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Bethlehem Catholic High School – Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter
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Our 50th Reunion News!

Friday, September 18, 2020 reunion at the Steel Club.

Saturday, September 19, 2020, home football game with a tented reception area and

Sunday, September 20, 2020, possible mass at school in the chapel followed by continental breakfast. We're still working details for Saturday and Sunday events.

What/Who would you like to see at the reunion?

A Class trivia contest? Who has most kids, grandchildren? (Great grandchildren?)
What classmate's last name is the name of a Women's Clothing line? Short bios of classmates? "Ancestry.Beca" > How many people in your family graduated from Beca?
Were your parents Becahi grads and/or are you a parent of a Becahi grad?

Hey, Other Class years, what were some of your reunion activities?

Time to share ideas. Let me know jobisob1@yahoo.com I'll mention the ideas in a future newsletter.

June TBD, 2020 Baccalaureate mass as 50-Year Graduates.

Please remember Jeannine Becker McGrane's husband in your prayers

James Matthews McGrane of Seabrook Island, SC, entered into eternal rest on July 10, 2019.

This month I heard from...

...Frank Posivak '54, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Geri Jancosko Morykan '61, Maureen Dressen '65, Ginny Check Seaman '67, Joe Gasper '67, Pat Iampietro '67, Bob Brown '69, Fran McGouldrick '69, Mike Dominguez '74, Chuck Keeler '74, Sally Kammetler '78, Dan Reisteter '78, Kim Carrodo-Pulley '79, Ron Koach '79, Laura McNichol Fleck '81, Laura Gadbois Berger '90, and Carlos Barata '10

From our class, I either saw or heard from **Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Jim Fink, Sue Fischer Dever, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Betsy Horvath Kane, Tina Hudak, Corliss Kuzmin Reed, Mike Lynch, Dan Perrett, Sue Peters Crawford, Tommy Sculley.**

Thanks for your messages...they keep me motivated

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Becahi Alumni now number over 13,200

Welcome and Congratulations to 177 scholars who joined the ranks of the Becahi Alumni Society at graduation ceremonies held June 4th! Eleven members from the Class of 1969 were also in attendance, as they marked the 50th anniversary of their graduation. (Their graduating class was the largest with 276 scholars.)

The 177 graduates, who received close to \$ 8.5M in scholarships, are headed off to more than 84 destinations including two-year and four-year colleges, employment opportunities and the US. Marine Corps. We wish them the very best!

The number of Becahi graduates now number over 13,200, based on my unofficial records. Over the years I've been able to collect those names and class years through multiple external sources, like, newspaper "clippings", e-mails, phone calls, one-on-one meets, yearbooks, LinkedIn and Becahi publications such as Tidings, Talon, Brown & Gold, and such.) I have names back to the first graduating class of 1927. It may not be complete and 100% correct, but it's probably >99% accurate.

"I wanna be in that number..."

Becahi Alumni Relations & Social Media Manager Named

I received a message that Carlos Barata '10, has been named Alumni Relations & Social Media Manager at Becahi. Carlos is a first-generation Portuguese-American, resident of South Bethlehem, PA (born and raised), parishioner of Holy Infancy and St. Ursula's, graduate of SS Cyril & Methodius Parochial School, and a Lafayette College alum with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music and Anthropology/Sociology. As a faith-driven, service-oriented communications professional, Carlos has helped developed brands, events, educational programs, special projects, and partnerships in a variety of non-profit industries on the east and west coasts, including Miller-Keystone Blood Center, Lehigh Valley Arts Council, Bethlehem Farmers' Market, and ArtsQuest to name a few.

He'll be working closely with Holly, Connie, and Tina in the Advancement Office and will be supporting the Administration in engaging and re-engaging Alumni through events, communications, volunteering, digital media, and much more.

Welcome aboard, Carlos!

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Seventy-Five Year Reunion The Class of 1944

I'm not sure if any of the 50 members of the Class of '44 got together to commemorate this milestone year, but I'd like to remember them with a "virtual" class reunion by presenting their names. Please read each one, pause and reflect.

Frank Adams *	Mary Gallagher Day	Margaret O'Donnell (Sr. Saint Urban, SSJ)
Anne Baca Calvo	Theresa Glancy Kline *	Patrick O'Donnell
(Rev.) John Bartos *	Frank Gorski *	Veronica Perkins
Marie Belgrash	Anne Hartigan Murphy	Mary Posivak Shannon *
Rose Bender Gimpert *	(Sr.) Evelyn Marie Hartnett, OSF *	Rosemary Quigney
Mary Jane Bold	Mary Harvilla Minarik *	Anna Rabel Stroble *
James Conahan *	Bernice Karabin Wilk *	Kathryn Reitmeir Fair
Anne Marie Cunningham *	Dorothy Kauker Hahn *	Frances Rodgers Bragg *
Angelina Delia Curatola *	William P. Kirk *	Geraldine Rohs Hoag
Pauline Demyan Ortwein *	Theresa Kline *	John J. Ryan *
Lucille Dick, (Sr. Mary Cuthberta, IHM)	Edward Knipe *	Olive Schaffer Schmidt
Genevieve DiStalio Bonser *	Elizabeth Madl DeAngelis *	Rosemarie Taglang Sullivan *
Joseph Downing *	Geraldine McDermott Gilbert*	Frances Tallarico Buragino *
Francis Falatek *	Marie McDonough *	Veronica Turek Perkins
Fred Finger	Walter McNally *	Dolores Wiley Ropos *
Patricia Gaffney Hancharick *	Lorraine Michael DeCrosta	Hilda Windish
Daniel Gallagher *	Frances O'Connell Buckvitz *	* Deceased

