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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Beyonce is one of my favorite artists for many reasons. She co-wrote and sang a song called "Run the World (Girls)". I found myself adding this song to my 11-year-old daughter's playlist. We have a tradition of blasting, energizing, and empowering music on the drive to her soccer games. I love Beyonce and this song because it highlights sexism, which women face in education, in employment, in sports... but it also highlights our strength to unify and fight against these issues. Some of the lyrics to this song say, "...smart enough to make these millions, strong enough to bear the children, then get back to business". For this edition of the journal, I am editing most of the pages with a female team. **Why are there cupcakes on the cover? Because an alumna is a dynamic owner and pastry chef at one of the coolest shops in Philly. Check out the details on page 19 in our newest Fall column "Store Front", featuring alumni businesses.** I co-authored those pieces with friend and fellow alumna, Kiana Nunn, 259. We do it all! I'm cooking dinner, doing laundry, and studying for a quantitative methods final. I'm a mother, a high school counselor, a doctoral student, and many many other titles and roles. For many women in our society and particularly within our alumni association, we handle ALL. THE. THINGS. This edition is dedicated to us.

Some of our beloved board members took the time to thoughtfully and carefully interview some dynamic and world-changing Central High alumnae. I experienced a renewed sense of commitment to Dear Ol' High when reading through these interviews. At a time in our global community when different groups are hurting and grieving for different and similar reasons, I hope we can all spend a moment this month and into the winter showing appreciation, care, and gentleness to the women in our lives.

Enjoy this issue and as always, be well!

Alicia Oglesby, 258  
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# A LETTER FROM CHS PRESIDENT KATHARINE S. DAVIS, 264

Dear Central High School Alumni Community,

**Thank you for welcoming me as the 15th President of Central High School. The first year of my tenure was filled with countless hours, and memories that I will treasure forever. I look forward to a wonderful second year.**

So far, this year at Central High School has been one of accomplishment and recognition. Some highlights include:

- At the end of the 22-23 school year, 955 students completed over 1700 Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Over 70% of Central High School students received a score of 3 or higher on their AP exam..
- Over 190 Central High School students took International Baccalaureate courses during the 22-23 school year. Our average IB diploma score surpasses the city, state and national average.
- We expanded our advanced course offerings during the 23-24 school year, including two new Advanced Placement courses.
- We won five Public League Championships during the Fall 2023 athletic season: Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross-County, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball and Girls Tennis
- Twenty-one students received commendations in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Donovan Dixon (**278**), a student at NYU will begin his studies at Oxford University as one of the 32 2023 Rhode Scholar Winners. Donovan is the third Rhodes Scholar in Central's history.

If you haven't returned to 1700 W. Olney Avenue in recent years, I encourage all members of the Alumni Association to schedule a visit. Central High School's tradition of excellence and opportunity exists because of alumni support. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Katharine S. Davis, **264**  
15th President, Central High School



# MESSAGE FROM AACHS PRESIDENT “DEL”

ROBERT A. DEL FEMINE, 235

I love this time of the year. It's always been a time of reflection as I give thanks to the circumstances, things, and most importantly, PEOPLE, in my life. This year I am also humbled by the honor of being named the 38th president of the Associated Alumni of Central High School. I get to serve the students, school, and our more than 30,000 active alumni across the world!

Never could I imagine, growing up on Hoffman St. in South Philly, that I would get to attend Central let alone get to serve our incredible bastion of education, community, and culture that has molded and nurtured so many incredible humans.

As a proud member of the 235th class, I had some of my life's greatest and worst moments. Meeting friends I would cherish for life. Playing sports and music across the incredible diversity that makes up the flavor and true soul of our city. Expanding my mind through the challenge of great teachers and my talented classmates. Spending hours on the Broad St. subway from Snyder to Olney! Experiencing my father's much too early death during my junior year but, feeling the love and support of my coaches, teammates, teachers, and friends.

I joined the board because I was fortunate to always have people that cared and were willing to share some time with me along the way. I learned to see it more formalized in my corporate career at Johnson & Johnson. Mentorship, following the J&J Credo, and always striving to “do good” meant that you could have an impact on others and maybe even “do well” in the process. It was time to “formalize” that on behalf of the school I loved.

Despite how different your story may be, if you are reading this we are bonded together forever by an underlying and unifying foundation. A foundation that is rooted in Philadelphia. A foundation established and cemented at the school I love, you love, and that generations to come will love: Central!

From our Capital Campaign that is desperately needed to ease the overcrowding while accelerating everything from our performing arts to STEM programing... to supporting students' and the school's immediate needs... to providing mentorship and networking pathways for career and life success: the AACHS needs YOU!

As you read, hear, and hopefully ENGAGE more through alumni channels and events, please consider what you are ABLE and WILLING to do to enable that “next generation” towards careers and lives of excellence!

I'd love to hear from you at [president@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:president@centralhighalumni.com).

