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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David R. Kahn, 220
President, AACHS

Why is it that the older we get, the faster the years go by? It seems as though I just started my first one-year term, and here I am finishing my fourth and last year. On the other hand, it's also like (for those of you from an earlier era) finishing the "Wakefield" run.

This year has been very exciting and rewarding for me. In October, we inducted a wonderful class of grads into the Alumni Hall of Fame, including one of my classmates, **Dr. George Campbell (220)**, President of Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. I'm sure George is very proud of the fact that his wife, Mary Schmidt Campbell, Dean, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, is a member of Girl's High School's Court of Honor of Daughters. They are the only couple ever to share these prestigious honors.

We also honored, for the first time, a number of our famous, but deceased Alumni going all the way back to **Thomas Eakins (38)**, the foremost painter of his time in the United States.

In February, we turned the tables and inducted several deserving retired Faculty members into the Faculty Hall of Fame. Despite the terrible weather at the time, your turnout at our Mid-winter Luncheon was huge! I thank you for supporting this event. We were particularly thrilled to have "Uncle" Joe McCloskey, friend and sponsor to many classes, in attendance. The onset of "old age" hasn't slowed down his capacity for speaking to us one bit.

There are so many wonderful student activities and celebrations, I apologize if I omit any. International Day, when our students celebrate their diversity, decorate the hallways to create the effect of being in their ethnic lands, and the International Café, with more than 600 different dishes from hundreds of cultures worldwide, is perhaps the most enjoyable day of the school year.

Our students continue to perform well in all areas of the curriculum and community outreach. For example, Science Fair competitions, with one of our best going to San Francisco for the national finals; the robotics team improving its work, culminating in a trip to Atlanta; a world-class cellist finding time to participate in student activities despite her demanding schedule; more than 40 students in research internships at institutions across the Delaware Valley; a group of students helping to organize and run a Saturday conference on the adjustment of immigrants to the American culture; the continued success of so many of our inter-scholastic sports teams (this time of year it's baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys tennis, to name a few); and finally, a record number of students taking a record number of Advance Placement tests. I would add that a very high percentage of them score 3, 4 or 5.

Speaking to alums at reunions, to the students in their class assemblies, and finally, participating at Commencement, are the joys of this job. Despite the demands of the position, and still working the old day job, it was an experience I would never trade for anything.

I close by thanking all of you for your support, knowing you will continue to support my successor, the Association, your Class and Central High School. ☐☐

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OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Seth Williams

On November 3rd, 2009 Seth Williams' decisive victory at the polls made history not only in Philadelphia but in Pennsylvania as well. Receiving more than 75 percent of the vote Seth became the first African American District Attorney in the City of Brotherly Love and in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Seth Williams is a true Philadelphia success story. Given up by an unwed mother and placed in foster care, Seth was blessed to be adopted by a devoted and loving family. He grew up in a hard-working West Philadelphia neighborhood, the only child of Imelda Williams and the late Rufus O. Williams, who emphasized the importance of community service his whole life.

A proud Philadelphian, Seth's long list of accomplishments started at a very young age. After graduating from Central High School in 1985, Seth attended Penn State University, where he served as President of the Black Caucus and later as President of the Undergraduate Student Government, representing all 57,000 undergraduate students.

From Penn State, Seth went on to law school at Georgetown University, where he graduated with distinction as a Public Interest Law Scholar in 1992. After graduation Seth's dedication to public service brought him home to Philadelphia, where he joined the District Attorney's Office.

In the ten years he served as an Assistant District Attorney, Seth was repeatedly promoted, including his appointment as the Assistant Chief of the Municipal Court, where he supervised the 30 newest prosecutors. He also created and led the Repeat Offenders Unit with the goal of reducing the high percentage of crimes committed by repeat offenders. His extensive trial experience includes 37 jury trials, more than 1,500 bench trials and more than 2,500 felony preliminary hearings.

In 2005 Seth was appointed Inspector General of the City of Philadelphia. As Inspector General, Seth was responsible for the investigation of all allegations of corruption, fraud, waste, abuse and employee misconduct among municipal workers and companies doing business with the city. Seth left the position of Inspector General in 2008 with praise from Mayor Michael Nutter for his groundbreaking work as the city's municipal corruption watchdog. Seth went on to take a position as counsel at the Center City law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young.

