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ANNOUNCING

Katharine Davis, 264

15TH PRESIDENT

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

It is with great pleasure that we announce the selection of Ms. Katharine Davis, a proud member of the 264th graduating class, as Central High School's 15th President!

Ms. Davis is a strategic, poised, and reflective leader, now serving as principal at C.W. Henry Elementary School in Mount Airy, from which she matriculated. At Henry, she has led academic gains, diversified the school faculty, garnered grants for arts and school facilities, and maintained open communication with a range of stakeholders.

Before returning to Henry, she served as co-principal at Warren G. Harding Middle School, as a fellow at Cayuga Elementary School, and as a teacher and assistant principal in New York City schools.

She earned an undergraduate degree from Cornell University, and a graduate degree from Pace University.

This is a historic moment - Ms. Davis will be the first woman, and the first person of color to serve as President of Central High School. She will also be the seventh alumnus to lead the school - the first in nearly 40 years.

Ms. Davis' selection was the product of a robust and rigorous process that included students, parents, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni. The Presidential Advisory Committee, led by Assistant Superintendent Ted Domers, Ed.D. unanimously selected Ms. Davis as their choice, as did Chief of Schools Evelyn Nuñez, Ed.D., Chief of Talent Larisa Shambaugh, and Superintendent William R. Hite, Ed.D.

Mr. Jeffrey Petty will continue his service as acting President until June 30th, and our community is lucky to have him at the helm during this time of transition. Ms. Davis' tenure will begin on July 1st.

Our alumni community will stand ready to support our next President in strengthening Central and making sure it is a diverse, welcoming academic community that continues to prepare the next generation of creators and leaders.

In the coming weeks, we will share more about the Presidential transition and introductory events, but in the meantime, please welcome **Katharine Davis (264)** - Central's next President!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Entering Central in the fall of 1995 was one of the most liberating experiences I've had in education. Like the beautifully shattered glass in a mosaic, freshman year wandering the seemingly endless hallways offered me an opportunity to intentionally reassemble the favorite parts of me I had lost in middle school. The acceptance I felt as others shared their joy of learning proved positively impactful to my sense of self. Watching classmates balance their coolness with their educational ambition was enlightening. You mean, I can be well-known, well-liked, AND publicly announce my love of fictional historic Black literature?! Central was a magical place to me. During my community service hours helping the English department chair organize books in the main hallway closet, I daydreamed about being editor-in-chief of Teen Vogue. It was only after the 20th time quizzing myself on whether or not I am an introvert or extrovert did I realize my love for reading and writing was permanent. Thankfully, the joys I've embraced have led me to this moment; combing through the details of written pieces, organizing photographs, and assembling this *journal*. This isn't a story about rugged individualism. There are many people and serendipitous moments that allowed me to shine brightly throughout my life. My mom, my grandmothers, my aunt Laverne, the friends I made while at Central, and of course my beloved educators (including Herr Mangol, may his soul rest). I'll dedicate this editors' message not only to those people who directly helped transform my life but also to every Black and brown student and educator at Central. We were a fierce collective during my time on Olney Avenue. Empowered by teachers, administrators, and Dr. Pavel, Central was a place where I felt, on a daily basis, that we belonged. We knew we deserved to be there. We knew we could achieve and surpass expectations. We knew we could be ourselves, taking nourishing breaks in "Monts" office. We thrived in a community that might have been very different from our neighborhoods but we secured our space and set our sights on the most ambitious of paths. Now, I browse through Facebook and Instagram to see all of the wonderful lives fellow Lancers are leading; my accomplishments are beautifully situated amongst many. As we look back on our time together and reinvest ourselves in the changes of our alma mater, my hope is that we recommit ourselves to the growth and evolution of the institution. Now is a time when much is at stake and many opinions about education at Central have surfaced. I have good news for everyone reading these words. We are not exempt from our biases, nor is Central administration, nor are the folks down at 440. Fortunately for all of us, today is a new day to embark on necessary change.

A special "Thank You" to Yvonne Dennis (246) for paving the way for me to be a Black woman leader via this medium. While it's not quite the same as Teen Vogue, I welcome the challenge.

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Introducing Dr. Camika Royal, 254



OFFICE OF EQUITY & INCLUSION

National Experts Speak on
CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATION

Four Black scholars will introduce Culturally Responsive Education to teachers and administrators. They will speak on their academic work and share their visions for equity—particularly equity for Black and brown students—in the School District of Philadelphia and across the country.

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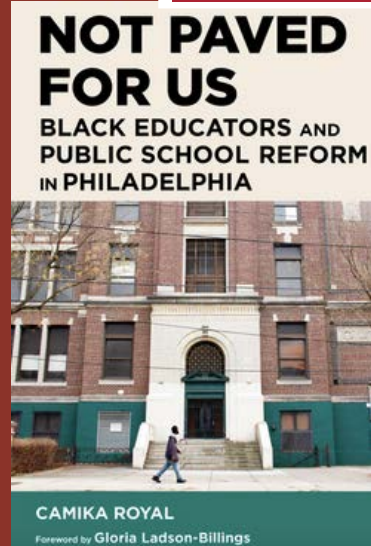
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Dr. Camika Royal is a scholar who needs no introduction within the Philadelphia education community. Her work is informed by policy and practice. As a graduate of North Carolina Central University, Dr. Royal also led a speakers series featuring Black educators and thought leaders during Black History Month. The presenters brought their work to the educators at Central. They discussed the role culturally relevant education has in the lives of all students.

The Chief of Equity at the School District of Philadelphia regards Royal's research as "A heart-provoking historical work. Royal gives voice to the experiences of Black educators silenced by anti-Black systemic reform."



MESSAGE FROM THE AACHS PRESIDENT

NEIL DEEGAN, 263

This is a period of change for our Central High School community.

When I last wrote you in the Journal, I did so as Editor of the Journal. Now, I am proud to write as president of the Associated Alumni of Central High School.

Earlier this year, **Tim McKenna**, Central's 14th President, announced that he was leaving his position to accept an administrative role at the School District. Tim's last day as President was April 1st. For 10 years, Tim led Central through challenges, brought new opportunities to the school, and most importantly helped Central continue evolving to meet the needs of students of this era so that they are prepared for success in a constantly changing world. He also helped launch our Leading the Way campaign to remake Central's campus for the future - and we have never been closer to achieving our goals through the campaign. Please visit CentralHighAlumni.com/GivingHome to learn more and contribute to the campaign today.

Central is in great hands with Acting President **Jeff Petty**, who has had a remarkable career - teaching, leading schools, and coaching leaders.

Earlier this month, **Katharine Davis, 264**, was announced as the 15th President of Central High School. Suffice to say, I look forward to working with Ms. Davis in the coming weeks, months and years - and know that our entire alumni community will support her as she transitions into this role leading our school community.

I want to thank you all for being actively engaged in the process of selecting our next President - from submitting comments on what qualities the next leader of Central should possess, to serving on the advisory committee, and more.

Additionally, many of you are aware that for the coming school year, the School District of Philadelphia altered the application and admission process for Special Admission Schools, of which Central is one. In an effort to expand access for underrepresented communities, students meeting a school's admission standards were then placed into a lottery for admission, with students from certain zip codes being given some preference. Central receives thousands of applications each year for approximately 650 seats in the freshman class. Our admission requirements are, for the coming school year, more rigorous than in recent memory. My hope, and my expectation, is that **the 285th graduating class will be just as strong as any class admitted.**

Ensuring Central's tradition of excellence and the success of our students is at the core of the Associated Alumni of Central High School's work, and the shared goal of our alumni community and its tens of thousands of members around the country and the world.

Please stay connected through social media at www.linktr.ee/AACHS, through our website at CentralHighAlumni.com, and through our email updates. We will keep you updated on what is happening at Central.

Change can be a scary thing. But, new growth is essential for us to grow stronger. I know that in part due to our work as a community, Central's future has never been brighter. Thank you for your role in that.



MESSAGE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT TIM MCKENNA

As I reflect upon my ten years of leading Central High School, I will always appreciate my time at “Dear Old High”. I will miss so many things about Central High School. The daily interactions with students have been particularly special to me. I have always been impressed by the intelligence and commitment to excellence that our students have demonstrated over the years. Central students understand the importance of dedicating themselves to our academic program and the traditions of our school. Central High School excels because year after year, motivated students from across Philadelphia come together with focus and passion for learning.

The CHS faculty has been an integral part of the success of our school. Their dedication to the art of teaching is what has enabled our students to navigate one of the top high school academic programs in the nation. I will always be appreciative of the time and energy they expend each day to develop rigorous educational experiences for our students. Our faculty understand the mission of our school and challenge our students to put forth their best.

I will be forever grateful to the Associated Alumni of Central High School. Their belief in my leadership has been an integral part of my administration's success. Whenever I have asked for assistance, their members have been there to provide financial support and guidance when needed. I am indebted to the members of the board for supporting my initiatives during my tenure. The alumni association's love and passion for Central High School is commendable and will continue to sustain our school's excellence.

Thank you for a decade of inspiration, growth, and learning. Leading Central High School has been an experience that I will forever cherish. The relationships I have formed with members of the community have changed my life for the better. I have learned the importance of tradition and history by being a part of one of the most historic educational institutions in Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our nation. In my new role in the School District of Philadelphia, I will continue to support and fight for Central High School. Go Lancers!

Timothy J. McKenna
14th President of Central High School





MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT JEFF PETTY

As Interim President of Central High School, I look forward to continuing to support the philosophy and high academic standards established in 1836.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, I attended its public schools. After graduating from high school, I attended what is now, The University of the Arts, earning a BFA. I hold a MA from Villanova University and principal certification (K-12) from Arcadia University.