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# ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

## NICOLE BOLT ANDERSON, 251



**Nicole Bolt Anderson (251)** is the President of NAL Speakers Bureau, a speaking agency she founded in 2020 that connects respected thought leaders and innovative thinkers to audiences around the world. After graduating Central in 1992 and Temple University in 1996 Anderson held operational positions at various companies before spending more than 12 years in several director-level positions at Comcast in Philadelphia where she helped launch the company's residential home service. And yes, she is related to the Olympian Usain Bolt, but more on that later.





# AN INTERVIEW OF NICOLE BOLT ANDERSON BY GENE MARKS, 241

**Q:**

Tell us about your time at Central.

**A:**

I arrived when women had just started at the school a few years before. But by that time there was a fairly large population of women, so I never felt like, this is an all-boys school. And I never felt like we were treated any differently. I think, if anything, the guys liked having us there. We didn't feel like we were in the minority back in '88. We were just bright eyed and bushy tailed, and I think, liked the attention of the boys. I was in a bunch of activities both short and long term. I was in the choir. I tried out for the cheerleading team.

**Q:**

Were there any specific incidents while you were at Central that stick out in your mind today?

**A:**

At the time, the Rodney King incident happened. I remember there were a lot of emotions around that for everybody. Black folks, white folks...tensions were really high, and I remember there was this ground swell of needing to do something. We're Central students, we have to do something! A walk out was organized, and I participated in that. We walked out of school in an organized fashion. I remember Dr. Pavel never stopping us from exercising our rights. We felt helpless so the walk out was something we could do peacefully to show solidarity with what was happening on the other side of the country. So, that was pretty profound.

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**Q:**

How did your time at Central prepare you for your professional career, especially at Comcast?

**A:**

I kind of grew up at Comcast. I started out in reporting and analysis, and I moved up every couple of years. The academic challenges I faced during my time at Central gave me the self-confidence to take on new problems. I did process improvement. I was always brought in as that “fix-it girl,” problem solving, process improvement, doing all those kinds of things. I led the team to look at all the call centers and do assessments for those organizations. I also led a new products team so all of the video products you see today we were launching. In fact, we launched, the “Internet at Home.” I was also a part of what you see with On Demand; leading the communications team at one point, which was across the company. So, I did pretty well there and a lot of that was due to what I learned at Central.



**Q:**

Why did you decide to leave Comcast after all that success?

**A:**

Unfortunately, my mother passed away in 2010, and I started re-evaluating things. I decided I wanted to do something more on my own.

**Q:**

What motivated you to start your own business, your speaking agency?

**A:**

I realized that I’m a connector. I like to connect people with opportunities, connect people with other people and see what synergies can develop. I partnered with a PR firm that I worked with on a book deal for a speaker I was working with, and from that I launched my speaker’s bureau business. Of course, it ultimately launched in 2020 during Covid, so, I made no money (laughs). But now we’re doing fine. I’m still in the investment phase of building the organization and having some success with companies who look to me to bring in speakers. I tell people that I can bring in just about anybody. I have a docket of famous people and not-so-famous people but they’re all looking to make a positive impact.

**Q:**

How did Central prepare you to be an entrepreneur?

**A:**

I've learned that succeeding in business is about relationships. I was actually very shy growing up and it's been a learned behavior to talk and communicate. But I realized at Central it's about relationships and that's where I began to be aware of my abilities to connect with people, make people feel good, and deliver on things that people might want.

**Q:**

I understand you experienced some mental health challenges. Would you care to talk about that?

**A:**

I will say this, I did suffer from a bit of depression in high school and when I left Comcast. But having my Central friends helped me get through that over the years. Everything is fine but I'm grateful to my friends at Central who have sustained me over the years.

**Q:**

And you have an Olympian connection too?

**A:**

Yes! I also ran track at Central. My maiden name is Bolt, so I am related to Usain Bolt. I'm not as fast!

**Q:**

What other organizations are you involved with today?

**A:**

I was part of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County a few years ago. Today there's an organization called Bridge of Hope that I've been working with on their finance committee for a number of years. I'm also involved with Jack and Jill of America, a mother's group.

**Q:**

Where do you think Central had the biggest impact on your life?

**A:**

At Central I found community. I found that I could do my schoolwork, be a nerd, and still be cool at the same time. That lesson has stayed with me my entire life. I also learned not to date the star basketball player, but that's a conversation for another time!





# BREAKING NEWS

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“A Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge has ordered that three female students be admitted to the city’s elite all-male Central High School, the nation’s second-oldest public high school, established in 1836.

Judge William M. Marutani ruled last week that “the maintenance of single-gender public schools ... is in violation of the equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment” and is “in violation of Article I, Section 28, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” the state’s equal-rights amendment.

Judge Marutani’s long-awaited decision came in a class-action suit brought by Elizabeth Newberg, Pauline H.

