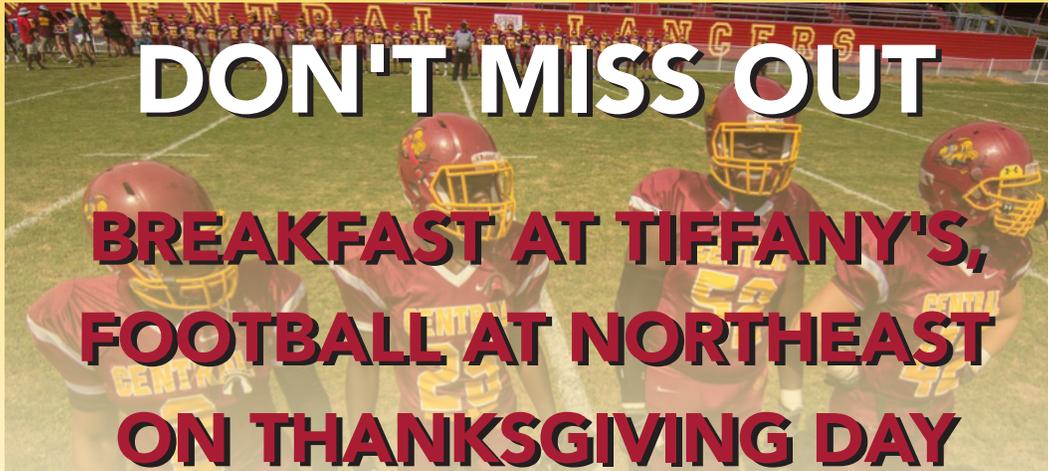


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Join your fellow Central alums, students, faculty and friends for an AACHS annual tradition—breakfast and football on Thanksgiving Day.

As always, Big Ted Rothman organized the event. This year, the pre-game breakfast will be held at the Tiffany Diner (9010 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia) at 9 AM, followed by the annual Turkey Day football matchup—Central's Lancers against Northeast's Vikings at 10:30 AM at Northeast's Charles Martin Memorial Stadium. If you have any questions, call Big Ted at: (267)269-7045.

As always, \$25 includes breakfast and a ticket to the game. Please consider sponsoring a student for \$25 so that we can include as many students as possible in this wonderful tradition.

Don't miss this annual opportunity to come together with current and former Central students, and be a part of one of the oldest football rivalries in the country.

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FROM THE EDITOR



Neil Deegan 263
Editor, The Alumni Journal

There is a common thread running through this season's journal—giving back.

I suppose that's about right, given that we are approaching the season of giving, and of giving thanks.

I wish I could tell you this was thematically planned, but in fact, I think it's better that it came together on it's own.

There are so many of you that regularly give back to Central—giving of your time, your experience, your expertise and yes, your dollars.

In the pages that follow, you'll read about a little of each. **Ben Lipman** tells us about the incredible feat accomplished by the 224th class—raising over \$224,000 to support student projects and programs at Central, through AACHS; Development Director **Lynn Norton Robins** updates us on the Capital Campaign initiative; **Rabbi Carl Perkins** gives us all a great story about a chance encounter with an incoming student visiting his Massachusetts congregation; and **Steve Burnstein** shares with us news of our next round of AACHS Hall of Fame inductees. Plus, there's so much more.

You'll also read about a number of opportunities to come together with your fellow Central alumni in the coming months—beginning on Thanksgiving Day at the Tiffany Diner and at Northeast High School in Northeast Philadelphia (planned expertly and once again by **Ted Rothman**), and including a number of performances at Central.

Please consider joining us, and learning more about how you can be even more engaged in this incredible community.

And, please keep us posted on your life events—new jobs, marriages, births, academic achievements and more. We'll even include them in our Alma Matters section. Send them all to alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com.

Hope to see you in the coming months,

Neil Deegan



AACHS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Chappell, 209

president@centralhighalumni.com

Some welcomes, some congratulations, some reminders and some thoughts.

AACHS is delighted to welcome the members of the 280th class who started their Central careers in September. We wish them much success. Thanks in part to your support and the support of your fellow alumni, the 280 is embarking on a Central journey filled with activities, resources and opportunities offered uniquely at CHS.

Welcome also to the newly elected members of the Board of Managers – **John Barber III (244)** who will serve as Treasurer, **Neil Baumgarten (243)**, **Andrew Kessler, Esq. (243)**, **Lisbeth Lopez-Little (254)**, and **Anu Thomas (268)**. I congratulate them on their election; I look forward to working with these outstanding alumni.

Congratulations go to members of the 177th class on the occasion of their 75th reunion which was held at Central in the first week of October, truly an historic event. The class graduated in 1942; they have had a reunion every single year since. Hats off to the gentlemen of the 177!