Seth continues to serve his community as an educator and volunteer. He is an adjunct professor at Neumann College in the Strategic Leadership Master's Program and is an adjunct professor and Advisory Board member at Penn State Abington. Seth is also proud to serve his country as a Major in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Army Reserve. Seth is also proud to serve on the boards of several community organizations, including the Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Overbrook Park Civic Association & Town Watch, St. Cyprian Catholic Church, the St. Martin de Porres Foundation and the West Philadelphia Y.M.C.A.

Seth lives in West Philadelphia with his wife, Sonita, and is the proud parent of three girls — Alyssia, Taylor and Hope.

Bio courtesy District Attorney's Office

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In 2005, we unveiled a state-of-the-art renovation of the former library, which now houses a conference center, Alumni archives, cutting-edge research technology and the Barnwell library collection. The library renovation involved the expenditure of more than \$5 million in alumni-raised dollars.

We invite you to visit. Contact Debbie Zarwin Rose, Alumni Affairs Coordinator, in the Alumni office at 215-927-9550 to arrange a personal tour, or visit our website at <http://www.donatechs.com>. You will see that much has been accomplished because of the dedication of loyal Alumni like you.

As we look to build on the momentum of our achievements, we are turning to a second phase of the capital campaign. This includes establishment of a new Music Conservatory, creation of an Information Technology Center and an Endowment to support ongoing operations of these facilities.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Yvonne Dennis, 246

True character: What budgets can't measure

No matter where any of us Alumni began 2009, arguably it was a rough year.

Central grads have always been mindful that their education generally has placed them in positions to fare better than others. So when an economic downturn like this one drags on you still remember others' needs.

In 2009 Central Alumni gave what they could in time and money, including:

- funds to our Alma Mater's various teams for equipment the strapped School District can't provide.
- their time, wisdom and recollections to prospective new students attending Philadelphia's annual high school fair in September.
- tickets for themselves, donations and/or advertising orders to honor the newest inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame last October.

Alumni who helped out at the school fair couldn't believe how much they enjoyed interacting with the bright-eyed junior-high schoolers who swarmed Central's area in bigger numbers than any other school's.

Many of you participated in Museum Day for the chance to chaperone Central seniors to institutions around the city you may not have been to in years.

You came out strong for Career Day, which **Jeff Muldawer (225)**, Dr. Pavel, Central students and hundreds of alumni have built up into a tremendous window into the heights to which Central grads can reach. And the Thanksgiving Game at Northeast that same week saw a nice resurgence in turnout.

Central's strong winter teams offer some nice (and in most cases, free) nostalgic entertainment. Go to centralhigh.net sometime and explore.

And the can't-miss event of the late winter was the school's annual International Day on February 18. Dr. P always says come hungry. This year this most diverse (we already know it's the best) of city public schools had over 600 different international dishes. Next year come hungry, come early and come to be amazed at the food, the decorations and the entertainment throughout your alma mater.

You won't just be taking. You as world-educated alumni have insight big and small for current students you may not even know about.

For all that you have done and all that you will continue to do, on behalf of the Alumni Association, the school and students: Thank you. ■■

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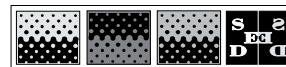
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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

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Most faculty and long-time students understand the strong commitment and dedication of the Associated Alumni of Central High. However, if any new student is unaware of the deep compassion and love they have for Central, by the time you are done reading this article it will become readily apparent. One could feel the pulse of the moment, the excitement in the air, as **Hyman Lovitz, Esq. (187)**, past president and Hall of Fame chair, welcomed everyone in attendance to the 15th Induction Ceremony of the Associated Alumni of Central High School Hall of Fame, which took place at the Sheraton Society Hill, on the 15th of October. Mr. Lovitz gave a brief introduction to the evening's itinerary, which included inducting 16 new members into the Hall of Fame, nine of whom were elected posthumously.

The purpose of establishing the Hall of Fame was to honor extraordinary achievements that will bind students from the past, to the present and to the future. Over the years, graduates inducted into the Hall of Fame include actors, judges, Nobel Laureats, admirals, doctors, philosophers, musicians, singers, congressman and political activists. "If you think about it this could be very intimidating to young freshman students, but at the same time exciting with the thought that this could be you someday."

