formulating and implementing Department of Justice policies and programs and in providing overall supervision to all organizational units of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Rosenstein is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Wharton School of Business, and is the son of **Bob Rosenstein (199)**.

This is an evening not to be missed. Join us beginning at 5 PM for networking and a cash bar, followed by the dinner program including the awarding of the Disharoon Award, inductions for the Posthumous Alumni Hall of Fame and election of officers.

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# FROM THE EDITOR



*Neil Deegan 263*  
Editor, The Alumni Journal

Finally, spring seems to have sprung. It's been a long, long winter.

Since we last brought you the Journal (which was roughly the same time the weather was reliably pleasant), a great deal has happened.

Among the most significant, at least as far as we are concerned here, is the announcement of the capital campaign, "Leading the Way".

The last major capital project undertaken by the AACHS - the Barnwell Library - changed the student experience dramatically for the better, thanks to the generosity of our alumni.

This capital project will go even further, bringing the school physically and academically into the 21st century with a new performing arts center, STEM facilities and space for students to gather and study, along with critical improvements for parking and traffic control.

As a student, I was lucky to be a small part of the Barnwell Library project, and now as an alum, proud to be a part of this ambitious initiative.

The full initiative can't be realized, though, without the collective financial support of the alumni. If you feel strongly that Central continue to have the facilities and ability to prepare students to serve as the leaders of the next generation, we need your support.

Visit [centralhighalumni.com/support](http://centralhighalumni.com/support) to learn more, and come out to some of the great events we have this spring - particularly our annual meeting and dinner. You'll have a chance to meet fellow alums, current faculty and students, and hear about the great things happening at Central today. Hope I'll see you there.

Neil Deegan, 263

Editor



# AACHS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Chappell, 209

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"Hard to believe, Harry, hard to believe". And why am I quoting the late Phillies icon Whitey Ashburn oft voiced comment to the late equally iconic Harry Kalas, his broadcast partner for many years? Not because of an error on the ball field but, rather, an error in my perception of reality. It is hard to believe, (Harry), that my class, the 209, is having its sixtieth reunion this Spring. *Sixtieth!* Was it really that long ago that I went from being a verdant freshman to a grave old senior, that long ago that I walked the halls bewildered but bedazzled, that long ago that I met the rest of the 209, many of who became lifelong friends? Hard to believe? Yes. It seems like only yesterday.

It was really yesterday when I last walked the halls of Central, at school for a meeting related to AACHS business, one of many visits over the last few years. Have I noticed anything different from when I walked them from 1954 to 1958? Yes. I am no longer bewildered. I am, however, still bedazzled.

I am now bedazzled by the diversity of the student body. I am now further bedazzled by the array of activities in which today's CHS students engage. I am comforted in seeing and talking to these kids that they, indeed, will be the leaders of tomorrow. I feel no reluctance in opining that these kids will outshine many who came before them,

and that their contributions to society will be beyond significant.

AACHS exists to help CHS students achieve. Whether by maintaining scholarship funds to enable deserving students to obtain a higher education, or by raising and distributing funds in aid of scholastic or extracurricular programs, or by helping to bring Central physically into the 21st century, AACHS is all about helping the kids. We need your help to enable us to continue doing so; please visit

[www.centralhighalumni.com](http://www.centralhighalumni.com) to see how you can contribute, and thank you for doing so. As I sit here watching the latest nor'easter dump heavy, wet snow on the first day of Spring, thoughts of real Spring and Summer are a pleasant diversion. One real evidence of Spring just popped up on my laptop – the 15th annual Central Night at the Phillies will take place on May 11th at 7:05 PM. The Phils will oppose the Mets. Tickets at \$25 each may be purchased on-line at [bit.ly/phillies18](http://bit.ly/phillies18). I hope to see you there. I also hope to see you at the AACHS Annual Meeting and Dinner which will be held on June 5, 2018 at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia. The meeting will include the posthumous induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame of a number of extraordinary alumni.

## Preserving and Protecting Central's Art

Central's Art Department will be working with the AACHS to care for the collection of art works and objects donated by our alumni. In addition to many paintings and drawings, these art objects also include prints donated by **Sigmund Balka (198)** and African and Oceanic objects donated by **Dr. David Rilling (209)**. We have begun consulting with the faculty at the Winterthur to learn more about preservation and conservation of the collection. We also recognize the need for a single database to help manage the collection and to make it most useful for educational purposes. Artwork Archive offers a cloud-based tool for tracking and managing our collection, and we are incredibly grateful that they have offered to donate an account to our organization. Check out their products and learn about their company at [www.artworkarchive.com/about](http://www.artworkarchive.com/about). We look forward to updating you on this collaborative project.

- Andrea Keefe, Art Department Chair



# CENTRAL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



**Timothy McKenna**  
President, Central High School

This year at Central High School has been one of accomplishment and recognition for academic excellence. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the School District of Philadelphia have both certified our school as the number one ranked educational institution (K-12) in Philadelphia based upon their rating system. Our school performance was measured by analyzing standardized assessment scores, AP/IB scores, and the growth of our students in Mathematics, English and Biology. I am most proud of the growth that our students demonstrated. They are authentically engaged in our academic program on a daily basis and developing their intellectual skills.

The students that attend our school are the top students from Philadelphia. The fact that they come and grow academically is verification that our academic program works. We prepare students for post secondary education and beyond. The current faculty understands our history and tradition and prides itself on providing a rich educational experience for the student body. Currently, seventeen graduates of Central HS are on the faculty. This connection is critical to our continued success.