On the reminder list are two November events which have become part of the CHS alumni fabric – Career Day and the Thanksgiving breakfast before the Central-Northeast

game. Career Day, under the direction of Past President **Jeff Muldawer (225)**, ably aided by alumni and student volunteers, will take place on Monday, November 20th. The Thanksgiving breakfast, arranged, as usual, by Past President **Ted Rothman (205)** will be held this year at Tiffany Diner, 9010 Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia. Specifics for signing up for these events are available in this *Journal*.

As for thoughts, there is on the AACHS website (www.centralhighalumni.com) an announcement for the upcoming 35th reunion of the 241st class. I quote part of the announcement: *As we head down the path towards our 35th, we would like to focus our thoughts not only on reconnecting with our brothers to celebrate this particular milestone, but also on giving back to the institution that has given us the guidance and enlightenment to properly pave the path that has brought us to this juncture.*

I can offer no better words. I think the above says it all. Please, to the degree you are able, consider “giving back” to the institution that gave so much to set you on your path to adulthood. Thank you in advance for doing so and please remember – it’s all about the kids.

GO LANCERS!!!

IN BRIEF...

CENTRAL AT THE BARNES: On a sunny October 5th, over 100 alumni and guests enjoyed a special Central/Barnes Foundation event. Students presented their insights on some of their favorite paintings by the world’s greatest artists. The afternoon was capped off by the wonderful sounds of the Central String Quartet and the Jazz Ensemble. Dick Prinz (212) and Lynn Robbins presented renderings of the new addition to our school. We’ll be hearing much more about this exciting project as it progresses. - *Merrill Freedman (208)*

TELL YOUR STORY!: The *Journal* is seeking stories from alumni on their professional experiences, and how their time at Central informed, directed or inspired their future. To submit a piece for our ongoing series, called “Experiences”, send your piece to alumnijournal@centralhighalumni.com.

CENTRAL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Timothy McKenna
President, Central High School

On September 5, 2017, Central High School's doors opened and we welcomed our 2395 students back to school. The students come from every zip code in Philadelphia. Their socioeconomic and racial diversity is a precious asset that makes us unique. The Central High School students of today come with gifts, not only in their academic ability but also in the arts and athletics. Our students understand our core beliefs and are dedicated to developing leadership skills, as they navigate one of the most demanding college preparatory programs in the country.

In the near future, you will learn details about a capital campaign that we are launching to raise funds to significantly improve our academic program and physical plant. Leading the Way for Innovation & Creativity is a campaign that will enable our school to offer more STEM education courses in upgraded classrooms, provide 21st Century learning opportunities by adding student commons and a Digital Media/Technology Center, repair and invigorate our campus and advance the performing arts by adding a new performing arts center. Our goal is to continue to offer the best educational experience for our students. We need your help to advance this vision for our future.

This year 675 freshmen, members of the 280th graduating class of Central High School, are beginning their journey. Take a moment and reflect when you started at Central. It hasn't changed much. There is still nervous excitement in the eyes of our new students as they walk our halls. Their book bags are overloaded with new textbooks and supplies. They are working to figure it all out, as quickly as possible. Just like you once did. I am in awe, as I watch our students learn, mature and become responsible members of our school community. The best and brightest students in Philadelphia still take the challenge of becoming a Central student every year, like you did.

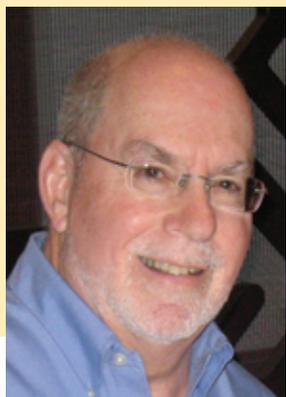
Central High School's tradition of excellence continues and will continue into the future because of alumni support. I thank all the members of the Associated Alumni of Central High School for giving your time and financial resources to support the students of today. Your contributions have a positive impact on the lives of Central's students.

Go Lancers!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

David Kahn, 220, Archivist and Historian



One piece of Central's history recently came up again for discussion and comment—the decision in the 1930s to relocate the school to a new building as part of the plan to restore

Central to its traditional status as an academic school. WHAT!?, you younger grads say—wasn't alma mater always thus?

Central, chartered in 1836 as an institution for higher learning, offering what is now called secondary education, was not meant to be a trade school, an industrial arts school, or a commercial, comprehensive high school. However, in 1898, over the objections of Central's seventh President, **Robert Ellis Thompson (41)**, the Commercial course was established. He acquiesced only because **Samuel B. Huey, Esq. (33)**, then Chairman of the Board of Education's Committee on Central High School, assured him that this was a temporary arrangement, which would end with the erection of a Commercial High School*. This "arrangement" became permanent as the Board of Education needed to open more comprehensive high schools. Later in the 19th century, the Central Manual Training School, Northeast Manual Training School and others were founded to prepare young men for non-professional vocations. When our third building opened to national fanfare in 1902, the CMTS was housed in the second building. In 1912 CMTS was disbanded and its Mechanic Arts course was incorporated into the courses of study of Central High. In February 1919, the third step in turning Central from an academic school into a comprehensive or composite high school occurred when the old Philadelphia Trades School became the Industrial Arts Department of Central High. By the 1920s both the Commercial and the Mechanical Arts courses were considered to be college preparatory, but the Industrial Arts course was entirely vocational*. By the 1930s

these additions to the curriculum resulted in the expansion of the student body to about 4000.

