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EIGHT REMARKABLE ALUMS TO BE INDUCTED INTO AACHS HALL OF FAME OCTOBER 17TH

Join us on Wednesday, October 17th at 6 PM at the Philmont Country Club in Huntingdon Valley as eight esteemed Central graduates are inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour and dessert reception as complements to the evening's proceedings. Our MC will be **Councilmember At Large Helen Gym**, a noted education and immigration activist and leader, former Central parent, and the first Asian-American woman to serve on Philadelphia's City Council.

Our honorees are **Marc Brickman (229), Marvin Corman (208), Lee Felsenstein (219), Albert Fishlow (199), Philip Freelon (230), Neal Kassell (221), Herman Rush (187) and David Soll (213).**

This event is the finale of a year of remarkable Alumni Hall of Fame events, including this past spring's faculty induction, and the posthumous inductions at June's annual dinner.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to honor some of Central's finest graduates and to meet current students and fellow alums.

Learn more about this exciting event, buy your tickets and learn about placing an ad in our program book at centralhighalumni.com/2018/08/2018-hall-of-fame-finale-promises-to-be-grand.



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FROM THE EDITOR

Neil Deegan, 263

Editor, The Alumni Journal



As we enter the new school year, and approach one year since the announcement of Central's ambitious *Leading the Way* campaign, it strikes me that the theme of this issue is gratitude.

We don't attempt to create themes for each *Journal* we bring you, but oftentimes the theme presents itself to us in the submissions we receive from staff, students and alumni.

Our development director, **Lynn Norton Robins**, writes in this issue about the importance of acknowledging supporters - expressing gratitude for gifts to help AACHS provide all that it does for our students of today and tomorrow.

Harsh Jhaveri (278), writes about his experience soliciting support from alumni to complete his Eagle Scout project, which itself was born out of gratitude to the school and all that the Central community provides to those who are a part of it.

And, our president, **Steve Chappell (209)**, shares a note of gratitude from one of the many students AACHS provides awards, prizes or scholarships for each and every year.

As summer turns to fall, I find myself reflecting on the day, 18 years ago, that I walked through Central's doors for my first day of freshman orientation, the amazing opportunities presented to me during my four years as a student, the opportunities available to me because of the experiences and education I received at Central, and the opportunity today to serve our Central community as a member of the AACHS Board of Managers.

One chance to reflect will be to take a walk down memory lane through **David Kahn's (220)** column, which looks back at some of the incredible moments in Central's history.

AACHS is working hard to ensure that opportunity shines bright for the Central graduates of the future by building a Central that can provide those students an experience that prepares them to lead in a rapidly changing world. As you reflect, consider how you might give back by supporting the students of today and tomorrow - financially through *Leading the Way*, by giving of your time, or through some other means.

Thank you for reading!



AACHS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Chappell, 209
president@centralhighalumni.com

I receive many "thank you" notes and letters from graduating seniors and other students who have been awarded prizes or scholarships by the Alumni Association. The following is an example. I can think of no better way to illustrate why AACHS exists and why it deserves your support.

June 25, 2018

Mr. Stephen C. Chappell

I am the recipient of the Albert H. Smyth Literature Prize as highest standing in literature at Central High School, and I would personally like to pay thanks for the unexpected award.

It is a well-known fact that the School District of Philadelphia does not always readily supply their students with many essential resources, many students in my very district struggling to excel in this environment. What makes myself, a student of Central High School, privileged compared to my peers at other schools, is the support my community receives from the Alumni Association. Central High School would not be able to uphold the spirit, academics and drive that it currently maintains if it were not for the alumni.

I am deeply grateful for this award and all of the other funds stemming from your association. Without your support, I would not be able to be the [incoming] editor-in-chief of the Centralizer, or a participant in both the National History Day competition and the Carver Science Fair, among others.

The reason our school thrives is because of you and, on behalf of all the students at Central High School, I would like to greatly thank you for motivating and inspiring myself and my peers to thrive and succeed. Thank you.

Highest Regards,

Yasmine Mezoury, 278

CENTRAL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Timothy McKenna
President, Central High School

This August, we welcomed the 281st graduating class of Central High School to the Central community. They walked through our doors on the 13th of August to participate in our orientation program, filled with nervous energy as they begin their journey as Central students.

The 281st class is made up of over **650** students, matriculating from **165** elementary and middle schools in Philadelphia. They are the best and brightest that our great city has to offer. I am excited to see this group grow, learn and develop into leaders.

In my **AACHS Alumni Journal** message this spring, I shared some highlights from the '17-'18 school year. I am pleased to add to this list some accomplishments that have recently been shared with me.

Of the **52** students that participated in the International Baccalaureate Program, **44** earned an IB Diploma. This is well above the international average for the IB community.

74.4% of our students scored a **3** or better on Advanced Placement Examinations. This is the highest percentage of success rate since I took over the school in 2012.

Our faculty challenges our students and they continue to meet their expectations and thrive academically. I am so proud of the effort put forth by all the members of our school community.

In athletics, we finished the '17-'18 school year with **7** Public League championships, and **2** District 12 Championships. We developed Pennsylvania state qualifiers in swimming and cross-country, and one national qualifier in indoor track. 63 Central students earned All-Public honors for the year. We are very proud of our student-athletes and their contribution to our school's rich tradition of excellence in athletics.

It should be evident to you that Central High School is still the finest educational institution in Philadelphia.

If you haven't visited please come back and see what is going on at "Dear High".

I am asking for your support as we move forward. Please think about making a contribution to our school as we work to improve the physical plant of Central High School for the current group of young scholars.

If you would like information about our plans moving forward, please contact **Lynn Norton Robins**, our Director of Development at (215) 400-3590 Ext 3130 or lynn@centralhighalumni.com.