King, and Jessica S. Bonn, three students at the all-female Girls High school, which is across the street from Central High School. The students contended that they had been denied admission to Central solely on the basis of their sex.”

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# ORDER IN THE COURT

## AN INTERVIEW OF

### JUDGE MICHELE HANGLEY, 243

Judge Michele Hangley (**243**) rules in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, the same court that ordered the approval of girls to attend Central in 1983. Judge Hangley discussed the impact Central had on her with Editor-In-Chief, Alicia Oglesby (**258**).

Judge Hangley has fond memories as one of the first girls at Central for a year. While some of the boys made the experience tumultuous, most of the boys in her classes were welcoming and went against the grain. She reminisced on Dr. Pavel's arrival and being in Dr. Sanders English class. After 2 great years there, she wishes she was able to spend 4 years surrounded by her newfound friends. Judge Hangley believes that people she met at Central were some of the most diverse, driven, and smart people she has ever met. The experience prepared her for tackling real world experiences. Central graduates even played a pivotal role as a great support when she ran for office. Central alumni helped her network and win.

To current Central students, Judge Hangley urges students to become talented and skillful writers because most disciplines require this ability. "Acquire a technical grasp and write persuasively, it's a secret weapon to have your whole life", she noted. She empowers students to seek patience and don't rush into anything. "Get work and life experiences if you feel like you want them before taking a jump into the world." Words of wisdom to live by.



The Philadelphia Inquirer, Michael Viola



# FIRST CLASS

JESSICA BONN (243)

BY DAVID W. BROWN (239)

For most of us, there are few moments in our lives when we knew what we were doing in our younger days would be looked upon as shaping history as we got older.

That wasn't the case for Jessica Bonn (243).

As **one of the four students who led the effort to integrate Central** from all boys to co-ed in the mid-80s, she had an awareness that her actions were helping to write history then. However, shaping history was not the primary motivation for pursuing this path.

Like many teenagers attending Philadelphia public schools at that time, Bonn was simply seeking a better education and felt Central was the best place to find just that.

"When I was still at the C.W. Henry school, I had a friend whose older sister was at Girls' High and she always said we should go to Central because we could do a lot more there," Bonn reca. "They have more options...they have more languages...they just had more."

But beyond wanting more options, Bonn always thought it was unfair that there were such disparities that existed between education resources that were available to girls and those afforded boys in the same system. What was most surprising, at the time, was that **so many adults and educators thought these differences** were so readily accepted.

"I don't think I understood this as an equity and justice issue, at the time, but that's really what it was," Bonn reflected. Regardless of the terminology of the time, the **determination to break the barrier and level the playing field was motivation** enough to push through.



Jessie and her daughters



**Break the barrier she did.** Bonn entered Girls' High in 1980 who – along with three other girls – joined a lawsuit to challenge the single-sex admittance policy of Central.

Others had joined the suit along the way and, in August 1983, the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas ruled that the admission policy was unconstitutional. The Board of Education voted not to appeal the legal decision, thereby admitting girls to Central High School. That next month, Bonn along with five other girls, all seniors, were admitted and would be part of Central's first co-ed class (**243**) to graduate.

"In looking back on her senior year, Bonn reflected on how "unremarkable" that year was. "There were a few teachers who were more welcoming, and others who were more resistant but no hostility that I can recall," Bonn said. "At the end of the year, all of the boys wrote nice things in our yearbook although at the beginning some admitted that they hated that we broke up this tradition.

**But, as they got to know us, they considered us classmates.** In general, people resist change...but that doesn't mean change shouldn't happen."

Bonn continued making change happen in her work. Right after graduating from Central, she spent a gap year in Israel on a kibbutz working with a rabbi who ministered in both Israeli and Palestinian communities. She returned to the U.S. to attend Yale and left for Jerusalem after obtaining her BA and has been there ever since. She attended Yeshiva University where she earned her Master's in Social Work (MSW). She honed her language skills in English, Hebrew and Arabic and has worked to build relationships in Jewish and Arab communities as a gifted translator and psychotherapist – **building bridges and healing relationships in the process.**

**Some 40 years later, the lessons learned then continue to inform her path today.**

I feel honored to have been a part of this banging on the doors of dormancy and non-critical consensus. The main role I played was being **willing to make myself vulnerable by publicly promoting and having my name associated with a struggle** that met with a range of reactions in the personal and public sphere that included admiration and encouragement, but also pushback of various sorts, eliciting at times vitriol and even hatred," Bonn said.

# FIRST CLASS CONTINUED

“The school that Central is today, thanks to the life breathed into it by the devoted staff and students over the years who contributed to (and continue to invest in) its growth and evolution, is something we never dreamed of and for which we can take no credit. **We merely took part in the catalyzation.** At the time, in the hour of calling it seemed as though we had no choice.”