Class of '44 Notes:

- 8 Veterans; James Conahan, Anne Marie Cunningham, Joseph Downing, Fred Finger, Dan Gallagher, Frank Gorski, William P. Kirk, Walter McNally
- 4 Religious; John Bartos, Lucille Dick, Evelyn Hartnett, Margaret O'Donnell
- At least 2 were parents of future alums; Anne Baca Calvo, Rosemarie Taglang Sullivan

JOB Notes:

- The list of graduates comes from multiple sources over the years, and may not be complete. I suspect that more of the graduates had children and even grandchildren who attended Beca through the years. I'd love to get their stories.
- I have tried to collect various information on the class members over the years, and my records indicate that there are 17 surviving members of the class, that is to say, I have information on 33 members passing as indicated with the * in the table above. I'd love to hear from anyone with more current information.

Did you know that...

...*At least 32* of us from the Class of 1970 either *had* a parent or *are* the parents of a Becahi graduate?

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Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Seventies – Honor Roll

Over the years, I've tried to collect the names of those who achieved exceptional academic honors as evidenced by their selection as Valedictorians and Salutatorians of our classes. I found some information from publications in the Advancement Office and from my records when I was a guidance counselor at Beca between 1977 and 1980. Here they are and here's where (I think) they continued their success stories...

Year	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
1970	Rick Ressler Princeton University / Harvard Law	Betsy Horvath Carnegie Mellon University
1971	Paul Wilson Princeton University / NYU Law	Sonia Montalvo DeSales University
1972	Ed Hollshwandner Lafayette College	Jane Minarik Cornell University
1973	William Check Lehigh University	Bryan Murphy Lehigh University
1974	Diane Sewald / York College of PA / Drexel University	Rosemary Bortolotto Moravian College / Lehigh University
1975	Bob Donovan Lehigh University	Joe Zator US Military Academy / Villanova Law
1976	Mary Louise Benz Lehigh University	Bob Santo Lehigh University
1977	Gus Evrard U of Pennsylvania / SUNY Stony Brook	Mary Davies Lehigh University
1978	Frances Feigl Harvard / Thomas Jefferson University	Sue Schadl Lehigh University
1979	Terri Guman Lehigh University	Donna Streletzky Penn State University

Save the Date(s)...

Homecoming 2019 is set for September 27 and 28!

Golden Hawk Golf Classic Scheduled for September 13th

The Classic will be held at the Monocacy Course at Bethlehem Golf Club, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem PA 8:00 A.M. shotgun start, 4-man scramble format (registration starts at 7 A.M.) Golf Package \$110 per golfer includes greens fee, cart, golf gift, hot dog and soda at the turn and dinner catered by the Clubhouse Grille.

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Lunch Attendee \$25 Can't make it for golf but still wish to join the festivities? Join us at 12:30 P.M. for lunch, raffle and more!

Golf Plus Package \$135 per golfer includes all of the above PLUS Special Player Package of mulligans, pot of gold registration, and raffle tickets.

Contact Connie Druckenmiller in the Advancement office to reserve your spot or to sponsor this event (or both)! Proceeds benefit the Becahi Athletic Department.

Trivia Night...

...is scheduled for **October 19th**. Come out and test your mental agility. Get together a team and a theme! This is sure to be a wild and fun time. Contact Connie Druckenmiller at (610) 866-0791 ext. 323 or email cdrukemiller@becahi.org to reserve your spot today. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Teams are tables of 8.

Gala Event

Bethlehem Catholic's Gala is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th, 2020**. This will be an event you don't want to miss. Contact your classmates today and have a night-out to benefit your alma mater.

Reunion News...

Come celebrate the **Class of '59's** 60th reunion with your Becahi classmates at a luncheon at the Steel Club in Hellertown, Pa. on **Friday, October 4, 2019** from 1 to 4 pm.

A "**Class of 1967** Turns "70" Get-Together" will be held this fall in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend, **September 27-28**... they'll probably go to the Pig n Swig at the school on Friday night,, attend the football game on Saturday, then get together on Saturday night after the game for drinks and appetizers at a place that has not been determined yet. Final plans being worked and they hope to have more details by the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

The **Class of '79's** 40th Reunion...is set for Saturday, **October 26th** at the Steel Club For more info check, out their Facebook page [Bethlehem Catholic Class of 1979](#)

They are in need of donations for a basket raffle.