Some highlights from this academic year:

- PA School Performance Profile: Highest Score in Philadelphia
- School District of Philadelphia School Performance Profile: City Leader: Top School in Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Junior Science Fair: 21 First Place Award Winners
- Public League Championships: Field Hockey, Girls Tennis\*, Girls Soccer\*, Girls Volleyball (\* District 12 Champion)
- State Qualifiers: Swimming and Cross Country
- National Qualifiers: Indoor Track
- 35 All-Public Athletes (Fall and Winter)
- Robolancers (Robotics): Chairman Award Winner
- Scholastic Writing Competition: 17 Award Winners
- Scholastic Art Competition: 53 Award Winners
- National History Day: 7 Project Award Winners
- All-City Music: 25 Orchestra Members and 1 Choir member

We have had a wonderful year. Our entire school community is focused on developing the next generation of leaders.

Thank you to all the members of the Associated Alumni of Central High School that have supported us in our campaign to revitalize the CHS campus for our students. We are currently working with the school district and our architects to break ground on the first phase of our renovation in January of 2019.

We have not reached our fundraising goal for the second phase of the campaign. Please support the "Leading the Way for Innovation and Creativity Campaign".

If you have any questions contact: Lynn Norton Robins at (215) 400-3590 Ext 3130 or [lynn@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:lynn@centralhighalumni.com).



# CHANGING THE FACE OF CENTRAL

*\$53 million project to be anchored by performing arts center, include new STEM, Robotics and improved teaching facilities*

In a press conference in the Spain Conference Center at Central on November 29th, flanked by Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, School District of Philadelphia Superintendent Dr. William Hite, numerous elected officials and the past and current leaders of the AACHS, Central High School president Tim McKenna and philanthropist **Joseph M. Field (192)** announced a landmark \$53 million capital project that will change the face of Central High School for the 21st century.



*Neil Deegan, 263*

Central High School, and from the School District of Philadelphia, so that future students will have the benefit of learning, training and performing in a world class performing arts center."

Mayor Kenney added, "Every child in Philadelphia deserves a school like this."

The AACHS is Leading the Way with an ambitious fundraising campaign to close the gap to ensure the completion of this initiative.

The AACHS is no stranger to ambitious efforts, having raised \$4 million dollars to reimagine, renovate and modernize the Barnwell Library about a decade ago. **Richard Prinz (212)** led the campaign to raise the funds for the Barnwell Library, and the Spain Conference Center project, and is co-chairing this ambitious effort with **Chuck Steinberg (221)**.

"The Alumni Association has been supportive, and maintained the tradition of Central High School, and ensured the standards of excellence that make it unique. Central High alumni have the opportunity to give back to the school that helped carve their lives, and endow future generations of students," Prinz said.

In large part to support this effort, the AACHS hired a skilled development professional, Lynn Norton Robins, in 2016 to become the organization's first Director of Development.

Alums are organizing by class to support the capital campaign. The 200th class made the first major capital campaign gift of \$50,000. The 276th class donated \$30,000 late last year, and the 256th class raised nearly \$1,300 for the campaign at their November 2017 reunion. The 228th class has committed to raise \$228,000 for Central High School students, of which there will be a significant portion towards the capital campaign. The 229th class has also begun raising funds toward the capital campaign.

Those interested in learning more about how they can support our Leading the Way campaign are encouraged to contact Ms. Norton Robins at 215-400-3590 or [lynn@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:lynn@centralhighalumni.com), or visit the capital campaign webpage at [centralhighalumni.com/support](http://centralhighalumni.com/support).

The project was initiated and made possible by a donation of \$10 million by Mr. Field, the founder of the second largest radio company in the United States.

It will include a new performing arts center, state of the art STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), art and world language facilities, and critical infrastructure improvements to the nearly 80 year old building and campus.

The School District of Philadelphia has committed an investment of \$8.1 million.

The first phase of the project is scheduled to begin in early 2019 with improvements to the exterior of the campus including an at-grade parking lot to replace the infamous "blacktop", tennis facilities and on-campus traffic improvements. Thereafter, ground will be broken for the new performing arts center, followed by improvements and renovations to the existing building.

Speaking to his motivation for proposing and financing the project, Mr. Field said, "Central High School had a profound influence on me from the first day of attendance. On my first day at Central the questions percolating in my mind were, who am I, what am I doing here, what is my purpose in life? It was during the welcome assembly that I remember clearly, when in his speech, **Dr. William H. Cornog (146)**, President of Central, provided me with the answers when he said, 'At Central we enter to learn, and go forth to serve.'"

Mr. Field continued, "That mantra has led me throughout the rest of my life. As soon as I could see my way forward, I initiated the project. My hope is that the performing arts center will be funded and built with help from the Associated Alumni of

# SEVEN ALUMS GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

*Departed, distinguished alumni to be inducted into the Hall of Fame this June*

*Stephen L. Burnstein, D.O., 222*

The AACHS Hall of Fame opened its doors in 1973, but it was not until 2009 that posthumous honorees were inducted. On June 5, 2018, in conjunction with the AACHS Annual Meeting, seven deceased alumni will be honored.

**Raymond Pace Alexander (127)**, was the first African-American Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and a tireless crusader for ending segregation in the Philadelphia public schools. He served as Counsel to the NAACP and as President of the National Bar Association.

**Albert A. Giesecke (107)**, was the Mayor of Cuzco, Peru and a promoter of Peru's rich pre-Columbian past. He was a prime mover in the discovery and excavation of Machu Picchu.

**Hilary Putnam (182)**, was a major figure in Analytic Philosophy, also making major contributions to mathematics and computer science. His publications addressed the nature of democracy, social justice and religion.

**Leo Stanton Rowe (89)**, served as Director General of the Organization of American States from 1920 to 1946 and as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. He dedicated his life to fostering understanding among American nations and educating Latin American youth.



