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## EDITOR'S NOTE

This journal edition is dedicated in loving memory of two icons, not only as alumni of our prestigious institution but as contributors and editors of the Alumni Journal, **Merrill Freedman, 208**, and **Stephen Chappell, 209**, who both gave time, effort, and care to this community. May their memories be a comfort.

These leaders embodied teamwork, what keeps communities together and organizations flowing. We have seen our fair share of both turbulent and harmonious teamwork as a board. Our lived experiences can hopefully shape the way we empower Central to be the best it can be for hundreds of years to come as we learn from each other, challenge antiquated beliefs, and persevere. But we know that can't happen without the collaborative efforts of all of us, so we charge forward in the spirit of collaboration.

Inside will be stories of friendship, creativity, and accomplishments, none of which are possible without teamwork. Personally, I feel honored to sit on the AACHS Board of Managers and learn from trailblazers of all ages and backgrounds. It's a gift to be able to give my contributions to an organization that is steeped in excellence. We are a legacy of brilliant minds, all hailing from this gritty city of brotherly love. Together, we accomplish the seemingly impossible.

As you read through the pages of this edition, please be inspired to think collectively this season. These times are proving that we are all we've got!

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# MESSAGE FROM THE 15TH CHS PRESIDENT KATHARINE DAVIS, 264

Dear Central High School Alumni,

I'm honored to lead an institution defined by academic excellence and innovative programming. Every day, our students and faculty demonstrate the values that have made Central a cornerstone of educational achievement.

This year has brought **exceptional accomplishments across our school community**. Our students continue to set new benchmarks in advanced coursework. At the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year, 875 students completed over 1,700 Advanced Placement exams, with 89% earning a score of 3 or higher. These marks surpass last year's record performance. Additionally, 226 students pursued International Baccalaureate courses, earning diploma scores that exceeded city, state, and national averages. **Central High School is proud to maintain Philadelphia's most comprehensive advanced curriculum**, offering more than 50 distinct AP and IB courses that challenge students to reach their full potential.

Beyond academics, fourteen students earned commendations in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program, reflecting the caliber of talent within our halls. Our fall athletic teams brought home three Public League Championships in Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Tennis. The Arts Department will showcase student talent through our winter concert series in mid-December, followed by our **musical production of *Little Shop of Horrors* this January**. We invite you to return and enjoy these remarkable performances.

If you haven't visited 1700 W. Olney Avenue recently, we **welcome you to reconnect with your alma mater**. Central's tradition of excellence thrives through the continued support and engagement of our alumni community.

With appreciation,  
**Katharine S. Davis, 264**

15th President, Central High School

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# MESSAGE FROM THE AACHS PRESIDENT

ROBERT "DEL" DEL FEMINE, 235

## Lancer Alumni!

As we reflect our life's journey including our days at Central, it's highly likely that **TEAMWORK** played a role. "Collaborative effort" is usually at the foundation. Having a "common goal" definitely focuses that effort. You're probably thinking, "Ok, what's that have to do with us right now as alumni?"

I'm sure we are aligned that **TEAMWORK** is a large component in our fond memories of playing on or cheering for our Lancer teams. Our Central bands have performed world-wide to much acclaim as they collaboratively marry the melodies and harmonies to create a beautiful crescendo. The **TEAMWORK** to investigate, test, and expand knowledge while collaborating across the city, nation, and world has led the Central Robotics Team to their "common goals" and recognition worldwide! There are so many more examples including the educational process within and across the school.

*CENTRAL defines TEAMWORK.* It has since 1836. It comes alive each day in the crowded hallways and crowded classrooms. It is omnipresent in the 100+ school clubs. The **TEAMWORK** is so beautifully apparent during the now legendary International Day. You can palpably feel it during Career Day. You can sense it in the pride of accomplishment of our "common goals" at, and with, each year's graduation ceremony. This year is the 285th graduating class... let that legacy of **TEAMWORK** sink in!

As alumni, we can help to foster, support, and give back to this legacy of **TEAMWORK**. Our recent top "collaborative goal" for the Associated Alumni of Central High School is to: *"raise money to support the school and students' needs"*.

To make this goal a reality, the entire AACHS Board of Managers continues to focus and make progress on a major capital campaign: **LEADING the WAY!** It will make a demonstrable impact in reducing the school's overcrowding, allow more students to reap the benefits of the Central experience, expand our music and STEM offerings, and provide benefits to our community and city!

The progress comes as we collaborate through **TEAMWORK** across our board, alumni, President Davis, and the School District of Philadelphia. We are hopeful that the 30+ thousand living alumni can help however they are able. Every dollar helps. From you individually. With employer matching funds. From your class in the form of a gift or via a reunion. Even from non-alumni who see the value that Central has created and will create in developing future leaders across disciplines and across the world! We saw those leadership examples at our recent Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony.

In this season of THANKS... in the spirit of **TEAMWORK**... I know, together, we will reach our goal!

On behalf of the AACHS, I wish you and your loved ones - health and happiness this holiday season.

**DEL, 235**

**(Robert A. Del Femine)**

**38th President, The Associated Alumni of Central High School**

# THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I'm excited to share the creation of the **President's Circle**—a community of like-minded graduates and individuals who believe that our personal and shared experiences at Central High School come with a responsibility: **to ensure future CHS students have access to all educational opportunities available today, as we did as Central students.**

**It's our time; it's our turn to give back.**

Central's ***Leading the Way Campus Expansion Campaign*** will allow us to expand Central's footprint and build the world class facilities needed to provide a top-quality education worthy of students attending Central High.

Planned additions and renovations include a multi-purpose *state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center*, an expanded and revamped *STEM and Robotics Center*, a new *Digital Media and Technology Center* and *student commons*, *additional classrooms and studio spaces to support academic and performance-based learnings.*

As a **Mirror/Lancer** since 1959, and an active member of the AACHS, I have long supported Central's mission and believe wholeheartedly in the principle "*pay it forward*," as I was taught by our teachers, alumni and Presidents of Central.