History 101

The first induction took place back in 1973, by the Board of Managers of the Associated Alumni of Central High when the late Alumni President **Charles F. Ludwig, Esq. (192)** appointed a Hall of Fame committee; nine graduates were then admitted. Today, there are now 70 members. The 2009 ceremony was unique in that it honored and inducted members both living and deceased. The task of choosing from Central's impressive list of alumni was not a simple matter. 40 individuals, helped decide, who would be elected to this year's Hall of Fame. Each honoree received a special plaque to commemorate their induction; which contains a photograph of the first Central High School Building, which was then located on the site of the John Wanamaker's Building.

The Alumni will place a plaque for each inductee in Central's Hall of Fame corridor, which is located between the library and the auditorium.

Chuck Steinberg (221) had the honor of chairing a subcommittee that helped select the living honorees. Honorable Arnold "Buddy" New had the honor of chairing the subcommittee that chose the posthumous honorees. The process started over a year ago. The committees put notices in the alumni journal, as well as including information on the Central alumni website that they were looking for nominees for the Hall of Fame. Among their requirements the candidates needed to have received national or international recognition within their field. They received over 60 nominees, along with curriculum vitae explaining their accomplishments. A committee of 24 people sat with Mr. Steinberg starting January 2009, reviewed each resume

and decided who they felt would best represent Central in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Steinberg noted, "I think that the class of seven that we have this evening, is really an exemplary class; and I am proud to have chaired this class. Our proud honorees were then called in class order to come up to the podium, so they could be introduced.

William H. Brown, III (185), is a distinguished lawyer and advocate for social justice. "When I look at the individuals who are being inducted with me and those who have previously gone into the Hall of Fame, I am reminded of the farmer who entered his mule in the Kentucky Derby and when his friends began to question his sanity and asked him if he really thought his mule had a chance of winning, he told them 'no', but the association with the great thoroughbreds would do him a world of good. Obviously, my association with these truly outstanding individuals has done me a world of good." He thanked **Dr. Leonard Finkelstein (185)**, who nominated him. He also gave special thanks to his mother and father who encouraged him to go to Central. He added, "Central High replaces empty minds with open ones. Life is not measured by the breaths, but by the moments that take our breath away and this is truly such a moment for me."

Bernard Spain (198), is an accomplished entrepreneur and philanthropist. "He coined the yellow smile face, the creation of Spain's Card's and Gifts, which he and his brother Murray founded. As most are aware, the Alumni Association has completely rebuilt Central's library and information center into 'the place in the United States'; and it was all part of Bernie's doing," said **David Kahn (220), Alumni President**. "When I got there [Central], Central and Paul Kaiserman [a teacher at Fitz Simmons Jr. High] changed my life. They did for me things that for me were absolutely unheard of in my generational family. I was the first one in my family to go to college...," said Mr. Spain as he continued, "If it were not for Central High School, I probably would not have. For that, I feel very, very lucky and an obligation and responsibility to Central High School today."

Honorable Lawrence S. Margolis (199), currently serves as a senior judge in the United States Court of Federal Claims. He also co-founded Big Brothers. "I received [other] honors and awards in my life time, but this Hall of Fame Induction is the most important, and most meaningful and significant to me," he stated proudly. He thanked his family, as well as those who were his sponsors.

George Campbell, Jr., Ph. D. (220), is President of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. Founded in 1859, Cooper Union is an all honors college and one of America's most selective institutions of higher education. For 11 years, prior to his current appointment, Dr. Campbell was president and CEO of NACME. He has published papers in mathematical physics, high-energy physics, satellite systems, digital communications, science and technology policy, and science education. He is co-editor of *Access Denied: Race, Ethnicity and the Scientific Enterprise*, Oxford University Press. Furthermore, Dr. Campbell was previously a regular guest commentator for PBS-TV's "Nightly Business Report" and has been profiled in a lead article in *The Wall Street Journal*. Dr. Campbell

earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Syracuse University, a B.S. in physics from Drexel University and is a graduate of the executive management program at Yale University. George, as an undergraduate, was a Simon Guggenheim Scholar and member of the national physics honor society. Dr. Campbell emphasized that without the Guggenheim Scholarship he never would have been afforded the opportunity to attend college and achieve all that he has accomplished. Dr. Campbell emphasized the strength of his education at Central. He was exposed, not only to an excellent basic physics instruction in the classroom, but to experts in the field such as Bell Telephone, who brought in and demonstrated state of the art applications in the real world. In fact, he ended out spending the majority of his scientific career at Bell Labs.