Alumni were never happy with this arrangement. In 1897 the Alumni argued that the Board of Public Education had the duty to provide a full college education, pointing to the Board's power established by the Act of 1849 giving it the authority for Central to grant academic degrees*. They, along with Dr. Thompson, hoped that, when the school entered its new (3rd) building, it would give a six year course of instruction instead of four. The hope for a City College continued until after the Second World War.

In 1935, a year before the school was to celebrate the centenary of its charter, the Superintendent presented plans to restore Central High School to its traditional status as an academic school. These plans included moving the school to a new building on a new site. The vacated third building would become a new comprehensive school named Benjamin Franklin High School. The Board adopted this plan on June 11. Several sites for Central were suggested, including southeast of the Art Museum at the head of the Parkway, before choosing the current site, then known as the Wister property. On February 1, 1939, the day after the 171st class graduated, the school moved from Broad & Green, with only 1253 academic students and a faculty of 41*. All the rest stayed at Ben Franklin.

And so our heritage and traditions live on. CHS came full circle as it evolved with the changing times. There aren't many grads alive who studied in the third building. Not many alive who were in the non-academic courses of study. Yet they should not be disparaged or forgotten. Our archives show that they were an integral and important part of the school life, in the classroom, athletic competition, music and the arts.

* Cornog, William H. (1952) *School of the Republic 1893-1943*, Philadelphia, AACHS.

224,000 WAYS TO GIVE BACK

Benjamin Lipman, Esq, 224

The 224th class is special. For over 50 years, until September 1961, students in the School District of Philadelphia promoted students twice a year – in September and in February. From Grade 1A to 1B, 2A to 2B, all the way through to 12B, the final promotion.

In September 1961, Philadelphia also joined the rest of the world, and students who at the conclusion of the previous school year had been in Grades 8B and 9A combined to form the 224th graduating class of Central High School.

A combination of what ordinarily would have been two incoming classes, this group of approximately 600 boys was far and away the largest incoming class to date in Central's history. So now you know why the 224 is special. (OK. Well, maybe every Central class considers itself special.)

Four years later, in June 1965, when these boys graduated, of course, their lives took many divergent paths. A few served heroically in Vietnam. Many marched on Washington to protest against that war. In later life, they came to include a Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, a star of the Las Vegas stage, renowned physicians, powerhouse lawyers, professors, artists and tremendously successful entrepreneurs. Lunches and dinners scheduled around Philadelphia at least twice a year have always drawn a significant gathering from amongst the Brotherhood of the 224 and have helped to keep alive a feeling of connectedness – to one another and to that very special high school that brought them all together to begin with—Central High.

Fast forward to early 2014. Planning has begun for a fiftieth-year reunion in June 2015. In the process, the idea is raised that perhaps we should include an opportunity to donate to Central along with payment for a ticket to the reunion. Another classmate argues that if we do that guys will add \$100 or so to the cost of their reunion ticket and think they are being generous. A lot of these guys can afford thousands, not hundreds. We're going to generate some good feeling around this reunion. Let's defer



the fundraising until after the reunion, and try to capitalize on those good feelings, and then raise some serious money. Hence the 224 Class Gift Fund was born.

Immediately following the reunion, a fundraising committee formed, the class reunion was website repurposed as a fundraising portal, a formal trust document signed and an initial fundraising goal of \$224,000 was set.

One classmate, who claimed to have had a career performing covert ops for the CIA, tracked down many long lost classmates in states all over the country and even abroad. (He may have threatened violence if they did not contribute.) We made LOTS AND LOTS of phone calls. We created and tracked pledge forms so classmates could make three year commitments. CPA classmates wrote explanations on the website about the tax advantages of donating appreciated stock. Two years following the fiftieth-year reunion, nearly to the day, we did it.

With contributions and pledges from over 100 classmates, ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, we surpassed our initial goal of \$224,000.

Now we're into the fun part – giving away the money. The 224 Class Gift Fund has already purchased nearly \$50,000 worth of equipment for the CHS Robotics Lab. Last school year, we solicited grant applications from faculty and students.

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CONTINUING CENTRAL'S PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

Lynn Norton Robins
AACHS Director of Development

There's so much to be excited about here at Central.

Our program on the expansion and renovation of the school building continues. The Capital Campaign is gearing up to announce a great start. New schematics are available, and I hope you will come and visit my office in Room 313 to take a look (they'll be available at centralhighalumni.com soon, too). This exciting project has gained the interest and attention of many alumni in recent months, and we hope you'll soon be among them. We'll keep you posted here, via email and at centralhighalumni.com as we continue to embark on the most impressive AACHS project to date! THANK YOU to those of you who have already committed your ongoing support!