For business owners, this is the perfect way to market your business to fellow alumni. For others, this is a great way to support your fellow alumni.

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Donate a gift basket, gift cards or gift certificates from any local or online merchant in any denomination, items we can raffle or combine with others to make gift baskets. Use your imagination! Contact Kim Carrodo-Pulley for more info at: kim@catertome.net or call her at 610-709-7705.

The **Class of 1985**, 35 Year Reunion is set for 8-11 PM on **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, at The Bayou Restaurant in Bethlehem. All other classes are welcome to join us. Any questions, email Sherri Hines at artteacherscsp@gmail.com

Picture from Fortieth Annual Bernie Gallagher Memorial Golf Tournament held July 27th.



Bob Halbreiner '71, Mick Halbreiner '70, Carl Strobl '70, Bernie Gallagher '70, and Tom Sculley '70

I either read or heard that:

Fr. Robert Finlan, former president of Becahi from 2007-2011, celebrated his 25th Jubilee in the priesthood on June 4th. – AD Times 6/20/19

Msgr. Ronald Bocian, former teacher at Becahi from 1977-1983, is the pastor at Divine Mercy parish in Shenandoah. – AD Times 5/16/19

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Fr. Stephen Maco, former teacher at Becahi from 1991-2003, is the pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Bangor. – AD Times 5/16/19

Maureen Dresen '65, retired from Capital Blue Cross in July 2014. Prior to that, Maureen retired from Bethlehem Steel as Director, Benefits Planning and H.R.I.S. in 2002.

Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, was recognized as one of 13 Musikfest volunteers who have pitched in every year since 1984. Bonnie, who worked as a teller at the First National Bank of Allentown for over 40 years, has been on the festival's Green Team since 1984, helping the festival process all the money it collects. – LehighValleyLive.com

Mike Antalics '69, who received a BA from the University of Scranton and JD from George Washington University, is an attorney for O'Melveny & Meyers LLP in Washington, DC. Mike leverages his more than two decades of experience at the Federal Trade Commission to guide clients through the merger clearance process at the Department of Justice and FTC.

Fran McGouldrick '69, retired after 41 years serving as a mathematics teacher at Allentown Central Catholic High School.

“What makes a teacher great?”

“...One of my great teachers, Francis McGouldrick, ... was a no-nonsense, tough-talking teacher. Woe to the student who dared be late to his class. Do poorly on his tests, and you could expect a slamming of the door and a highly theatrical lecture.

He seemed personally offended when the phone rang or an office aide interrupted class, yet we all knew that he was offended not by the person at the door but by the fact that he had to spend a single moment not teaching us. Under the stern exterior lay a kind, caring man who wanted to know who we were and what we were capable of.

Fittingly, at the end of his stern syllabus, he always slipped in a Robert Herrick poem that exhorted us to gather our rosebuds while we may. Math was never my thing, but I loved math class with Mr. McGouldrick. I always knew that he not only wanted me to multiply matrices but also to be my very best self.

Many teachers mistakenly believe that they gain respect if they are relatable and fun. But it's the great teachers who know that students only regard and remember those who hold them to a higher standard, imbue them with the confidence to succeed, settle for nothing less than the best, and employ whatever theatrics, counseling or motivation necessary to achieve it...” – Thomas Emerson, a former student of Fran's, Morning Call, 7/14/14

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Iris Sanchez Cintron '69, serves as a Commissioner on the (PA) Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA) that dedicated to advising the governor on policies and legislation that impact Latino American communities. Iris has recently retired from the Bethlehem Area School District where she served for 37 years as a teacher, counselor, school social worker and administrator.

Jeff Christein '70, who graduated with a BA in Social Studies from Kutztown University, is now employed at the Sands in Bethlehem.

Pat O'Connor Altier '70, is a Senior Residency and Fellowship Program Coordinator for Internal Medicine & Transitional Year at the Office of Medical Education throughout the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Msgr. Nevin Klinger '72, is the pastor of Assumption B.V.M. parish in Bethlehem. – AD Times 5/16/19

Jane Borso Fisk '73, is Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, is affiliated with St. Luke's University Health Network and specializes in Nephrology in Easton.

Victoria Roberts Brind'Amour '73, who received a BS in Environmental Biology from the SUNY, Buffalo, was an Environmental Principal at Sonoco Protective Solutions in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Rosemary Bortolotto Buffington '74, a resident of Stuart, Florida and SBHS (South Bethlehem Historical Society) supporting member, voluntarily adds interments in St. Michael's Cemetery, in Bethlehem to Finadagrave.com. - From the ©Summer 2017 edition of Southern Exposure, the quarterly newsletter of South Bethlehem Historical Society.