This year, I began my 56th year association with the District. I started my career at the elementary school level, leaving the position after 2 years, to become a teacher recruiter. Two years later, I became the Placement Officer assigning teachers to positions in Secondary Schools.

In 1969, I returned to the classroom, teaching at Girls' High School, then Northeast High School, where I became Chairman of the Fine Arts Department, an Academy Director, and "acting" assistant principal. In 1999, I was appointed assistant principal at Fels High School before becoming its principal, retiring in 2004.

After retirement, I worked for the District as a member of the School Assistance Program, working on problem-solving strategies. In a joint program with Lehigh University, I became an Executive Coach to principals in Philadelphia.

For the past 10 years, I have been an adjunct professor/instructor at Lehigh University in the College of Education mentoring students pursuing principal certification. I continue to work within the District, "filling in" for principals, and as of December 2021, completed a year as the principal of the Adaire School, located in the Fishtown area of the city.

Following in the footsteps of its esteemed leaders beginning with Alexander Bache and most recently, Timothy J. McKenna, I look forward to the opportunity and responsibility of upholding the standards of one of the most outstanding schools in the United States.





FROM THE ARCHIVES

DAVID KAHN, 220
ARCHIVIST AND HISTORIAN

It seems as though a lifetime has passed since I wrote a new column for the Alumni Journal. Although I've been allowed back in the School since last year, the constant arrival of Pathfinders, Barnwell Handbooks, yearbooks, reunion pamphlets, century-old photos, correspondence, degrees, sports memorabilia, and other dusty odds and ends piled up high at the door during the pandemic. While I strive to keep up with the organizing and filing, much is yet to be done. I hope my able associate, retired CHS Spanish teacher Maxine Croul, will return soon to help me bring back order to our Archives.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

One new piece is a 1918 framed degree found by someone in the trash! We have many degrees, some of which are framed, most of which are stored in flat files.

While browsing on a rare book site, I came across a real find, a bound photographic reprint from a source in India of an 1864 book, Contribution of the Central High School of Philadelphia to the War. It has a bookplate with a seal of Harvard College and written within is, "The Gift of Samuel A. Green, M.D. 3d July 1866." This 36-page book lists every Central graduate who served in the Civil War, along with one who served solely in the Mexican War and one who served on an expedition to Nicaragua. The records include their branch of service, rank, wounds, and deaths. We have similar records of those who served in World War I and World War II, published in CHS President William H. Cornog's (146) School of the Republic, so this slim volume is a nice addition to that area of research.

I also wish to doff my cap (pun intended) to **Jordan Yuter, 243**, a member of the AACHS Board of Managers and long-time collector of Central memorabilia, for his special gift of the late **John Marzano's, 240**, CHS batting helmet. For those of you who don't know, John is Central's last graduate to play Major League Baseball. An outstanding catcher, he, according to Jordan, "bequeathed" the helmet after his senior year to his backup catcher, **Howard Kaplan, 242**, who then used it and kept it for decades. Howard and Jordan are friends, and so the helmet, beat up with peeling paint, now resides on a prominent shelf.

Many donations are items of which we have multiples, such as handbooks or yearbooks, but we almost always accept these gifts. If you have something truly unusual that you wish us to preserve for historical reasons, please let me know. My e-mail is:

archivist@centralhighalumni.com.



SOUTH LAWN MEMORIES

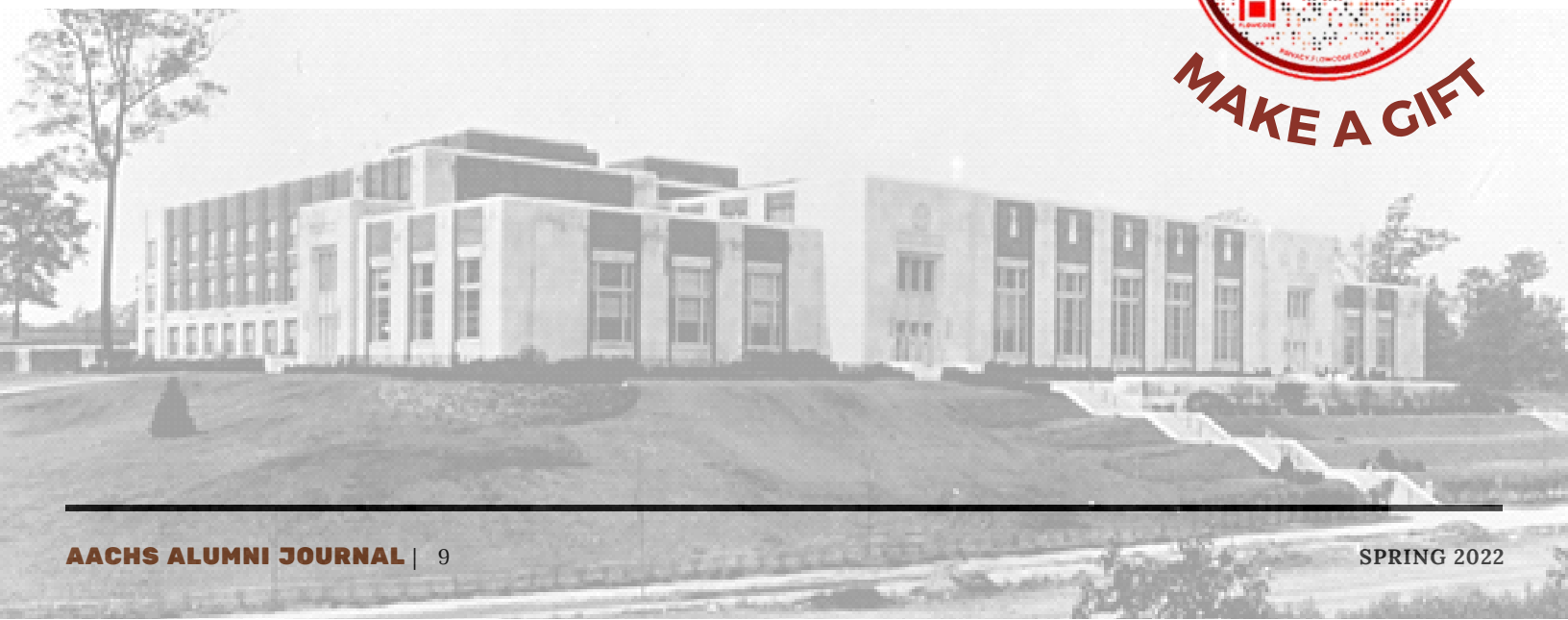
As I write this, it is Women's History Month. In September 1983 the first young women enrolled at Central High School. Much has been said about this during the last 40 years. Among the young women who entered Central that fall in the sophomore class (245) was **Juliet Williams**. She is now a professor of gender studies at UCLA and is, in my opinion, a candidate for future induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Frankly, there are at least one or two other pioneers at Central (that's what I called them on the 25th Anniversary of their admission) whose careers make them worthy of consideration.

There are **exciting plans to build new tennis courts** on the rear (Southwest?) of the South Lawn, up by the new parking lot. Does anyone out there remember old courts in that location or other activities there? Right now, students practice their lacrosse skills on that green surface.

Finally, you may know that as part of the renovation of the blacktop into a modern parking lot, the brick retaining wall and the tunnel were torn down. I am pleased to let you know of one more addition to the Archives, I walked into the rubble and rescued bricks from the tunnel wall where we played handball.

Perhaps some of you want to share your own memories—send them to me at: archivist@centralhighalumni.com.

Crimson and Gold Forever!



A LETTER TO CENTRAL LANCERS AACHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CYNTHIA LECH, 263



Dear Lancers,

Picture yourself walking **through the crimson doors and through the hallowed halls** to an adjoining plaza bridge that leads the way to the state-of-the-art performing arts center.

Find your seat as you await the curtain to rise for a performance of Central's orchestral ensemble; or a musical where the set was built by students and costumes handsewn by parents and proud alumni volunteers; or the annual international day showcase powered by our multicultural student clubs.

Envision students networking in the Commons or Courtyard; seated outdoors in the project-based learning space steps away from the STEM Center wing; or the RoboLancers – Central's nationally ranked robotics team – in the Maker Space or Flex Lab and Research studios designing and building complex award-winning robots and machines.

This is the dream I have **for our alma mater, for the Philadelphia community, and most importantly, for our educators and students** who will benefit from the generous contributions donors like you provide to see this masterplan become reality.

As the capital campaign for ***Leading the Way for Innovation and Creativity*** continues to gain momentum – more than \$5 million has been raised from our alumni, a matched contribution up to \$10 million from **Joseph Field (192)**, two grants totaling \$10 million awarded by the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program – I encourage you to make a gift that is meaningful to you.

We remain viable in a competitive scholastic climate due in large part to Central administration and educators, who were resilient and **adapted to change** while they navigated new challenges every day, especially in the last two years.

Serving more than **30,000 living alumni**, the tireless work of the AACHS board of managers and staff proved invaluable – our global alumni community participated in a record-breaking \$252k Giving Tuesday campaign, engaged in virtual class reunions, attended alumni speaker series events, presented at our annual career day, and class representatives activated gift campaigns.

The time we spent in high school was brief, but our status as an alumnus/alumna is forever. It is a place where lifelong friendships and partnerships are formed, where academics and personal interests are nurtured; and dedication to our class number is upheld and proclaimed at any given moment. **These are the bonds that make our Central family special.**

A gift today will help to provide a sustainable future for our alma mater; for students who will one day join this tremendous community of leaders, changemakers, visionaries, and philanthropists: our alumni.

Please contact the **alumni office** anytime – we welcome the opportunity to hear your stories, and the memories you made when you were at Central.