**Robert Serber (146)**, was a major contributor to the field of Quantum Mechanics. He predicted the existence of "black holes" and discovered "quarks." Dr. Serber worked with Robert Oppenheimer on the Manhattan Project and acknowledged his education at Central in the preface of his book, "The Alamos Primer".

**Richard B. Teitelman (223)**, served as the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. Legally blind, Justice Teitelman was instrumental in working to create a law requiring that all Missouri school children receive eye examinations and was an outspoken advocate of legal services for the poor.

**Elihu Thomson (55)**, was chairperson of Central's Department of Chemistry and a student of **Edwin Houston (43)** with whom he formed the Thomson-Houston Electric Co. in 1879. The General Electric Company was born in 1898 when Thomson and Houston joined with Thomas Alva Edison.

We hope you will join us for the Annual Dinner as we honor these distinguished alumni. Family and friends of these honorees will be in attendance.

## Upcoming Hall Of Fame Events

June 5 - Alumni Hall of Fame Induction for deceased members at Annual Meeting and Dinner

October 17 - Alumni Hall of Fame Induction for living members, Philmont Country Club, 6 PM

To learn more about the Alumni Hall of Fame, visit

[https://www.centralhighalumni.com/about/alumni-hall-of-fame.](https://www.centralhighalumni.com/about/alumni-hall-of-fame)



# SAY HAPPY 182nd BIRTHDAY TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL!

Lynn Norton Robins  
AACHS Director of Development

## Did you know that June 13, 1836 was the day that Central High School was born?

This June 13th – one day after our students have ended their academic year – will make Central's 182nd birthday.

With all the great work happening at Central – including our *Leading the Way* capital campaign, this June 13th is a perfect opportunity to celebrate with a 182nd birthday gift to the Associated Alumni of Central High School.

You can make your contribution to the capital campaign, to our annual fund to support the work that AACHS does for the students and faculty at Central, or for general support for AACHS. It's your choice, and it's tax deductible.

Log onto [www.centralhighalumni.com/support](http://www.centralhighalumni.com/support) to learn more and make your contribution!

## Speaking of birthdays...we want to celebrate yours!

Our team is collecting birthdates from alumni so that we can stay better connected to you, and recognize the importance of every passing year!

Central classes are well known for proudly acknowledging graduation anniversaries through reunions; so why not let the AACHS help you celebrate your birthday?

Please email me at [lynn@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:lynn@centralhighalumni.com) or call our office at 215-276-5262 so that we can make sure your information is up to date in our records.

## Thank You!

I am happy to report that Elliot Silverman (204), and Allan Marmon (204), have taken a very creative approach to celebrating their birthdays this year. In lieu of personal gifts, they've asked for contributions to be made to the AACHS in their honor to help them celebrate. Not surprisingly, a brilliant and generous effort on their part, and a good idea to share.

## 1836 Society Update

More good news for our generous 1836 Society members!

1836 Lapel Pins will be presented at the Annual Meeting on June 5th.

Sign up to join us at the AACHS Annual meeting and Allan Marmon, Chairman of the 1836 Society, will be honored to present you with your beautiful new lapel pin. Wear it proudly!

Do you want to learn more about the 1836 Society?

Visit <https://centralhighalumni.com/1836-society> or feel free to call me at 215-400-3590 ext 3130.

Thanks for all that you do!

## TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!

Many alumni have availed themselves of the opportunity to dedicate the new, upholstered seats in Central's beautiful, renovated Auditorium. Opportunities remain to dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" family or individuals you wish to honor. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication. Seats are available for a \$300 tax-deductible donation per seat. Please use the form on this page, or donate at [centralhighalumni.com/support](http://centralhighalumni.com/support).

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## AUDITORIUM SEAT DEDICATION APPLICATION

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Inscription (up to 3 lines; 30 characters per line including spaces):	
Single seats or rows, in groups of 9 to 23 seats, are available at \$300 per seat. Make check or money order payable to AACHS and mail to: AACHS, P.O. Box 26580, Philadelphia, PA 19141-6580	



# COLUMN B

Bruce Yasgur, 216

November's misnomered offering was, of course, Column A. Now, the real Column B.

We're recovering from the third (or is it the 4th?) major snowfall in about as many weeks ... and it's SPRING! "Hurricane" Glenn Schwartz (227) assures us that they were all caused by Nor(th)easters, so no blamin' Centralites for this mess. (Pun intended.) We lost power and heat for 5 days. I have a newfound respect for and envy of my foresighted neighbors who bought generators before the storm. They didn't lose their ice cream. Late falls in Maine prepared me for 45-degree mornings with no heat until I built a fire in the wood stove. But no woodstove here, and our two-log fireplace barely radiates heat beyond 5 feet. This winter, we burned the decorative bricks on black, and the chimney actually worked. Good thing we have an older gas range that lights with a match. Otherwise ... nada. Unlike the Maine cabin, this house stays in the 40s, so it's hard to crawl out from under the blankets, even after sunrise.

All this hard getting out of bed talk brings to mind the best job I ever had. No keeping me in bed, with the occasional exception, but never because of the temperature. I could barely wait to get to Ogontz & Olney. We all learned from each other and every day was Funday. I still laugh about my 9th-graders' group projects with titles like We Did It 'Cause We Had To and The Middle Ages Today. One newly-arrived class member started to teach us about Chinese characters and wound up sharing the story of his family's escape from Vietnam, pirate attacks, tragedy and all. What a lesson we learned about the immigration price paid by those who made it here, let alone the ones who did not.

Got a standing ovation from my seniors after an impromptu lecture on Marx and dialectical materialism. I enjoyed the melee as my economics students grabbed their *New York Times* to check "their" stocks, sometimes even before the sports page. And yes, we did the odd crossword puzzle. Junior Achievement not only taught us about business from face painting to teddies and towels,

but it got a couple of students serious college scholarships. And yo, Cynthia (Kennedy, 248) and Jamie (Endres, 250), didn't we love our bears?