Joe Lazorik '74, is a Lehigh Valley Piano Entertainer specializing in Honky-Tonk style playing and Sing-alongs in the Eastern PA & Western NJ areas. With over 40 years professional piano playing experience, he allows his versatile style to adapt to your entertainment needs. – Gigmasters.com

Joe Zator '75, was awarded the NESAs Outstanding Eagle Scout Award at the Minsi Trails Council Court of Honor and Recognition Dinner recently. The award was created to recognize those notable Eagle Scouts who had performed distinguished service in their career. – Morning Call, 7/14/19. Joe is a graduate of the US Military Academy, Villanova Law School, and is a Bechhi Distinguished Graduate. His law firm, Zator Law, is in Allentown.

Valerie Kvederis Creedon '76, who received a BSN from Duquesne University, is Nurse Manager at Lebanon Internal Medicine Associates in Lebanon, PA.

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Mark Nesfeder '76, was the first of the 2017 American Trail Running Association (ATRA) Trail Ambassadors. Mark, from Warrenton, VA, gives back to his trail running community as a runner, coach, and trail advocate. - American Trail Running Association (ATRA) Newsletter, June, 2017

Emil Giordano '77, has joined Norris McLaughlin P.A.'s Litigation Practice Group as co-chair where he will focus on commercial litigation and mediation and arbitration. - Morning Call, 7/28/19

Bill Lund '77, CPA, provides services such as Investment Adviser, Personal Financial Planning, Small Business Accounting, Tax - Consulting, Tax - Corporate, Tax – Individual in Bethlehem.

Michele Palos-Samsi '77, PA-C, joined Miriam Medical Clinics in September 2015 as the Physician's Assistant, having over 15 years of experience working with the marginalized, uninsured people of Philadelphia. Since retiring from Health Care in early 2017, Michele has served as an active Board Member for Miriam. Believing that every person deserves dignified, quality medical care, she co-founded a family practice medical clinic in the Germantown section of the city in 1999, which served thousands of uninsured patients until its closing in 2014. Michele is a graduate of Hahnemann/Drexel University's physician assistant program and in 2011 received the alumni award for service to the community. - www.miriammedical.org

Msgr. Edward Domin '78, is the pastor of St Catherine of Siena parish in Reading. - AD Times 5/16/19

Dan Reisteter '78, shared his experience from a weekend spiritual retreat at the at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in the Wernersville, PA (Berks County). The spiritual journey of reflection and peace is one that he recommends we all take at some point in our lives. (Good idea, Dan. Perhaps a class retreat... in between reunion years or even as part of a reunion weekend.) - Dan is Vice President, Government Relations at Pennsylvania Bankers Association in Harrisburg.

Karen Donovan Rich '80, a graduate of the University of the Arts with a BFA in Dance, is the Owner and Director of the Accent School of Dance in Allentown. With more than thirty years of teaching experience, Karen teaches children's work, tap/jazz combo classes and Jazz/Lyrical production classes.

Catherine Kaminski Barbella '81, is the Manager of Corporate & Residential Accounting at NAI Summit in Allentown. Catherine has been with NAI Summit for over 20 years and is a graduate of King's College with her Bachelor degree in Accounting. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley and serves as the Treasurer. - naisummit.com

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Geraldo Matos '82, who received a BA in Communication & Business from the University of Pittsburgh, an MBA in Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a PhD in Business Administration – Marketing from the University of Rhode Island, is Assistant Professor of Marketing at the Mario J. Gabelli School of Business of Roger Williams University. – www.rwu.edu

Dr. Cheryl A. Morykan Hancock '83, owner of CORE Physical Therapy in Danville, VA, was recently selected as an Honored Member of Trademark WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONORS EDITION 2019.

Dr. Suzanne Sartori '84 is a pediatric emergency medicine physician in Norfolk, Virginia. She received her medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Dr. Cromwell Estrada '88, is a practicing Family Practitioner in Allentown. Dr. Estrada graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996 and has been in practice for 23 years. He completed a residency at St Luke's Hospital Program. He currently practices at St. Luke's Total Family Health Care, and is affiliated with St. Luke's Hospital Allentown Campus. – www.sharecare.com

Dr. Dominic P. Rachiele '89, attended Bucknell University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology. Dr. Rachiele received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from Temple University School of Dentistry. He completed his residency in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He is board certified in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Dental Society. - stlukesoralfacialsurgeons.com

Laura Gadbois Berger '90 participated in the Slap Out Epilepsy Hockey Clinic in June. This was a charity event with the goal of benefitting the mission of the young leaders affected by epilepsy by making a change in their own community and building strength through support, advocacy, and outreach. Laura joined New York Rangers Chris Kreider and Jimmy Vesey, Florida Panther Frank Vatrano, Brown University's Ed Kesell, and Olympians, Chanda Gunn, Kali Flanagan, Cayla Barnes, and Kendall Coyne Schofield, all personally affected by epilepsy.