Ralph L. Schlosstein (227), currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Evercore Partners. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Denison University in 1972 and Masters in Public Policy from University of Pittsburgh. In 1988, Mr. Schlosstein co-founded Black Rock, Inc. Prior to this he served as a Managing Director for Lehman Brothers. Before any of the above mentioned endeavors he served in President Carter's administration as the Associate Director of the White House Domestic Policy Staff, where he was responsible for advising the president on urban policy, economic development and housing issues.

Dr. Cato Laurencin (235) is a research scientist, engineer, and physician. He became the seventh dean of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 2008. He received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton, then attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University. In addition, he earned a P.h.D. in biochemical engineering and biotechnology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Some prestigious honors he has received include: the 2009 Pierre Galletti Award, medical and biological engineering's highest award, as well as being named one of the 100 Engineers of the Modern Era by the American Institute of Chemical Engineering. Dr. Laurencin began, "I would like to recognize all of the students that are here. It is really great to see that the proud traditions of Central High School are moving forward," he later continued, "I am truly honored to be a part of the Hall of Fame. I want to thank all of the Board of Managers. This is a truly wonderful ceremony. I want to thank Hyman Lovitz, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, for all of your work."

Dr. Carlton J. Young (238) is currently a transplant surgeon who is the Director of Pancreas Transplantation Surgery at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. During his years at Central, he was a star track athlete. While at Villanova as an undergraduate, he was a Rhodes scholarship finalist and an NCAA Academic All-American student athlete. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania High School Track and Field Hall of Fame and a member of the National Kidney Foundation Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Young commented, "I am deeply humbled and honored to be a member of such an august body." He went on to say, "If there is one thing that I have learned about Central and

about this event tonight is that it is about family. With so much rhetoric on the left and so much rhetoric on the right, things are too dangerous now for us to be splitting things apart. Central brings people together: blacks and whites; Jews and Gentiles; every race, every creed, every color and that is why Central is so unique among any school in the country. Because we have that kind of school, we can produce that type of men and women that will go out and change the world.

Posthumous inductees of the evening included:

Ed Wynn (110) was born November 19, 1886 and died eighty years later on June 19, 1966. His birth name was Isaiah Edwin Leopold. He became famous for his comical roles and his physical comedy- Perfect Fool and Firechief. He was one of the early stars of radio in the early 1930s that came off of his vaudeville career where he was a star of the Ziegfeld Follies. He actually changed his name because he did not want his family embarrassed by his comedic career. Mr. Wynn was the recipient of an Emmy in 1949, as the host of the first comedy-variety show on television. Later his son, actor Keenan Wynn convinced him to do serious, dramatic roles and he later performed in a live performance on TV, Rod Serling's *Requiem for a Heavyweight* with Jack Palance. Later he had an Oscar nomination for his role portraying the uncle in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Larry Fine (132) was born October 5, 1902, and died January 24, 1975. He was part of the amazing comedy trio, The Three Stooges. Mr. Fine started his career in vaudeville over seventy years ago. Every individual has an interesting story from childhood, that lead them down a new path, and ultimately changed their future. Mr. Fine's life altering story began at age 4, when he was introduced the violin for physical therapy after he suffered a burn injury to his arm. One could assume he began entertaining people at a very young age. The Three Stooges made their first movie, *Soup to Nuts* in 1930 and went onto make 206 movies together. Their legacy of American entertainment still continues into the 21st century.

John Baxter Taylor (107) was born in 1882 and passed away in 1908. Mr. Taylor was captain of Central High's Track Team in 1899 and he was an Interscholastic Champion. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, which was possible from Central at the time, and went directly to the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. While there he continued to run track, was on the U.S. Track team and represented the U.S. at the IV Olympiad in London in 1908. There he won the Gold Medal for the 4 X 400 meter relay, the first Gold Medal ever won by an African-American. Another historic event at the 1908 Olympiad occurred when a teammate, John C. Carpenter was disqualified for obstructing another runner. In protest Mr. Taylor and William Robbins, another teammate, refused to compete, resulting in Wyndham Halswell, a British runner, running alone in the race. As a result of this entire episode, Olympic track rules were changed. Sadly, Mr. Taylor died at age 26 from Typhoid Fever. During his reign, he was felt by many to be the best African-American track athlete.