The court ruled and the girls came. As I set aside my most colorful quips, I observed that many distaff scholars displayed more graphic vocabularies than did their male classmates. Some spent hours in the girls' room following a romantic setback, with two or three friends consoling them, on class time. And the boys acted out. Ultimately, coeducation raised Central's collective and average IQ by bringing the city's brightest to O&O. So many young women started out as shy and uncertain, yet wound up scrapping with the boys and one another for intellectual victories. I watched so many grow into confident opinion leaders, respected academic adversaries and, over time, major movers and shakers, like environmental litigator Sophia Lee (249), Penn's community relations director Leigh Whitaker (251) and activist/organizer Lai Har Cheung (253).

While we're talkin' ladytalk, Trina Ricketts (248) is still managing and acquiring more and more of global java giant Starbucks, and paralegal extraordinaire Michele Jackson (255) is now with the Philadelphia Family Court's juvenile appeals division. Probably keeps the place running. Michele's best lesson at CHS was Murphy's Law. Bet that if Murphy was a Philly student, she'd have gone to Central. What do you think, Heather Murphy Monteith (249), dancer, choreographer and program director? Maybe she did! And you can't go anywhere without running into Shanique Ancrum (256). Whether she's teaching, tutoring, plying her cosmetology, visiting old haunts, running a household or sitting a table away in the same cafe, "Kitty" gets around.

We can't close without kudos to Joseph M. Field (192), whose generous gift kicked off a fundraising campaign to transform the school in ways that are hard to imagine. Googling artists' renderings of the proposed Joseph and Marie Field Performing Arts Center is worth the effort.

Finally, so long and rest in peace, my friend and classmate David Lipson (216), Philadelphia's late Herring King and a thoroughly remarkable guy.

Wanna share? E me at [byasgur216@gmail.com](mailto:byasgur216@gmail.com). Meanwhile, enjoy spring if it gets here.

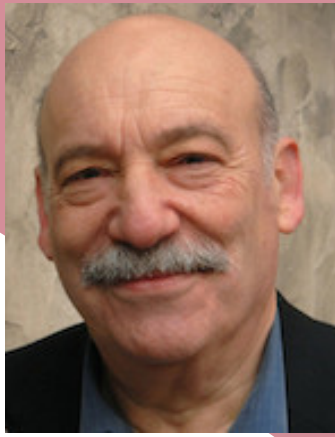
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# EXPERIENCES: MURRAY DUBIN

Interview by Neil Deegan, 263

*Editor's Note: I met Mr. Dubin, 223, in November at Career Day, and he generously agreed to take some time to answer some questions for the Journal via email. For more information on Mr. Dubin, and "Tasting Freedom", visit [tastingfreedombook.com](http://tastingfreedombook.com).*



**Y**ou enjoyed a long and illustrious career as a reporter and editor at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Tell us about your career path.

"Career path" suggests that I knew what I was doing, that I had a plan. Truth is that I was 22, and I got lucky.

I graduated from Temple University in 1969, and found a newspaper job at the *Arlington Heights Herald* in Arlington Heights, Ill., a northwest suburb of Chicago. I was hired because the managing editor liked my clips from the *Temple News*, a newspaper that he had worked on when he attended Temple. Fortunately for me, the *Herald* was a fine daily newspaper and my editor was a kind, talented and generous man named Jim Vesley, who assigned me to cover everything – night sewer board meetings, music festivals, high school basketball.

After about 14 months, I was drafted. To my surprise, I flunked my draft physical. I wasn't sure what to do. Chicago was as far west as I had ever been and I wanted to see the rest of the country. I quit without a plan, gave the *Herald* 30 days notice, and began driving west. I worked on a cattle ranch in Wyoming for a couple of months, and stopped in Colorado, Nevada and California before running out of money and coming home.

I failed to find work at the *Evening Bulletin*, the *Inquirer* or the *Daily News*, but didn't take no for an answer. On my second try at the *Inquirer*, I was hired to work on Action Line, a then popular feature helping readers deal with problems with governments, hospitals, etc.

I was promoted to the news staff in four months and began what would be a 34-year-career in the *Inquirer* newsroom. I almost never said no to an assignment and covered everything from housing to race and ethnicity. I edited fashion and covered presidential elections. The changes didn't stop. I was the Los Angeles-based West Coast bureau chief (chief of me) for three years, wrote editorials

and covered stories from the Dominican Republic to Delaware. I left when it stopped being as much fun as it used to be.

**What was your favorite posting?**

I liked it all, but working on the West Coast for an East Coast newspaper is a magic job. I visited just about every western state, found most of my own stories rather than being assigned, and did a wide range of pieces, from covering students trapped in an avalanche in Oregon to attending the Emmys to covering the Olympics in Los Angeles.

**In a 2012 interview, you identified an experience at Temple as formative in your decision to become a reporter. How did your experience at Central help to drive you in that direction?**

I grew up in South Philadelphia. My parents did not own a car. Central forced me out of my comfort zone and exposed me to students from neighborhoods I had never visited. I came to know so many students who were so much smarter than I was, but I also realized there were subjects where I could do well. English was one of them, especially writing assignments.

**What was Central like when you were a student?**

It was all boys. Chemistry and two years of Spanish caused me grief. I made the JV basketball team, sitting happily as the last man on the bench. When my parents saw those Spanish and chem grades, they suggested strongly I study more and play basketball less. The basketball coach seemed disappointed when I told him, but I think he was just being nice.