FROM THE ARCHIVES

Recollections on a Late Summer Day

David R. Kahn, Archivist/Historian , 220

Central's history is, in a sense, made from what our individual memories are. Perhaps some of these "tidbits" that I have culled from our records will trigger recollections from your student days.

June 1943: Dr. John Louis Haney, First Honor Man of the 100th Class retires as the 8th

President of Central

September 1943: Dr. William Hafner Cornog (146), installed as the 9th President of Central.

December 1946: Dedication of the Edmonds Planetarium.

June 1948: Dedication of the Levine-Lundy Sound Studio, the home of the Radio Workshop and school radio stations WCEN and later, WRCL. This space is now used for individual music instruction.

June 18, 1953: Vice-President of the United States Alben W. Barkley spoke at the 200th Class Commencement.

April 23, 1954: Contralto Marian Anderson performs at an Assembly.

May 1955: Central's Chess Team wins both the City and State Championships.

June 1955: Dr. Cornog resigns as President. He becomes Superintendent of New Trier Township Schools in Illinois. "Uncle Joe" McCloskey also leave the faculty to go with Dr. Cornog.

April 4, 1956: Dr. Elmer Field (122) installed as the 10th President of Central.

February 1959: Central's language department introduces a course in Russian, first taught by Dr. John Keynes of the history department.

November 1959: Central's football team wins the Public League title. (author's note: a hellavua way to start a freshman year!) Let's just ignore the outcome of the City Title game with Bonner.

January 1961: Central's athletic teams known hereafter as "Lancers", instead of "Mirrors".

April 1961: The Central Dramatics club presents Herman Wouk's "The Caine Mutiny" at its first evening performance in four years.

June 1962: Central's Track and Field team takes both the Public League and City Titles.

June 1962: Dr. Field retires as Central's 10th President.

August 1962: John D. Christman retires as Vice Principal.

September 1962: At a reception at the Bellevue-Stratford, Mr. William Gregory is installed as the 11th President of Central. **Mr. Howard Carlisle (162)** becomes the Vice Principal.

December 1962: CHS Computer Club awarded first prize at the Fall Joint Computer Conference for constructing a digital computer.

March 1964: Central Freshman **Jerry Silverman (226)** patents his invention, the Magnarail, an improvement over the Monorail.

March 1964: English teacher **Dr. David Newmark (class unknown)**, was honored by the Widener School for his many years of planning the Annual CHS Christmas party for Widener students and his contributions to the Widener Scholarship Fund.

May 1964: Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy speaks at the AACHS banquet, attended by 1200 at the Bellevue-Stratford. He is presented with the first Barnwell Award for Distinguished Service.

May 20, 1966: Vice-President of the United States Hubert H. Humphrey receives the third Barnwell Distinguished Service Award at the School.

September 1967: School returns to a double-shift schedule because of overcrowding and construction of the 4th Floor biology labs, which replaced the basketball cage.

June 1969: William M. Disharoon (133) retires after 46 years teaching at Central. He continues as a special College Counselor.

January 11, 1970: Dr. Howard Carlisle (162) is named the 12th President of Central.

September 1970: Split shifts end!

January 1971: One hundred fifty Central students protest the lowering of standards at a meeting of the Board of Education.

March 29, 1974: Susan Vorchheimer files lawsuit to enter Central.

November 25, 1976: Central defeats Northeast for fifth consecutive year.

March 1979: Standardized mid-term and final examinations for math courses initiated.

April 15, 1981: Report commissioned by the *Philadelphia Daily News* supports the merger of Central and Girls' High, a plan not supported by the School District.

CENTRAL "A NATURAL" FOR UNIQUE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Allan Marmon, Esq., 204

Several months ago I sat down at lunch with my good friend Dani Neuman who is the Director of Philanthropic Endeavors for the Amal Educational Network in Israel. Amal is a system of high schools scattered all over Israel and is attended by Druze, Christian, Moslem and Jewish female and male students.

Dani informed me that he had initiated an exchange program between Amal and two high schools in the U.S. Israeli students and American students would choose a science project to work on by means of Facetime and Skype. In addition an exchange would be arranged whereby the Israelis would visit their counterparts in the U.S. and vice versa.

We agreed to try to make this happen after I told him that this was a "natural" for Central and quickly informed President McKenna of this unique educational opportunity.

He agreed and shortly thereafter Darcel Bonner, who heads the CHS Science department,

and Joseph Campbell, biology teacher, were selected to lead the CHS student group.

In a short time CHS and Amal students, approximately eight from each school, had mutually picked a scientific project to develop: How to decontaminate unpotable water by usage of plant life.

The Amal group visited CHS as well as many sites in Philadelphia and New York.

Many friendships were begun and CHS hosts and student body were complimented for their kindness.

In late May the CHS contingent flew to Israel. Among the sites visited were the Amal school in Zefat, Sea of Galilee, Church of the Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan River for rafting, Tel Aviv and Jaffa, Yad Vashem Holocaust museum, Jerusalem, Tower of David and the Western Wall, and the Dead Sea.

The Exchange Program was deemed by all as a great success and it is hoped that it can continue in the future.

Central Lawyers – the Mock Trial Team Needs your Help

One point. That was the margin by which perennial power, Roman Catholic High School, defeated Central to win last year's citywide high school mock trial championship. Lina Bader, Central's faculty mock trial sponsor, is determined to see a different result this year. And with all of her top performers from last year's team returning for their senior year (Class 278), bringing this year's championship to Central is not an unrealistic expectation.

Ms. Bader met with several lawyer alumni just before the current school year started. She genuinely believes her kids to be more skilled trial advocates than those who compete for Roman. However, she explained that Roman is consistently dominant largely because of the group of attorney alumni who volunteer to coach and to assist the team.

Ms. Bader is actually a biology teacher, and apparently an excellent one. But she is not a lawyer. She feels that if she could just get some help from some alumni lawyers, Central could easily take over the top spot. The kids need assistance with objections, cross-examination, witness preparation, and even such rudimentary matters as where to stand in the courtroom.