The Annual Fund Campaign kicked off a bit earlier this year, and we are off to a great start. The annual fund provides support for programs and initiatives benefiting Central students. It's an incredibly important initiative – because without these funds, so many of the experiences that Central students enjoy on a daily basis simply would not be possible. The annual fund supports projects, trips, extracurricular activities, special equipment and so much more. In the coming weeks, you'll see more in your inbox regarding the annual campaign – including a special tee shirt sale (thanks to **Shayna Harvey, 255**). If you've already participated, either directly or through a class campaign, thank you! If you haven't, think about the incredible experiences you enjoyed at Central, and consider making a contribution to make sure those same experiences – and new ones – are available to our current and future students.

For both initiatives, we've set aggressive, ambitious goals. We should have ambitious goals, and we

should meet them. It's what Central students, and Central alumni, do.

Anyone who has ever engaged in a fundraising effort knows that people give to people, and that's why I've spent a significant portion of my time reaching out and talking with so many of you, our alumni. I've had the chance to meet and speak with alumni here in Philadelphia, as well as in China, Israel, London, and all over the U.S., up and down the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, Chicago, Texas, and everywhere in between. I make a point of asking you all the same question – regardless of your "number" – Why is Central important to you?

Those I've met with have provided me with many impressive answers, and reasons why Central has played an important role in how they became the incredible people they are today. I'd love to talk with you about why Central is important to you. You don't have to wait for me to contact you. Please consider writing, emailing (lynn@centralhighalumni.com) or calling (267-767-4495) me to share your answer to that query.

For each story of a Central experience helping to mold and shape a student into a successful adult, there is a student engaging in that experience right now at Central. The AACHS is committed to providing Central High Students with same opportunities afforded to students when you were a proud Mirror, or Lancer.

But, it doesn't happen without all of us. I hope you'll be in touch soon, and that we can count on your support for the Annual Campaign, the Capital Campaign, or both – so that we can continue the promise of new, incredible, formative experiences for each Central student, now and for decades to come.

TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!

The restoration of the fire-damaged school auditorium is complete, and many alumni have availed themselves of the opportunity to dedicate the new, upholstered seats. Opportunities remain to dedicate a seat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" family or individuals you wish to honor. Classes can organize and purchase entire rows. A brass plate will memorialize each dedication. Seats are available for a \$300 tax-deductible donation per seat. Please use the form on this page, or donate at centralhighalumni.com/support.

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COLUMN B

Bruce Yasgur, 216

The latest In Memoriam evoked a few memories. During my early days in West Oak Lane and later at Central, I knew **Hillel Chigev (215)** as a quiet and friendly guy. I always thought of Hillel as brainy, which may have been true, or perhaps because his namesake, Rabbi Hillel, was; or because, unlike many of us, he kept his counsel; or maybe all the above. My one-time East Oak Lane and eventual Facebook friend **Jay Schwartz (214)**, who preferred “Tool,” was a self-styled philosopher. We had Central in common in a neighborhood where most of our age-mates were Trojans. One of Jay’s attractions was his fair sister, but, alas, nothing for me to report. An entry from his Tool Box of Practical Advice: “It’s good to have a black car so you can hide your scratches with shoe polish.” We never had a black car. When I wasn’t warming the bench, I played football with Jay’s classmate **Johnny Withers**, whose long arms and huge mitts could snag any pass in his wingspan. Rest in peace, old friends, or raise hell if you’d rather.

It wasn’t hard to track down the QB who threw those passes. Since retiring from football, **Yale Gutnick (214)** has earned a reputation in Pittsburgh and nationally in communications law as a champion of first-amendment rights, especially freedom of the press. Hey, Yale, been in touch with any other members of that memorable team?

Regarding that team, at a local med center a coupla months ago (rotator cuff and bicep surgery follow-up—all good, thanks), I noticed the receptionist’s name: Ciocari. “You related to Johnny?” **Johnny Ciocari (213)** was the first-string All Public running back on our 1959 Public League Champion football team. He, Yale and Johnny W were starters; I played a little defense that year. “Yeah, he’s my dad.” She gave me his number. It’s been about 58 years, but I made the call from the train on the way home. Glad I did. What didn’t we talk about? I never imagined that Johnny and I had so much in common. He retired from the family

beverage distributorship; I’ve mostly retired from lawyering. Johnny plays golf; I hit the ball around and get some exercise trying to find it. Most surprising and gratifying, our views and beliefs about politics and life were so similar that I felt our minds were working in sync. It’s good to be in touch. OK, we did mention the City Championship game where Bonner ate our breakfast, lunch and supper and took our ice cream money to boot. To add insult, the Alumni bought us jackets—maroon instead of crimson. Yeah, I lost mine too.

When I mentioned that I’d gone to Central, my podiatrist revealed that his father-in-law, **Marc Kaplin**, did too. Turns out we’re classmates. Marc practices land-use law. Apropos the 216 and lost alumni, I regret that I never got to know our classmate **Thomas Miller**, who has, according to the *Journal*, passed on. If any of you knew him, please drop a line.