Alain Leroy Locke (107) (1886 -1954). He graduated in 1902, but is also listed in the records in the 109th graduating class. After graduation he attended the School of Pedagogy, which was associated at the time with Central. That is how he graduated in the 109th class, as the first honored person from the School of Pedagogy. He then attended Harvard University where he graduated 2nd in his class. He became the First African-American winner of the Rhodes scholarship. He spent two years at Oxford where he obtained his Bachelors in Literature. He later returned to Harvard where he obtained his doctorate degree in Philosophy and returned to Howard University where he taught until his death. He also edited a treatise written by Albert Barnes and then became the founder of the Harlem Renaissance movement in America.

Albert C. Barnes (92) was born in 1872 and passed away in 1951. Mr. Barnes was a well known Philadelphian. In 1934, he gave a Barnwell address at Central High entitled, "The Art of the American Negro", which later became a paper edited by Alain Leroy Locke. Barnes Foundation trustee, Steven Harmelin (206), also a member of the Central Hall of Fame, was the representative for the Foundation and Museum. Albert Barnes is best known in the world of fine art for having collected one of the greatest private holdings of twentieth century art and making it available for study. In addition he established an art school that has an international status among art institutions. While in Germany he completed a course in pharmacology and later devised an antiseptic of silver nitrate, marketed as Argyrol, allowing him to amass great wealth. With this fortune, he collected notable masterpieces of Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso and other famous artists.

Samuel S. Fels (72) was born in 1860 and died in 1950 at the age of 90. He was a very well known Philadelphian. Judge Ida Chen, president of the Fels Foundation, represented the Fels Family Foundation in his place. Mr. Fels had two grandsons who graduated from Central High School, one of whom was in attendance, Robert Briselli (234), and his older brother, Dr. Michael F. (225). Mr. Fels was the first president of his family's manufacturing business in 1914. He earned great wealth, which he used generously creating the Samuel S. Fels Fund, which continues to support a wide variety of non-profit organizations in Philadelphia. Notable organizations include: the Hebrew Immigrant Society (HIAS), the Federation of Jewish Charities, and the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal. In 1938, he created the Fels Research Institute, which conducted the Fels Longitudinal Study. Other gifts to the city have been: The Fels Planetarium and a commissioned violin concerto from the famous composer, Samuel Barber.

Daniel Guggenheim (66) was born in 1856, and died in 1930. Mr. D. Guggenheim went into the family business called S. Guggenheim and Sons, a mining and smelting business. In the early part of the twentieth century, his success with his contacts with J.P. Morgan, in connection with the National Security League, took the United States from a position of neutrality into World War I. Later, as a result of his son, Harry, a pilot, he developed a strong interest in aeronautics. In 1922, he founded the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation with a grant of 2.5 million dollars, in addition to numerous research grants to prominent universities. He is also a member of the National Mining Hall of Fame.

Simon Guggenheim (89) was born in 1867, and died in 1941. Simon was the younger brother of Daniel Guggenheim. Richard Hatter, the Director for Development and Public Relations at the Simon Guggenheim Foundation proudly attended the 15th Induction Ceremony in his memory. Mr. S. Guggenheim attended Pierce Business School where he learned his business acumen. He then moved to Colorado where he served six years as a United States Senator. After his son died of mastoiditis, in 1925, in his memory he established the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation with a grant of 3 million dollars. Today that foundation is still flourishing and there are scholarships given out every year at graduation to Central students. Furthermore, there are 99 Nobel Laureates who have been prior recipients of scholarships through the foundation. In fact, some of the Hall of Fame recipients tonight have received scholarships in the past from this foundation.