"By volunteering, I am able to share my own personal epilepsy journey with young adults. One cannot imagine the struggles children and young adults face with an epilepsy diagnosis. Receiving a diagnosis of pediatric epilepsy can be challenging because the consequences are not restricted to neurobiological and physical domains; epilepsy can also negatively impact the emotional and social functions of kids. By being a mentor, I show one can have a career, fall in love and have a fulfilling life" – Laura Gadbois Berger '90

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Ezra Acopian '98, a graduate of Lafayette College, is the manager of purchasing and facilities at the Melbourne, FL plant of Acopian Technical Co., “The Power Supply Experts.”

Ed Nickles '00, is the owner of Nickles Building and Design, LLC, a design/build firm located in Bethlehem, specializing in residential and commercial finishing and renovations.

Jennifer Lopez '16, who is pursuing a BS in Communication Sciences and Spanish at Lebanon Valley College, completed a week of service in Peru in May. She lived in Misminay, a remote village in the Andes Mountains, for most of the trip, taught English to children and built and planted a greenhouse to establish a sustainable community food source. – Bethlehem Press 6-25-19

Recent College Graduates – Bethlehem Press

- **Ellyn Wertman '09**, received an AA in General Studies from Northampton Community College.
- **Patrick Mergel '14**, received an MBA in Accounting from the University of Scranton.
- **Tara Wood '14**, received a BA in Education from Alvernia University.
- **Katie Altpeter '15**, received a BS in Business and Economics, majoring in Marketing, from Lehigh University.
- **Peter Demyan '15**, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Moravian College.
- **Seyeon Park '15**, received a BS in Business and Economics, majoring in Business Information Systems and Supply Chain Management, from Lehigh University.
- **John Spirk '15**, received a Bachelor of Science from Moravian College.
- **Lauren Vargas '15**, received a BA in Biology and Health, Medicine and Society, from Lehigh University.
- **Jason Ahing '17**, received an AS in Engineering from Northampton Community College.

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We're Almost there...

The Angels for Alex are (still) coming!

Last September we set out to help Alex Tucker, a Becahi student who lost his father in 2010 and his mother to cancer last July, raise money to complete his education at Beca. (Tuition is \$10,200/year). I am pleased to report that **\$7,886 has been raised to date.** (Please note we inadvertently misreported on this last month, including a gift in error ...apologies.) We're almost at our goal of \$10,200. **Let's show Alex how much the alumni cares for our current students.** If you have been thinking about helping out, now is your chance. Please know that each gift is important. No gift is too small, but a sacrificial gift is greatly appreciated and will compensate for those not in a position to donate at this time.

If you are willing to commit to a pledge with a one time or recurring payment, the Advancement Office notes that there are many ways you can donate to Alex Tucker's Bethlehem Catholic High Schools tuition and become an Angel Sponsor:

1. Call the Advancement Office and pay with a credit card. Call Tina Giordano at (610) 866-0791 ext. 321 and pay with a credit card. **Be sure to say that this is for Alex Tucker's Tuition.**
2. Use this link to donate using our online form - all major credit cards are accepted. Click the link <https://becahi.org/advancement/> and then click on "Donate Today!". **Be sure to note in the "Tribute" field - Alex Tucker.**
3. Mail a check payable to "Bethlehem Catholic High School" to "Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. **Be sure to note "Alex Tucker's Tuition" on the subject line.**
4. Or, stop by the Advancement Office at Bethlehem Catholic High School if you wish to pay with cash and say hello!

Below is a bit more information about Alex.

Alex Tucker just completed his junior year and has three older siblings who also attended Beca. He has achieved Honors each quarter, was on the wrestling team and is described as respectful and conscientious with amazing potential. He works part time, loves sports in general and the Philly sports in particular. Alex's mother Mary passed away from brain cancer on July 23, 2018. She was predeceased by Alex's father, Brian Tucker, who passed away on May 2, 2010 at the age of 53. For a student who has lost both parents, the Bethlehem Catholic family and the spiritual strength that a Catholic Education offers provide stability and strength. Freshman Guidance Counselor, Kathy Henry, said, *"I watched Alex grow up while working at Notre Dame of Bethlehem School. Now at Becahi, I see what an awesome young man he has become. Alex is a humble, thoughtful, and kind person due to the love and guidance he received from his parents, Mary and Brian, and the influence of his brothers and sister. There are people in our lives who are more than friends. They are like family. Alex is that kind of person to our community. He is a special part of our Becahi family."*

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Theresa Sabol Karabin	1945	7/21/19	92
Maryann Bowe Rich	1957	7/03/19	79
Mary Duffy Hasenecz	1969	7/27/19	69