Cynthia Lech, 263 | Executive Director | www.centralhighalumni.com

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION SHOWCASE

LAILA JOHNSON, 282 & DR. ALANA MCGILL, 251

Central's African American Student Union (AASU), recognized that it became increasingly important to incorporate Black Joy throughout our programming year. This was done through the AASU Showcase and HBCU Panel, and multiple collaborative cultural events.

The goal was for Black students to have an outlet to simply be themselves.

From a rendition of Toni Braxton's "Un-Break My Heart" to original spoken word poems, the African American Student Union showcase was a jam-packed and captivating experience. The collective demonstration of Black student talent, spanning across all four grades, was the perfect display of excellence and empowerment to kick off Black History Month. The performances included a diverse display of Black talent at Central that kept the audience on the edge of their seats for the hour-long show. Other notable performances included an acoustic interpretation of "Sandstorm" by Mereba, and a concluding act by AASU Dance with a selection of iconic Black music that lit up the room. Outside of AASU, Central's very own United Pan Africa (UPA) performed an impressive African dance routine and Pep Squad followed with various dynamic step combinations. This was the first time that the African American Student Union premiered the AASU Evening Showcase and it all couldn't have been made possible without the collaboration of Central's Black students, alongside administration, AASU Sponsor Ms. Dwight, the AASU Executive Board, and the leadership of AASU President Laila Johnson (282).

The results of this advocacy for Black Joy by Black Student Leaders in Central have been largely positive, and the underclassmen specifically have seemed to have an overall better experience so far than the grades above them were given. However, there is still much work to be done, and the fight for anti-racism, inclusion, and equity in Central—and many School District of Philadelphia schools—is far from over.



I'm So Glad I Didn't Leave Central for the Rice & Beans

by Karen Machin, 271

I had no idea of the **prestige behind Central High School's history** until one of my middle school teachers encouraged me to apply. I had always been in the mentally gifted program and found myself either being bored and not connecting with other students, or often being outcasted for being too white, in a majority Black and Brown middle school. Going to a school where I would actually be challenged was **both intimidating and exciting**. To see new faces and branch out into new lessons. Little did I know how hard it would be to become acclimated.

My mother immigrated from Colombia in order to give her son, and future daughter (me) a better life and a chance at the 'American Dream'. She married my Puerto Rican father, and together they raised me, and my brother, **in the heart of North Philadelphia** for 10 years before they decided to get a divorce. **Being raised in a tough neighborhood filled with poverty and crime** means you grow a better sense of your surroundings and the world around you. In other words, you gain some street smarts. I would always watch my shadows, I would make sure to keep at least one ear clear of headphones in order to hear what was going on around me, and I knew better than to be outside past a certain time of day. To this day **I am still very conscious of my surroundings**, regardless of the neighborhood I am in.

Being a **1st generation Latina-Americana**, I often found myself having a hard time fitting in during middle school with my fair skin. Quite often, people would ask me to say something to them in Spanish in order to prove to them that I could speak it as if it was something that was owed to them. My mother gave up the opportunity to learn English, in exchange for me to master Spanish at home since she knew that I would speak 100% English in school. I am forever thankful to her for this skill. As a single mother providing for both my brother and me, we lived off of her limited income from cleaning houses. Rice and beans were often on the menu, as it is always a cheap, yet delicious and traditional protein familiar in most Latino households for being a "superfood". I remember being ungrateful many times for not wanting beans (yet again), but boy did those beans hit the spot after a long day.

My mother didn't know of the history of Philadelphia's school district, but after my older brother spent his teen years growing up here, he was so proud to hear of my consideration into CHS and pushed me to both apply and accept the opportunity. It was **the opportunity of a lifetime for me**, and I couldn't wait to start traveling outside of my neighborhood...

[**Karen Machin's** story continues in the fall edition of the *Journal*]



On Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at CHS

FROM MEMBERS OF THE 231ST CLASS OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching for diversity refers to acknowledging a range of differences in the classroom. Teaching for inclusion signifies embracing difference. Teaching for equity allows the differences to transform the way we think, teach, learn and act such that all experiences and ways of being are handled with fairness and justice. In essence, DE&I in educational institutions represents a broad range of ideas and initiatives to create learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and equitable for as many identities as possible.

We strongly support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as an educational priority to help attract, develop and retain Black and Brown students at Central High School. We also believe that CHS leadership must embrace these strategies to ensure opportunities for success for each and every student!



**ANNUAL
MEETING**
JUNE 23, 2022
6:30-8:30PM EST



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2022 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

- Student's Perspective & school updates
- Tribute to Timothy J. McKenna, outgoing Central High School President
- William J. Disharoon (133) Memorial Award Ceremony
- Informative, interactive and engaging break out sessions

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To learn more about our alumni speakers, check out the **Career Day 2021 flipbook**.

Thank you to CHS Administration, Faculty, Students, Speakers, and Alumni for your participation this year.

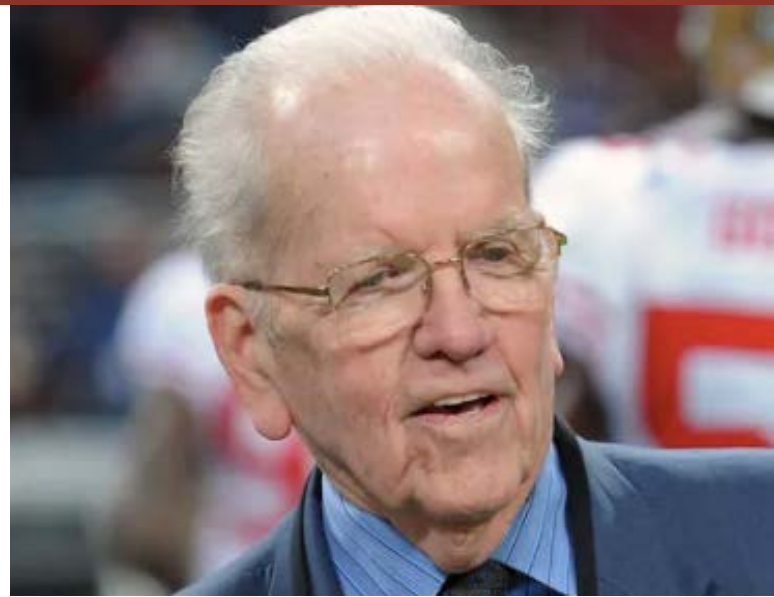


ART McNALLY FORMER CHS FACULTY

By **David Brown, 239**
AACHS Board of Managers

For the first time in history, a game official will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame – and Central High School helped to fuel this historic honor.

Art McNally, 96 – a former referee and the head of officiating in the NFL from 1968 to 1990 – was selected by the Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee for induction in the upcoming Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2022.



McNally was a teacher and coach at Central until his appointment as the NFL's supervisor of officials before the 1968 season. This Fall, we plan to honor Mr. Mac with a story on his induction. We are inviting our alumni to submit their comments and remembrances of the story by sending them by email to our **Alumni Office**. Or you can send any congratulatory emails directly to Art's family at **mcnallyhof2022@gmail.com**.

We look forward to releasing a full spread of Art McNally's achievements in the Fall 2022 Edition of the AACHS Journal.



Congratulations to **Jeff Asch, 232**. He has been selected to be enshrined in the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame for 45 years in sports media.



INTERVIEW OF AN ARCHITECT

LEADERSHIP ADVICE FROM SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

GENE MARKS, 241 - AACHS TREASURER

A. Eugene Kohn (190), Chairman and Founder of Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF) Associates PC, launched the architectural firm in 1976 and has been dedicated to developing his architectural practices ever since. Kohn's projects can be seen all over the world. He has recently come back to his roots in designing the soon-to-be 47-story Arthaus tower along The Avenue of the Arts in Philadelphia.

The root of all these achievements?

Central High School, where he is a member of our Hall of Fame. I sat down with Kohn to discuss his professional life and how Central played such an important role.

Why did you go to Central High School?

I was a good student and my parents wanted me to go to the best school, and so they said you're going to Central, which I did and I enjoyed it. Central was a great school because it taught me how to study, how to lead, and how to be successful.

What are some of your memories from Central High School?

I was there during World War II and at the base of the hill that the school was on was a German prison camp. It had been a place where military units of the U.S. would train on weekends, reserve people and they converted into a prison. And we sit on the South Lawn, outside the school yelling at the German prisoners, as I recall.

What extracurricular activities did you participate in at Central High School?

I loved art, so I did a lot of painting and I loved sports. I went to all the games, but I didn't play for a typical team. I played for the golf team, but my golf wasn't as good as I should have been, at that age, I don't think I helped a team very much, but I did play.

Where did you go to college?

I went to The University of Pennsylvania for both undergrad and later graduate school, and I studied architecture. I wasn't sure what I wanted to be. As I look back, Central High played a really great role because it made me aware of the importance of education, and being at Central was like being at college. Back in those days, they said, if you graduated from Central, you were typically guaranteed acceptance at some college.



**A. EUGENE KOHN (190)
CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER
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ASSOCIATES PC**

When did you decide to become an architect?

I was trained for the Korean war for the invasion of Korea with the Marines. I ended up on a ship going to North Africa. At the French base where we were stationed a very interesting opportunity came my way. The secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations were coming to visit the forces in North Africa. They were coming to inspect and the Navy made arrangements to borrow the officer's club of the French Navy, but they said that it was a terrible club. And my Captain said, Gene, I know you studied architecture, so I'm gonna give you two weeks off from any Navy duty. I want you to redesign the interior of this project and get it built in two weeks.

What's your advice to young people who want to start their own business?