The vast majority of us feel tremendous appreciation for the high school experience we had at Central. If you are a lawyer with trial skills, and a little bit of time to spare, this is a great opportunity to give something back. Please contact Ms. Bader at lbader@philasd.org. She will coordinate your efforts to assist the Central Mock Trial Team. And you can be sure that the experience will be a great one for you.

-Benjamin G. Lipman, Esq., 224

THE IMPORTANCE OF GRATITUDE

Lynn Norton Robins

AACHS Director of Development

We walk in and out of doors constantly. Whether it's in your home, workplace, restaurants, stores, or caf  s, we spend our days doing it. Wouldn't you agree?

Have you ever acknowledged the person holding that door for you, or held that door for someone else? How did that make you feel?

It's only human to desire to be acknowledged by others. That's the same feeling that giving back is intended to give you. Receiving appreciation from others, especially from someone you respect or admire makes you feel good, may give you a sense of purpose, and even verify your self-worth.

If you are searching for a way to acknowledge or recognize someone, the AACHS can help you with that. If you are searching for a way to feel a greater sense of self-worth, the AACHS can help you with that too!

Here is how GIVING to the AACHS can help YOU:



Recognize, show gratitude, or honor someone with an acknowledgement card from the AACHS. Make a donation of \$20 or more, and the AACHS will send a card to show your appreciation for their kindness, send heartfelt condolences over the loss of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion. You can make a contribution and request an acknowledgement be sent, whereby both doing good and making someone else feel acknowledged at the

same time!

You can make a contribution to AACHS to support programming and support for Central students, to support the operation of AACHS, or for the capital campaign - the choice is yours!

Log onto centralhighalumni.com/support to learn more and make your contribution!

Please email me at lynn@centralhighalumni.com or call our office at 215-845-3308 so that we can make sure your information is up to date in our records.

Thanks for all 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.

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COLUMN C

Bruce Yasgur, 216

Yeah, yeah, I know, there was no Column C back then. Not this column--I'm talkin' the original

Column A and Column B on the menus of the Chinese restaurants we frequented in the '50s and '60s. Some of you remember, but if you don't, you could have two meals at one bargain price, with an upscale entree like shrimp or duck from Column A and a cheap chicken or veggie entree from Column B (or was it the other way around?), plus soup, tea, egg roll and a cookie. If your date didn't want all that food, no problem--you ate the second egg roll and most of the shrimp and chicken; and the whole check, tip and all, was about ten bucks. But - and this was the kicker - if you didn't order both meals, you didn't get the discount. Nowadays you don't get a discount, and the wife wouldn't let you get away with ordering a crummy meal even if you did, so you go for it and order the shrimp and beef, maybe duck, put it on the card, and count on the paychecks to keep coming and cover the tab.

Not to mention grade counting when I was in school. You started school in either September or February in grade 1A and succeeded or suffered through 12B. Now, of course, everyone starts in September, so the dual meaning is lost on everyone past the 224; but it's there nevertheless.

So now you know--I invented Column C when **Neil (Deegan, 263)** and his predecessors expanded this rag to three issues a year. But it's OK; everything's good--no cheap choices. You paid for the buffet, so you're entitled to the best of everything. Enter the Dons and Davids.

Intrepid Travel Geezer **Don Mankin (213)** has trekked and tasted his way around the world, and writes about it in *Active Over 50* as well as dozens of magazine articles, a book and a blog. Don's latest exploits (right--no hotel-and-tour-bus trips) have taken him to remote areas of Argentina, Belize and Sumatra. I asked Don if he thought his CHS education had led to his success as an engineer, a psychologist, professor, dean, professional adventurer and award-winning travel writer. He attributes some of it to Central, some of it to traveling around Philly, and much of it to the self-confidence that his early experiences cultivated:

"It took some chutzpah to embark on so many career transitions (By the time I graduated from Central) I realized that I was smart ... and competent enough that regardless of what I chose to do, I would somehow make it work." And he has.

Just received birthday greetings from several old friends, including classmate **Don Dyen**. Unlike most of us, Don knew exactly what he wanted to be: an illustrator. In his Bucks County studio and down the shore, he's been illustrating textbooks and kids' books and creating a series of sports, entertainment, literary, historical, nature and children's illustrations that would brighten up any man, woman or kid cave. Maybe even the one in Thailand! There's an idea for an illustration or two. Don's latest project? No surprise: paintings of Eagles stars from the best Super Bowl ever. Can't wait to see 'em.

Classmate **David Chanoff**, noted non-fiction author, ghostwriter and retired Tufts English prof, has written books with former Israeli PM Ariel Sharon, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Bill Crowe, Former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders and other movers and shakers. His proudest achievement? *From Crisis to Calling: Finding Your Moral Center in the Toughest Decisions*, which David wrote with his son Sasha, the founding director of the NGO RefugePoint. Their book "takes off from a life and death refugee situation ... in the Congo (and) explore(s) similar challenges others have faced." Sounds like an interesting and timely read.

Our closer, **David J. Spangenberg (222)**, Google "Professor Pooch," has been in the music biz for 50 years; even co-wrote one or two songs with Yours Truly back in the day. In 2012, at 65, his already-unconventional career took a turn to the bizarre when he began acting in indie films and videos: "I started out playing God and it was all downhill after that."

He's played wizards, mental patients and homeless people, and done voice-overs for animated movies and educational recordings. For his post-Central education, David threw himself into all the music publishing, management and recording venues he could find.

Since the late '70s, David has counseled music

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AACHS ANNUAL DINNER DRAWS RECORD CROWD

Neil Deegan, 263

A remarkable crowd of over 400 Central alumni, guests, faculty and friends attended this year's annual meeting and dinner at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel on Tuesday, June 5th.