Thomas Eakins (38) was born in 1844, and passed on in 1916. Mr. Eakins was known as one of America's most distinguished portrait artists. After graduating from Central High, he attended and graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. He received additional training at the world-famous Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. He continued to hone his skills by studying anatomy at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. His famous medical portrait is "The Gross Clinic", which was recently purchased by the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The Alumni archives of Central, actually owns an original portrait of Eakins, who was Central's second President, John Seely Hart. It was given as a gift in about 1902, by an alumni, to the Central's alumni. ■■

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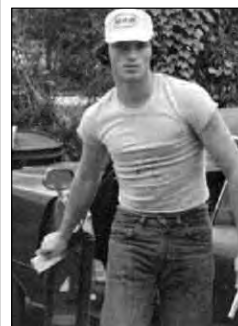
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Bruce Yasgur, 216

It's mid-September. I'm writing from our summer cottage in Downeast Maine. The Second International Schoodic Stone Sculpture Symposium is about to wrap up here. I've become a fan of this most visceral art form and have made friends with sculptors from across the world: the Republic of Georgia, Germany, Egypt, Turkey and France, as well as the U.S.

The towns around here get together to support this biennial event: Each town raises money to supply the equipment, raw material (there are lots of quarries around) and travel, and to pay the sculptors for their efforts. In return, each participating town gets a monumental work of art to place in the town center, a park, or even the surf right off the town beach.

This provides so many advantages that it's hard to know where to start. It brings art directly to the communities. We get to know artists from distant nations as people much like ourselves. We learn about their homelands, languages and customs.

All of us, young and not so young, learn about different ways to succeed in life. Maybe stone carving isn't for all of us, but it represents a calling that has now entered our personal and collective consciousness. Our choices have been expanded. We might still pursue careers in medicine, law, music, construction, education, accounting or fishing, but we've become aware of a whole new array of possibilities.

Most of all, we watch our new friends as they go about their work: selecting stones and splitting them into pickup truck-sized monoliths; then more splitting, drilling, chiseling, cutting and polishing. Slowly, each work takes on the form that only its creator sees within the rock once the excess is removed.

Each artist's approach is unique. Some fashion the stone into an image that's in the sculptor's mind alone. Others coax the stone to offer up its essence. In every case, each rock attains a destiny beyond that for which it was originally created. This awareness must be immensely satisfying. The sculptors spend a lot of time smiling.

What does this have to do with you and me? I've gained a new appreciation for the interaction between nature's gifts and man's abilities. If you were here, you'd probably wonder with me what we can achieve if we all let ourselves pursue our dreams, and how we can expand our dream catalogues so that we know which dreams we truly want to pursue.

Contact me at byasgur@snip.net to share your own insight or story, to comment, or to suggest ways to bring such an event to your town or to our alma mater. Maybe you are, or know of, a sculptor or a student who'd like to apply for the next symposium in 2011. Please let me know.

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181 — A wonderful article about our classmate **David Pincus** appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer recently. It reviewed all of the great charitable work that he had done over many years and in particular his devotion to charitable works here in Philadelphia.

Our classmate **Dr. Walter Cohen** was recently awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Laws.

192 — **Rabbis Robert Layman and Fred Kazan (195)** were honored last year on the 50th anniversary of their ordinations from the Jewish Theological Seminary at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly held in Jerusalem in February 2009.

198 — On Tuesday, February 9 of this year several classmates held an unofficial reunion at the Bova Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. **Dr. Bill Greenfield; Jules Kay**, with wife Connie; **Mel Dion** and wife Helene, **Jerry Cooke** and wife Gerry; **Howard Rosenfeld** and wife Rhoda, **Carl Segal** and wife Helene; and **Bernie Gross** and wife Harriet all had a great time.

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202 — The class is sponsoring a Holocaust Day at Central sometime in the spring. **Les Wurtele** says the class is trying to find graduates who are survivors. Email punnims@comcast.net or chsalumnlph@aol.com, or call the alumni office only if you don't have email.

204 — Classmate and retired CHS teacher **Burt Fogelman** has arranged for representatives of the Tuskegee Airman to speak at Central in the Spain Conference Center on Friday March 5, 2010 from 8:30-3:00. Buffet will be provided. Further info call Burt at 215-473-8339.

Class president **Art Magilner** has retired from Radiology after 43 years. Plans to play more tennis, travel and more volunteering, especially with Habit for Humanity and work on 204th Class Reunions.

208 — **Joel N. Myers**, CHS Hall of Famer, founder and president of AccuWeather Inc. and current Penn State trustee and alumnus, has committed \$2 million to help ensure Penn State's continued international leadership in meteorology, University President Graham B. Spanier announced at the Board of Trustees meeting today. The gift will support the Department of Meteorology's weather center including its new facility on the sixth floor of Walker Building on the University Park campus. It is the largest gift ever made to the department and among the largest ever received for programs in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. In recognition of Myers' generosity, the new weather facility will be named "The Joel N. Myers Weather Center."