Lenny Vinokur (235) wrote to say hi and to reminisce about how he and his classmate **Steven Schwartz** “were always ready with a joke” in my class and how he even “learned some things along the way!” We always appreciate good news, Lenny.

Did we mention jokes? South Philly attorney **Vince DeFino, (244)**, might best be remembered by his classmates, especially those in our World Cultures class, for his spicy spaghetti humor. That was prior to the appearance of young women at Dear High. Yo, Vinny?

So hi, Central women, **Tasha Kelly, (247)** tracked down a relative, **Dr. Robert Gillon (183)**, about to celebrate his 90th birthday. Tasha reports: “He was delighted to hear that I was part of the first class of freshman girls to matriculate in 1984. The world remains smaller than ever!” Great story, Tasha and happy birthday, Robert!

Philly and Maine friends **Rick (202)** and Ruth Snyderman, parents of the South Street Renaissance, as well as NYC’s collectibles maven and Tasha’s classmate **Evan Snyderman**, have retired from the arts business, but not the art scene. See you in Maine, R&R?

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MOVING ON

Merrill Freedman, 208

Columnist & Editor Emeritus

Editor's Note: Merrill is a skilled writer and we are thrilled to have his observations and commentary appear in these pages each season. Enjoy!

I know parents who've had trouble letting go of their grown offspring. I wasn't one of them. Go, fly, be free – I need your room for an office. Turning over the *Alumni Journal* to **Neil Deegan (263)** was something like that. While Neil wasn't part of my household, and thereby taking up no room, he did free up my time, and frankly, my nerves.

When **Harvey Steinberg (209)** asked me to be editor of the *Journal* I told him that I'm no editor. While I love to write, I had others edit my work – I never edited theirs. I gave in, and so began my journey with this esteemed digital rag. For the first couple of years, before I asked **Steve Chappell (209)** to join me, I thought that Central alumni read the *Journal* less for the articles, and more to find typos and grammatical errors. Many of you said kind things, while others took delight in telling me that they found an error. Every time I released the *Journal*, I broke out in hives.

Column B (continued from page 8)

Daniel Plaza (246) divides his time between his careers as an actor (*Law of Perdition*) and a police detective ... endless possibilities. His bud Oscar Brock (**Chris Chaves, 264**) says that he's right there whatever Danny's doing. Sounds like a tough team.

Anyone else following **Mitchell Swann's (235)** commentary on Facebook? Agree or disagree, it's always intelligent, articulate and provocative. E.g.: "It is a pretty sad state of global affairs when the leader of ... the 'most powerful nation in the world' is in an insult shouting match with the leader of North Korea, the 113th ranked country by GDP in the world."

He's also onto climate, NFL players, Puerto Rico, and pretty much anything else that comes up between the date of this entry and whenever you read it. Our mutual FB friend



When Neil Deegan came along, young, smart, and knowing something about editing a paper – the *Centralizer*, I saw the light and let go. Given that I am many decades older than Neil, I was certain he'd need my wisdom to help produce the *Journal*. Much like my own kids, he made me feel good, but took over like he'd been doing it for years. He went so far as to give me some space so I can have some fun writing a little column – which he'll have to edit! That'll teach him.

So, every so often, if Neil will give me a little space, I'll say a few words for the old guys, and unfortunately, when I was a student, we were all guys. Right now, my 60th reunion is in just two weeks, so I'll need this time to figure out what to wear. I hope to find something – anything that still fits.

Now Neil, please make this look good.

Anthony Davis (237) also maintains a diverse commentary on news, entertainment and classmates like old friends **Andy Heller** and **Jimmy Karvelas**. Keep posting, Mitch and Anthony, and we'll keep following. With all the news and social media, who has time for books?

Stop the presses! Gilbertville insurance defense paralegal **Phoebe Coccagna Montanye (252)** just touched base to say that not only does she, like the rest of us, have "so many good memories" of her Central years, but that she, like a few of us, spends part of each year in Maine; so do her husband and five children. Our secret getaway, huh, Phoebe?

You know the drill. Got a story, a comment, a query or a rant? E me at byasgur216@gmail.com. Go, Mirrors, uhhh, Lancers!

*Edited by Janice

REUNIONS

198 Ninth annual Florida reunion will be held on February 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM at the Bocaire Country Club, Boca Raton, FL. Tickets are \$27.50. Please RSVP to **Gerry Feldman** at msm4207@gmail.com or 6414 Montesite Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33496.

215 A 75th birthday reunion is being scheduled for the weekend of May 18, 2018 at the Hilton Philadelphia—City Avenue. Class members are urged to mark the date on their calendars. For more information, contact **Gerry Kean** at gerrykean215@aol.com.

221 Stay in touch as we plan our 55th reunion. For more information, write to Chuck Steinberg at: cssteinberg221@gmail.com

241 35th reunion to be held on Friday, November 24th at 7 PM at the Union League of Philadelphia (Broad and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia). The cost is \$100 per person. To RSVP, contact 241Central82@gmail.com. Payment should be made payable to The 241 Brotherhood and mailed to PO Box 52356, Philadelphia, PA 19115.