*“Central is better that this choice to push for change was made.”*

*Author’s Note: Since writing this story, we have been in touch with Jessica who continues her work despite (and because of) the tragedy of the Israeli-Hamas conflict.*

David W. Brown served as President of the 239th Class. He is currently the Assistant Dean of Community and Communication for Klein College of Media and Communication at Temple University. He currently serves on the AACHS Board of Managers.



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Career Day is one of the highlights at Central - it is an opportunity for current students to interact directly with alumni. As a result, these young people develop a key sense of efficacy that will serve them well beyond the crimson clad doors.

This school-spirited event provides students first-hand knowledge relating to a plethora of career opportunities.

This experience is like no other around the country because our alumni bring perspective that is unparalleled. The energy at the event was truly something to experience, in its now 25th year.

We hope to see many more of you return to dear High next year!

Mike Horwits (251), Faculty and AACHS Board Member  
Cynthia Lech (263), AACHS Executive Director

# 2023 CAREER DAY

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**AACHS Honorary Life Member, Retired Attorney - Stephen Kasloff, Esq., 228**

"For me personally, the arts - in my case, theater - expanded my world and perspective in ways both large and particular; and allowed me to go beyond what I thought I could do and be. And theater continues to do this in my life. I know this is true of so many others as well."

**Associate Professor of Particle Physics at MIT and NASA Scholar - Kerstin Perez, 260**

"Central had a particular role in my overall life path; less that Central molded me into a world class scientist, but more so provided and fostered an environment to explore a vast variety of interests and excel in whatever one chose to do."

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# 'THE STORE FRONT'

The fall edition of the alumni journal is excited to bring you highlights and reviews of Central High alumni-owned businesses throughout the region.

For the fall of 2023, board of managers member Kiana Nunn, **259** and editor-in-chief Alicia Oglesby, **258** grabbed delicious pastries from Machine Shop (Owner Emily Riddell, **263**) before dining and toasting at Black Squirrel.

Machine Shop is a rustic, airy pastry shop in South Philadelphia. Located in an old school building, when you enter and turn to the left, a large, spacious shop lined with customers, huge windows, and greenery greet you. They have sweet and savory treats guaranteed to delight everyone from toddler-age to full grown. The prices are reasonable and we even saved some croissants to devour the next day and they were still fresh.

Next, we drove over to East Falls to enjoy brunch at Black Squirrel (Owner Arthur Cavaliere, **257**). This is the third time Alicia has dined here and the crowd is always lively. This is a neighborhood favorite. The brunch cocktails were refreshing and the seafood dip was truly memorable; it's the type of dish you crave after not tasting in a few months.



*Black Squirrel  
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*Machine Shop  
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# COLUMN A

BRUCE YASGUR, 216



With few exceptions, I was a terror to my teachers through my elementary and junior high years. An exception was my 8th-grade counselor, who told me about Central and encouraged me to apply. My only question: would I be able to play sports in 9th grade? The only sport offered at school was fighting before, during and after; in the stairwells, hallways and lunchroom. I quickly learned to defend myself. On one or more of my many visits to the counselor's office, Florence Widmeyer, of blessed memory, recognized that my poor attitude was, at least in part, due to my boredom and lack of either a proper athletic or intellectual challenge, both of which a richer environment could offer. It wasn't my grades, but my work habits and behavior that scuttled my buttles at both Rowen and Wagner.

Once I ascended the hill to the Big Red E overlooking Ogontz & Olney, I never looked back. It fit. I became an A student, an athlete, a school and class officer, an a cappellist, a so-so artist and a friend to classmates, teammates and teachers. Some became colleagues, like teachers Syl Boni, Norm Brous, Tom Horan, Joe Nolan, Joe Phillips, Irv Rotman, Iz Stein and Charlie Werner, and classmates Rich Manser, Tom Phillips, and Bristol Rush (teaching) and the late Ian Portnoy (law). While the admission of girls ultimately proved a tremendous boon to the school, we guys were just as happy to inhabit a wall-to-wall jocks' trap, where the humor was raucous and harmonies graced such venues as the the South Lawn, the stairwells and the big and bright 3rd-floor boys' room. We devote part of this column to girls at Central, and stand by the decision to convert one acoustic-yet-redolent temple of tunes on each floor - urinals and all - for the comfort and convenience of our sister-scholars. More on Central's women below.

The 216 has lost another classmate: CPA/financial advisor Michael Cohen. We knew Mike as a good student and a peacemaker; and were grateful to be able to hang out with Mike and his wife Chennie at our 61st reunion.

In other 216 news, Laurence Salzman's photo exhibit of life in a peaceful Jerusalem in 1976 - A Life with Others - is on display until December 4th at the Goldstein Gallery of the U of P's Van Pelt-Dietrich Library. Laurence's photographs are also featured in the Global Neighbors art exhibit, currently at West Philly's Ultra Silk Gallery.

Travel the world virtually with your own private tour guide. Check out award-winning travel writer Don Mankin's **(213)** column for adventurers and wannabes of all ages: The Adventure Geezer, online. Over the years, Don's explored destinations as exotic as Patagonia, Panama, British Columbia, Switzerland, Belize and Sumatra, and as familiar-sounding as South Philly, the Rocky Mountains and LA.