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214 — Ronald B. Glazer has joined the law firm of Kaplin Stewart as a partner in its Real Estate Practice Group. Ron previously was a senior partner of Wolf Block's Real Estate Practice Group. He has held prestigious positions in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. A member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the International Council of Shopping Centers and Community Association Institute's College of Community Association Lawyers, he is a graduate of Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is the author of Pennsylvania Common Interest Community Association Law and Practice.

216 — Paul S. Cherry retired in October as an assistant public defender in Florida. He and his wife, Hilary, welcome CHS classmates to call if they are near their Sarasota home, (941-921-2044). Paul displays his class pride on his car with the license plate CHS 216.



226 — Edward Weber, was the lead author of "Netter's Concise Radiologic Anatomy". Since the publication of that book in July of 2008, it has earned a spot on the recommended reading lists of various medical schools, including Stanford and Harvard. In 2009, editions of the book in Portuguese, French, Spanish, and Italian have been released, and translations are underway for Greek, Turkish, Polish, and Mandarin Chinese editions. In the spring of 2010, a new book, "Medical Imaging of Normal and Pathologic Anatomy" will be published, with Dr. Weber as coauthor.

228 — Robert Covelli's novel Black Sheep is available as an e-book or a print-on-demand volume. An idea book and an action book and called "exciting and provocative", Black Sheep dramatizes meaningful change.

239 — Frank W. Szabo was appointed as Pennsylvania State coordinator for the We The People Congress, which has called for the historic Continental Congress 2009 being convened this November. Go to www.GiveMeLiberty.org for more information.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel

We have just completed a major expansion of the Advanced Placement opportunities available to students at Central High School. After interaction with the Regional Superintendent it was mutually decided that we could and should increase the level of difficulty and curricular rigor present at Central High School. Our staff, students and parents have all been incredibly diligent and supportive of this major change. After significant discussion, exploration and questioning we have now added almost 500 young people to the ranks of those students taking Advanced Placement coursework and subsequently, the examinations. It brings the total number of students involved to almost 1100.

For those of you who may not be aware, A.P. curricula are nationally based under the auspices of the College Board. Difficult examinations assess the degree of learning for students and correspondingly help staff and administration make decisions. There is a two week examination period in May when young people across the country and throughout the world take the same examinations on the same dates. The School District merits significant kudos in terms of its support for this endeavor. Not only is the School District picking up the cost of the examinations (\$80.00 each) but will also be purchasing texts for both the new courses and the additional students becoming involved. I commend and congratulate both our Regional Superintendent and those others within the School District who have given us support in this endeavor. Any opportunity that we have to increase the level of academic demand and strength of our curriculum is a positive development. When Central students are given the opportunity to compete nationally they shine and show their scholarship and exceptional diligence. This has been a very positive, although exhaustive, process and I just felt it would be helpful for Alumni to know. ☐☐

NOTE FROM A YOUNG GRADUATE

Dr. Pavel,

What Central provided not only "worked" for me, but for many other people as well. I'm pretty sure former Central students at Penn can come to a conclusion and say, "Yes, we miss Central and Central prepared us well." During my days at Central, I did many extra curricular activities along with the hectic academic schedule and I learned to "make time" for my interests. I continue to do so at Penn. Besides working in the lab that I worked at during high school, I decided to join yoga and dance lessons from professional instructors. I am part of the Red Cross community and actually, I will be a judge at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, a fair that Central students will participate in. I would like to continue my contribution to the science competitions; before, I was a competitor and now, a judge. It's ineffable how Central positively impacted our lives.

My sister Jessica Yee is now an 8th grader and she witnesses how less stressed I am now that I am in college. She always asks me, "How come back then in Central you would always do homework and you barely played games with me?" I answered back, "If you are lucky enough to get your acceptance letter from Central in several months, you can discover the answer yourself in the next four years. Words can't express it."