It takes time. School prepares you for gaining knowledge, but work experience is quite different, and leadership experience is truly different. I mean, it's one thing to work at a company, it's another to lead a company and it's another to lead a military unit. It's how you inspire and how you organize and how you actually give commands at a certain point.

What advice would you give to CHS students who want to have a balanced and happy life?

I didn't do this quite this way, because I went into architecture school early, but I think Central High certainly gives you a great liberal education and liberal arts education and a chance to understand how to succeed in school, which is important. If you have a plan and a goal then you set your policy or set your approach. That's going to give you the most results.

What are your proudest contributions?

I'm very proud of many buildings we've done, not just one, and the contribution we've made to cities, to countries, to people's lives. I think the many cities that we've played a role in, in improving whether it's New York, Shanghai, Philadelphia, to California, to Asia, of, to Europe, Paris, London, so those have been great days because I feel that the work we've done that I've been part of too has made contributions to people's lives to improve them and make them feel better, help the cities as well. And that they're really important. And, and we're doing universities now all over the world and your airports and projects that can help people enjoy their life better or be, make it easier to live.



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CHS WORLD LANGUAGE DEPT. RECEIVES \$26,000 FROM ALUMNI

RACHEL RODRIGUEZ, 252

AN ALUMNA, A 25-YEAR CHS FACULTY MEMBER, WORLD LANGUAGE CHAIRPERSON,
AND A PARENT OF 281 AND 284 STUDENTS

When President McKenna suggested that I reach out to the alumni to support a project with a matched donation opportunity, I decided it was worth a shot but did not want to be overly optimistic. I know that the **alumni have contributed to some students and teachers** in the past but since COVID, funding has been very limited and more specifically dedicated to technology - a need that helped our students and school in the shift to a hybrid or remote learning experience.

For the past 5 years, Central has had a partnership with CIEE, a Global Navigators Program. As a partner, we are guaranteed a minimum of \$25,000 **for our students to go abroad to some 20 countries** with programs varying from Language & Culture, Entrepreneurship, the Arts, Climate Change, Activism, Leadership, etc. Our students have scored so highly on their applications that we've actually been awarded roughly \$100,000 a year for our students to travel during the summer.

This year, their representative contacted me to discuss **our school's status and its impressive candidates**. They said that Central was a powerhouse, one of the top schools in the country and announced their highest award for scholarship to date. CIEE suggested a plan to seek donations to ensure that more or all students' trips would be funded: whatever I could raise, they would match, thus adding to our total award.


President McKenna connected me with **Cynthia Lech (263)**, executive director of the AACHS, and she and I got to work. Cynthia put me in touch with two major donors: the **228th graduating class** and a personal donor who is the family member of an alumnus, Mr. **Jay Rosen (185)** who recently passed. We had Zoom meetings, phone calls and emails back and forth and came to determine that they, Central's alumni, would give \$26,000 to put towards the students' costs. **It was my honor and pleasure to work with such kind and generous people and I look forward to maintaining the relationships that we built.**

With CIEE's contribution and CHS' donations, **Central's Global Navigators will receive \$198,000 this year** to make their dreams of becoming citizens of the world a reality. We are ecstatic.

Cynthia's excitement and dedication to helping me make this happen for our students has been an enormous help and incredibly heart-warming. Thank you for all of your support.

This letter was submitted to explain to the stakeholders what it is we plan to do and how the alumni have pulled through to help our students.

I thank you and the students thank you.

 The AACHS Office shares that the matched gift secured by alumni was due in large part to Rachel's grit and determination - she is truly invested in everything CHS; her hard work and leadership is what makes Central High School a place like no other. **Thank you for leading the way, Rachel!**

ADD YOUR STORY TO THE AACHS ALUMNI JOURNAL!

The purpose of the Alumni Journal is to inform you about what's happening at Central and with your fellow alumni, to keep you connected to the Central community and to bring our community closer together.

We can't do it without you! Your contributions are essential to making the *Journal* a must read for all Central alumni! If you're interested in contributing on a one-time or regular basis, let us know. Contact us at alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com.

Also - don't forget to share your news with us! New jobs, new babies, new partnerships, or just a note to update the Central community on your life. Send them all to us at alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com, and we'll include them in our Alma Matters section!



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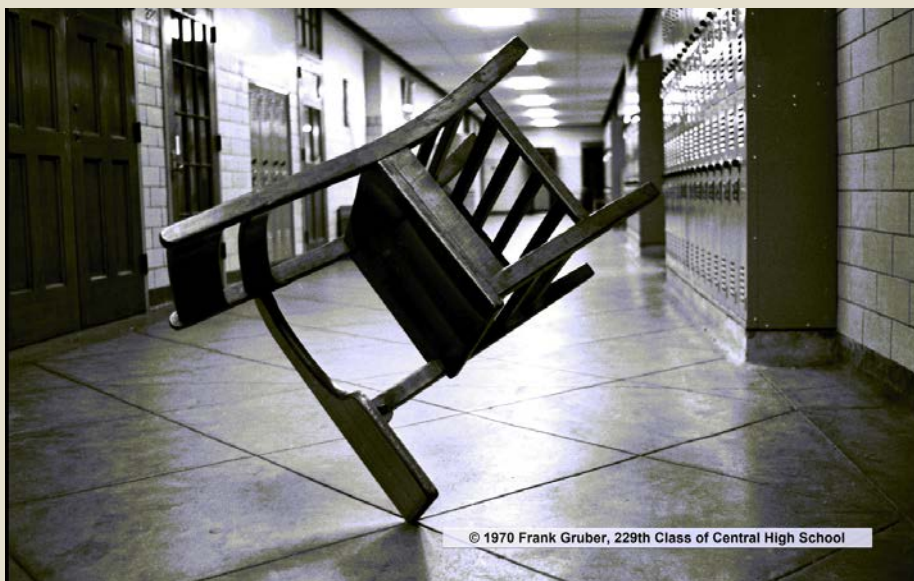
BRUCE YASGUR, 216

It's been a while. Column A is still on vacation and should return by next fall. Don't know if it's the pause between issues, Covid, retirements, more time to read, write, phone and reflect, or all the above; but we sure have heard from a bunch of you, including a number of my classmates. As we prepare to enter the final chapter of our 8th decade, those of us who are still on this side of the dirt and are losing friends and relatives are getting back in touch with old friends who've also weathered the years. For me, that group includes my classmates, other Central friends, fellow faculty and staff, and students I taught and befriended from 1975-1998, although this latter group is somewhat younger. I'm pleased to say that, in this early stage of our retirement, quite a few of my classmates have been in touch with one another, often via this column, and have filled voids as others have gone the way of all flesh: yet another purpose the school has served.

Even before recognizing our classmates and other alumni, we thank **Neil Deegan (263)** for holding this rag together and to congratulate him for thriving his way through early fatherhood while ascending to the almost-as-awesome responsibility of AACHS President.

Kudos likewise to Neil's classmate, Executive Director **Cynthia Lech**, for helping to bring our alumni community together; she has made great strides in leading our fundraising and outreach efforts.

Let's also recognize **Alicia Oglesby (258)**, our new alumna Editor-in-Chief, and **Natalie Zitter (260)**, our Development Manager. Also, if you haven't yet heard, to Art McNally (Mr. Mac), our Phys. Ed. teacher and Varsity Football Coach, who has just been voted into the NFL Hall of Fame - the first and only referee to receive that honor!



From the 216: Class President, retired cardiologist **Eddie Anderson**, reports that he and his wife are taking it easy one day at a time with their kids and grandchildren in Southern California. Inventor/entrepreneur emeritus **Mike Bell** supports not only Central but those who support both the school and our class. Here's an example: in honor of our class and alumni communications, our 1959-60 star running back donated two auditorium seats: one each to honor 216 Communications Director **Paul Cherry**, who keeps track of as many of us as he can find, and myself for cranking out this column. Thanks for sharing the honor, Mike. Beyond being CHS classmates, **Ed Boehner** and I have earned both bachelor's and law degrees from Temple and lived around the corner from one another at different times in Philly. Ed will be sharing with us elsewhere in this publication his observations as a member of the history-making team of lawyers and scientists who worked for more than two decades to resolve many of the scientific and legal issues that arose (and continue to arise) from the negative side of the quest to harness nuclear power. Class golfer and ping-pong paddler, retired CPA Rich First has finished counting other people's money and looks forward to returning to the links to count his own eagles and birdies. **Mark Forstater** is still living in London and still producing feature films and other media. We should be able to catch his latest romantic comedy, *Swipe Fever*, this spring in theatres (...ers?). It's tough living in London, but someone's gotta do it for the rest of us. Speaking of '16ers in London, Mark, say hi to hi-tech honcho **Roger Cooperman** if you see him around town. Having retired from his medical practice, **Rich Furman** looks forward to whacking his balls over, around and through the rough and smooth of the Sunshine State's Port St. Lucie-area golf courses. Seems that Furman and First have a few things in common. Having traveled the globe for business and pleasure and co-founded a major scientific institution with brothers **Joel (208)** and **Evan (226)**, Accuweather's weatherman emeritus **Barry Myers** remains part of the international scientific community while taking it easier in College Park, PA.

Local and international photographer **Laurence Salzmänn** is showing his work as we write at University City's Art on the Avenue gallery through April, should you be up for a night out in West Philly. Retired Florida doc **Ed Zissman** has the makings of his own movie about his Covid-plagued trip to South America on the way to Antarctica which, come to think of it, could be turned into a rom-com adventure movie suitable for senior and other citizens. Wuddaya think, Forstater?