For those living away, David Oh **(237)** is the first Asian American to run for Mayor from a major party in Philadelphia's general election. The first Asian American to be elected to political office in Philly, David served on City Council for 11 years after serving as a U.S. Army officer and as an assistant district attorney. David attributes at least some of his success to his years at Central and told us that, like most of us, he learned a lot from studying and socializing with classmates from every section of the city as well as from a wide variety of backgrounds. Win or lose, we know that David will stick around.

If it's a sport, builder and Port Richmond bon vivant Ray Dimmick **(246)** is into it, from sharing brews with the late great Phillies All-Star Darren "Dutch" Daulton to flying to Qatar or wherever for the World Cup. Ray gets around!





Enter the 243. **Jerrold Bonn, MD (202)** is proud that he was the only alum to testify **40 years ago at the trial that resulted in girls' admission to Central.** No coincidence that Jerry's daughter, Jessica (Jessie) Bonn (243), was among the first.

At the trial, those opposed to admitting girls, according to Jerry, claimed that the girls' school just up the Avenue was had more doctoral-level teachers and shinier lab equipment, and thus offered equal educational opportunities, **Jerry countered that Central students enjoyed two advantages** not available at the girls' school: 1) the national reputations of the two schools were not comparable, and 2) Central encouraged students to challenge their teachers while the girls' school fostered unassertive, ladylike behavior.

Forty years later, in retrospect, Jerry believes two additional factors were key to the girls' win: 1) the Japanese-American judge's internment during World War II, which imbued him with strong feelings concerning equal rights, and 2) his participation on Mr. Pennypacker's debate team. Glad we asked, Jerry.





Rachel Gafni (243)

Jessie's 243 classmate, Rachel Gafni, MD, a graduate of Barnard College and Temple Med, held positions at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the NIH, as a commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service, and at U of Maryland before becoming a Senior Research Physician back at NIH. Refusing to let moss gather on her, Rachel also serves on the faculty at Children's National Hospital and at the George Washington School of Medicine, and is a Program Director at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Sisters Michelle Lawson (247) and Kisha Lawson (248) are featured in the traveling photo exhibit, Impact of Exchange: Stories from U.S. Exchange Alumni. The exhibit, highlighting the experiences of 30 American exchange alumni in more than 30 countries, will visit a number of cities between now and fall 2024. We look forward to getting more pictures to share.



Michelle and Kisha at a Ghanaian celebration



Top row (left to right): Misty Fuller-Powers, Dawnee Watson-Bouie, Ian Williams. Bottom row: Ralph Griffith III, Christine Therriault, Gretchen Hesbacher.

Ian Williams (247) sent us a photo of some of the guys and gals at the class's recent 35th reunion. In Ian's words, Central was not a "typical high school. Because we all came from different socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds and different parts of the city, we brought unique perspectives to the school. And since most of us cared about succeeding, but not necessarily monetarily, we took our academic careers more seriously" than did our friends who went elsewhere. "At our reunion, we didn't seem to care where we were in terms of our jobs or how much we made, but whether we were happy. I'm glad to be able to reconnect with these wonderful people every few years."



# *David Lofton, 234* *submitted by Earl Ross, 242*



In an interview of David Lofton, **234** and an esteemed alumnus of Curtis and former faculty, David was asked to share about his time at the school and about his music influences. Although the interview mostly focused on his experiences at Curtis, David explains how Central helped shape his development as an accompanist and vocal coach. His description of the program offered in the school's music department and the rigor it provided to young students at the time reflects experiences many of us had. Moreover, like him, many Central students found their way to the music room of the Philadelphia Public Library at Vine and Franklin Parkway to spend hours exploring the stacks and listening to the extraordinary array of LP's. It is a snapshot of a time in Central's and Philadelphia's history. It is also a peek into a deeply rooted African American Philadelphia legacy where classical or concert music was regularly supported and performed in black churches.

Fun fact: David performed the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor with the All-City Orchestra when he was a senior at Central.



“At that point, the main branch of the Free Library here at 19th and Vine had LPs, and every Friday, I would head there from Central High School to sit in the listening department with a headset on and look at scores. At the time, they had scrapbooks on all the famous classical performers, including Leontyne, with three big tomes in silver on her. I would read these articles, reviews, and commentaries and listen to operas. Then, I felt the need to start exploring other singers, and since I was in the soprano range, of course, I went to [Joan] Sutherland and [Beverly] Sills and [Eileen] Farrell and [Maria] Callas and started to find my own tastes in what singers could do. It was a difficult thing because I began with Leontyne, and she has, for my taste, a freakish instrument in what she could do live—the pianissimi and all that spinning stuff.”  
The full story can be found [HERE](#).