I believe in Central's future as strongly as I value its past. It is why I have chosen to **invest \$500,000—and I hope others will join me in leading the way.**

The **President's Circle** recognizes alumni and friends of Central High School who make a commitment of \$500,000 or more to this campaign. While every gift matters, I urge you to participate in a meaningful way and be a part of our alma mater's future.

For more information about the President's Circle and its benefits, write to:  
**Cynthia Lech, 263, Executive Director: [cynthia@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:cynthia@centralhighalumni.com).**

**Go Lancers!**



David R. Kahn, 220th Class



**Crimson and Gold Forever!**

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## JEFF THOMAS (233) - ASSOCIATE ARCHIVIST

One of the finest examples of **successful and consistent teamwork at Central High School** is “The Centralizer.” Since 1923, teams of writers, editors and other staff members have produced outstanding editions of our high-quality school newspaper.

The Centralizer’s first issue (Vol. 1, No. 1) was published on **Tuesday, April 17, 1923**. The top stories of the day included the need for a grandstand for the athletic field (at a cost to the alumni of \$5,000), the anticipated opening of the Barnwell Library, and the sale of base ball tickets (the word baseball that we know today used to be two words).

We are very fortunate to have a copy of the **first Centralizer in our Archives**. It is remarkably special that the eighth President of Central, **Dr. John L. Haney**, had the first four editors of the Centralizer sign our first edition.

Over the years, many of the Central students who worked on the Centralizer staff have applied their experience to real world successes. For example, **Rick Dunham of the 233rd class**, a recent Central Hall of Fame inductee, was the **Editor-in-Chief of the Centralizer** during his senior year at Dear Old High. Rick went onto be a world class, successful journalist and educator. Incidentally, both of Rick’s brothers, **Rob (234)** and **Will (238)** also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Centralizer.

With the publication of its November 2025 issue (Vol. 151, No. 1) the hard-working team at the Centralizer continues to update students with **relevant reports about what’s happening at school**. They follow in the pioneering footsteps made by the Centralizer’s first team in 1923.

If you would like to take an up-close look at the first edition of the Centralizer, please schedule a meeting with our Archivist and Associate Archivist at [archivist@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:archivist@centralhighalumni.com).



# SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE LANCER COMMUNITY

SUBMIT NOTABLE UPDATES, AND ARTICLES TO THE JOURNAL  
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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE BEHIND THE SCENES WHO MAKES THIS JOURNAL POSSIBLE INCLUDING OUR AMAZING CONTIBUTORS.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED.

YOUR DILIGENCE AND COMMITMENT TO THE JOURNAL AS THE COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR ALL ALUMNI IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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# Leading the Way

## Campus Expansion Capital Campaign

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To learn more about the Capital Campaign and how you can contribute to this transformative endeavor, please **visit our website:** [CHS Leading the Way Capital Campaign](#).

We know that Central has always had a great past, precisely because Dear High has always been about the future. **The Campus Expansion Project is critical to building and securing the future of Central High School.** The reality is that our building is nearly 100 years old, aging, overcrowded and inadequate to fully meet the needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century Central education. To address these issues, we **MUST** build a new wing for the School to *enable us* to renovate and upgrade our current facilities, as well as providing a cutting edge new facility.

Members of the Alumni from across classes and generations have come together to form the **Leading the Way Committee** to raise the funds that we need from our Alumni to make this happen.

**A labor of love, it is also a labor of necessity. And we've just scratched the surface.**

**The video tells the story in four minutes. Please watch!**

*Each contribution moves us closer to being able to provide future Lancers the space and resources they desperately need. We're making significant progress but we have a way to go to make this vision a reality.*

- A new wing to be built on the North Lawn that includes a **400-seat, state-of-the-art, theater** that will be used for multiple purposes, including student productions, lectures, college fairs, exhibitions, and other events; acoustically optimized music, choral, theater, and dance rehearsal and practice rooms; digital production labs; visual arts areas and gallery spaces; and the re-location of the music and theater departments to the new wing, opening up space for the critically needed upgrades and renovations in the existing building.
- A **renovated and expanded STEM center**, a digital media center, and technology-rich research areas commensurate with the cutting-edge careers we want our graduates to be able to pursue in their future, made possible by the additional space in the existing building that the new wing allows.
- An **indoor walking bridge** connecting the new wing to the existing building; student commons spaces to allow Lancer students to have places to congregate, collaborate and spend their time in between classes; and a building-wide physical realignment, to enable related disciplines to be located in contiguous spaces.
- Read the **Forward** that captures more about this special project.



# Leading the Way

## Campus Expansion Capital Campaign

**CALL TO ACTION: BE A PART OF THE LEADING THE WAY CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL**



We are issuing this **CALL TO ACTION** - Make your contribution to the **Leading the Way** campaign on our website, by check, or through a donor advised fund, family foundation, stock gift, planned gift, matching corporate gift, or recurring gift.

**Website:** [Leading the Way](#)

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***This is the time to remember all that Central did for you and means to you - and pay it forward so that - as we approach the 200th anniversary of Dear High - future generations of Central students can have 21<sup>st</sup> century opportunities to excel and shine.***

For questions, please contact **Cynthia Lech 263**, Executive Director, at [cynthia@centralhighalumni.com](mailto:cynthia@centralhighalumni.com), or by phone at (215) 821-9886.

Thank you.