News of Art McNally's election to the Hall of Fame, along with unhappy memories of our crushing loss to Bonner in the 1959 City Football Championship game and news of several recently-departed brothers coaxed out comments by dozens of my classmates, and possibly yours. Our discussions have coalesced around three main topics: organizing one or more class reunions, electing an special Alumni representative, and the newly-imposed lottery system for admission to Central and other special schools. More about these in our next issue, assuming the dust has settled by then.

The 216 has marked the passing of microbiologist **Richard Berman**, distance runner Sandor "Zip" Cenziper, tech executive Mark Dorfman and provisioner Mitchell Kaplan. We'll miss you, guys.

From our fellow alumni:

Multi-prize-winning travel writer **Don Mankin (213)** has taken a Covid break from his global adventures to write about his adopted hometown and boardwalk in Venice Beach, CA in the latest issue of his Adventure Geezer column that can be found online. Wanna know what it's like to travel through both popular and less-traveled venues, consult Don's column or his highly-praised book *Riding the Hulahula to the Arctic Ocean ...* whether or not you're a geezer or a fellow armchair traveler.

Retired bank exec and entrepreneur, Facebook regular and the life of his own movable party (talk about global adventures!), **Charlie Miller (215)** has got us doing WORDLE; but not to worry, folks – we won't become addicted. Now, what was that 5-letter word with a ...?

Philly Hurricane to Downshift? **Glenn "Hurricane" Schwartz (227)** has announced his planned retirement as Channel 10's inveterate veteran meteorologist. We'll try to stay updated on what our hometown bowtied beacon of the barometer has in store for the future, especially given his concern with climate change, which he calls "the climate emergency." As for Dear High: "Central," says Glenn, "helped prepare me for the difficult meteorology curriculum at Penn State," especially the school's physics and calculus classes. It was an "excellent head start." Do the Brothers Myers (above) agree?

Congrats to **Keith Smith (237)** on his retirement as Director of Criminal Listings after close to 30 years with the First Judicial District. Keith and I go back decades to West Philly, Spring Garden and the classroom, not to mention music and old houses.

Everett (Frazer) Kenyatta (240) and wife Candace are running their IT consulting firm, Grovider, and joyfully raising their 5-year-old son Amare. Life is sounding pretty rich. BTW, Everett did change his name to that of Kenya's independence leader and first president, (Jomo) Kenyatta.

Dr. Robert Gillon (183) was tagged by his cousin **Tasha Dandelion Kelly (247)**, who found her relative while researching their family history on Ancestry.com. In Tasha's words, "the world remains smaller than ever."

We look forward to one-time birthday party entertainer, former Urban Development Initiative chief exec, Rutgers university dean, global truth-seeker, and Dandelion's classmate Kyle Farmbry's updates as he begins to further explore his own world of possibilities as the freshly-inaugurated president of Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

U.Va. Professor **Dr. Valerie N. Adams Bass' (250)** oft-cited research has been influenced by her international service as a volunteer teacher in Namibia and as a Rotary Ambassador Scholar in South Africa. Valerie teaches and conducts research on identity and media. Check out her findings in education journals and read about her contributions to learning in local and national news, e.g. The Inquirer.

My former student and Temple Law School classmate, lawyer **Frank Dante (251)**, continues to make us smile as the erstwhile lead character of a KYW Radio public service commercial, now a proud father of two and partner at Blank Rome LLP.

Hamilton, In the Heights, Water by the Spoonful: it's all been said, and we're still talking about multi talented **Quiara Alegria Hudes (254)**, who wrote 'em all and then some. Keep knockin' 'em out, Quiara.

Nurse and healthcare advocate **Tarik Khan (255)** is running hard and fast for a seat in the PA House of Representatives from Northwest Philly and would love to hear from you.

LA-based attorney **Jesse Cohen (256)**, Director of Operations at Paramount Legal Outsourcing, enjoys the Southern California weather as well as his job bringing together lawyers and those who assist them. Jesse agrees that, for our school, your success is paramount.

Yo, all you butchers and bakers and candlestick makers; professional ramblers, gamblers, Jocks and Jills, professional students and beachcombers; musicians, magicians, mathematicians and logicians: let your classmates and fellow alumni/ae know what you're up to and how you're doing by writing to this column at byasgur216@gmail.com. If you like, you can even write your own column or maybe a piece or two. Remember to include your class number.

Till next time, keep in touch. Thanks to our editor, Janice O'Brien Yasgur (Cambridge Rindge and Latin, 1964), and techie David Yasgur (Barrack Hebrew Academy, 2014).

AACHS Hall of Fame Induction Save the Date - October 19, 2022

The Hall of Fame (HOF) induction will take place on October 19, 2022 at the Philmont Country Club. The AACHS Board of Managers has approved the induction of eight living alumni as proposed by the HOF committee.

The honorees are members of a diverse group that includes a jurist who was one of the original women to be admitted to Central, a poetess, a Klezmer musician and a comic book publisher. The names, class numbers and fields of endeavor of all inductees will be provided in an upcoming article on the Hall of Fame page on the AACHS website.

We invite you to join us as we honor these remarkable and talented alumni.
A formal invitation with final details will be sent to our alumni community.

TIME TO THINK AND REMEMBER, TIME TO WRITE BY ED BOEHNER, 216

It was my mother who secured an invitation from Central High for admission to the school's elite **Class of 216** (1957-1961). My father, a loyal member of the Greater Delaware Valley's most militant industrial union, was always busy attending to and participating in labor unrest---as a scribe for the Local 107(UE) News and in walking picket lines too numerous to count---while an employee of Westinghouse Electric working at the company's sprawling Large Steam Turbine Division located on the Old Industrial Highway in S.W. Philadelphia.

Naturally, as a product of a mid-twentieth century melting pot strictly working-class neighborhood in the city's East Germantown section, **I wondered how I possibly fit Central's rigorous profile and would survive as a student academically worthy of the school's reputation.** Our class president, Eddie Anderson, and vice president, Eric Bregman, were chosen from my homeroom alone.

Classes started each school day under the tutelage of **Art McNally**, Phys Ed teacher, who interestingly went on to fame as the NFL's supervisor of football officials and at the ripe old age of 95 was recently voted into the league's Hall of Fame (Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 24, 2022). Surrounded by such individuals, **I was in impressive company right from the beginning of my high school journey.** And I remember many more students that were true scholars in the 216!

Steady study habits propelled me through Central's curriculum as a generally undistinguished but attentive student who at times felt **humbled by the competition to succeed** on whatever career path awaited. How could it be otherwise when the **216th in combination with the 215th class produced 36 finalists** in the prestigious National Merit Competition, the second-highest total in all U.S. high schools for that calendar year. Nonetheless, with **Central's honorary Bachelor of Arts diploma** in hand, I attended Temple University--- along with 18 fellow Central grads--- and pursued a liberal arts degree majoring in history supported by a part-time job I had since turning 16 years old. Temple was a commuter college and I made good use of its mission to educate the working class in the only way possible for me.

The A.B. degree earned after four years of long days of classes, working, and studying may have saved my life for reasons not immediately apparent. America's war in Southeast Asia was ramping up in 1965, and the military draft valued graduates whose college deferment had just expired and were not otherwise exempt. I got nailed by the U.S. Army, sent for advanced infantry training in Fort Polk Louisiana, and promptly shipped to the First Air Cavalry Division deep in South Vietnam's Central Highlands in 1966. Assigned initially to postal administration and thereafter sent to an infantry battalion, this college degree probably explained postings mostly in important support positions working the U.S. mail on behalf of thousands of troops engaged in search and destroy missions in the jungles of Vietnam.

I came to detest this war, more so after surviving the mandatory enlistment of two years when I returned to U.S. soil in 1967 and faced a hotbed of anti-war protests and enlightenment concerning dire warnings of communism's "domino theory."

[Ed Boehner's story continues in the next fall edition of the *Journal*]

THUNDER DURING DROUGHT

Performed by CHS String Orchestra



In honor of the Asian Lunar New Year, Central High School's Advanced String Orchestra recorded an arrangement of the traditional Chinese melody, *Han Tian Lei* (Thunder During Drought). Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Og9DarZTLUM>

Orchestra Conductor

Benjamin E. Blazer, School Based Teacher Leader for the Arts

Central High School Art Exhibition

Art work curated by Andrea Keefe (art teacher)

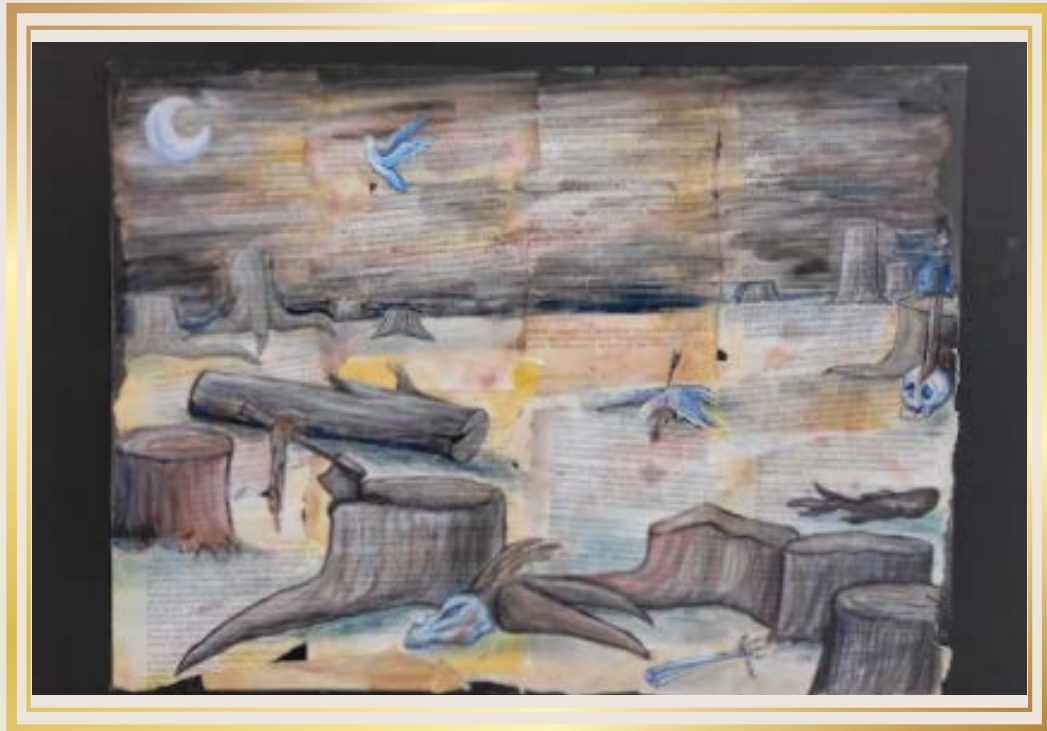


**43 Students
showcased their
artistic talents at
Settlement Music
School, Germantown
Branch, until April
12th**

Central High School Art Exhibition



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SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE...