*"WHEN OFT WE SANG THE PRAISES OF THE CRIMSON & THE GOLD"*

## **CONSIDER A CHARITABLE IRA DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**



Dear CHS Alumni,

While I want to address all fellow Lancers, this message is especially for those who anticipate reaching the age of 70 ½ or who are already there.

We all have our special reasons for appreciating the time we spent at Ogontz and Olney. **Central was critical in helping me plan my future.**

When I look back, like many of you, I realize how **I was positively affected** by the diversity and quality of my classmates, the enthusiasm and guidance of our fabulous teachers and the remarkable spirit of CHS itself, with all of its history and reputation.

That is why I am honored to “pay it forward” through the **1836 Society**.

I hope you too will consider making a **tax-deductible donation to the Alumni Association (AACHS)**.

As you reflect on your love for Dear High, it may be helpful to **consider how you can support Central – and at the same time reduce your taxes**. While little has changed this year with regard to tax legislation, the enclosed brochure further explains a unique and effective charitable tool available that will make a tax-wise impact.

**Consider a Charitable IRA Distribution** - If you are reaching the age or older than 70 ½, you may make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) tax-free directly to one or more nonprofits.

I hope you consider AACHS as one of the beneficiaries.

I encourage you to consult your tax advisor to receive optimal tax advantages and guidance; this letter should not be considered tax advice.

The folks at the CHS Alumni office appreciate the opportunity to assist with your giving – **QCDs, planned gift, capital campaign dedication opportunities**, tribute gift – throughout the year. They can be of assistance to you and your advisors, so please do not hesitate to contact the alumni office at **alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com** to schedule a confidential conversation at any time.

Wishing you and your family continued happiness, health and prosperity!

**Eddie**  
**Edward L. Soll, MD**  
**Proud member of the 216 and the 1836 Society**



# 1836 SOCIETY

## 1836 Society Reaches New Heights

The 1836 Society, the **AACHS leadership donor society**, has reached 84 members!

Members of the **1836 Society** play a very special role in sustaining our alma mater's tradition of excellence. Their generosity helps to fuel AACHS' mission to support student success at Central today and in the future.

**Thank you to all the current members** who have made their commitment of \$1,836 or more from last fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) and this fiscal year. Your gift may be designated for any AACHS fund or project, including the Annual Fund or the Leading the Way Capital Campaign.

Members receive benefits reserved only for the 1836 Society, including exclusive invitations to private events, as well as unique opportunities to interact with Central leadership and students.

**This fall, members and their guests attended a guided tour of Central led by students. Members were taken on a journey showcasing the immeasurable talent of our students in areas of science, music, arts, and leadership.**

Your presence added immeasurable value to the experience, making it a truly memorable occasion. The enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by both members and their guests were truly inspiring, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere of the tour. The students, guided by their passion and dedication, worked diligently to ensure an insightful and enjoyable immersive tour of all Central has to offer.

**Your contribution not only supports our educational initiatives but also fosters a sense of community for our Lancers.**

We are sincerely thankful for your engagement. We look forward to welcoming all 1836 Society members to future events as we continue to cultivate meaningful connections and enriching experiences together.

**To make your gift or for more information**, please visit [centralhighalumni.com/1836-society](https://centralhighalumni.com/1836-society) or contact the Alumni Office at [alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com).

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please know it will have an immediate impact on student success at "Dear Old High."

Joshua Liss 247  
**1836 Society Chair**





# 1836 SOCIETY

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

**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 Executive Director Cynthia Lech at [development@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:development@centralhighalumni.com) or learn more at <https://centralhighalumni.com/1836-society>.



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# 1836 SOCIETY MEMBER FEATURE: DR. KEITH LEAPHART, 251

**Dr. Keith Leaphart, 251, was the honored guest speaker at the annual meeting, an 1836 Society member, and proud parent of 284 student.**

**Submitted by Mike Horwits, 251  
AACHS Board Member, CHS Faculty**



**Full story [HERE](#)**

Per the Philly Tribune, “Appointed by Shapiro, Leaphart will assume the seat of former PTC Commissioner Wadud Ahmad, who will now move on to his new role serving on the state’s three-member Unemployment Compensation Board of Review.

“I am honored that Governor Shapiro nominated me for this position and grateful to members Pennsylvania Senate for their confirmation. As a physician and entrepreneur, I’m deeply passionate about helping people and solving problems,” said Leaphart.

“To me, this position is all about service — service to customers, employees, and other stakeholders. It’s about being thoughtful and making the right decisions. I am committed to working with the Shapiro Administration, state lawmakers, my fellow commissioners, and PTC executives to advance the PA Turnpike as it continues its transformative journey.”

Created by the state legislature in 1937, the PTC’s main functions have been to construct, finance, operate and maintain the PA Turnpike system, a 560-mile roadway that first opened to traffic in 1940.

Prior to his appointment to a PTC leadership role, Leaphart served on the staff of Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital as well as founded Philanthropi, an employee giving platform. His son, Jayden, is a junior in the 284th class.