Steve Kasloff, Esq., 228

Chair, Leading the Way Campaign Committee

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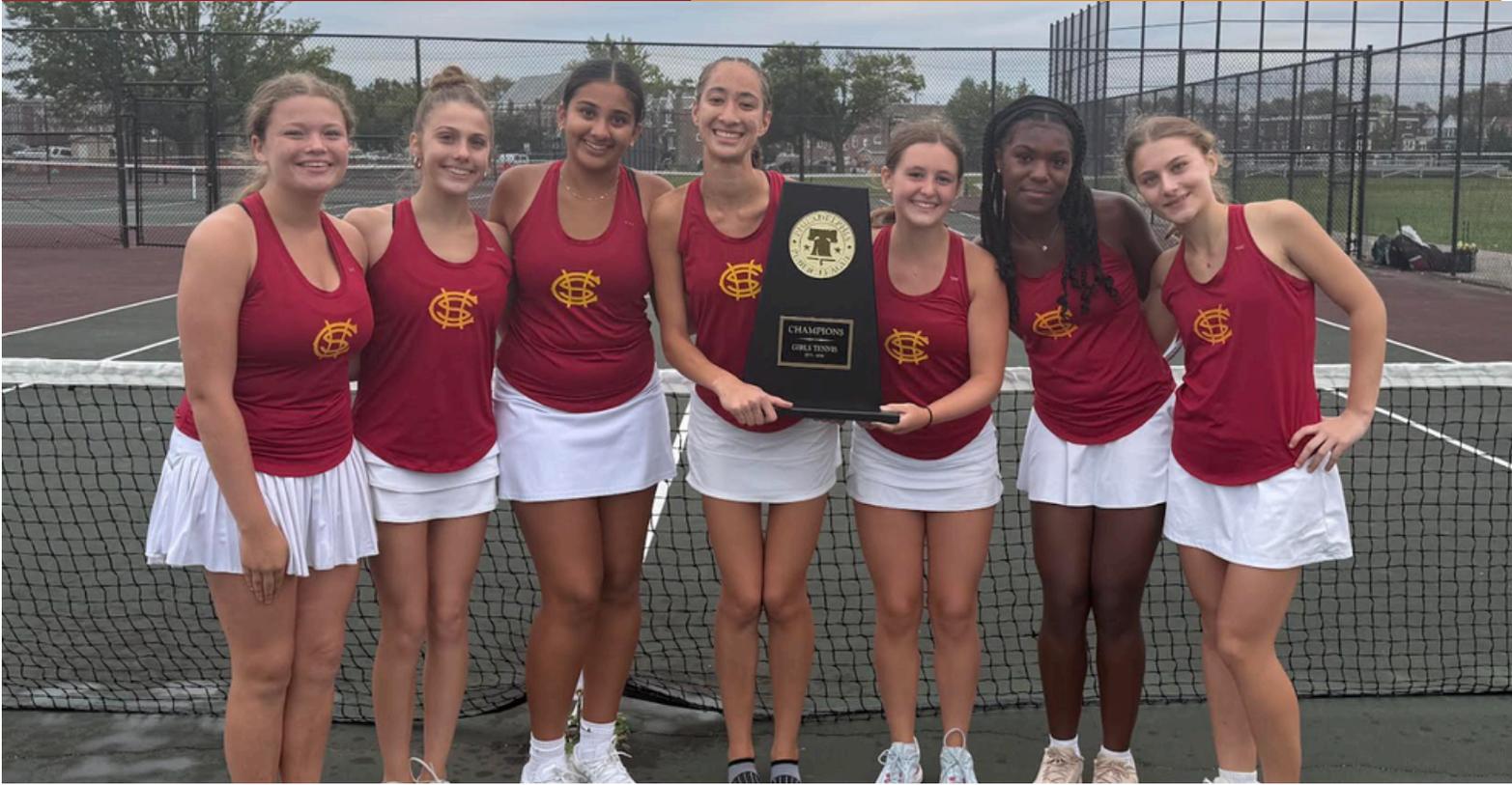
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# Team Spotlight



Whether playing singles or doubles, this all-star tennis team is finding success with every swing! Congratulations to the Central High School Girls' Tennis Team for their Public League Championship win. This marks their fifth consecutive District XII championship win, led by Coach Graham.



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# LANCER SPOTLIGHT: STUDENT SERIES



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## 244 Sets Reunion, Gift Plan for Central | By Yvonne Dennis (246)



Forty years ago, members of Central High School of Philadelphia's last all-male class graduated into the world.

Many of those 230 or so men remained bonded through their love of sports, arts, service -- and the school itself. But life tests even the strongest of bonds. The 244 th graduating class has not had a reunion in a while, and that doesn't sit well with many of them. They are calling all of their brothers:

- **Saturday Dec. 27, 2025** The Renaissance Hotel, 401 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia
- **7 p.m. – midnight, by HardWork Ent., Come Kleen Prod., HomeBase**
- One-person ticket \$85 + \$7.55 fee. Partners are welcome.
- **To party, to remember classmates lost, and to raise money for Central.**

“Central was what I didn't know then but I know now,” said one of the reunion organizers, **Darryl Cofield**. “Central gave me the tools that I needed to succeed, started that groundwork that I have. **The brotherhood. The sisterhood now.**”

Cofield, who works in retail management in the Philadelphia area, watched with pride as his daughter followed him to Central as a member of the **279**. Cofield played football and ran track at Central, and makes it to a fair amount of those same events these days “to lend support, give advice.”

Also, he said, “I look up in the stands and say I used to be up there. This was me many, many years ago. I remember the traveling outside of Philly (as a player). Great times.”

Central's current athletic director/football coach **Rich Drayton (246)** and track coach **Fred McCray (246)** are longtime friends of Cofield's, so when their teams fundraise he's always reached into his pocket. But Cofield and other reunion organizers—including **John Barber, Seth Williams, Keith Hodges, Larry Anderson and Rich Miller**—are cognizant that a public school in a building almost 90 years old has serious capital needs. So they have two specific ways for their class to have an impact.