**Have you encountered fellow Central alums in your career?**

Two advantages I had as a reporter was coming from South Philadelphia and attending Central. I once said to someone who did not want to talk to me that, no, you're wrong. Red's Hoagies was not at 9th and McKean Streets, it was at 9th and Mifflin. Suddenly I was seen as a person who must know the city and should be trusted. Or someone asking me what high school I attended. I say Central, they ask what class, I say the 223, and whatever trepidation they had talking to a reporter was forgotten because their cousin was in the 222.

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# REUNIONS

**177** – The class held their reunion on October 3, 2017 in the Spain Conference Center at Central. President McKenna, President Chappell, David Kahn, Yvonne Dennis and eight members of the class attended, and the reunion was covered by 6ABC Action News. Their next reunion is expected to occur this fall at Central, exact date to be determined.

**190** – Held their reunion on April 19th at Aldar Bistro in Bala Cynwyd.

**199** – The 65th Reunion of the 199th Class will be held on June 5, 2018 (11:30am) at the City Tavern Restaurant, 138 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA. For more information, email class representative Bob Rosenstein at [199thClass@comcast.net](mailto:199thClass@comcast.net).

**200** – Reunion to be held June 16, 2018 in Philadelphia. For more information please contact Sigmund Landis at [drsig60@gmail.com](mailto:drsig60@gmail.com) or 367-488-1910.

**204** – Reunion to be held June 3, 2018 at Bluestone Country Club (formerly Meadowlands), 711 Boehms Church Rd, Blue Bell. For more information, please contact Arthur Magilner at [admagilner@gmail.com](mailto:admagilner@gmail.com) or 215-885-5840.

**209** – The 209th class held their reunion at Central High School on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 20th.

**212** – Will meet for lunch at Central High School on Friday, May 17, 2019 with another gathering to follow on Saturday, May 18, 2019. More information to follow.

**215** – 75th birthday reunion to include a gathering on Saturday, May 19th at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. For more information contact Gerry Kean at [gerrykean215@aol.com](mailto:gerrykean215@aol.com).

**219** – 55th reunion for classmates only will be held on Saturday, June 9th at Estia (1405 Locust Street, Philadelphia) from 12 PM to 4 PM. The cost is \$100 and dress is casual. For more information, contact Mike Love at [m.b.love@verizon.net](mailto:m.b.love@verizon.net).

**221** – 55th reunion to be held on Friday, May 3, 2019. More details to follow.

**252** – Reunion to be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 8 PM to 12 midnight at the IATSE Ballroom (2401 S. Swanson Street, Philadelphia). For more details, visit <https://252reunion.com> or email [info@252reunion.com](mailto:info@252reunion.com).

**267** – Reunion to be held November 30, 2018 at Down Nightclub Philadelphia (262 S 15th Street, Philadelphia) from 7 PM to 10 PM. Tickets available for \$80 before May 15, \$90 from May 16 until June 6 – no ticket sales after June 6. Includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and waiver cover at the club or Howl at the Moon after the event. \$12 parking available at the Academy House Garage. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/267-the-10-year-reunion-tickets-9386341801?aff=AACHSJJournal>. Email [267centralhigh@gmail.com](mailto:267centralhigh@gmail.com) with questions.

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**Please note that while some of those who've passed are known globally, others are known within smaller circles, all are listed here by name, class number and nothing more. We are all Central High alumni**

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**177** Marvin Friedman  
**177** Charles Lubar  
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**196** Warren (Pancho) Bryer  
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**204** Leonard Solomon  
**204** Joel Lewis  
**204** Joel Fishbein  
**205** Myron Kerbel

**205** Arnold Steffens, M.D.  
**208** Stephen Myers  
**209** James Lomax  
**210** M. Barry Robin  
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**214** Col. John Matonis  
**214** Jay Rosner  
**215** Bruce O'Malley  
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**227** Mark Orlove  
**230** Mitchel Berman

**230** Marshall Freedman  
**230** William Joyner  
**233** Neil Caesar  
**237** Jim Karvelas  
**239** Darrell Baxter  
**263** Michael Taras  
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# ALMA MATTERS

**199** - Bernard Gross reports of another successful Florida reunion for the 199th class, held earlier this year at the Bocaire Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Florida members of the 199th class will plan to meet again on February 24, 2019 at 11:30 AM.

**202** - The June 2017 issue of "The University of Pennsylvania Journal of Orthopaedics" was dedicated to Malcolm L. Ecker, M.D., 202, for his years of service at the University in resident education and patient care. He continues to see outpatients in the Division of Orthopaedics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is Emeritus Associate Professor of Orthopaedics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

**204** - Arthur Magilner reports that the 204 raised \$5,000 to dedicate a room at Central High School in honor of their class sponsor Mr. Julius Greenstein, and the 204's own Burt Fogelman, a retired Central educator. The dedication took place on October 3, 2017.

**204** - As mentioned in Lynn Norton Robin's column, Elliot Silverman will be celebrating his 80th birthday with a party in Sarasota, Florida. Instead of gifts, he's asked friends and family to make a donation to Central's Leading the Way fundraising campaign. Thank you Elliot!

**206** - Bernard P. Dishler was inducted into the Temple University Gallery of Success in recognition of his professional achievements. He founded the Yorktowne Dental Group in 1976, and since has served in leadership positions with many local, state and national organizations, and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine. He is a graduate of the Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry. Temple President Richard Englert presented the award.

**217** - Neil Steiger sends this note from Lakeland, Florida: "In March 2017, our class held its 55th reunion. Inspired by the CHS Alumni Facebook group, on November 9, 2010, we began our CHS 217 Alumni group, which now has 27 online members, many of whom post a word or picture now and then and renew old relationships. Any 217 class member or family member is encouraged to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chs217>.

**228** - Richard Schwartz recently released a new book titled "The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty". It is the story of M. B. Curtis, a Jewish immigrant and actor who was the first Jewish male to be allowed to portray a Jewish male character on stage in the history of American theatre. He performed often here in Philadelphia. The book is available at Amazon.com and other booksellers. The book recently won the Bronze medal for biography from the Independent Book Publisher Awards.