The evening featured the posthumous induction of seven distinguished alumni, and featured a keynote address by **Rod Rosenstein**, the Deputy Attorney General of the United States and son of **Bob Rosenstein (199)**.

Mr. Rosenstein gave a sweeping address on the importance of the rule of law as a keystone principle of our nation, and that each of us has a role in maintaining its presence in our society.

"Privilege comes with obligations," Mr. Rosenstein said as he closed his remarks. "If you like the rule of law, you need to keep it."

Owing to the high profile nature of his position, his appearance was covered by the *Washington Post*, as well as local media outlets.

Guests were treated to music by Central's student string quartet as they sipped cocktails, perused raffle offerings and networked with fellow Central alums before dinner.

Students were front and center during the evening, attending as guests, providing music, and photographing the festivities.

Dr. Stephen Burnstein (222), led the Posthumous Hall of Fame induction, honoring lawyer, judge and civil rights leader the **Honorable Raymond Pace Alexander (127)**; **Albert Giesecke (107)**, who was pivotal in the discovery of Machu Picchu; philosopher **Hilary Putnam (182)**; former MIT president and inventor **Elihu Thomson (55)**;



Top - Central orchestra members entertain at the dinner.

Middle - From left, Central President Tim McKenna, Dr. Eric Shore, Esq. (224); Jerry Kates (194).

Bottom - Bob Rosenstein (199) presents crimson and gold tie to his son, Rod Rosenstein, deputy attorney general of the United States, on behalf of the AACHS. AACHS vice president Cynthia Lech (263) at the microphone.

Photos by Ernesto Estremera (278).

Robert Serber (146), who worked as a part of the "Manhattan Project", and the **Honorable Richard Teitelman (223)**, who served as Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court.

Grace DelVecchio (277), was awarded the coveted Disharoon Award, which honors a graduating senior who "exemplifies the qualities that made **William Disharoon (133)** such a beloved and respected member of the Central High School family - qualities such as integrity, kindness, academic achievement and commitment to school and community. Mr. Disharoon served on the Central faculty for more than 60 years.

Grace distinguished herself at Central as a writer and sports editor for *The Centralizer*, in leadership positions within her class, the Student Association, and various clubs including the school choir. A stand out athlete, Grace was captain of the Girls' varsity soccer team, playing all four years and was recognized as an All-Public athlete.

Outside of school, Grace volunteered her time with the American Heart Association and the Germination Project. She will attend the Honors College at DePaul University in Chicago this fall.

As for the business portion of the meeting, elections were held to select board members and officers to fill vacancies and expiring terms. A full list of current officers and board members is printed on page 14 of this edition.

The evening concluded with remarks by event organizer **Cynthia Lech (263)** and a raffle drawing.

Plans are already underway for the 2019 AACHS dinner and meeting to be held in early May.

To read the entirety of Mr. Rosenstein's speech, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/deputy-attorney-general-rod-j-rosenstein-delivers-remarks-associated-alumni-central-high>.

REUNIONS

177 - The 177th class is planning their 76th Reunion (another CHS reunion milestone for the 177). The reunion will be held at the City Line Hilton on Monday, October 1st, beginning at 12 noon. At this point, seven classmates plan to attend plus member of their families, and friends as well. Contact Milt Dienes at MDienes@aol.com for more information.

196 - The 196th class will hold its 67th year reunion on October 7, 2018 at the Cynwyd Club, beginning at 12 noon. The cost is \$50.00 per person. For more information, contact Gerald Miller at 215-260-8804 or germiller33@gmail.com.

198 - The ninth annual 198th class Florida reunion will take place on Sunday, February 24 at the Bocaire Country Club (4980 Bocaire Blvd., Boca Raton) at 11:30 AM. For more information, please contact Jerry Cooke at jcooke4@juno.com, Jerry Feldman at msm4207@gmail.com, or Bernie Gross at 215-561-3600.

206 - The 62nd reunion of the 206th class will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 12 noon at Pietro's Coal Oven Pizza, 1714 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. For more information, please contact Robert Stern at rstern@206thclass.net or visit www.206thclass.net.

208 - The 208th class will hold it's 61st reunion on Saturday October 6, 2018 at noon at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel (1 Dock Street, Philadelphia). For more information, contact Marshal Greenblatt at mickey@mgreenblatt.com or 301-983-3255.

211 - The 60th reunion of the 211th class is set for Saturday, October 6th, 2018, from 6:30 PM until 10:30 PM at the Germantown Cricket Club. The cost is \$85 per person. For more information, please contact Larry Kagel at lskh1941@gmail.com or (215) 635 0604, or Howard Weisz at hweisz@aol.com.

212 - The 212th class will hold a Fall Brunch on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Bala Golf Club, 2200 Belmont Ave, Philadelphia. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, please contact Otto Mills at 215-473-8504 or otto@ohmills.com.

237 - The 237th class will hold their 40th reunion celebration on Saturday, November 17th from 8 PM to 12 midnight at the Waterfall Room, 2015 Water Street in Philadelphia. The cost is \$80 per person, which includes full service top shelf open bar, appetizers, dinner, sweet table and entertainment. For more information, please contact Dominic Orlando at orlando-temp@comcast.net.