**Proceeds from the cost of reunion tickets after covering venue expense, food and souvenir will be appropriated in concert with the Associated Alumni of Central High School nonprofit and school leadership.**

Second, Cofield said, classmates will be asked to pledge **\$244** each for giving. Deadline for giving and other details haven't been finalized for that part of the project yet. But Cofield has a message for why he hopes all classmates, whether they have continued contact with Central or not, will come to the reunion and engage in the giving effort.

“If anyone can **reflect on their experience and just remember the times they had**--good times, bad times, challenging times,” he said. “I don't know any other high school alumni as connected as Central's. We're just all in. Just from that perspective, why wouldn't you want to give back? It obviously made them who they are.”

**244** members seeking more information can go to the class's private Facebook page.



## GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

October 29, 2025

Central High School  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to join with the Associated Alumni of Central High School to recognize and congratulate the 2025 inductees of Central High School's Hall of Fame.

Education is the cornerstone of our Commonwealth, and Central High School has a long and proud tradition of ensuring that its students have the ability to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed. Chartered in 1836 and organized in 1838, Central High School is the second oldest public high school in the United States. As evidenced by the many accolades the school has received, including the 2011 Blue Ribbon for Excellence, the school has emerged over the years as an institution renowned for its academic accomplishments.

Crucial to the story of Central High School's academic success is the story of its students who come from diverse backgrounds and graduate to pursue equally diverse career paths—a few of those exceptional alumni are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Open to all students who have graduated from Central High School, the Hall of Fame honors those who have gone above and beyond to make a positive impact in their community. Each inductee has taken the education and principles they received at Central High School and gone out to create a better world for future generations. Their impact on the Commonwealth will be felt for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, congratulations to the 2025 inductees of Central High School's Hall of Fame. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-ninth day of October two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

A blue ink signature of Governor Josh Shapiro.

Governor Josh Shapiro

# Hall of Fame Induction 2025

On October 29th, we welcomed eight remarkable inductees into the esteemed **Central High School Hall of Fame**, Each of whom has carried the spirit of Central into the world through their accomplishments, leadership, and service. The energy in the room reflected the **strength of our community**.

The evening began with a lively happy hour featuring a performance by a student musical quartet and a special appearance from one of the Robolancers' robots to welcome guests. The program opened with remarks from Hall of Fame Chair **George Mosee, Jr., Esq, (232)**, who set the stage for a night of inspiration and celebration. He then introduced our emcee, **Rel Dowdell (248)**, who guided us with grace and warmth through the stories of our eight distinguished inductees.

Each inductee shared something meaningful, either in person or by video. They shared their unique journeys that began within Central's halls. We even enjoyed a glimpse of trombonist **Robin Eubanks' (231)** artistry through a concert clip from his recent performance in Shanghai.

To mark the occasion, each honoree received a glass bowl etched with their name and class—a keepsake symbolizing their place in Central's history. The evening closed on a fitting note, as everyone joined together to sing **“the praises of the Crimson and the Gold.”**

Thank you for being part of this memorable celebration. Your continued support and connection help keep Central's **legacy of excellence** alive.



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: WILLIAM MAXWELL (197), RICHARD DUNHAM (233), MARK WEINGARTEN (226), SHARIF STREET (251), RICHARD AMERICA (205), DAVID OH (237).  
IN ABSENTIA: JEROME ENGEL (222) AND ROBIN EUBANKS (231).  
PHOTO BY PETER S (285).**

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## The Central High School Alumni Hall of Fame

Oct 29, 2025 Inductees >

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The Associated Alumni of Central High School and its Hall of Fame Committee wish to express their sincere appreciation to the 229th Class for the thoughtful and generous support that it provided to make this digital interactive website a reality.

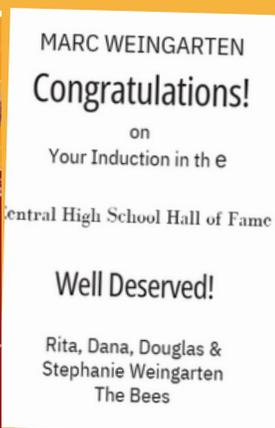
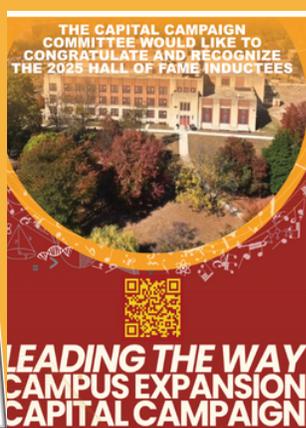
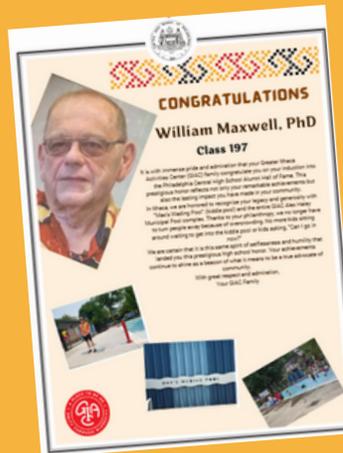
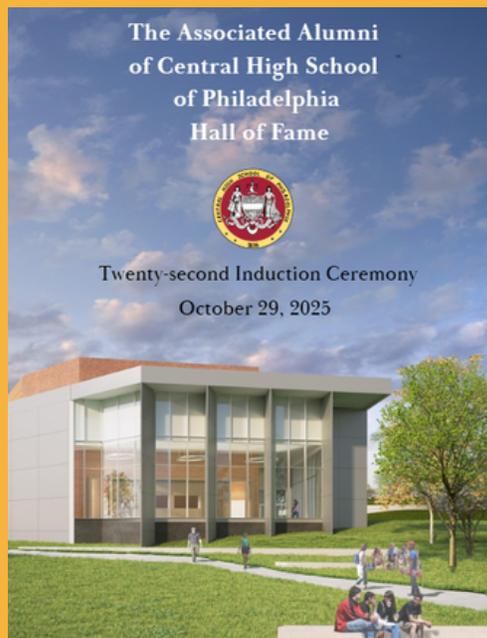
The 229 was the primary source of funding for the development of the virtual Alumni Hall of Fame that you're about to visit and it will continue to provide sustaining funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the website. This "gift that keeps on giving" allows us to share the accomplishments of every distinguished member of our Hall of Fame inducted since 1973, all on one site for the whole world to see.