DR. STEVE BURNSTEIN, 222

Have you ever heard this comment? : **“Some of my best friends are Black?”** Often, it is the response of an individual who is being challenged for exhibiting racist behavior. Alternative choices for “Black” include Asian, Hispanic, Jewish, gay or any descriptor of a person’s ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation. However, the use of any of the words other than “Black” does not change the intent of the comment which is to downplay racist behavior and shroud it in the veil of a positive persona. “How could I be a racist if I ‘befriend’ people who are different from me?” On occasion, one might use this sentence for a different purpose by substituting “racist” for “Black.”; e.g. “some of my best friends are racists.” Thereby, the statement’s meaning and intent change because of just one word. The irony is that while only the final word of the two sentences is different, the choice of “racist” might actually offer the opportunity for a sincere dialogue in which ideas, opinions and feelings are shared honestly. Although we are disgusted by racism and realize its dreadful consequences, many of us are friendly with racist individuals. During difficult times, they have been supportive, offering sound advice and helpful encouragement. We enjoy their company and they have indicated that we are valued friends whom they love. Often, they are well-educated, articulate and alluring. Despite the fact that our relationship with these people has been longstanding, their racist behavior may become intolerable for us. Perhaps, even though they are aware of our beliefs, they feel that we understand and possibly even support their racist behavior. Considering that we are providing tacit support for them by remaining silent or continuing to allow racist comments to be uttered in our presence, we’ve reached a “crossroad.” How do we proceed?

There are several choices. The first is not to respond at all. This may be what we choose to do based on the fact that we want to continue a relationship which has been satisfying in some respects. It is likely important to the offending individual as well, but remaining silent may serve to condone and even increase their offensive behavior. Therefore, by taking this tack we accomplish very little except to perpetuate a situation that is uncomfortable and likely to worsen.

An alternative course would be to chastise the offender, stating that you are appalled by their behavior and therefore are ending the friendship. On the other hand, the placement of conditions on continuation of the friendship is an option worth exploring; i.e. “please don’t make comments like this in my presence as they are offensive and upsetting to me.” Approaching the person in this way not only makes a specific and reasonable request but also offers a rationale for your making it. However, since it is a difficult and frustrating exercise to convince a racist individual that their behavior is unwelcome and inappropriate, it is best to limit your comments and concentrate on how you feel when you hear people disparaged because of their skin color or other attributes. Make your request and then, measure the response. Of course, whether you follow this path depends upon the importance of the friendship as you perceive it. If this perception is not clear, a discussion with your spouse, clergyman or someone else whose opinion you value, may provide guidance.

Although I feel that it is important to respond when someone is behaving in a racist manner, I attempt to remain calm in doing so. Additionally, I measure the importance and appropriateness of my response, attempting to avoid the possibility of harm to anyone present, including myself. In dealing with these situations, I've been struck with the inability or lack of understanding on the part of offending individuals. In many instances, they have been targeted by fellow racists, but fail to recognize the irony. Prejudicial behavior that I've experienced as a Jew has heightened my understanding and sensitivity regarding its effect on those who have also been victimized. Yet, on occasion, the prejudice that I have experienced has not been sufficient to completely extinguish my own.

For me, navigating the troublesome aspects surrounding racism has been a difficult exercise. I've ended relationships with friends whose racist behavior was unlikely to change; other friendships were salvaged through frank discussions and resultant mutual understanding. These were punctuated by feelings that meaningful experiences in past years along with shared values might allow us to continue our friendship in a more comfortable and productive manner.

Racism continues to be a destructive bane that has afflicted society for centuries. Organizations such as Black Lives Matter have increased our awareness of racist behavior's deleterious effects, but there is no quick fix or wholesale solution for the problem. We cannot predict when or if racism will decrease, let alone end. However, the manner in which we respond to it and what we teach our children and grandchildren, one by one and generation by generation, has the potential to lessen the impact of racism on their lives. We must encourage educators to offer a more complete American History curriculum, one that includes the study of Black History and critical race theory (CRT) which is taught in many law schools. Expanded curricula and CRT instruction would provide students with important information that, heretofore has not been available in our schools. **Black history is American history.** The provision of instruction in these areas would serve to improve the coping skills of those who suffer from discrimination as children and would continue to be a resource for them as adults. However, let's not forget that the elimination of discriminatory behavior is the goal.

The **DEI Committee** is aiding the Office of Equity and Inclusion by fundraising for educational, professional and social opportunities for students, teachers, and alumni in order to foster diversity, equity and inclusion at Central.



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"Unnamed Weeping"

A Poem By Quinette Williams, 257

There's no space to feel what I'm feeling, express what I'm feeling,
unfold what I'm feeling, push through what I'm feeling, know what I'm
feeling, peel off what I'm feeling, sit in what I'm feeling, hide from what
I'm feeling, ask about what I'm feeling, cry about what I'm feeling.
Because I have to focus on what? How others are feeling.

It's unsafe here. It's unsettling here. It's one perpetual day of fog here.
It's standing in the rain and remaining dry when all I want is to get
wet; to be replenished, nurtured, poured into but, no one sees I'm arid.

So they ask for something else; a favor, a shoulder, advice, inspiration,
exhortation, guidance, counsel, food, love, an ear, a ride, money,
loyalty, sacrifice!

Welcome to being a Black woman....I guess.

A poem to embrace Black women
and girls at Central High School

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of 257 alum. She earned degrees from Lincoln
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THY SHELTERING BUS PROJECT FUNDED!



Thank you alumni of the 277 - **Kristen Joseph, Peter Chong, Miguel Lugo, and Johann Otero-Avellaneda** - who initiated the bus shelter project in Ms. **Galeet Cohen's** (256) Environmental Science class.

30 alumni helped to fund the project which now showcases poetry and artwork from Afrocentric, The Mirror, and Mosaic. It's the snazziest thing to hit the corner of Ogontz & Olney since Starter jackets.

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

BY LOUIS D'AMELIO 237

I'm a 237 alum (and valedictorian FWIW) forwarding the attached photo from my recent retirement lunch. Pictured with me is **Asha Sankarathil** PA-C (a proud 272 alum) who surprised me with the most excellent gift of a CHS shirt!

After Central, I went to the Penn State - Jefferson 5 year combined BS - MD program. Following residency (general surgery) and two fellowships, (thoracic surgery and trauma/critical care) I had a very rewarding 32 year career as a surgeon and executive. I spent a decade in academia, teaching and performing bench and clinical research in addition to practicing and building a level I trauma center and 'dabbling' as one of the first minimally invasive surgeons in the region. I moved to the private sector in 1999 to start another trauma center and serve as department chair. Over the decades, I was active in establishing organized trauma care throughout the country with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. I spent the last five years of my career as a full-time health system executive with a focus on quality and patient safety while still practicing part-time.

The point of the droning bio is that absolutely **none of this would have been possible without the education, and more importantly, mentorship that I received at CHS.** Highly accelerated BS - MD programs, seen with the benefit of hindsight and gray hair, are poor choices for bright, well-intended young people. They prevent the personal development that comes from a well-rounded undergraduate education during crucial formative years. At Central, I was educated. From that point on, I was merely trained.

The practice of medicine turned out to be much more complicated than I anticipated. Surprisingly, operating and taking care of critically ill patients was the easy part. It turned out to be a complex business with endless ethical, political, and financial challenges to the moral imperative of excellent patient care. **Mr. Brooks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Barsky, Rabbi Trachtman and the other giants of the era provided me with much more than a fine education.** They imparted a work ethic and a moral compass that enabled me to navigate the moral ambiguities of a medical career. I am forever grateful to them and Central. **I look forward to being more active in the Alumni Association.** Please let me know of any way in which I may be of service.

Louis D'Amelio
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IN MEMORIAM

BELOW IS A LISTING OF OUR FELLOW ALUMNI
WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST EDITION.

ALL ARE LISTED HERE BY NAME AND CLASS NUMBER.
WE ARE ALL CENTRAL HIGH ALUMNI.