**231** - Charlie Berg sends us the following note: "In early October, my wife & I took our first trip out to the Grand Canyon. After an exciting helicopter ride over the Canyon, we drove along the South Rim highway, and stopped at a random overlook to see the sunset. As I approached the rim, there was a gentleman with a fancy camera setup, taking time-lapsed photography of the canyon, as the Sun began to set. I was wearing my Central sweatshirt, as the temperature was cooling. As I approached him, he glanced at my sweatshirt, then looked at me and said: "You from Philly?", he asked. "Yes", I said. He immediately responded with "238!", to which I responded: "231!".



**241** - Members of the 241 attended the AACHS meeting in March to present the board with a check for \$6,736 raised at their 35th class reunion. Thank you for your support!

**242** - Artwork from the Brotherman comic series created and published by Dawud Anyabwile (formerly David Sims) and his brothers, will be included in the archive of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture to be used in future exhibitions and research. Dawud is an Emmy Award winning artist, illustrator and entrepreneur.

**256** - Dan Taraborrelli reports that his class held their reunion late in 2017, where they collected funds for the Capital Campaign, and raised \$1,256! The DJ was also from the 256, and in lieu of taking payment for his services, donated his fee towards the class gift!

**263** - Mark Anthony Fraser was awarded a 3-year Adjunct Fellowship appointment with the Center for Public Health Initiatives (CPHI) at the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently a student in the Liberty University Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program.

241 members presenting a check to the AACHS. Pictured are Dr. Nick Taweel, Ted Mininni, Paul Feldman, Stephen Goldstein and Tom Gill (left to right).

**Career Change? Graduation? Wedding? Birth? Unique Central Connection? We want to know about it!**

Send us an update on you or a classmate, and we'll include it in the next edition of the Journal. Please include class number, email address and name. Submissions under 100 words appreciated.

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# FIVE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO FACULTY HALL OF FAME

Neil Deegan, 263

On March 20th, before an audience including the 277th graduating class, friends and family of the honorees and alumni, five new distinguished faculty members were inducted into the Central Faculty Hall of Fame.

Former President **Sheldon Pavel** emceed the program, made possible by the organization and effort of AACHS Hall of Fame Committee Chair **Stephen L. Burnstein, D.O. (222)**.

The educators inducted at the event, Central President **Tim McKenna** said, "spent decades of their lives making a difference in the lives of Central students. Their belief in the mission of Central helps students become leaders of their generation."

Two deceased members of the faculty were honored – **John Mulloy**, and **Dr. Edwin Houston (43)**, along with living members **Sandra Schwartz**, **Stephen Wilensky**, **Merrill Hakim** and **Frank Greco (228)**.

Dr. Houston received both his bachelors and masters degrees at Central. He served as a professor of civil engineering and chaired the school's Natural Philosophy and Physical Geography department. He later entered into a partnership with Elihu Thomson to create an arc light generator, which ultimately merged with Thomas Edison's Edison General Electric Company, later General Electric. He authored a number of books on science, and served twice as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

**John Mulloy** was a beloved member of the social studies faculty, and later became a respected figure on Catholicism. He hosted ecumenical discussions and debates in his classroom at Central, as well.

Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, **Dr. Arnie Eisen (228)**, said that Mulloy was very influential in his life and the life of his students, and wanted to teach things that "weren't in any textbook". Indeed, he typed and duplicated his texts by hand so that his students would read poets, thinkers and philosophers of all kinds.

Mulloy's son, Vincent, attended and spoke on behalf of the family saying, "he loved it here".

**Sandra Schwartz**, a retired mathematics teacher and department head, was honored by Dr. Pavel for her two terms of service at the school. Schwartz said of the honor, "Imagine being honored for a career that gave me love every day."

**Stephen Wilensky** said that he never planned to become a teacher. He came to Central for one semester to cover a sabbatical, but it ended up being just the beginning. "I started to challenge them [the students] – and surprisingly they played it. They were learning." He ultimately taught at Central for 30 years, took the school's musicians around the world, and inspired countless students to go on to careers in the arts and arts education. "Great teachers make great students, and students are capable of going whatever they want to do," said Wilensky.

**Madame Merrill Hakim**, noted Dr. Pavel, was the only teacher in the history of the school to teach three languages simultaneously – Italian, French and Hebrew. Upon taking the podium, she greeted those assembled in all three languages and said, "I've been all over the city, and without a doubt this is the best school here."

**Frank Greco (228)** hasn't quite left Central, still serving as the coordinator of the school's commencement exercises. He was the chair of the school's phys ed and health department, and coached the school's storied girls softball and basketball teams. Many will remember his beckoning students to attend Central sporting events, often promising conditions of "70 degrees and sunny". His son (255) and daughter (260) are graduates, and credited his family, including his wife, for enabling him to be so engaged at school. "I'm here because of my family and because of [the players]. If not for them, I would not be standing here today." Dr. Pavel said, "He cares about being a Central graduate, cares about the students, his athletes, his family and everyone he came into contact with."

Dr. Pavel said that it was "a privilege to walk the halls" with the school's faculty, and encouraged members of the 277 to "take a moment and say thank you to the teachers in this building" before graduation.

Honorees, guests and alumni enjoyed brunch in the Spain Conference Room after the ceremony. The next group of honorees for the Hall of Fame will occur at the AACHS Annual Dinner on June 5th at the Sheraton Society Hill hotel in Philadelphia.

## Murray Dubin (continued from page 9)

Since you left the Inquirer in 2005, you co-authored a book on civil rights leader Octavius Catto who was murdered in Philadelphia in 1871. What drew you to the topic?