Thank you, 229.

Honor and recognize this year's extraordinary inductees by viewing our Virtual Tribute Book.

Filled with messages, memories, and congratulations from alumni, friends, and family, it's a special way to celebrate their achievements.

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THE VIRTUAL TRIBUTE PROGRAM



# FOCUS ON FILM & INCLUSION: A TRIBUTE TO REL DOWDELL'S (248) WORK BY LEN LEAR (209)



**REL DOWDELL, 248**

After graduation from Central High School in 1989, Dowdell received his B.A. in English with magna cum laude honors from Fisk University in Nashville in 1993 and a master's degree in film production with highest distinction from Boston University's film school in 1995. He won the top prize in filmmaking at Boston U's noted Redstone Film Festival that year.

"I didn't know I wanted to be a filmmaker," he told the Local, "until I got to college and read some articles about Spike Lee and John Singleton and how they took the educational route to filmmaking."

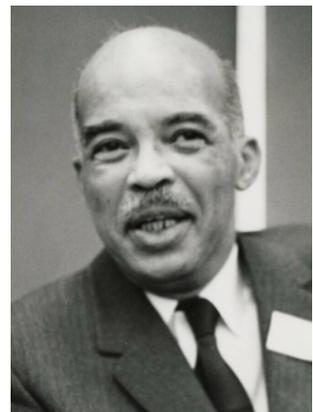
Dowdell's latest film, "Dr. Ira De A. Reid: Haverford College's Unsung Scholar/Activist," is a compelling documentary about the school's first African American professor who was hired in 1948. Reid chaired the department of sociology and anthropology until his retirement in 1966. Earlier in his career, Reid mentored the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while working for the National Urban League and later brought King to Haverford for a special summer study program.

There were no Blacks, women, Catholics or Jews on the faculty when Dr. Reid was hired," Dowdell told the Local last week. "There was so much pressure on him to do well. Everybody was watching to see how he did. If he did not do well, who knows how many more years would pass before they would hire another Black professor? We tried for one year to get an interview with Cornel West (author of more than 20 books and recipient of more than 20 honorary degrees) for the film and finally did."

Excerpt taken from **Len Lear's (209)** article in the Chestnut Hill Local. Read the full article by clicking the link below:

[Chestnut Hill Local Full Article](#)

Dr. Ira De A. Reid, pictured, is the subject of Rel Dowdell's (248) latest film. Dr. Reid was the first African American professor ever hired at Haverford College in 1948.



# Check out the list of events for this year

## Upcoming Events

11/24



### Annual Career Day

8AM-1:30PM | CENTRAL HIGH  
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Alumni return to dear High to speak with students about their careers and how Central played a part in their paths to success. This year it is a half day from 8am-12pm of sessions, followed by a networking luncheon.

11/27



### Victory Breakfast and Turkey Bowl

8:30AM-9:45AM | STEVE STEIN'S  
FAMOUS DELI

10AM | NORTHEAST SUPERSITE

Join us for breakfast and a pep rally before the annual Turkey Bowl game against our long-standing rivals. Gates open at 10AM.



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### Giving Tuesday

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Dr. John T. Williams, Sr. (194) has once again graciously offered to match contributions up to \$50,000 made to support our Dear High. Let's Lead the Way, Lancers!  
[www.centralhighalumni.com/givinghome](http://www.centralhighalumni.com/givinghome)

1/27-30

Something strange is growing and it's taking over the stage! Catch *Little Shop of Horrors* on January 27-30<sup>th</sup> at Central High School!



[www.centralhighalumni.com/upcomingevents](http://www.centralhighalumni.com/upcomingevents)

# MICHELIN STAR WINNER

## FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

This premier Philadelphia restaurant is one we've been plotting to visit for months. A visit can't seem to make it on the calendar, but we didn't want to keep **Chad Williams' (257)—MICHELIN One Star Winner**—fancy place a secret.

Philadelphia hosted its first MICHELIN Guide Northeast Cities Ceremony in November, 2025.

### The Food

"I think in terms of pushing the envelope in food, it's really the format most restaurants use for our ambitions," Williams said. "It allows you a little more control in the guest experience. You're saying, 'Hey, here are the eight dishes that we're most proud of and we're giving all of these our best shot.'



[THE MICHELIN GUIDE](#)  
[FULL TRIBUNE ARTICLE LINK](#)

### The Ambience

The thoughtful and seasonal menu is only amplified by the decor and pristine service. Award winning and once in a blue moon experience.

### Check Them Out

**Open:** Wednesday - Sunday

**Phone:** 215-546-4232

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# 2025 CAREER DAY IS ON NOVEMBER 24TH

## VIEW THE 2025 DIGITAL FLIPBOOK



## READ ABOUT SOME CAREER DAY ALUMNI WHO WILL BE SPEAKING THIS YEAR



**Morgan Cephas (261)**, a native of West Philadelphia, was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2016 to represent the 192nd Legislative District. She has built a reputation as a results-driven leader committed to expanding opportunity and uplifting her community.



**Khalil Phillips (275)**, began exploring his love for spinning in 8th grade. Dj Lil continued to hone his craft while at Central. His entrepreneurship journey with the family's entertainment company, "WeWorkinENT" has led to opportunities to collaborate with artists such as The Jonas Brothers, Lil Uzi Vert.