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| 176 Stanley Verbit | 192 Labron K. Shuman | 204 Leonard Wayne |
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| 188 Herbert Moss | 199 Warren Stanton Simon | 212 Gerald I. Helzner |
| 188 Herbert F. Polin | 199 Don Wolfe Waldman | 213 Edward Brylawski |
| 188 Solomon Kal Rudman | 200 Murray B. Dolfman | 214 Dr. Kenneth S. Rosen |
| 189 Marvin Gimpel | 200 Alvin S. Moses | 216 Harvey Allen Alten |
| 189 Peter Levitan | 200 Robert Silverman | 216 Lawrence Jay Arnoff |
| 190 John H. Althouse | 200 Paul Weintraub | 216 Richard E. Berman |
| 190 Bill Blackwell | 201 Gerald Mark Polin | 216 Sandor Cenziper |
| 190 Eugene Hurwood | 201 William Richard Vollmar | 216 James S Chorley |
| 190 Robert R. Koelle | 201 Alan Weber | 216 Mark Dorfman |
| 191 David E. Fisher | 202 Stanley Joseph Weiss | 216 Irvin D. Franklin, M.D. |
| 191 Malcolm Sitkoff | 203 Saul Dinman | 216 Reverend Pleasant L. Hailey, Jr. |
| 191 Richard Allen Sparks | 204 Ronald Feldman | 216 Mitchell Kaplan |
| 191 Leonard M. Voynow | 204 M Mark Levin | 217 Robert Sink |
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IN MEMORIAM

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220 Bruce Malkin
220 Kenneth A. Elkman
221 Robert P. Klein
221 Harry J. Sher
221 Marvin Weisberg
222 David J. Spangenberg
223 David Forstein
224 Rich DiMartino
224 Steve Martin
224 Larry Shaen
225 Hardie A. Beloff
225 Craig Bozzacco
225 Robert Goodman
225 William Ward Magaziner
225 Frank J. Pearl
225 Miles Rosenberg
225 Robert S. Sigovich
227 Howard Greenblatt
227 Perry Tishgart
228 George Ballas
228 Paul L. Frimark
228 Jeffrey Alan Hoeltzel
228 Neil Tickner
230 Robert George Bagian
230 Raymond Barczak
230 James Farthing
230 Charles Fonville
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230 Jerry Panofsky
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231 Prentice Shivell Cole, Jr.
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234 Gary Lewis
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Thank you.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The Alumni Association's Class Representatives Committee strives to maintain contact with every class through its designated representative. Thanks for all you do!

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.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, or apply for or recommend someone for a vacant rep position, please email the Alumni Association at alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com. If you would like to contact your class rep, please email the Alumni office in care of her or his name.

-Rudy Cvetkovic (239), Class Rep Chair

179 Samuel J. Silk	213 Jeff A. Weiner	247 Tracy Allen
180 Vacant	214 Steve Green	248 Keeya Branson Davis
181 Jules Silk	215 Gerry Kean	249 Maria Carpenter Yanga
182 Len Garrett	216 Paul Cherry	250 Audra King
183 Vacant	217 Elliot Brodsky	251 Leigh Whitaker
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185 Vacant	219 Mike Love	253 Mike Ambrosius
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187 Vacant	221 Chuck Steinberg	255 Broderick Jones
188 Robert Mazer	222 Mike Radel	256 Dan Taraborrelli
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193 Stan Fischman	227 Gary Koupf	261 Chantay Thompson
194 Jerry Kates	228 Bob Barthelmeh	262 Canh Trinh
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196 Vacant	230 Larry Plotkin	264 Michael Segal
197 Vacant	231 James Mascaro	265 Gina Bryan
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209 Vacant	243 John Loesch	277 Chris Carson
210 Paul Hirschman	244 Vacant	278 Tristan Jennings
211 Bill Labkoff	245 Jonathan Kine	279 Viktor Shamis-Kagan
212 Otto Mills	246 Julie Stevens	280 Julia Pastor

ALMA MATTERS

209 Elwood Exley Jr. is a member of the Connecticut State Board of Education and serves on the board of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

212 Andrew Weil was recognized by the Integrative Healthcare Symposium as the recipient of its 2022 Leadership Award. "His forward-thinking contributions have left an impact on his community."

228 Bishop Gregory A. Wilson Sr. humbly picked up the mantle at the Church of New Hope & Faith, Inc. and has been leading with grace and favor. The church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and Jubilee Celebration. We were notified by his Godson, **Alim M. Young (274)**.

233 Vincent T. Lombardo will receive one of the Cleveland Italian American Heritage Month Awards on Monday, October 4, 2021, at Cleveland City Hall. The award is given by the Cleveland Italian American Heritage Committee in partnership with the Cleveland Mayor's Office and Cleveland City Council.

236 The Bizjournal.com highlights **Miles K. Davis**, president of Linfield University and a pioneer of expansion and innovation.

239 The newly elected 65th dean of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers is Mr. **Joe Tucker**.

235 Cato T. Laurencin received the 2022 Diversity Award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Laurencin has distinguished himself through his "outstanding commitment to making orthopedics more representative of and accessible to diverse patient populations".

252 President and CEO of New York YMCA, **Bertram Lawson II**, is leading their annual campaign.

251 Sharif Street was recognized as Delaware Valley Legacy Fund. He has supported key organizations in the community such as the William Way LGBT Center, the Mazzoni Center, The Attic Youth Center, Philly Pride Presents, Colours, and more. He is known as one of the first Philadelphia politicians to endorse full marriage equality.

258 Recently published author **Autumn Womack** showcased her new book titled 'The Matter of Black Living'. This text examines how turn-of-the-century Black cultural producers' experiments with new technologies of racial data produced experimental aesthetics.

259 Chris Guido is celebrating two years in remission after being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2019. Excitedly reporting a renewed zeal for life (and Central!), he has been fiercely advocating and raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Big Climb Event being hosted at Lincoln Financial Field this May. He and several of other 259 alum are working to create the philanthropic arm of the 259th graduating class, raising funds to give back to dear old Central High. For more info follow their group on Instagram @259CHS.

260 MIT Particle Physicist and Professor **Kerstin Perez** was featured on Season 48, Episode 12 of PBS's "NOVA" featuring her work with nanoparticles, co-leading the high-energy X-rays analysis group for NASA's NuSTAR telescope array. Professor Perez also leads the detection program for the general antiparticle spectrometer (GAPS), the first experiment that has been optimized to study low energy antinuclei.

260 Natalie Zitter is greatly welcomed to the AACHS community through her work as Development Manager. She tirelessly keeps alumni informed through regular communications and works behind the scenes to support AACHS.

263 Joseph Gallagher received accolades for his work as a mixing engineer and one of the producers on the Grammy award-winning 2022 best R&B album from artist, Jazmine Sullivan's "Heaux Tales" 14-track EP.

Share Your Updates with AACHS

Another friendly reminder to share your news with us. New jobs, new babies, partnerships, or just a note to update the Central community on your life. Send them to us at alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com and we will include it in our Alma Matters section.

THE 251 EXPERIENCE

NOTES FROM THE REUNION COMMITTEE

It's hard to believe that **it has been 30 years since we graduated** from Our Dear Old Central High. Since then, I'm proud to say that 251 has continued to maintain our connections, our friendships, and our camaraderie in good and bad times. When the pandemic began and the George Floyd tragedy occurred, my 251 classmate, Jacob Susman, reached out to me so that we could make a positive impact in the midst of these uncertain times as co-chairs for the 30th reunion in 2022.

251 has had a reunion every five years and it has always been an event I look forward to. I did not participate on any previous committees, but I knew the committees worked extremely hard and they executed fabulous events!

As this time period was different - special - Jake and I knew that it was time to build on the hard work previous committees had undertaken, as well as honor the phase that we were all experiencing. As a result, we agreed that **251 should give a larger class gift, hold events reflective of our diverse class, and have the most epic reunion ever.** Jake and I enlisted the help of previous committee members, as well as people representing different lawns, ethnicities, and professions, which was important to ensure that we reached out to, and addressed the needs and concerns of every 251 classmate.

Eighteen classmates answered the call, and with enthusiasm, created **'The 251 Experience.'**

Everyone on the committee had the 'go big or go home' mindset and together we developed three events - a virtual fundraiser, a family bowling night, and the main event at the Adventure Aquarium. We also developed sponsorships to lower reunion costs, and are offering "scholarships" to those who want to attend but might not otherwise be able to fit it into their budget.

We're 85% to our goals with two months to go!

On Friday, June 17, 2022, we will host a **Family Fun Event** at South Bowl, and the following day our **Reunion party** will be at the Adventure Aquarium, 30 years to the day we graduated. We are so sure that this is going to be the most epic experience that we **invite all Central Alumni to come join us.**

Information can be found on our website at 251reunion.com. Did I mention that we have two 251 entertainers providing music? **DJ Thais Caine** and a 10-piece band featuring **Phaedra (Henley) Jordan.**

In closing, we hope you join us and look forward to sharing our success in the fall *Journal*.

Nicole Bolt Anderson, 251



REUNIONS



To get details regarding your class reunion, contact
reunions@centralhighalumni.com
or learn more at
<https://centralhighalumni.com/reunions>.

188 will hold their 75th reunion on June 22nd at noon at the Hilton on City Line Avenue. The cost is \$60 per person and includes valet parking. All companions are welcome, and transportation will be provided free within a 25-mile radius for anyone desiring it. Please contact **Bob Mazer** to RSVP.

204 hosts their 66th and half reunion on June 22nd at the Bluestone Country Club in Blue Bell, PA. The event starts at 4 pm and attendees can contact **Art Magilner** to RSVP.

205 held a virtual reunion on May 21, 2021. Their next reunion will be in-person led by **Ted Rothman**.

206 is hosting its 65th Reunion, which will be held on October 8th, 2022 at Springfield Country Club. More details coming soon!

207 held a wonderful reunion on November 13, 2021 - the event included personalized name badges that included each graduates yearbook photo, along with remarks from David Kahn (220) AACHS archivist and AACHS executive director. Classmates who could not join in person attended virtually.