272 - The 272nd class will hold their fifth year reunion on Friday, November 23rd, 2018 at Mad River, 4100 Main Street in Manayunk from 7 PM to 10 PM. For more information, contact Natalie Fox at nfox272@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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

164 Dr. Harry L. Thomas
168 Morton Savar
172 Sidney Arden (Abramson), M.D.
173 Edward Gilbert
173 Seymour Paul
173 Henry Siedenberg
177 Seymour Irving Toll
178 Frank Mooney
181 D. Walter Cohen, D.D.S
182 Irwin Silverman
183 Seymour Mednick
184 George A. D'Angelo
184 John F. Bogusz
184 Nolan Resnick, MD

187 Irwin Kidorf, Ph.D.
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196 Richard Oski
198 Irving B. Herman
198 James J. Orlow
200 Sidney J. Pine

203 Dr. Michael Kernosh
204 Lee Dushoff
206 Samuel Baral
208 Michael Hirsch
210 Allan H. Gordon
211 Walter Van Dyke
216 Stephen R. Tucker
226 Anthony S. Glickman
(*Rabbi Ozer Glickman*)
228 Hyman "Jeremy" Nowak
229 Stanton M. Lacks, Esq.
230 Marshall Dean
233 Neil Caesar
237 Al Woodson
244 Kevin A. McNeil

If you learn about the passing of a fellow alum, please forward information to alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com so that we may keep our records updated.

ALMA MATTERS

187 - Frawley Becker sends in the following dispatch: "Do check online for a book of mine, 'And the Stars Spoke Back'. It has to do with my years as a bilingual film Dialogue Coach in the Sixties, while I was living in Paris. Among others, I coached Audrey Hepburn, Peter O'Toole, Rex Harrison, Omar Sharif, Jacqueline Bisset, Cliff Robertson, Gene Wilder, Ann-Margret, and young Peter Ostrum ("Charlie Bucket" in "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"; I'm godfather to one of his kids.) I coached all the actors in 'If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium'. Also the big French stars whom most Americans don't know, but they were headliners in their day (Jean Gabin, Lino Ventura, Alain Delon). Later, back in the U.S., I became a film Location Manager and worked with Helen Hayes, Fred Astaire, Richard Pryor, Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, and Oprah Winfrey, among others. Photos of me with most of these people are on my office wall. Finally, as a film Production Executive, I worked with Jeremy Irons and Robin Williams.

"I lived in Paris for 17 years (1955-1972). While there, I formed the first (and perhaps the only) African-American theatre company within the U.S. military. (There were American military bases all over France and Germany.) That would have been 1959. The first production was Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew' in full Elizabethan attire and white military audiences sat with their jaws dropped to the floor. I followed that with 'A Raisin in the Sun', getting special rights from author Lorraine Hansberry, because the play was still being performed on Broadway. I also produced the first Edward Albee plays professionally in Paris in 1963 (two one-acts) after meeting with Albee and his agent over a Sunday brunch in New York's Greenwich Village to get the rights. I brought the actors over from New York and TWA (I think it was TWA) gave them free passage. Princess Grace of Monaco came up to Paris for the gala opening that the British Ambassador also attended (the American ambassador did not). I have a photo of Princess Grace with me on my office wall.

"I was in the 187th Class and designed the class pin (the only pin with a pin-up on it!). My name is inscribed on The Wall of Tolerance at the Civil Rights Memorial Center in Montgomery, AL. And I'm in 'Who's Who in America'. Et voilà! Not bad for a kid from Philly who just decided to do whatever seemed impossible. And basically still does."

191 - Professor Miles Ruben was elected to the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame in 2017. Professor Ruben also lectured on the "Principles of Contract Interpretation" at the meeting of the Institute on Labor Law and Labor Arbitration in Miami Beach.

195 - University of Missouri's Department of Health Management and Informatics (HMI) established a Distinguished Professorship in the name of **Dr. Stuart Wesbury, Jr.**, funded primarily by contributions from the graduates of the University's Department of Health Management and Informatics. Dr. Wesbury served as Professor and Director of the Program in the 1970s, before leaving to become President and CEO of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He currently resides in Willow Street, PA.

216 - Dr. Edward Soll was named a 2018 New Orleans City Business Health Care Hero for his work as the founder and director of the Concussion Imaging Program at Doctors Imaging, specifically in developing a method to identify minor traumatic brain injury and recovery using MRI data. Dr. Soll's program has treated about 300 patients using this new method. Dr. Soll has worked with the NFL Players Trust, which supports former professional football players.

224 - Morton Klein of Merion, PA. was just unanimously re-elected national president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), the oldest pro Israel group in the USA, founded in 1897. ZOA will be celebrating Mort's 25th anniversary as president this year, the longest serving president in the history of ZOA. *The Forward*, a National Jewish Weekly, has named Mort one of the top 5 influential Jewish leaders in the US.

253 Jill (Harfman) Schiller reports that she is the Democratic nominee for Congress in Ohio's 2nd district.

244 - Carmen Zappile was named the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2018 Engineering Manager of the Year. Mr. Zappile is the Vice President of Planning and Project Development with the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, as well as the Manager of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He has been with PIDC for the past nine years. He holds a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Widener University and a Masters Degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Carmen and his family reside in Roxborough.

272 - Brianna Johns reports, "I am a 3rd grade Teacher at Inquiry Charter School. Recently I published my first children's book titled *Nailed It*, a book that empowers children to be confident in their decisions and encourages self-expression! The main character, Dylan, loves colors and struggles with his confidence when his friends do not agree with his decision to wear nail polish. *Nailed It* does not encourage children to wear nail polish, it encourages them to be accepting and respectful of their peer's decisions and to feel free to explore all forms of self-expression regardless of gender. *Nailed It* is a true story that touches the hearts of each and every reader."



John Rodgers Rosenbaum (218), now of Naples, Florida (left) visited Bernhardt Keppler (221) in Victoria, British Columbia, in July 2018.

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.

Please email to alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com!

IS THAT A LANCER IN THAT VEHICLE UP AHEAD?

Yvonne Dennis, 246

Many a conversation has started between Central alumni encountering one of their own around town and around the world simply at the sight of a Central hat or T-shirt.

Soon those conversations will start turning into honks and nods on the road, no doubt, thanks to a multi-year effort by **Jordan Yuter (243)**.

"I always thought that there should be a Central alumni license plate because I go around seeing all of these other special organization plates and I always think why not Central," said Yuter. And he thought it could be done as a fundraiser for the school.