And yes, Dr. Pavel, my words can be published in an alumni venue. Is it possible that I see it after it is published? And if anything, you can email me and I would be glad to stop by and help Central in any way. Hopefully, I'll see you next time.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Yee, 268th Class

REUNION CORNER

55th Reunion of the 204th Class—Friday, May 21, 2010, at the Society Hill Sheraton. Contact Art Magilner at <mailto:amagilne@temple.edu> or 215-885-5840.

181st Class will hold its 66th consecutive annual reunion—May 27th, 12 p.m., at the Union League on South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. It should be noted that our class has had a reunion every year since we graduated.

183rd Class, 65th reunion—May 7th, 2010. Contact Dr. John Senior, 301-796-0537.

213th 50th Reunion—May 1, 2010; Location: Bala Country Club, Bala Cynwyd, PA. For more information, please contact Lee Ginsburg at leeginsburg@gmail.com or David Cook, MD at dgc42@comcast.net.

214th Reunion—October 15-17, 2010; Contact: Stephen H. Green (214), 2005 Market St (24th Floor), Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-751-1920, FAX 267-773-5431; <mailto:sgreen@dolchin.com> or sgreen@dolchin.com

230th Class 40th-year Reunion—March 5, 2011. For more information, please contact Larry Plotkin Implotkin@kahunamail.net

234th Class, 40th-year Reunion—Saturday June 12, 2010. Contact Kevin Stepanuk at Kevin.stepanuk@exeloncorp.com

239th Class will be holding its 35th-year reunion—October 9-10, 2010—and it's more casual this time! Details will be available via either our 150+ member Facebook Group Page (named "Central High School Class of 1980 - 239 is fine") or e-mail the Class Rep. Rudy Cvetkovic at rudy69@msn.com.

CLASS REPS ROSTER

Barry Rosenberg, 229

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. If no one is listed for your class and you have information in this regard, or are willing to serve in this capacity, **please contact Barry Rosenberg at (856) 428-7111**. If you do not have your class representative's phone number or address, you can contact **Barry Rosenberg, call the Alumni Association office at (215) 927-9550 or e-mail the Association at chsalumniph@aol.com**.

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LIFE-SAVING ADVICE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

William Feldman, 269

October was National Fire Prevention Month, and daylight saving time arrived in March. This is when you changed your clocks, but what about your smoke detector batteries?

Well, if you haven't changed those batteries and are in the process of reading **The Alumni Journal—Spring 2010 edition**, online, please put your laptops down for a few minutes and check those batteries right now — and then return to your Central Alumni Journal to catch up on all the great news.

This little reminder could save your life, as well as your family's. This is as important, if not more important, than eating healthy, exercising and getting yearly physical exams.

First and foremost, smoke detectors should be located outside each sleeping area and on every additional level. Here are some other good suggestions to follow when thinking about your smoke detectors:

- Check your smoke detector at least once a month.
- If your smoke detector starts chirping or beeping off and on, change the batteries right then and there. Do not procrastinate.
- Make sure you will hear the smoke detector if it goes off.
- Avoid getting any paint or dust on your smoke detector.
- Replace all smoke detectors after 10 years.
- If a smoke detector goes off unexpectedly in your home, get out of the house. Call 911 from a

neighbor's home. Important side note: Smoke alarms sometimes can be fooled by cooking or steam. If yours repeatedly activates when there is not fire, it may need to be moved a few feet away where it is not in the path of cooking vapors. It may also have insects in it, so you should take it down and vacuum it out. If it continues to activate, replace it.

- It is recommended that you should make sure that the smoke detector you choose has been tested by an independent testing laboratory.
- Another article stated that smoke detectors installed in a new house will be operated from the household electrical power and do not need battery replacement. These types all have a "power on" light to tell you that the detector has power. It also mentioned that fires do not generally affect the power until they get very large, so it is rare that such detectors fail to work due to a loss of power.

For more information on this topic, visit my source at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/smkalarm.html>

It would be a great idea to install a carbon-monoxide detector, too. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas and can kill you before you are aware that your home may have a leak. It can build up from appliances that do not get enough ventilation, including ranges, ovens, clothes dryers, furnaces, fireplaces, grills, space heaters, vehicles, and water heaters. Motor vehicles left running in garages are the most common cause of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Be aware that the average life span of many carbon-monoxide detectors is about two years. For more info on this topic visit my source at <http://chemistry.about.com/od/howthingswork/a/codetectors.htm> or www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html

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