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Marjorie Anderson, mother of **Mike '78, Anne '80, Stephen '83** and David, on 7/7/19
- † **Maryann Bowe Rich '57**, sister of **Kathleen '59** and **Virginia '65**, and former wife of **Junie '51**, on 7/03/19
- † **Theresa Sabol Karabin '45**, wife of **George '41**, mother of **Greg '69, Chris '74, Drew '79**, and Debbie on 7/21/19
- † James Matthews McGrane, husband of **Jeannine Becker McGrane '70**, on 7/10/19
- † Robert Sopko, Sr., husband of **Anna Fabian Sopko '47**, on 7/31/19
- † Dorothy Tanczos, mother of **Mike '78, Mark '81, Dan '83 and Dave '85**, and grandmother of **Zach '08, Kyle '10, Matt '13, Hannah '16, Rachel '17**, Erik, Matthew, and Madison, in late July
- † John Terefinko, father of **Donna '74** and **Jack '78**, on 7/7/19
- † Elizabeth Turzanski, mother of **Mary '72, Ann '73, Mike '74, Elizabeth '76** and **Margaret '77** on 7/10/19
- † Barbara Tuscher, mother of **Tracy '84, Leslie '86, Suzanne '89** and **John '92**, on 4/22/19

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

LinkedIn is an online platform that people use to build social networks with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds or real-life connections. Many of our classmates have profiles on LinkedIn that are viewed by and shared with the public. In future newsletters, some of those profiles of Becahi grads will be posted so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and her alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”). I found the following grads on LinkedIn this year:

Joe Gasper '67, is a retired United States Air Force Officer & a Retired Bank Compliance Officer.

Sue Gorzelic Griffith '68, is Director at PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley in Allentown.

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Mary Magyar Gross '68, who received a BA in Teaching French as a Second or Foreign Language from Moravian College, has been a Higher Educational Administrator and Institutional Registrar at Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

Rich Podlesny '68, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering is now retired in the McCormick, SC area.

Dennis Butler '71, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Nautical Science from the US Merchant Marine Academy, is now a Retired Mortgage Banker in the Knoxville, TN area.

Nancy Fielding Mikitka '71, who received a BS in Library Science from Kutztown University and a Master's Degree in Education from Cabrini College is a Retired School Librarian at Bethlehem Area School District after 41 years of service.

Kathryn Mitchell Seufert '71, who graduated from St Luke's School of Nursing and received an AS in Business Administration from Lehigh Carbon Community College, is Clinical Coordinator at St. Luke's University Health Network and currently retired for the summer months.

MaryAnne Berezny Smith '72, who received a BS in Chemistry from St. Joseph's University, is a Software Architect at Airline Tariff Publishing Co in the Washington, D.C. Metro area

Ed Hollshwandner '72's Valedictorian, who received a BA in Economics from Lafayette College and an MBA from The University of Rochester's William E. Simon School of Business, is President of Document Systems Inc., a niche IBM mainframe (System Z) information access and integration business, in Walnut Creek, CA.

Michael Brady '73, who received a BS in Environmental Engineering from Penn State University, is Principal Environmental Engineer at Gannett Fleming, a global engineering firm offering planning, design, technology & construction services, in Lebanon, NJ.

Bob Labuda '74, who received a BS in Business Finance from Lehigh University, is a senior management consultant with proven expertise in business process improvement, pharmaceutical sales, market development and customer service, and serves as Principal at Bottom Line Impact Consulting, in New Hope, PA.

Tom Palenchar '75, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University, is a Technology Supervisor at DuPont in Charleston, WV.

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Joe Brugger '76, is Account Manager at McKesson Medical-Surgical, a medical distributor of medical supplies, durable medical equipment, surgical supplies, medical lab supplies, and more, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Pete Guidon '76, who received a BS in Microbiology from the University of Notre Dame and a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Connecticut, is Director of R&D, Head of Validation at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in Tarrytown, NY.

John Santanasto '77, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, is now a Retired Director - Information Systems from PPL Corporation.

Jesse Ortiz '78, who served in the US Coast Guard, received a BA in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University and graduated from the LAPD Academy, is now CEO Private Investigator in the greater Los Angeles area.

Donna Stretzky '79's Salutatorian, who received a BA in Speech Communication and an MPA in Health/Health Care from Penn State University, is Vice President of Operations at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, DE.

Vince Chiles '80, who received a BA in Social Welfare from Kutztown University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Arizona State University, is Hospice Supervisor at Covenant Home Care in the Reading, PA area.

Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83, who received a BS in Computer Science from Austin Peay State University, has recently been named Manager of Facilities Operations at The Morton Arboretum in Grayslake, Illinois.

Mike Walchonski '84, who received a BS in Accounting & Finance from Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, is Chief Development Officer at BNI Global, the recognized leader in business networking, and is a Member of the Board of Directors BNI Foundation, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Rachel Bold DiCarlo '85, who is a graduate of Penn State University, is Vice President of Public Relations, American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. in the greater New York City area.

Mike Friedel '86, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and served in the US Army, is Senior Director – Retail Customer Technology Solutions at Albertsons Companies in the San Francisco Bay area.

Karen Kahl '87, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MS in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University, is Director of Transportation at RK&K, a full-service planning, engineering, environmental, and construction management/inspection firm in the Baltimore area.

