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Central Catholic Hall of Fame Honors

Two Hall of Fame Inductions were held at the Saint Mary's/Central Catholic All School Reunion on July 26th, 2008.

Jack McGowan, '51, was inducted into the **Alumni Hall of Fame**.

Jack was born in Greeley, Nebraska and received his early education in Saint Paul's Grammar School in San Francisco. His family returned to Grand Island and Jack graduated from Saint Mary's in 1951.

Serving the United States Air Force, Jack was honorably discharged in 1954. He then attended Creighton University from 1955-57. He received a BS from Idaho State University in 1959.

Jack and Dee Kowaleski were married in 1956. Their six children, all GICC graduates include: Tom '76, David '77, Shaunna '79, Jacqueline '81, Deidre '83 and J.J. '93.

Our Jack McGowan has faithfully served Grand Island Central Catholic since the 1980's selling Pickle Cards to mid-Nebraska. His quiet work but firm commitment as our salesman has maintained the Central Catholic Foundation and provided much needed funds throughout the years.



Jack (51) and Dee McGowan

Hugh Brandon was inducted into the **Honorary Hall of Fame**.

Hugh was born in Hays Spring, Nebraska and graduated from Sidney Saint Patrick's High School. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Chadron State.

He served the United States Air Force from 1964-1968.

Hugh married Fran Shomler in Madison, Wisconsin in 1966. Their four children are Central Catholic graduates; Mike '89, Kelly '90, Erin '93 and Sean '95.

Hugh has spent 36 years in education at Assumption Academy in Chadron, Hays Springs, and later Saint Libory. Hugh's time at GICC began in 1978 through 1990 when he served as principal/superintendent.

The administrative style of Hugh Brandon steered Central Catholic through good and difficult times. With integrity and compassion for all he demonstrated that any sacrifice was well worth the effort to preserve the school he loves. With humor and reassuring words he guided the students he loved at GICC, earning him their "Velvet Hammer Award."



Hugh and Fran Brandon

June/July Memorials

- Donald Chalupa
- Joe Feeny
- Randy Jones
- Lindy Kanouff
- Bill Katen
- Dave Katen
- Jane Katen
- Eric Kayl
- Gary Kayl
- Charlie McBride
- John Mueller, Sr.
- Jeannette Poplau
- Donna Powell
- Alfred Rasmussen
- Eugene Roach
- Norvella Schlogel
- Ohleen Swanson
- David Walkowiak
- Roberta Willey
- Bev Yount

Memorial Gifts are placed in the Central Catholic Foundation Endowment. Only the interest, earnings and gains are used each year to support Grand Island Central Catholic

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Central Catholic Board Members serve three-year terms with a maximum two terms.

Thanks to our Foundation Board Members for their unwavering dedication, care and concern for Central Catholic.

The 2008 Knight at the Kentucky Derby Dinner and Auction



The 2008 Knight will be held on November 22nd at Fonner Park in the Event Center.

There are fifteen corporate sponsors to date. These sponsors are listed below with the number of years they've participated:

Ag Express Electronics and Ron's Music 2 years
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U Save Pharmacy 10 years
Wachovia/Dan Govier 3 years
Wells Fargo 11 years

Foundation News

- The 2008 All School Reunion was held on Saturday, July 26th in the new Central Catholic Athletic Center. A prime rib dinner was served by Whitefoot Catering to the 300 alumni and guests attending. A program followed including Hall of Fame inductions. The dance with the *Rumbles* began at 8pm.

Special thanks to the Fine Arts Club for serving as hostesses, Pat and Julie Kayl, Greg and Mary Logsdon, Mike Rohweder, Chuck and Chris Pfeifer, Cathy and Floyd McMullen, Kate and Jeremy Mueller, Mike Robison, Pat McGuire, Walt Scheel, Jerry Starkey, Rod Hammond, Bill Schultz, Fernando Alvarado, Zach Schroeder, Curtis Gnewuch and Spencer Fahey.

Also, special thanks to **Whitefoot Catering** for an unforgettable meal and **Jeff Richardson from Balz Sports Bar** for keeping everyone refreshed.

- The 2008 Central Catholic Foundation Golf Tournament will be held at Riverside Golf Club on Friday, August 29th. The shotgun start will be at 12:30pm. Dinner will follow in the clubhouse. Cost of the tournament is \$115 per person (including dinner) and \$15 for any extra dinners. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament benefit the Endowment.
- Central Catholic Grandparent and Special Friends Day will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 8:15.

Race to the Finish Line... Building the Faith Capital Campaign



Challenge Goal **\$4,000,000**
Pledged or Paid to Date **\$ 3,682,864**
To Complete Challenge **\$ 317,136**

602 Pledges to Date

Do you and your loved ones have your "brick" yet on the Crusader Wall of Honor?

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