**Dung (Yung) Truong (265)** has a BS Architectural Engineering and MS in Civil/Structural Engineering from Drexel. Currently with DCI Engineers as a project manager. Experience includes new builds, retrofits and renos in educational, residential, commercial, and industrial spaces.



**Stephen Burnstein, D.O. (222)** earned degrees from Temple University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, completing training in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. He held major leadership and teaching roles at UMDNJ. A published researcher and three-time "Top Doc," he later retired from private rheumatology practice.



**CDR LeAnn Brodhead (257)** is a U.S. Public Health Service officer pharmacist who works at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She leads prescription drug benefit policy and operational strategies for the Health Insurance Marketplace, supporting Essential Health Benefits for over 23 million people. She holds a Doctor of Pharmacy and an MPH.



**Jack Edathil (259)** is a Business Control Manager at Cenlar FSB, overseeing more than 200 controls across numerous business units and drawing on 15 years of banking experience. He has worked in short sale, mortgage servicing, control testing, internal audit, and quality assurance.

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION



Our **AACHS community** is active in maintaining themes and actions of racial harmony in multiple facets.

Below is the work of alumnus, **Robert Wells, 226**, who strives to create harmony within work spaces throughout the city.

## **Community**

A social structure which benefits by maximizing the opportunities and potential of each individual while serving common interests.

Four harmonies to be kept in equilibrium: 1) Internally with ourselves; 2) Externally with others; 3) Stewardship of the environment; and 4) Recognition of something greater than ourselves.

## **Prioritizing the Greater Good**

Advancing community wellness by setting aside partisan positions which impede communal interest, goals and aspirations. The attributes of wellness are expansive, interconnected, and interdependent.

Racial harmony is seeking to encourage coordination, cross-pollination, and collaboration between the outreach programs in the community.

**AACHS encourages all of its members to work in collaboration to achieve the community we desire and need.**

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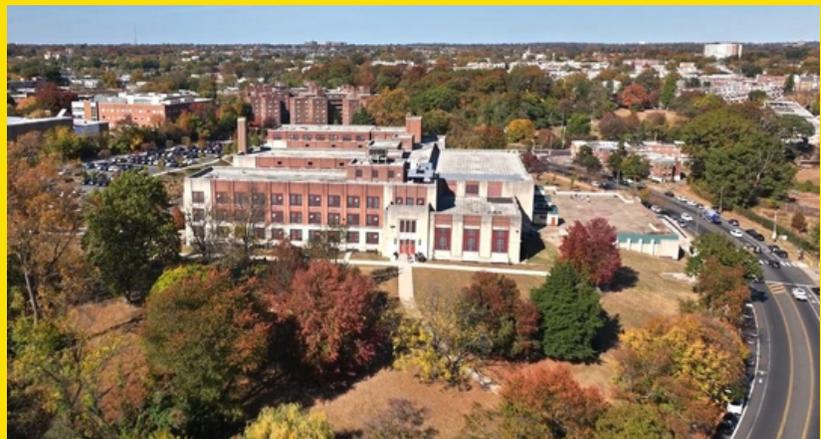


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SOCIETY

Reserved for members who support the critical philanthropic initiatives to preserve the robust academic experience for Central High School students today and into the future.

[\*\*1836 Society Website\*\*](#)

**Click to watch the Capital Campaign Video**





# C O L U M N A

BRUCE YASGUR, 216

*This edition of the column is dedicated in memory to **Mrs. Janice Yasgur**, Bruce's loving wife who was a co-editor for all of the Column B publications.*

This column is delighted to welcome our new co-author, co-editor and new friend **Bruce Boguslav (234)**, or as the chant goes: “We are the ONE 2 3 4!” Clever ... I guess they (can) count. Anyway, before I let the other Bruce have his way with my baby, a word about my (Yasgur’s) sweet history with the Boguslav family. When I was a kid, before there was the other Bruce, we lived on 67th Avenue in West Oak Lane around the corner from **Boguslavsky’s Bakery on Ogontz Avenue** (YES! The same Ogontz Avenue that runs next to Dear High a mile plus downstream!!). So, as I was saying before I got distracted by my own cleverness combined with the seemingly endless coincidence which is Philadelphia and before there was a Bruce B, I (Bruce Y) went with my dad on Sunday mornings to the kosher deli for whitefish, lox and dinner stuff, where we always got samples because the line was always so long; and we’d kibbitz with neighbors and nosh on salami or bologna slices that they handed out from behind the counter to keep us from kvetching. Then a couple of stores down to the other Bruce’s forebears’ bakery for warm bagels and fresh Danish. And the aromas! Oy!! Hurry home for a big pot of perc coffee: Savarin brand. And Sunday was full on. **Speaking of full on, I’ll ask Bruce B. to jump in here and tell us about the 234 Class’s 50th (Golden Anniversary) Reunion.**

On Saturday October 18, 2025, 90+ members of the **Class of 1975 – the 234 or “the 4”**, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our graduation from Central High. We were honored to have **Mr. Bill “Wild Bill” Brooks, Mr. Steve Korsin and Dr. Bruce Yasgur (216) at our celebration.** The tale of how this event came to be is one of incredible **teamwork, passion, perseverance, fun, luck and karma.** Below is a summary of the story of the 234 Golden Anniversary Celebration and Class Gift. An ad hoc group had taken the lead on prior reunions and once again began the work for the 50th Anniversary Reunion, aka, **“234 Golden Anniversary.”**

Taking the lead on this effort - **Joe Pailin, William Nasir, Gary Waxman and Rocco Pagano.** From the start it was clear to this group, additional classmates were needed to make this special reunion happen. Ultimately eleven (11) 234 class members were “added, volunteered” or joined for the fun, each bringing their own unique viewpoint, opinions, experience and skills to the effort. With the assistance of AACHS and the dogged work of **Bob Briselli, with support from Rocco Pagano, Eric Bruskin and Bruce Boguslav,** we ensured we remain connected and organized.