# MAKE A GIFT TO THE BUS SHELTER CAMPAIGN



Recently, the bus shelter at Ogontz and Olney was vandalized. Students have asked for alumni to make a gift to the campaign to repair and restore the space with Central artwork, once again. Thank you!

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# CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The AACHS Class Representatives Committee strives to provide guidance and outreach resources with every class through its designated representative. Through the **Class Rep Chair, Rudy Cvetkovic (239)** our database remains as up-to-date as possible, but the work required to do is a team effort.

Many class reps have held this position since they graduated, others have taken on the role after a reunion or for other various reasons.

Nevertheless, the designated individual **serves as the official liaison between the class and the Association** to ensure that their class remains actively engaged and involved with Central High School and the AACHS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, would like to fill a vacant rep position, or would like to contact your class rep, please email [reunions@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:reunions@centralhighalumni.com). Thank you!

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| <b>220</b> David Kahn                  |                                  |                                    |

# ALMA MATTERS

Marlowe Smith **(250)**, wrote a book about the importance of mentoring "The Superhero In the Mirror: How Mentors Can Help Solve Our Toughest Problems". The paperback book and e-book are ready and available to purchase.

David Brown **(239)** was awarded the Stauffer Award for Distinguished Faculty Service at Temple University. David is a member of the AACHS Board of Managers.

Donovan Dixon **(278)**, a student at NYU will begin his studies at Oxford University as one of the 32 2023 Rhode Scholar Winners. Donovan is the third Rhodes Scholar in Central's history.

Chad Williams **(257)** restaurant *Friday Saturday Sunday* won Top Restaurant in the US at the James Beard Awards.

Orlando Rendon **(250)**, Sharif Street **(251)**, Keith Leaphart **(251)**, Chad Williams **(257)**, Shannon Maldonado **(260)**, Conrad Benner **(262)** were listed in Philly Magazine's 150 Most Influential Philadelphians.

Elana McDonald **(251)** and Delana Wardlaw **(251)** otherwise known as the "Twin Sister Docs" received the Community Impact award from WURD Philadelphia.

Joshua Trott **(256)** made a documentary which features fellow classmate Petr Ajak **(262)** and his story of being imprisoned in South Sudan. The film is named for the saying, "When the elephants fight, it is the grass that gets hurt." The documentary was shown in La Colombe in Fishtown on July 28th, Peter himself was there for a Q and A after the showing. AACHS Archivist and Historian David Kahn **(220)**, AACHS Executive Director Cynthia Lech **(263)**, and AACHS Board Member and Alumni Journal Editor-in-Chief, Alicia Oglesby **(258)** were in attendance.





# ALMA MATTERS CONTINUED

Tyler Arnold Zebekow (**280**) released his debut alt rock single after a year of learning music production. The single “Theme for a McDonald’s Sprite” can be found on Spotify and Apple Music.

Congratulations to Marjorie Thomas Morgovsky (**267**) and her husband Alex on the arrival of their son Sage. Sage is the great grandson of the late Morris Thomas (**160**), the grandson of Jeff Thomas (**233**), the great nephew of Robert Thomas (**223**) and the nephew of Josh Thomas (**263**).

Congratulations to Devon Johnson (**264**) who was named the Philadelphia Eagles Week 1 Coach of the Week. Devon coaches at Imhotep Institute Charter High School.

Congratulations to Kevin Pintimalli (**267**) and Lauren Nutt (**269**) on their marriage!

Major Jackson (**253**) released a new book of poetry “Razzle Dazzle” and will be on tour in the USA.

Napoleon Nelson (**257**) was named Chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus.

Ursula Johnson (**253**) and Floyd Kelley (**238**) had their photography showcased at the Cherry Street Pier in Philadelphia.

David Oh (**237**) recently ran in the historic 100-year Philadelphia mayoral race, after serving 11 years in City Council.

Philadelphia City Commissioner Seth Bluestein (**266**) stopped by Central to help acclimate student to real working voting machines. Students were able to cast their vote for Central’s Student Body

Marisa Waxman (**255**) was appointed as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA).

Jazz Trumpeter Fareed Simpson Hankins (**273**) accepted a lead trumpet chair in the Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force.

Sgt. Archie Fagan (**182**) was honored at Central Bucks High School South at a special assembly honoring veterans.

CHS Athletic Director Richard Drayton (**246**), coach of our Football team, was named the Philadelphia Eagles Youth Football Coach of the Week, and will be a candidate for the 2023 Eagles High School Coach of the Year award.

The Lancer football team will compete on November 23, 2023 at the annual Thanksgiving game.

Tickets to the rally breakfast and game can be purchased [here](#).



# CLASS GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Dear Alumni,

Leave your legacy by participating in your class gift campaign.

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For those who want to make a gift from your family foundation or through stock or securities - please contact the Alumni Office directly to assist with your gift.