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Rae Ann Milisits Cook '91, who received a BS in Neuroscience from the University of Scranton and an MS in Quality Engineering from Lehigh University, is Global Head of Operations, World Without Disease Accelerator at Johnson & Johnson in the New Hope, PA area.

Larry Beer '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado – Boulder, an MBA from Webster University, and served in the US Air Force, is an Education Specialist at Department of the Army in the greater Denver area.

Jennifer Vatza '93, who received a BA in Studio Art from the Moore College of Art and Design, is a Certified Aromatherapist at Restorative Aromatics + Web Manager, Economics Department at the University of Pennsylvania.

Laura Chiles Atabala '94, who received a BA in Journalism from Penn State University, is a photographer who loves to capture life as it happens, at Laura Chiles Photographer in the greater Houston, TX area.

Jeff Kemeter '95, who received a BFA from the Columbus College of Art & Design, is an Experienced Graphic Designer and Project Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry, in the Columbus, OH area.

Heather Kreiger '96, who received a BS in Sports Management from DeSales University, is Global Relationship Manager, Biopharma Production Solutions at Avantor, a global manufacturer and distributor of high-quality products, services and solutions to professionals in the life sciences and advanced technology.

Meckenzie Behr '97, who received a BA in Behavioral Neuroscience from Lehigh University and an MPH in Community Health and Prevention from Drexel University, is a Clinical Research Project Manager II at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Roberto Benevides '98, who received a BBA in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Moravian College, is Territory Manager at ENSALES INCORPORATED, which provides experienced technical support and superior customer service for quality manufacturers in the utility and telecommunications industry, in Bethlehem

Kevin Dieser '98, who received an undergraduate degree in Marketing & Speech Communications from Penn State University and an MBA in Strategic Management from Villanova University, is a Lead Learning Consultant at Iron Mountain, a global business dedicated to storing, protecting and managing, information and assets, in the Royersford, PA area.

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Lauren Kingston '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Film Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a JD at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, is Senior Corporate Counsel at Applied Systems in the greater Chicago area.

Amanda Borda Dayer '99, who received a BS in Education/English from Bucknell University, a Masters in Teaching Reading from the University of San Francisco and served as a Peace Corps volunteer, is Teaching and Reading Tutor in Milton, MA.

Stephanie Katra Meyers '99, who received a BS in Elementary and Special Education from Lebanon Valley College and an MS in Literacy from West Chester University, is a Special Education Teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Larry Lam '99, who received a BS in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University and both an MPH and MSW from Temple University, is Director of Clinical Services at Lutheran Services Carolinas in Benson, NC.

Gavin McGeehan '99, who received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Valley Forge Military Academy & College, a BBA in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and served in the U.S. Army, is President at Barker & Barker Paving Co. in Bethlehem.

Hugh Wilson '99, who received a BS in Economics from the United States Naval Academy, is Operations Manager at Amazon in Baltimore.

Paul Bender '00, who received a BS in Finance from LaSalle University and a JD from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, is a Partner at Benner, Trovato & Bender Law Firm in Bethlehem.

Eric Cuvo '00, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering and an MS in Engineering Management from Drexel University, is an Optimization Analyst at Philadelphia Energy Solutions, LLC.

Richard Houck '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Lycoming College and a Master's Degree in Taxation from Villanova University, is Tax Director at AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V., a global leader in the supply of critical materials, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Joshua Gebec '05, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University and who served in the US Army, is Project/Sales Manager for Malozzi Tile & Marble, Inc in Bethlehem.

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Matt Kushner '05, who undergraduate pursuits were in Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies at North Carolina State University, is Account Manager at Smith & Nephew, a leading portfolio medical technology business, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jaclyn Kurtz '09, who received a BS in Psychology from DeSales University, is a Direct Support Professional at LifePath, Inc., in Bethlehem.

Jennifer Kurtz '09, who received a BS in Biology from DeSales University, is a Microbiology Technician at FOCUS Laboratories in Bethlehem.

Carlos Barata '10, who received a BA in Anthropology & Sociology and in Music from Lafayette College, is now the Alumni Relations & Social Media Manager at Becahi.

Christa Irzinski '10, who received a BS in Speech-Language Pathology from Bloomsburg University and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Evan Cowen '12, who received a BS in Business Administration from Monmouth University, is a Consultant at Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management, LLC, in Bethlehem.

Marissa Brewer '13, who received a BA in Musical Theatre from West Chester University, is a Singer/Dancer with JRW Productions at Knoebels Amusement Resort.

Alecia Caballero '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in American/United States Studies from Temple University, is Programming Coordinator at Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites.

Megan Strucko '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Media Studies from The College of New Jersey, is a Negotiator at Mindshare, a global media agency network, in the greater New York City area.

Matthew Manzo '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Information Sciences & Technology from Penn State University, is a Security Engineer at Guardian Life in Bethlehem.

Kiran Singh '14, who received a BS in Finance and Management from Lehigh University, is a Risk and Financial Advisory Consultant at Deloitte in the Washington D.C. Metro Area.