208 will be celebrating its 65th reunion this fall.

214 hosted their 60th Reunion on April 22, 2022.

215 will host their 60th reunion on May 14, 2022.

216 will host its 60th Reunion on October 13-14, 2022 which will include a **tour at Central!**

217 hosts its 60th reunion on May 19, 2022. Contact person and class rep: **Elliot Brodsky**.

218 hosts its 60th Reunion via Zoom on June 3, 2022.

225 will host their 55th + 1 Reunion on October 14, 2022 for 225 classmates, and October 15th at Maggio's. Please contact **Jerry Rosenfeld** or take a look at the [225Gives Campaign!](#)

229 had its 50th Reunion delayed by two years and will now be on May 13, 2022, starting with a tour of the school followed by dinner at Marian House in Cherry Hill on May 14th and the Phillies game on May 15th. Contact **Frank Piliero** via email **frankp197@aol.com**.

REUNIONS



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241 hosts its 40th Reunion on November 25th, 2022 at Maggiano's Little Italy at 12th and Filbert Sts. in Center City Philadelphia. The cost of \$135 can be paid via Venmo @**CentralHigh241 (Nicholas Taweel)** Be sure to RSVP to **241Central82@gmail.com**.

249 is having its 30-ish Reunion on Saturday, June 25, 2022 7PM-11PM at Waterfall Room 2015 S Water Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 The cost is \$75 per person. Please pay via PAYPAL (chs249@gmail.com), VENMO (@**Maria-CarpenterYanga**), or check. Please email **CHS249@GMAIL.COM** and help spread the word.

251 is featured in this edition of the journal and celebrating the third event of their reunion on June 18th. Check out their website: **251reunion.com**.

255 will not be deterred by the pandemic. Their 25 + 1 Reunion will be on June 17, 2022 from 6:30 pm – 10:30pm at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pa. Tickets will be \$125 per person. There will be a group picture outside on the steps of the Franklin Institute at 7:00pm. The reunion contact is Cheri (de Vries) Harrison and can be emailed at **255chs96@gmail.com**.

260 is celebrating their 20th plus 1 on June 18th, 2022. Visit the website for tickets, swag, and photos! **chs260reunion.com**.

261 hosts their 20th Reunion on July 30, 2022 at Liberty Pointe (at the Seaport Museum) 211 S. Columbus Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19106 Tickets are \$90 per person. Please visit their class website at **www.CHS261.com** or contact **261CentralReunion@gmail.com** for more information.

264 hosted their 15-year Reunion on November 28, 2021.

275 hosted their milestone 5-year Reunion on November 26, 2021.

207 REUNION



188 REUNION COMMITTEE



BREATH OF LIFE

BY FRANK B. FREEDMAN, PHD 208

I was lucky enough early in my professional career to be a **prominent pioneer in the development of modern-day artificial lungs**. During the early 1970s, I led the development of my Company's (SciMed of Plymouth MN) new type of artificial lung. I crisscrossed the country trying to persuade surgeons to use it to breathe for patients while being treated for the most severe types of acute lung failure. It took several years for surgeons to accept this new acute lung failure therapy. I then turned his attention to getting cardiac surgeons to use the SciMed lung to breathe for patients undergoing open-heart surgery.

A Bethesda Naval Center surgical research team was pursuing animal studies to determine how well the SciMed Lung would work to breathe for acute lung failure patients. Bethesda Naval Hospital is where Presidents and other high-ranking government officials often go for annual physical examinations or treatment. Based on their success in animal studies, the lung was used to breathe for a very sick sailor. Although he was too sick to survive, the lung worked perfectly. Based upon this **first-ever clinical case** using the SciMed lung, the Chief of Surgery told me his candid thoughts about this new therapy. He'd pursue its use to gain more attention for Bethesda's surgical research programs (and SciMed), by saving a dying U.S. Senator, an Ambassador, or some other dignitary. The Surgery Chief angrily backed away from his idea, when I suggested using the lung on a very prominent 79-year old dying from a severe case of pneumonia ... President Harry S. Truman. Bethesda Naval Hospital never pursued another SciMed lung acute lung failure case. But over a dozen other major U.S. clinical research centers did, including the University of Minnesota.

A few months after the Bethesda Naval experience, the University of Minnesota began using the SciMed lung to breathe for patients with acute severe lung failure. None of the initial patients survived due to the severity of their condition. **I attended each case at the University, buoyed only by two facts.** The lung worked very well. A few survivors had been reported in the United States. But, clinicians at the University and elsewhere recognized that only some types of patient candidates would benefit and survive. But it was too early to tell which ones would survive and which ones would not.

Their luck changed when they decided to use the lung to breathe for a dying young man whose lungs were filled with bodily fluid due to a motorcycle accident. He started recovering toward the end of the second day of treatment. Once he was weaned off the artificial lung, I left for home. I had been at bed-side continuously for technical and emotional support during this time. **Jubilant but exhausted, I headed home.** I was surprised to be pulled over by the St. Louis Park, Minnesota Police on my way home.

"Are you drunk?" the officer asked. "Your car was weaving a lot." "No sir," I replied. "I've been up for over 48 hours helping with a case at the University. I'm exhausted." And so thankfully the officer escorted me safely home, just a few miles away."

I also spent about 2 years working to get cardiac surgeons to use the SciMed lung's to breathe for patients during open-heart surgery. At first, it was only used for pediatric and high-risk adult open-heart surgery patients. It gradually began being used for more routine open-heart surgery cases, since patient recoveries from surgery with this artificial lung were faster and they experienced fewer serious complications. I **wrote a book** entitled "**A Corporate Refugee Bares All.**" It was a collection of short stories about my SciMed artificial lung experience. In its Introduction, I cited my mother's guidance and plea "to leave this earth in better shape than I found it." I considered my mother's plea honored, stating that "I believe my work with medical devices probably saved hundreds of patients' lives and provided vastly improved treatment results for thousands and thousands of others."

I recently retired from my Adjunct Faculty position, after almost **50 plus years** working in the medical device industry.

The 208th class is working to hold a reunion in the fall.

LEADING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TAKES A BIG STEP FORWARD



The "Leading the Way" capital campaign received a big boost earlier this year in the form of a \$5 million dollar grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

The grant is through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, which funds projects like this that create new spaces to benefit the community economically and culturally.

The Performing Arts Center component of the campaign is slated for groundbreaking this year.

The project is already an award winner. MGA Partners, the architecture firm for this project, received an AIA Philadelphia Merit Award in the unbuilt category for their design of the Performing Arts Center.

"There is no time like now to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said **Joseph Field (192)**, our lead benefactor for Leading the Way.

"This grant means people in the state and the city believe in the mission and vision of Central and I'm hoping this is a motivating factor for more alumni to be a part of the Capital Campaign. We need your support to get over the finish line," said former Central President **Timothy J. McKenna**.

There is no better time than right now to invest in the future of Central. Visit CentralHighAlumni.com/leading-the-way-capital-campaign to find out how you can be a part of this exciting project today or contact the **AACHS Development Office** to connect!

1836 SOCIETY

Named in honor of the year that Central High School was chartered, the **1836 Society** is reserved for donors of **\$1,836 or more** to the AACHS.

With an annual minimum gift of \$1,836, members of the 1836 Society are invited to an annual Members-only reception and recognition at the AACHS Annual Meeting each June where each new Member is presented with an 1836 Society pin.

Donors may join the 1836 Society through a donation or pledge of \$1,836 or more annually.

Donors who have previously made donations in the same fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) may add to that amount to reach a cumulative gift of \$1,836. Matching gifts made through your employer are also counted in the total.

To learn more about the 1836 Society, contact AACHS Development Manager Natalie Zitter at development@centralhighalumni.com or learn more at <https://centralhighalumni.com/1836-society>.



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222	Stephen L. Burnstein	Friend	Susan Rosen
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NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nomination and Elections, David R. Kahn, 220, Chairperson, presents the following nominations for positions on the Alumni Board of Managers.

The election will be held at the virtual Annual Meeting on June 23, 2022.

Information on how to participate in the annual meeting will be sent via email and posted at centralhighalumni.com shortly.

Nominated for the Term expiring June 30, 2023

President: Neil Deegan, 263

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Robert A. Del Femine, 235
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Karima I.A. Bouchenafa, 249
Elina Magid, C.P.A., 257

Treasurer: Gene J. Marks, C.P.A., 241

Secretary: Marisa Block, 265

Master of Archives/Historian: David R. Kahn, 220

Nominated for the Term expiring June 30, 2023 (two to be elected to fill the balance of the Term)

Nevena Bosnic, 266
Kiana Nunn, 259

Nominated for the Term expiring June 30, 2025 (eight to be elected to a full Term)

Hannah Baker, 274
Solomon David, Esq., 265
Cecil Johnson, 244
Joshua E. Liss, 247
Alicia Oglesby, 258
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Andrew S. Kessler, Esq., 243
Stephen J. Klein, 229
Benjamin G. Lipman, Esq., 224
Kenneth Wong, 232

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IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO ANY SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT, WATCH THE NEWS, OR READ OUR EMAILS, YOU'LL KNOW THAT **#GIVINGTUESDAY** IS A GLOBAL GENEROSITY MOVEMENT STARTED IN 2012 AS A SIMPLE IDEA TO ENCOURAGE FOLK TO DO GOOD.

AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE **436** GIFTS MADE BY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, WE ARE ECSTATIC TO REPORT **\$252,168.64** WAS RAISED DURING **GIVING TUESDAY 2021!**

A HEFTY THANK YOU GOES OUT TO **KYLE ANDEER (251)**, WHO MOST GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO MATCH ANY AND ALL DONATIONS UP TO \$100,000.