So after Yuter joined the board of the Associated Alumni of Central High School in 2016, he gauged the board's interest in the idea. The response was overwhelming support. "So I decided on my own to undertake this process and research it with the state, thinking it would be a fairly easy undertaking. And it ended up taking a couple of years from start to finish."

It took that much time because the state of Pennsylvania needs to see the organization's mission statement and other paperwork. Applicants need to come up with artwork, which then needs to be approved by the state. Samples are sent to the applying organization for approval and then voila!

AACHS President **Stephen Chappell (209)** afforded Yuter wide latitude in the decisionmaking.

"I applaud Jordan for his initiative in finding unique ways to benefit AACHS, and for his effort in following through to make this happen," said Chappell.

Yuter kept the AACHS Board of Managers apprised and when plates were finally available for order in late spring, board members were told first. As people who regularly give of their time and money serving Central, they deserved first crack at plate numbers of their choice, he thought.

License plates under the Pennsylvania Special Organization Plate Program are available in either sequential numbers or personalized. Fees charged by Pennsylvania for a sequentially numbered plate total about \$32. AACHS is charging alumni \$130 for one of those plates so that approximately \$100 benefits Central High School activities.

Fees charged by Pennsylvania for personalized plates total about \$132, so AACHS is charging \$230, again, so that the donation to the school comes to near \$100 per plate.

Yuter has plate No. 1 in the sequence, for his wife's car, and 243 for his car. His wife is not a Central alumnus, "but what if I drive her car?"

The 243 plate hasn't arrived yet but he has received No. 1. His reaction? "Just sheer joy realizing the fruits of my labor and also knowing the pride that I would feel driving around and anticipating people pulling up next to me saying "What class?" or "Where can I get one?"

Like so many alumni, Central means a lot to Yuter. Despite not having any relatives precede him in attendance there, a desire to go formed when he was young.

"The older boys in the neighborhood went there and they all spoke so highly of the school," said Yuter. "Once I experienced a couple of years at Central it was like, ok, I get it. I get how special this place is."

Yuter, who owns his own business, has a deep interest in Central history. "I have always collected Central ephemera: documents, diplomas, yearbooks. I buy them at auction. I buy them on eBay, antique print shops."

"The antique diplomas are like works of art," he continued. "Central not only conferred bachelors of arts diplomas, it also conferred masters of arts diplomas. From one student I have his bachelor of arts diploma and I have a master of arts diploma, which is like three times the size with a blue silk ribbon woven through it. One student's diploma says bachelor of science in economics. Are you kidding me!"



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professionals "from way behind the scenes." In 1991 David began designing and teaching music business courses at the Art Institute of Philadelphia. In 2004 he went public with his method of teaching fellow professionals how to avoid falling into artistic, legal and financial hot water, becoming known as a go-to guy for those in the trade. Along the way, David authored a music business curriculum: 6 texts covering the creative, business and legal sides of the Industry. His latest book, *God Didn't Create Alarm Clocks*, focuses on how to balance personal lives with demanding careers. In addition to serving

in a number of faculty and board positions, David is a recipient of Philadelphia City Council's 2017 W.E.B. Dubois Arts, Education & Humanities Award. His publications are available at professorpooch.com/Education.htm and amazon.com/author/professor_pooch. 'Nuff Said.

No need to Google me. Just e me at byasgur216@gmail.com with your stories, queries, comments and rants. I'd especially appreciate hearing from all you athletes and coaches, but don't let that keep the geeks, nerds and squints from checkin' in too.

License Plates (continued from page 12)

Thanks to Yuter, alumni can now talk about all their cool Central stuff when they recognize a fellow brother or sister in some random parking lot.

Chappell has plate No. 2. His feeling upon receipt was "one of enormous pride in showing that I support an institution and an association that does so much good for CHS students. All Pennsylvania alumni should take this opportunity to display their pride in being graduates of Central."

So how does a car registered in the Keystone State show that Lancer pride?

Its owner must fill out this application and mail a check or money order made out to AACHS to the AACHS office.

Owners who think they can skip the middleman and mail the form directly to PennDot will be wasting their time. All forms must be signed by Yuter before being mailed to the state. Applications are sent in bulk--however many may come in within a week or so--with payment of just the plate fees to PennDot via an AACHS check.

Applicants get to write three choices for a plate number on the form. If all of their choices are already grabbed by other alumni, PennDot would notify AACHS. Yuter would then work with the alumnus to find a letter/number combination that works.

Plates are mailed directly to the applicant and can take up to 10 weeks to arrive.

Yuter knows, of course, that there will be alumni in other states who want the nation's drivers to know they are following a Central great. He encourages them to pursue the effort where they live. Pennsylvania used to have a required minimum number of plates a charitable organization would need to commit to ordering such plates, but not anymore. Other states might not either.

"The alumni Pennsylvania license plates fundraising campaign is a excellent opportunity for Central alumni to show their pride of Central High School while raising funds for Central to support current Central students," said Central Assistant Principal Tracy Scott. "Awesome deal for all!"

Upcoming Events

September 25th - 278 Blood Drive at Central High School. Schedule an appointment to donate at goo.gl/3gRkVs. Walk-ins also accepted.

October 17th - Alumni Hall of Fame Induction at Philmont Country Club. Tickets are \$79. More information and tickets available at centralhighalumni.com/2018/08/2018-hall-of-fame-finale-promises-to-be-grand.

October 30th - "Kindness Diaries Tour with Keynote Speaker Leon Logothetis at CHS Auditorium"
<https://centralhighalumni.com/events/kindness-diaries-tour-with-keynote-speaker-leon-logothetis>

November 19th - Career Day at Central High School, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

December 18th - Central Night at the Flyers (versus the Detroit Red Wings). Tickets are \$50 and available for purchase at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/Philadelphia/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DE601-96>. Availability is limited!

Save The Date!