**Gary Watson,** who had designed our Class Pin, designed what became our Golden Anniversary logo aka the “Golden Lancer.” We ultimately arranged ourselves in 4 groups:

- Reunion Venue & related actions – **William Nasir, Joe Pailin, Gary Waxman**
- Class Gift & related actions – **Joe Pailin, Rocco Pagano, Glenn Hing, Bruce Boguslav**
- School Tour, School Store & related actions – **Rocco Pagano & Bruce Boguslav**
- Communications & related actions – **Bruce Boguslav & Rocco Pagano**

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## CONTINUED

Once we got the big decisions out of the way – the Reunion Venue, Class Gift, a new Scoreboard,

requiring we raise about \$40,000, the strategy to do so and basically how to operate, we went to work. We agreed to place an emphasis on regular communication via email, but also added regular Zoom Meetings, inviting all 234 members to get broader engagement, keep members posted, encourage communication with each other, ideas and for feedback.

We had **15 “All Class Zoom Meetings”** that were informative, helped with fund raising and planning, spurred ideas for the reunion and beyond, reintroduced folks to each other, and were just plain fun. The Zoom meetings solidified the idea of a **234 Golf Outing** organized and hosted by **Joe Pailin**, a lunch at Joe Abruzzi’s incredible Italian Market, (Abruzzi & Giunta’s Italian Market on Rt 38 in Mt Laurel, NJ) and numerous calls, emails and many one-on-ones or small group gatherings, while **reconnecting us all to our roots, learning about other classmates lives and more.**

The bottom line is the **234 Class** accomplished the following:

- 12 class members attended the 234 Golf Outing and 10 members attended the 234 Luncheon
- **40+ class members attended the School Tour** where we got to meet and interact with President Davis (**264**), the AACHS staff, current students, tour the School and hear about and see the legacy updated yet continuing.
- **Ninety+ attended the Reunion**
- We raised over **\$46,000 for our Class Gift of a new scoreboard**, with donations from over 100 class members and continuing.
- The **Mobile School Store** had a record setting sales night at the Reunion, in addition to sales prior to the Reunion of custom 234 hats and magnets
- There is on-going communication between class members and planning for **regularly scheduled smaller 234 events prior to our next Reunion**
- The **Scoreboard Installation** is still underway. Once this is completed, we will schedule a formal Dedication Event, with AACHS and the school. The event is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2026, with not only the 234, but the entire CHS and Philadelphia communities, to be invited.

**Central is alive and well.** Being back in the building and interacting with faculty and students was an incredible opportunity to **experience the energy, passion, and momentum of the community that makes Central so special.**

### **The CHS 234 Reunion Committee:**

Joe Abruzzi, Scott Bluebond, Bruce Boguslav, Al Dorsey, Vince Hill, Glenn Hing, William Nasir, Rocco Pagano, Joe Pallin, Kevin Stepanik, Gary Waxman, Enick Whitfield

Special Thanks to Bob Briselli, Eric Bruskin, Alan Kanoff, Bob Moran, Gary Watson and Linda Boguslav (Honorary 234 member).

**Got questions, comments, etc? Please send them to [byasgur216@gmail.com](mailto:byasgur216@gmail.com) or [bruce2@hsitrust.org](mailto:bruce2@hsitrust.org).**

# 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 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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# REUNIONS

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

The **214 Class**, in the spirit of connection, will be honoring our long-time Class President, **Stephen Green, Esq. (214) through a newly established class gift fund** after celebrating their 65th class reunion. Steve's sixty-five years of leadership for our class and subsequently for AACHS remind us of the strength of our community and the lifelong bonds we share, even as we feel the absence of classmates who are no longer with us.

The **214th Class Stephen Green Memorial Fund** is a meaningful tribute that reflects the values and generosity of our class, and we have **already raised \$6,500 toward this effort**.

The fund will support the **capital campaign**, and future contributions may be directed to the Memorial Fund; donations can be made payable to AACHS and sent to PO Box 26580, Philadelphia, PA 19141 (**note: 214th Class SGM Gift**).

Several classmates have already shown tremendous generosity, and my hope is that this class gift continues to reflect your ideas and memories. **Together, we aim to raise at least \$30,000 to dedicate a classroom in Steve's honor**—creating a lasting tribute to him, to our classmates gone but not forgotten, and to the profound impact Central has had on our lives.

Please contact **Marv Weinstein (214)** directly or go to [the website to learn more](#).

**230** class reunion will be held on March 15, 2026 at 1:00 pm EST at the Swan Waterfall Room/Swan Caterers 2015 S. Water St, 19148, starts 1 PM.

**259** The graduating class that brought Central High School into the 21st century will be celebrating their 25th class reunion this year. 259 will bring their high school spirit and Philadelphia pride together on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at The Felt Factory. 259 plans to have a big presence at Central Career Day and plans to have a school tour on 11/23. Email [259chsreunion@gmail.com](mailto:259chsreunion@gmail.com).

**264** celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> reunion on **June 28th at Yards Brewery** with an open bar, food, Photo Booth, and DJ Dommis spinning throwbacks.

**269** is celebrating their 15th reunion on **Sat., November 29 at The Knowlton Mansion** from 6pm-10pm. Follow the Instagram page @centralhighschool269 and be on the lookout for a Google Form as they update the class directory. Email [CHS269Reunions@gmail.com](mailto:CHS269Reunions@gmail.com) with any questions.

**274** is celebrating their 10th reunion on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 8pm. It will be a night of fun with an open bar at Union Trust at 717 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Get your tickets [here](#). Instagram [@274\\_chs](#) for updates.

# FEATURED REUNIONS

## Fine 239 Reunion Recap, Written by Rudy Cvetkovic

On behalf of the Fine 239 Reunion Committee – what a time we had! From the lunch and tour at Central, to the main event at the lovely Middletown Country Club, and finally the traditional after-party at Sam and Nate’s New Wave Café – it was a weekend to remember for our 45th reunion.