256 20th reunion will be held at the IATSE Ballroom (2401 S. Swanson Street, Philadelphia) on Friday, November 24th from 7-11pm with an estimated ticket price of \$75. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/central-high-school-class-of-256-20th-reunion-tickets-35403928102>.

261 15th reunion will be held at the Down Ultra Lounge 258 S. 15th Street on Saturday, November 25th from 7-11pm. Ticket price is \$55 and includes "food, drinks, dancing, memories, laughs, CHS love and a guaranteed GREAT time! Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.paypal.me/261CentralReunion>.

266 10th reunion will be held at Mad River Manayunk (4100 Main Street, Philadelphia) on Saturday, November 25th from 7 PM to 2 AM. Please contact **Agin Thomas** at aginthomas27@yahoo.com for more information, including how to purchase tickets.

271 5th reunion will be held at Front and Palmer (1750 N. Front Street, Philadelphia) on Friday, November 24th from 8 PM to 12 AM. Tickets may be purchased at <https://chs271.ticketleap.com>. For more informaton, contact chs271reunion@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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

163 Albert E. Piatetsky

168 Herman Silverman

172 Harold Diamond

173 Harold Levin

178 Dr. Bernard Perry Ottenberg

181 Dr. Shelly Martin Greene

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191 Dr. Morton Richard Maser

192 Donald Beckman

192 Sidney Joshua Kahn

195 Dr. Sigmund B. Kahn

196 Sidney Leabman

196 Robert Listokin

198 Gary Kelman

198 Ronald B Pitkow, MD

198 Carl Ruppenthal

198 Leonard Siegel

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205 Robert Kaplan

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210 Bruce Weissman

211 Stephen Robbins

211 Myron (Michael) S. Feldman

212 Mark Blumberg

224 Albert Innaurato

224 Dr. Richard Harlan Kaplan

224 Bruce Zoren

230 Dr. Elliott Feldman

234 Charles Potnick

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

ALMA MATTERS

134 An exhibit featuring the work of renowned architect and Central alum and AACHS Hall of Fame member **Louis Kahn** is taking place at the Fabric Workshop (1214 Arch Street, Philadelphia) through November 5th. Take a look at a column by the Inquirer's Inga Saffron featuring the exhibit at http://www.philly.com/philly/columnists/inga_saffron/louis-kahn-retrospective-philadelphia-fabric-workshop-architecture-20170810.html.

200 Two poems by **Anthony Amsterdam** were published in the August issue of *Harper's Magazine*. He is a professor at the New York University School of Law. Take a look at <https://harpers.org/archive/2017/08/two-poems-12>.

202 Frederick Friedman retired from OB-GYN practice 10 years ago. He is currently the Commander of American Legion Post 201 in Livingston, NJ. and Quartermaster of Jewish War Veterans Post 740 and also of the JWV DEPT NJ. Recently, Dr. Friedman was named Intergenerational Prom King.

204 The 204th Class held its 62nd year reunion on Sunday May 7, 2017, at the Bluestone (formerly Meadowbrook) Country Club. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. The class donated \$5,000 to the AACHS to dedicate a classroom to our 204 Class Advisor Mr. Julius Greenstein (a 35 year Central faculty member) and our own 204 classmate **Burt Fogelman**, who taught at CHS from 1999-2009.

219 Charles Nissman was installed as President of The Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is also a delegate in the House Delegates of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He is an Oral Surgeon in the practice he founded in Feasterville, PA in 1977.

222 Ronald R. Cohen, PhD. reports that he has retired as Emeritus Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines. He maintains an appointment as Professor Extraordinaire for Environmental Science and Management, Northwest University, Potchefstroom, South Africa. Professor Cohen received a Certificate of Special Recognition from the United States Congress early in his career for his work in remediating U.S. nuclear weapons facilities. Since, his focus has been on mine waste treatment and remediation, hydrology and water resources engineering and has consulted worldwide on related issues.

225 Bruce B. Frantz, DO closed his private urological surgery practice in York, PA., and accepted a position as staff urologist and assistant professor of surgery at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA.

228 Richard Schwartz recently released his fifth book. **The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty: The Extraordinary Rise & Fall of Actor M.B. Curtis**, is a biography about the first American Jewish actor to play a Jewish character on stage in the 1800's, becoming an overnight sensation and breaking stereotypes and prejudices during that time. Schwartz resides in Berkeley, California, where he works as a building contractor and documents early Native American sites in the Bay Area. www.richardschwartz.info

232 Marshal Granor, Esq. was elected Real Property Division Chair by the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section, where he previously served as Secretary and as Treasurer. Marshal is a principal author of Pennsylvania's Uniform Planned Community Act and frequently teaches about it and condominiums in continuing education courses. Marshal practices all facets of real estate and community association law with his father, **Bernard (185)**, in Horsham, PA.