It was the 1990s, and I was doing research at the Library Company on my South Philly book. A wonderful librarian gave me an academic essay to read on Catto, who I was unfamiliar with. Like most academic essays, it was not well written but the information on Catto's life was fascinating and I could not believe I had never heard of this man. I remember feeling that my high school and college had let me down by not teaching me his story. I included four or five paragraphs about Catto in the South Philadelphia book, but I thought he deserved more. It was a great story that no one had told before. That's what a reporter lives for.

While at the Inquirer, you authored two books - "The Official Book of Wallyball" and "South Philadelphia Mummies, Memories, and the Melrose Diner". What is your next project?

A few years ago, I started researching a book about murder and insanity in the 19th century, a way to look at the difficulties the justice system had

dealing with madness. I discovered an intriguing local murder-insanity case in the 1840s that seemed a good way to explore the issues and give the readers some real people to care about. Then I may have uncovered one fact too many – Edgar Allen Poe, who lived in Philadelphia from 1838-1844, was a good friend with one of the defense lawyers in my case. That changed everything for me, and now Poe is in my story, and I am using my imagination for the first time to write historical fiction. For me, it's using a muscle that's been dormant for 50 years. I'm about half done.

We met at Career Day this past fall. Beyond Career Day, have you stayed active with the school or with your class?

Other than attending some of our reunions and Career Day each year, I have not been active.

What advice might you offer a young alum just starting a career in journalism, or considering such a career?

Do it. Being a witness to history is fun and a privilege. You're paid to meet people and make sense of what they say and do. You're paid to make sure people in power do not abuse that power. You're paid to tell people stuff they did not know. I never had a bad day.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, May 11th** – Central Night at the Phillies! Come spend an evening with students, faculty and alums as the Phillies take on the New York Mets at Citizens Bank Park. Tickets are \$25 each, and available from Mike Horwits (251) at the school, or at [bit.ly/phillies18](http://bit.ly/phillies18).

**Wednesday, May 16th** - Support Central Football's annual alumni golf outing at the Melrose Country Club. Registration fee is \$400 for a foursome, \$110 for an individual golfer (will be paired with others). Includes golf beginning at 8 AM, cold water and Gatorade, and a buffet lunch at 1 PM. For more information, to register or to sponsor a hole, contact Rich Drayton at Central athletic director and football coach Rich Drayton at [coachdrayton@yahoo.com](mailto:coachdrayton@yahoo.com) or 215-768-8665.

**Saturday, June 9th** – Come out for the third annual Alumni Baseball Game at Lancers Field (Ogontz and Somerville Avenues, Philadelphia). First pitch is at 10 am. Come to play or come to spend the day with old friends and current players watching great baseball. Cost is \$60 which includes fees, a t-shirt, fitted hat and lunch – or for \$100, you can upgrade to a custom commemorative jersey with name and number. Proceeds support Central's baseball team including field maintenance and improvements, and indoor pitching mounds. Register at <https://centralhighalumni.com/events/alumni-baseball-game/> or email Rich Weiss at [rweiss@philasd.org](mailto:rweiss@philasd.org) for more information.

**Tuesday, June 12th** - Commencement for the 277th class to be held at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

## Save The Date!

**Sunday, September 30th** - AACHS 5k at Central High School

**Wednesday, October 17th** - Alumni Hall of Fame Induction at Philmont Country Club

# CLASS REPS

The Alumni Association's Class Representatives Committee strives to maintain contact with every class through its designated representative. In order to ease our administrative burden, we ask each class to designate just one person to serve as the official liaison between the class and the Association.

The Association has launched an effort to confirm the suitability and dedication of every rep, new and existing. As a result, several changes and vacancies have occurred. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, or if you would like to apply for or recommend someone for a vacant rep position, please email the Alumni Association at [alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com). If email is not an option, please call (215) 927-9550. If you would like to contact your class rep, please email the Alumni office in care of her or his name. (Email addresses are not shown here in order to avoid their being harvested by spammers.). - Rudy Cvetkovic (239)

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# FACEBOOK CONNECTIONS

Merrill Freedman, 208

Columnist at Large

Anyone who's ever worked with me knows that I am anything but tech savvy. I never touched a computer until I was fifty years old (a long, long time ago). I love email and Word, and sometimes I look things up in Google, but that's it. When I was in business I had an assistant, who insisted I have a Facebook account. She set it up, but I fooled her – I never used it.

My wife refuses to have a Facebook account, but she uses mine. She insists it's just to keep up with the grandchildren's photos, but she must know that I see her going through the pages, or whatever the hell they're called. If anybody sees anything from me – it's from her.

At my class' 60th reunion, Gene Samuelson told me about a site populated by our old neighborhood peers who reminisce about our neighborhood from the 1940s to 1960's. One must join by invitation, and Gene was my sponsor. They post old photos of the #6 trolley, various candy stores and school photos in which I recognize nobody. Since my male friends all followed each other to Central and beyond, I know, and sometimes see, those guys. What I would give to see the girls in my 6th grade class at Rowen elementary school! They would be 78 years old now; what a hoot

it would be to see a bunch of old ladies who I knew as cute little girls.

And then a neighborhood reunion was announced! I couldn't wait to go. I tried picturing what the girls I had crushes on back then would look like now. When I got there, I noticed that everyone looked great, which was to be expected because they were all much younger than I. Not only that, but it was more a reunion of the various Catholic schools in and around my neighborhood than of the neighborhood alone. Everyone was very friendly, but clearly, I had nothing to contribute, so I quietly went on my way.

There is a page that I do follow: Thanks to Rudy Cvetkovic (239), I can follow the goings on of my, mostly much younger fellow Central alumni. You young guys must spend a lot of time on Facebook.