**[CLICK HERE TO SEE IF YOUR CLASS PARTICIPATES IN A GIFT CAMPAIGN](#)**





# REUNION UPDATES

**190 Reunion** graduated in June 24, 1948, held its 75th Anniversary Reunion on June 15, 2023 in Bala Cynwyd.



**200 Reunion** celebrated its 70th reunion at the Hilton Hotel in June 2023 with nearly a dozen guests in attendance.



**218 Reunion** was held in June - the class returned to Central for a tour, where they announced their 218 class gift campaign was halfway to their goal of \$30k. The class has created a Speaker Series fund to provide Sophomore and Junior classes an opportunity to hear from a range of speakers during assembly.

**219 Reunion** celebrated their 60th anniversary at the Country Club.

**252 30th Reunion** - a dozen classmates toured CHS before their reunion event at The Abington Club. The class has created a 252 class gift campaign - more details to come.



**203 Reunion** reunited on July 27th at at Joe Fenkel's home in Stone Harbor, NJ, for the 68th reunion of the class. Camaraderie and friendship that existed during our years at Central still exists today more than two-thirds of a century. We really enjoyed the get together and talked a lot about our wonderful years at Alma Mater and the wonderful faculty that really cared about us.

Front Row (L-R)  
Barry Maser  
Morty Litvin  
Bill Murray  
Bob Shoenfeld  
Jerry Crossley

Back Row (L-R)  
Joe Fenkel  
Seymour Kasinetz  
Michael Kott  
Phil Remstein  
Jesse Williams  
Steve Fink



**215 Reunion** held its reunion at Bill G's home in Center City. The views of the city skyline were breathtaking. The classmates who gathered sang the school song, and were interested to learn about the Capital Campaign, and other exciting things happening at CHS.





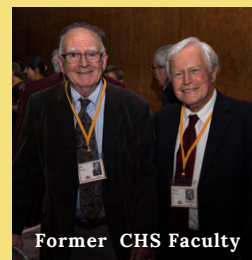
# REUNION UPDATES



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

**PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS OR CREATE AN ACCOUNT WITH THE AACHS TO RECEIVE ALUMNI INFORMATION.**

**232 50th Reunion** class celebrated in style by hosting 3 events for this milestone reunion. They kicked off their reunion with a tour at CHS, with many returning for the first time since 1973. They then held a pre-reception at the Hard Rock Cafe, followed by a visit and tour of the Barnes Museum which concluded with a gala dinner Saturday evening at the Loews Hotel. Faculty members Bill Brooks and Steve Korsin were in attendance, and are pictured in the middle photo.



**210 65th Reunion:** November 26th, 2023 [chs210.org](http://chs210.org)

The reunion luncheon will be held at the PUB (7600 Kaighn Ave, Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109)

**237 45th Reunion:** November 25th at Chickie's & Pete's on Packer Ave.

**243 Mini reunion,** November 25 at Chickie's & Pete's, South Philly. Cost: \$55 per person, 7p-10pm

**252 35th Reunion:** When: November 11, 2023, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Where: 1910 Bar & Grille at The Abington Club (300 Meetinghouse Rd. Jenkintown, PA 19046)

Tickets are \$100 and include a light dinner and a 4-hour open bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website [252reunion.com](http://252reunion.com)

**257 25th** Reunion plans are underway. The class has created a [257 Class Gift campaign](#).

**262 20th Reunion** was a huge success, nearly 150 classmates were present at the Felt Factory.

**267 15th Reunion** - the class reunion committee has created a unique experience which includes daily trivia about Central High to engage their classmates as they roll into their milestone reunion at Paddywhacks with signature drinks and classmate DJ Jish B will be spinning tracks all evening.

**272 10th Reunion:** The 10th Reunion will take place on Friday, November 24, 2023 at 6 PM. It will be held at foundation @ the Divine Lorraine. [Link to purchase tickets & view more information.](#)



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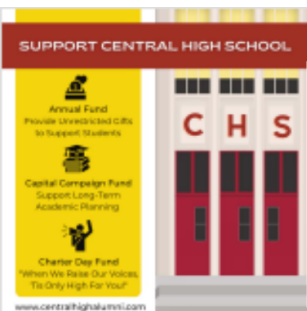


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# CURRENT BOARD & MEETING DATES

Note: Board meetings location will be held virtually unless otherwise determined.

Board of Managers Meetings: January 17, March 13 and May 15 at Spain Conference Center (SCC)

The Annual Reception: June 11th, 2024 - Location to be determined

Executive Committee Meetings: December 13 (SCC), February 7, April 3 (SCC), June 5 (Divine Lorraine)

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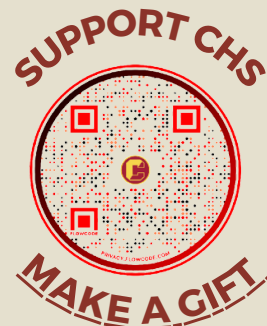
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