Thursday, November 22nd - Central versus Northeast football game at Charles Martin Stadium, Northeast High School. Kickoff is 10:30 AM, annual alumni breakfast to precede the game. Stay tuned for more details!

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. 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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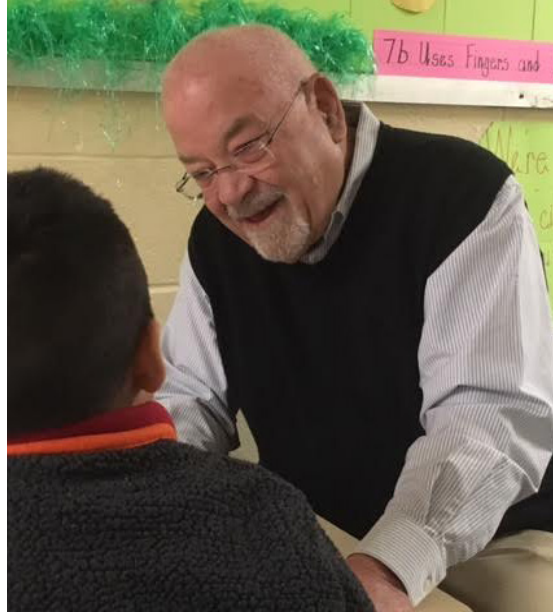
Merrill Freedman, 208

Columnist at Large

There's not much I like about travelling. Spending eight hours a day in air travel with the goal of seeing grown kids and their kids. I love my kids and grandkids – I really do, but it's hard to build vacations around a visit.

When I do travel I like to wear some sort of visible Central gear. A quick glance by harried travelers who invariably call out, "what class?" to which I always want to call back, "low!" But when I say, "208" I get a look that says, "you're really old." What I sometimes get is even worse – it's sometimes, "God bless you." I want to say that I'm not at death's door, but then, who knows? I would love to stop and chat, but it's not possible when we're trying to catch a plane. Besides, I won't remember your name anyway.

Packing for a trip to the west coast should always include some sort of identifiable gear. I try to be subtle, and reasonably tasteful, but it's fun to meet fellow Lancers. I must say it feels odd to identify myself as a "Lancer." I was never a Lancer – I was a Mirror. Those of us who identify as Mirrors are a disappearing breed, but it always made sense to me that we are a reflection of our school, not someone who wants to jab an opponent with a long spear. We should have a choice of identities. Besides, we would probably be stopped from getting into a game carrying a lance – but if we hold up mirrors, at the very least, people could check themselves out to make sure they are well groomed.



I recall a car filled with Northeast students or alumni, carrying a replica of a broken mirror on the roof of the car, with the cheer, "smash the Mirrors." We would have liked to retort with something similar, but in those ancient days, Northeast was known as the "Archives." What an odd name for a school with an unbeatable football team. I can't help but wonder how many future NFL players on that team knew that they were the Archives? File them away so we can dig them up some time in the far distant future.

Interestingly, being at a Central-Northeast Thanksgiving Day game

these days feels very much like those old days when the game was played at 29th and Clearfield. Our guys uniforms are nicer than those old days when some of the players still wore leather helmets. And we had a marching band in those days. For some reason I remember them always playing "Anchors Away", which made no sense to me. It might have been that which made me join the Navy (Reserve) after college - or maybe it was that I didn't want to be in the Army. In any event, I kind of like that tune.

The next time you prepare to go on vacation, remember to include some Central gear as part of your wardrobe. But before you leave for your trip, check yourself out in a Mirror. When you do that, think of us older guys (sadly, no women in those days) who were proud to be a Mirror.

MY GRATITUDE

Harsh Jhaveri , 278



My history teacher this year, Dr. Drago, told us an old Central saying, "Come to learn, learn to serve." Thanks to the generous and welcoming alumni, I was able to complete my Eagle Scout Project: painting room 99.

From the start of the process to the end, I felt welcome. It started with a letter and within a week I received emails from various alumni saying they were more than happy to assist me. At this moment, I realized the alumni really care for and want to help the school very much and are willing to support my endeavors. If I had any questions, all it took was an email and I promptly got a response. When the check was ready, Mr. **David Kahn (220)**, hand delivered it to me, which left a lasting impression on me.



Room 99 before (top left), Room 99 after (top right), Harsh's team (bottom right).