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Kelsey Gimaro '15, who received a BA in Political Science from Temple University, is an Airbrush Technician at SUGARED + BRONZED, the nation's largest body sugaring & airbrush tanning destination, in Philadelphia.

Cuba and the Caribbean! Start your plans for the Third Annual Alumni Cruise... A Reunion at Sea, perhaps?

It's a perfect way to celebrate a class reunion next year, leaves February 17th, 2020 for 8 days! Departure from Miami. More details are in the attached flyer or contact **Angel Rivera '71** for more information 484-241-1059.

Another picture from the Bernie Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing...



Kyle Campbell '72 and Dan Sinnott '73 are all smiles despite their scores. (or maybe *because* of their scores.)

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News about the school from the Advancement Office

Gala Committee Members sought

Bethlehem Catholic High School is looking for alumni interested in serving on our Gala Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. The following Gala Committees are looking for volunteers...

- Acquisitions
- Sponsorship
- Event Day
- Check-Out
- Marketing/Communications

Please contact Connie Druckenmiller at cdruckenmiller@becahi.org to volunteer. Many hands help to lighten the load and make the 2020 Gala the best year yet!

The committee is currently meeting bi-weekly to promote and coordinate our primary fundraising event.

Would you like to give you PA State Tax Dollars to Bethlehem Catholic instead of the government?

Why let the state decide what to do with your tax money? Instead please direct your taxes to the Bethlehem Catholic Scholarship Program.

Many of you are familiar with the Diocesan Special Purpose Entity Program that allows accredited investors to direct their taxes to Bethlehem Catholic in exchange for 90% tax benefit. Now, we have partnered with Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund which allows any person(s) with an income of \$115,000 or a minimum Pennsylvania Tax Liability of \$3,500 to **direct their state taxes to Bethlehem Catholic's Scholarship Program**. The new income guidelines open the door for so many more people to dedicate their state taxes to BECAHI.

It is so simple to participate and have a tremendous impact on Bethlehem Catholic.

1. Look at Line 12 on your Pennsylvania Tax Form to determine your tax liability.
2. Complete the attached Joinder Form with a 2-year commitment. No money is due at this time.
3. Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund will contact you when funding is released in the Fall timeframe and you will send in donation at this time.
4. You will receive a K-1 in January to submit with your taxes, which will provide a 90% tax break to be received in May / June timeframe. This reimbursement can be used for year two of the commitment.

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Please complete the attached form and send to Holly Magalengo at
hmagalengo@becahi.org

There is a very high demand for participation in this program. Forms are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check with your accountant and complete the form to participate

Smile!

Good news! Amazon Smile is now supported in the app. To turn on the Amazon Smile feature and support Bethlehem Catholic when you shop on Amazon using the app follow the instruction at this link:

https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=15576745011&ref=pe_24916680_419253880

If you don't use the app to shop on Amazon Smile continue using the following link each time you shop: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0843210>

Finally, if you are already shopping on Amazon, consider throwing something in the basket from our Charity List at:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/28OSB8EX5WW4S/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

This is a great way to help our school!

A request from our new Alumni Relations & Social Media Manager, Carlos Barata '10...

“As we look forward to improving our social media and website content, testimonials go a long way in getting our mission and values out there, from the people who've experienced and benefited from them first-hand. Some things we're interested in:

What's your favorite/fondest memory of BECAHI?

How did BECAHI prepare you for higher education?

How did BECAHI prepare you for careers?

How did BECAHI help you grow in faith?

How did BECAHI help you become the best-version-of-yourself?

What does BECAHI mean to you?

You can answer one, all, or any combination of the above, send them directly to me at cbarata@becahi.org.

Thanks for your help.”

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The Mascot needs new feathers clothes

Bethlehem Catholic would love to get a new Golden Hawk Mascot costume. We collected throughout the 2018-19 school year and we are very close! If you would like to help us please click on this link

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BethlehemCatholicHighSchool> and select "Donation for New Mascot" in the "Designate Your Gift" field or mail a check to Bethlehem Catholic High School, ATTN: Advancement Office, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 and write "Mascot" in the note section.

Advertise on-line

Alumni, would you like to advertise your business at <https://becahinews.com/> ? You will have business exclusivity since we are only accepting one advertiser per category! Reach over 1,100 monthly local website visitors and local parents in the community while also supporting Bethlehem Catholic High School with 10% of total advertising revenue donated back to the school. Visit <https://becahinews.com/bethlehem-catholic-high-school/advertising> to learn more and reserve your category today or email Holly Magalengo at hmagalengo@becahi.org

Reflection

As we move through life's journey...

*"Sometimes, not often enough,
We reflect upon the good things.
And those thoughts always center around those we love.
And I think about those people
Who mean so much to me.
And for so many years have made me
So very happy.
And I count the times I have forgotten to say thank you
And just how much I love them."* – Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach

And now...

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies, and...

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If you have any stories, comments, concerns, opinions, etc., that you'd like to share, please let us know.

Sincerely,
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