Now I see that it's been used to follow demographics, which can be used to alter election results. People seem to be worried that they're being hacked to discover things about themselves. Clearly, there's no reason to hack my account. Just give me a call, and I'll tell you what you want to know – which isn't very much.

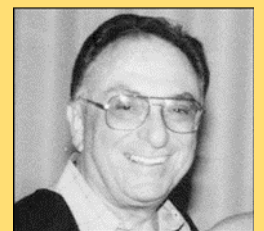
## Warren Bryer (196)

Mr. Bryer of Sunny Isles Beach, FL passed away December 26, 2017. After defying the odds for many months, his heart beat for the final time as he sat working at his desk at home. He was born January 27, 1935 in South Philly to Mollie and Barney Bryer. He was a proud member of the 196 class of Central High School and a member of the Track team and Athletic Committee. He graduated Central High School at age 16; a graduate of Temple University, and a CPA.

Prior to moving to Florida, Warren was the Treasurer and CFO of S.Z. Goodstein & Company for many years and later was President and CEO of Capital First Corporation, a company that he took public. He moved to Miami in 1988 to work for the late Anthony R. Abraham (prominent Florida Businessman, Auto Dealer and philanthropist) and his family to whom he dedicated the last 29 plus years of his life up to his very final moment.

"Pancho" was the "winningest" coach of the Philadelphia Jewish Basketball League, being twice hon-ored by the JBL Alumni Assoc. Over a span of 30 years, he coached and played for the Philadelphia Athletic Club, the Brith Sholom League and many other teams in the Independent Leagues of Philadelphia. He was loved and respected by his players, not only as their coach, but as their mentor. Warren was also an avid tennis player, a lover of jazz and a horseracing enthusiast.

He was predeceased by his children Merrill Bryer and Abbe Bryer Connell. He will be mourned by his beloved wife of 31 years Nancy (Cohen) Bryer, his brother Jerry Bryer, other relatives and many friends. A memorial Service was held on January 9, 2018 at Levitt-Weinstein Memorial Chapel in North Miami Beach, FL. To view the obituaries that appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Miami Herald and/or leave a message in the Guest Book, please go to Legacy.com or to Levitt-Weinstein.com which also provides a Tribute Wall/Guest Book for entries.



Paid for by classmates of Mr. Bryer

# STUDENT ART CORNER

Alpha Barry, 277



"We All Got Demons", above; "The Hours", right



## Why make art?

Like many others, art is an outlet I've always instinctively turned to. Since I was a toddling three-year-old with a wild imagination, it just seemed fun to take up the challenge of transcribing my crazy thoughts onto paper, or walls, or wherever I could. There wasn't a big bang that pushed me into creating art, I just knew I had an insatiable desire to create as a kid and luckily that hasn't changed.

## How has studying art at Central helped you to develop your work?

The specificity in the lessons some art classes require can feel incredibly constrictive and, for me, it's pretty off putting. Luckily at Central, under the direction of Mr. Kelsey and Ms. Keefe, assignments always feel extremely liberal and open-ended. You feel completely and wholly in the driver's seat with every piece and it encourages me to flex my imagination. Throughout my years,

I found Central's community incredibly supportive of my artistic endeavors. Whether it be a little doodle in my notebook, or bigger piece on display, students and teachers see it and reach out to encourage me to keep creating art. Sometimes they even connect me with opportunities or commission me. I seriously doubt I'd get similar positive energy anywhere else.

## How do you hope to engage with the arts after you graduate from Central?

I plan to study illustration or graphic design in art school, and currently it looks like Tyler of School of Art at Temple is going to be my school of choice. I've been making short animations since I was ten, and continuing that at a professional or even personal level is definitely something I need to do. It's been a lifelong dream to create my own cartoons or movies after being inspired by shows like Batman: The Animated Series and The Boondocks. I'd like to think at some point my own animations will pass the torch of thought-provoking, absurdly cool, and sophisticated animation forward. I honestly don't know exactly what career I want to pursue, however as long as I find a way to feed that insatiable desire to create art, I'm sure I'll be fine!





"Double Portrait", above; "F\*ck Guns", left

## Kymble Clark, 277

### Why make art?

I feel my identity and my beliefs being brought to life on paper. I convey my blackness, queerness, sexuality, and social commentary within my artwork. My artwork acts as a vehicle to exemplify my identity and promote social justice. From an unconventional self-portrait examining my own feeling to challenging the genders ingrained in society, my artwork is a visual representation of who I am.

### How has studying art at Central helped you to develop your work?

Central High School has provided me with a multitude of opportunities in order to improve my artistic capabilities. Either it is gaining scholarships to participate in Saturday art classes at institutions, such as the University of the Arts or Moore College of Art, to conducting thought-provoking and insightful critiques of my artwork, the art department at Central really challenged me to step outside my comfort zone and into new territories. During my high school career, my art teacher, Ms. Keefe, presented various concepts, techniques, and materials to help me develop not only fundamental artistic skills, but to aid me in developing meaning and depth within my artwork. With this guidance, I have conveyed other passions of mine such as social justice into my work.



### How do you hope to engage with the arts after you graduate from Central?

Art has become an extension of who I am. It has helped shape my identity as well as guided me to view the world in different perspectives. Continuing my passion for art once I graduate Central High School is of utmost importance to me. I plan on studying art in college: either printmaking or fine arts. While in college, I will continue to seek opportunities that align with my artistic interests. For example, interning at gallery spaces or museums. Studying art in college will undoubtedly enrich not only my artistic capabilities but my artistic and academic intellect as well.



# NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations and Elections, Hon. Denis Cohen, (228), chairman, presents the following nominations for positions on the Alumni Board of Managers. The election will be held at the annual meeting on June 5 at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in Philadelphia.

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