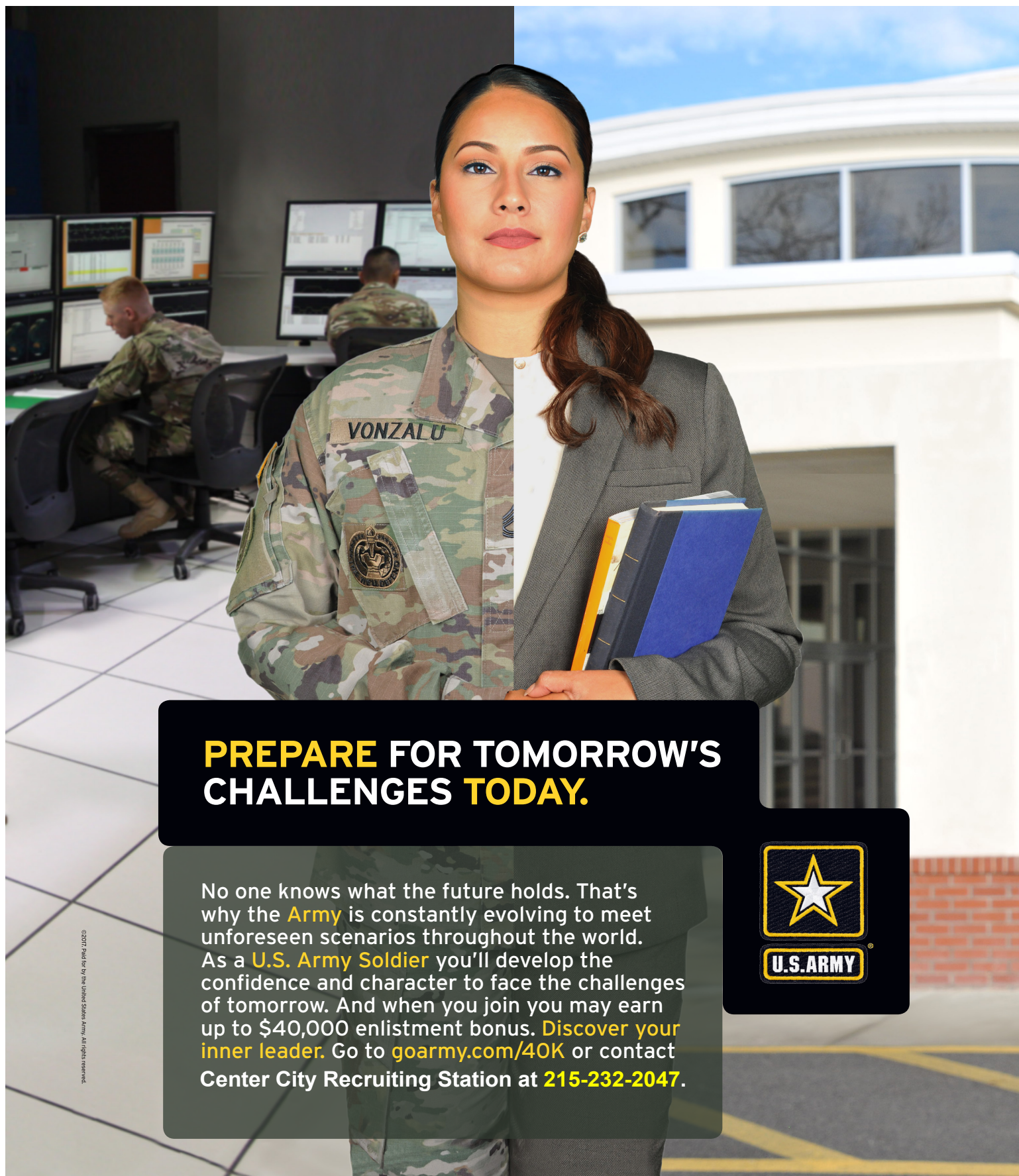
This project taught me some very important lessons in leadership and selfless service, but more importantly, it taught me that anyone can help. If you have a desire to help, then your desire will be fulfilled. Like many others, I was afraid of taking the first step towards my project, thinking nothing would go well. This pessimism clouded my judgment, but my desire to serve prevailed. I wanted to help and my desire led me to the avenues I needed.

If I could spread a message to anyone it would be to put their initial fears aside and go for it; with the right intentions, you will achieve your goal . My friends who volunteered their time to assist me in this project witnessed this concept in person. They learned that the pursuit of selfless service will lead to success. I am utterly thankful for their support throughout my project.

Communicating and working with the alumni made me realize an important aspect about Central: Spirit. People talk about the Central Spirit, and from my interactions with the alumni, I witnessed what that spirit is about. Seeing this spirit, strengthened my love for this school and makes me want to give back even more.


I cannot express how thankful I am to the AACHS for their generosity, as you are the reason why I could execute my project. I will never forget the interactions, lessons, and the spirit. Thank you for all you have done for me and I look forward to working more with the alumni this year.

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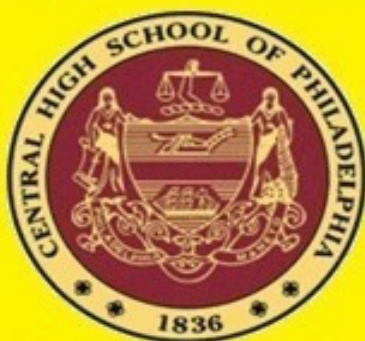
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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February 4, 1983: **Dr. Howard Carlisle (162)**, retires as President.

September 1983: First girls enter Central—six enrolled in the 243rd Senior Class.

January 1984: Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel appointed 13th President of Central High School.

September 1987: Start of serving lunch all seven periods of the day. Breakfast also served.

February 1988: *Harvey* presented by the Drama Society.

May 1988: Girls Badminton team wins first Public League Championship by young women at Central.

December 1988: Football team defeats Washington to win Public League title.

December 1989: First Honors Convocation held.

January 1989: City Council presents resolution to Dr. Pavel honoring Central for 150 years of excellence.

March 1989: **Dr. James Bagian (228)**, is a member of the crew on the space shuttle Columbia.

Martin Kuper (222) physics teacher and his students tie in to NASA telemetry data and track the flight.

April 1989: Dr. Joseph Phillips wins National Award as Reader's Digest Scholar for Pennsylvania.

June 1989: **Deborah Stull (248)**, named the first female student to gain first honors designation.

May 1990: Dennis Erlick wins the Rose Lindenbaum award for excellence in teaching.

April 1991: First culture week of assembly programs highlighting diversity at Central.

July 1991: Demolition begins on the East Lawn for the new Gymnasium.

February 22, 1992: Dr. Joel Simon honored by Delaware Valley Engineers as the outstanding Math-Science teacher in the Delaware Valley. **Melody Klaus (251)** is honored by the same group as the outstanding science student.

January 1993: Central receives gift of grand piano from **Kal Rudman (188)**.

April 1995: Womens' Day and Multicultural Day programs held.

January 1996: Blizzard with over 30 inches of snow—school closed for a full week!

September 1996: **Galeet Cohen (256)** named a Westinghouse Science national competition semifinalist. Galeet is now a distinguished member of Central's faculty.

I think I've exceeded my allocated space this issue. Those of you who were students at the turn of the century through the last year will have to wait for my next installment. Until then, enjoy your memories!

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