233 Ever noticed Samuels & Sons, the behemoth seafood distributor based in South Philadelphia? Well, its proprietor is Central alum **Sammy D'Angelo**. Read a recent interview with Sammy at <http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/the-insider/Samuels-and-Sons-seafood.html>.

238 Art Dangel, Jr. has accepted the position of Vice President, Wealth Advisor for AmeriServ Trust and Financial Services Company. Art has dedicated the last 25 years to the Financial Service industry, helping businesses and individuals with all of their "Financial Life" decisions. He lives in State College with his wife Tina, and is excited to come back to Philly for the 40th Reunion of the 238th Class of Central High coming up. Art can be reached at ADangel@Amerserv.com.

248 Rel Dowdell's highly anticipated feature film documentary, "Where's Daddy?" will premiere at the prestigious Kimmel Center on Friday, October 27th at 8pm in the Perelman Theater Auditorium. For more information, visit <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/events-and-tickets/201718/rentals/wheres-daddy/>.

271 Daniel Wilhite, a graduate of Brown University, was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award. Wilhite will travel to Brazil's Federal University of Pernambuco on education to study how education around pre-exposure prophylaxis might help to reduce HIV exposure rates.

276 The 276th class has made a \$30,000 gift to the AACHS Capital Campaign. To all members of the 276 who participated in this class gift effort, thank you!

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

Send us an update on you or a classmate, and we'll include it in the next edition of the *Journal*.

Please include class number, email address and name. Submissions under 100 words appreciated.

Please email to AlumniJournal@CentralHighAlumni.com!

2018 AACHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

Steven Burnstein, M.D., 222

Eight distinguished living Central High School alumni have been selected as the inductees to the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Please plan to join your fellow alumni at the Philmont Country Club in Huntington Valley on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 as we honor these remarkable scientists, entrepreneurs, an educator, architect and two entertainment industry professionals.

Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served at 6 P.M., followed by the induction ceremony and a dessert buffet.

To commemorate the opening of our beloved school 79 years ago at its present location, the cost for the evening will be **\$79**. For **\$30**, alumni can sponsor a student to attend the ceremony and enjoy dessert afterward. This gives our students not only the opportunity to meet our honorees, but also allows them to dream about attaining greatness in their future professions.

Our M.C. for the evening will be Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and 2011 AACHS Hall of Fame inductee **Quiara Alegria Hudes (254)**.

Ads and tributes will be offered for sale at a later time and will appear in the Induction Program.

Please visit the AACHS website—centralhighalumni.com—for more news as the date approaches and look for our hashtag (#central2018hof) on your favorite social media platforms.

Now, here are our 2018 AACHS Hall of Fame inductees:

Marc Brickman (229) is a world renowned lighting and production designer and Emmy winner who has worked with Springsteen, Streisand, McCartney and Pink Floyd and created light shows for opening and closing ceremonies at the international Olympics held in Barcelona and Nagano.

Marvin Corman, M.D. (208) is the author of the gold standard textbook on "Colon and Rectal Surgery", Past President of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Professor of Surgery, Stony Brook School of Medicine

Lee Felsenstein (219) developed the first mass-produced portable computer, the "Penny-Whistle" modem and a visual display module board which became the standard for P.C.s. He is a Laureate of the Tech Museum of Innovation

Albert Fishlow, Ph.D. (199), is Economics Professor Emeritus, Columbia University. He has served as Consultant to the World Bank, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations and has been the editor of numerous economics books and monographs

Philip Freelon (230), is an architect who led the design team for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. He was appointed by President Obama to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in 2011

Neal Kassell, M.D. (221) is Professor Emeritus, in Neurosurgery, at the University of Virginia, and is a pioneer in the development of High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for the treatment of intracranial diseases and cancer. He was named to Vice President Biden's "Cancer Moonshot Initiative" in 2014

Herman Rush (187) is an entertainment industry executive and former Chairman of Columbia Pictures Television and the Coca-Cola Telecommunications Company. He is currently creating T.V. and cable programs for the internet and other media

David Soll, Ph.D. (213) is a Microbiologist and Professor of Biology at the University of Iowa. He is renowned for his studies of yeasts (*Candida Albicans*), innovations in monoclonal antibody technology and research in DNA fingerprinting and cancer stem cell markers

*Separate inductions for living and posthumous faculty (to be held at the school) and for posthumous alumni (date and venue TBD) will take place in 2018. Follow all HOF news on the AACHS website—

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A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

Rabbi Carl Perkins, 230

On a warm morning in June, I met a group of about thirty eighth graders who are currently traveling throughout the eastern part of the United States on a summer program called "USY on Wheels." "USY" stands for United Synagogue Youth. It's the youth organization of Conservative Judaism, the religious movement with which my synagogue is affiliated. (Note: "Conservative" is a religious, not a political, label.) Members of my congregation had volunteered to host these kids, and we had offered the facilities of our synagogue (Temple Aliyah, in Needham, Mass.) for the group to meet in once or twice a day.