To those who missed it, you were missed - but we hope to see you at the 50th!

We managed to round up seven beloved teachers. Word on the street is that may be a record these days – the norm has been dwindling over the past decade, so we were extra grateful to have them.

A huge thank you to Leo Volz for once again producing the In Memoriam segment, and for bringing on John Vaccarelli as co-producer this year. Since the reunion, Leo underwent a scheduled triple bypass surgery and was discharged right on time. He’s doing great – already in PT, making progress, and (believe it or not) running again!

Our class has pledged to raise \$239,000 in time for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. To support this endeavor, please make your contribution to [www.centralhighalumni.com/239-class-gift](http://www.centralhighalumni.com/239-class-gift).



# FEATURED REUNIONS

**249** celebrated its 35th reunion this year. They started with a tour on the school in May which was made possible by two members of the 285th class, who happened to be the children of classmates Richard Creamer (249) and Sarah Cadbury (249). Visiting the school brought back incredible memories and seeing the rooms like the Spain Conference Center inspired the class to envision how Central could continue to grow. The reunion experience culminated with a full out soiree at the Bala Golf Club in July. Over 130 classmates met and danced the night away while reminiscing and having fun. During the year of preparation for this reunion, a class gift fundraising effort campaign was undertaken and over \$30,000 was raised. At the event itself, a check was presented to Vice President of the AACHS **Karima Bouchenafa (249)** to be used toward the Capital Campaign. The best thing to say about the reunion was that it was like coming home to a family that we didn't know we were missing.

## 249 CLASS GIFT PAGE



# ALMA MATTERS

KIANA NUNN, 259 | AACHS BOARD MEMBER

**Jerry Rosenthal (204) and Lloyd Zane Remick (204)** were both featured on 6ABC for their lifelong friendship that spans over 81 years.

**Steven Levy (227)** interviewed Palantir CEO Alex Karp (244) in the Wired Magazine. Yes, there are some Central mentions.



Congratulations to the legendary **Vince Hill (234)** on being inducted into the KYW Radio Hall of Fame. Vince Hill is a longtime anchor and business editor for KYW Newsradio, known for his consistent and trusted voice across Philadelphia. Hill began his career at KYW Newsradio in 1979 as a desk assistant and later became the station's first full-time African-American anchor at age 22. (Hill is the man wearing the hat in the photograph.)

**Dr. Nicole Johnson (247)** is the Chair of the Department of Counseling and Behavioral Health and the Program Director for the Community & Trauma Counseling program. She was a guest on Philadelphia's Fox 29 discussing how setting realistic expectation can support healthier relationships.

**Jenell S. Coleman, MD, MPH, (249)** has been appointed Paul A. and Eloise Bowers Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, and System Clinical Lead for Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson Health.

**Sharif Street (251)** was the guest Ringmaster at the UniverSOUL Circus.

**Michael Horwits (251)** has been selected as a 2025 Nouryon All-Pro Teacher! The Philadelphia Eagles and Nouryon developed the All-Pro Teachers platform to recognize outstanding teachers in the tri-state area for their contribution to their students, school, and community.

Congratulations to the "Twin Sister Docs" Delana and Elana Wardlaw (251) who are honored and humbled to be recognized by Family Focus Media as Women of Influence. They enjoyed celebrating and connecting with other women leaders making a difference in their communities.

Congratulations to **Jennifer A. Santiago (259) and Joe Khan (252)** who were elected judge for the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia and District Attorney in Buck's County Pennsylvania respectively.

**Peter Crespo (253)** who is currently stationed in the Philadelphia Fire Prevention and Code Division, is the first Hispanic person to achieve the rank of Deputy Chief in the PFD. Peter was spotlighted about his PFD journey.

Congratulations to **Kate Richmond (255) for receiving the inaugural Dr. Ronald F. Levant Endowed scholarship at Muhlenberg College**. Muhlenberg College has received a \$1 million gift to establish an endowed professorship in psychology. The gift from Ronald F. Levant, Ed.D. GP'09 will be matched by \$1 million from the estate of Edward '42 and Lois Robertson to sustain faculty in psychology, in perpetuity. Kate Richmond teaches courses at the intersections of psychology, women's, and gender studies, mental health, and social justice.

**Jason Weldon (256)** and his company **Synergetic** supported the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour of Nelly's Country Grammar album. Synergetic was selected as the audio provider for both the Canada run (3 weeks) and the US run (11 weeks)

**Chaz Franklin (258)** is currently in New Zealand creating pathways for Kiwi student-athletes to earn NCAA scholarships! He also was highlighted for his lifetime achievements in the success of athletics.

Congratulations to **Jack Edathil (259)** who was on Wheel of Fortune on Monday October 13th! Jack shared that "this show was a staple for me and many growing up. I can't believe I'm gonna be on 6abc, the same station I saw Captain Noah, Sunday Mass, Larry Ferrari, and Action News."

A hearty congratulations to **Marjorie Thomas Morgovsky (267)**. She was awarded an Emmy Award at the 43rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Awards. Margie was awarded the Dunham Brothers Prize in Journalism as a senior at Central.

**Jake Dillon (273)** is a singer-songwriter and music teacher with a goal of reaching Red Rocks someday. He recently just hit 1 million total streams across all platforms and recently released his 75th song. He played his first ever headline show in Philly on November 15, 2025.

**Sam Greene (275)** helped the Toronto Blue Jays reach the 2025 World Series as their Assistant Pitching Coach.



# ALMA MATTERS

**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.

**Complete the form** and share your news in an upcoming Alma Matters!

# IN MEMORIAM

BELOW IS A LISTING OF OUR FELLOW ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST EDITION UNTIL THE CLOSE OF SUBMISSION DATE.

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

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