I introduced myself to several of the young people. Most were from New York, but one poised, articulate young woman named Kate was from Philadelphia. "Oh," I said, "I'm originally from Philadelphia, too. Where do you live?" "In the Fairmount section, near the Art Museum." This interested me, because when I was growing up in Philadelphia, I had friends in South Philadelphia, North Philadelphia and West Philadelphia, but I don't recall any of my friends living in Fairmount. "Where do you go to school?" I asked. "Well," she said, "beginning in the fall, I will go to Central High."

I was WOWED. I told her that I was an alumnus, and that, when I went to the school, it was all-male. (I'm sure that that made me seem ancient.) I also told her how wonderful it was for me to go to Central, and how I've kept up with friends I made there many, many years ago. We get together on happy occasions, and sometimes we even stand up and sing "Dear High, Dear Central High" together.

How many years ago did I go to Central? Well, I was in the 230th class; Kate will be in the 280th class. Just about fifty years separates us! It's amazing to reflect on how some things (such as the presence of young women in the school) have changed, and others have not. The school is still a magnet; it's still a place with a great reputation, which helps boys (and now girls) learn to think critically, reason quantitatively, and write persuasively — and to develop independent identities.

What a treat it was to meet Kate, and to realize that the school is continuing to attract and to educate bright, talented and lively students.



Upcoming Music & Theatre Performances at Central

We hope you'll add these dates to your calendar, and join us to see the incredible talent of our students and faculty. For more details, check CentralHighAlumni.com as performance dates approach.

"A Christmas Carol": December 7, 10 AM and 3:30 PM; December 8th, 10 AM and 7 PM, December 9th, 5 PM

Winter Concert: December 21st, 7 PM

"Guys and Dolls": March 21st, 10 AM; March 22nd, 3:30 PM; March 23rd, 7 PM; March 24th, 7 PM

TBD Black Box Production: April 25th, 3:30 PM; April 26th, 3:30 PM; April 27th, 7 PM

Spring Concert: May 24th, 7 PM

CLASS REPS

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

The Association has launched an effort to confirm the suitability and dedication of every rep, new and existing. As a result, several changes and vacancies have occurred. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, or if you would like to apply for or recommend someone for a vacant rep position, please email the Alumni Association at alumnioffice@centralhighalumni.com. If email is not an option, please call (215) 927-9550. If you would like to contact your class rep, please email the Alumni office in care of her or his name. (Email addresses are not shown here in order to avoid their being harvested by spammers.) Note that the current class reps list begins with the **181st** Class; for reps for prior classes, please contact us. - Rudy Cvetkovic (239)

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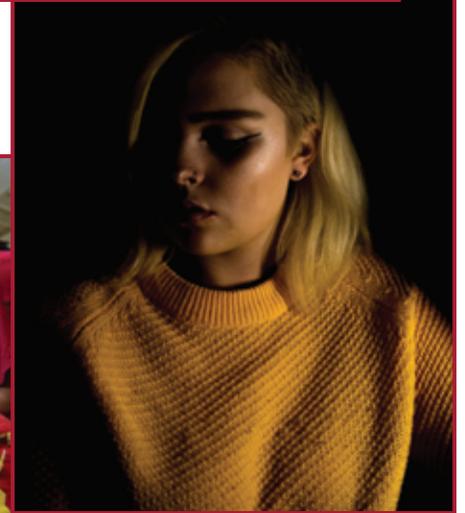
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STUDENT ART CORNER

Going to Central has inspired me to pursue photography as my future career. Participating in extracurricular activities, such as Robotics and Yearbook, and taking the art classes provided by Central have inspired me to work harder and express myself through photography. The resources I have been exposed to helped refine and organize my work professionally. - Mary Kulesa (277)



208th Class Reunites

The 208th class met for their 60th reunion at the Liberty View Ballroom in Old City on October 14th. "It was a great reunion with men who were wonderful and supportive of AACHS and its efforts to increase student engagement and alumnus involvement."

224,000 Ways To Give Back (from page 7)

With our grants, we sent a class of freshmen to the Arden Theatre to see *Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We funded attendance for 4 science teachers at a BioBuilder Workshop in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We sent 2 students to a national high school debate competition in Kentucky. We assisted with the cost of publishing a student arts magazine. We sent kids and a faculty sponsor on a trip to study wetlands in New Jersey. We approved the purchase of virtual reality headsets for a science teacher.

Members of the 224 are beginning to form panels now to evaluate new grant applications

for this academic year – and we hope to double the number of grants we award.

We hear that the 228, now just two years away from its fiftieth-year reunion, is hoping to raise \$228,000 for Central. We wish them well. Meanwhile, members of the 224 are starting to turn 70 years old this year. The tax code requires us to begin taking minimum distributions from our retirement accounts. Our CPA classmates are already busy preparing guidance for the class website on how to make tax advantaged contributions to our 224 Class Gift Fund using these retirement distributions. By the time the 228 reaches \$228,000, the 224 should be well over \$300,000!



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