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Our 50th Reunion News!

As part of our reunion planning, Tina Hudak has developed a blog to give you all the information you'll need for planning and attending the reunion. The blog, which will be rolled out shortly, is interactive. Several of those on the committee have already added their bio and we hope that you will too! For those of you who have never used a blog there will be instructions, however you can also shoot an email to one of the committee members and we will get it on the site. The only qualification is that you have to sum up the past 50 years in 125 words or less! Here's my bio as a sample:

John [O'Boyle] is enjoying retirement after 45 years of service in both the educational and business sectors, including 3 years as a guidance counselor at Becahi and 33 years as a multi-functional finance contributor at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ. John has been married to Maureen for 41 years and is blessed with 3 daughters; Erin who lives in Philadelphia, Shannon who lives in Madrid, and Katie who lives in West Berlin (NJ). John and Maureen have resided in Marlton, NJ for the last 33 years.

The time of the football game is still uncertain and won't be decided until near the end of this season. So, stay tuned!

Finally, in an attempt to get information out to each classmate, Mary Jane Bartos Sikonic sent letters to the last known address of about 46 people. Several have already responded.

Once again, the dates are...

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.

June TBD, 2020 Baccalaureate mass as 50-Year Graduates

Please remember Mike Tocci in your prayers.

Mike passed away on September 24th. Say a little prayer for Mike's wife Donna and their children Joshua, Jonathan and Jodi. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

Please say a prayer for Ken Weierbach's mom

Claire Weierbach passed away on September 21st. Also remember Ken's sisters **Susan '69** and **Patricia '81** in your prayers as well.



Please say a few prayers for Josephine Spagnola Ciocco's son Brian

Brian was a shooting victim in July, 2018 and is paralyzed from the waist down. I received a message from Jo recently who wrote that "Brian continues to make progress on a daily basis. Basically, his motto is to never give up. He's made amazing progress for the last 15 months where he actually can get into a standing frame by himself. He has a daily routine of exercises including weights and stretching. Some days are good. And some days are not so good. On the not so good days he struggles through it. With God's help and prayers from our family and friends we continue to hope and pray that he will someday walk. Recently Brian and I spent two weeks in Panama that's the country of Panama while he received stem cell treatment. Hopefully in the next six months or so he will go back to Panama to receive another treatment. It is OK if you share this news with the class in the newsletter. We can use all the prayers and support from our BCHS family." Prayers are already on the way!

This month I heard from...

... Mary Maroney Marzec '51, Fred and Ursula (Majczan) Augello '55, Harry Mitchell '57, Nancy Fistner Verbonitz '59, Charles Wightman '59, Joanne Kramer Horvath '64, Mary Ann Antalics Hoyt '67, John Haggerty '68, Joanne Labdik Csernak '68, Larry Gasda '69, Mark Bacak '71, Bob Halbreiner '71, Angel Rivera '71, Tom Gosse '72, Maria Spagnola '73, Kay Malloy McLane '75, Sally Kammetler '78, Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83, Karen Kahl '87, Lori Powell '87, Karen Moeser Williamson '89, Matt Kurtz '94, Brett Biggs '99, Alyssa Conahan '09

From our class, I either saw or heard from Bobby A, Jackie Angelucci Ortwein, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Kathy Brady Haugh, Dave Cech, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Mary Griffith, Trish Holly Zechman, George and Betsy (Horvath) Kane, Tina Hudak, Kathy Ripper Grasso, and Josephine.

Thanks for your messages...they keep me motivated.

This month's newsletter contains information from 57 Classes!!!

What began as a newsletter for the Class of '70, has evolved in to a more inclusive publication to contain news and information from multiple years... One family. Our family. Becahi.

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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 <u>cbarata@becahi.org</u> Thanks for your help."

Nominations for Distinguished Graduates Still Open

Twenty years ago, Becahi established a platform to recognize a graduate... "who has been successful in their career, has given much to others, and displays what being a "Golden Hawk" is all about:

- Dedicated and successful in their career path
- Serving and getting involved in the community
- Demonstrating values of Catholic education in their achievements"

Fifty-seven persons have been recognized to date. The nomination process is now open for 2020. Follow the link below for more information on the past winners and for the nomination form: <u>https://becahi.org/alumni/distinguished-graduates/</u>

Save the Date(s)...

October 1st – Alumni-Student Mass, 9:45 AM in the auditorium. All are welcome however; you are encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at cbarata@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331. <u>There will be a Meet and Greet the Alumni and Advancement Staff after the mass.</u>



October 19th – Trivia Night... For "Mature" Audiences

Doors open at 6:00PM for this <u>21 and Over</u> event. Round 1 starts at 7:00 PM. 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 <u>cdruckenmiller@becahi.org</u> to reserve your spot today. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Teams are tables of 8. BYOB, food and snacks. Beca supplies the questions and the Judge. You supply the energy and Spirit(s).

November 1st – Alumni-Student Mass, 9:45 AM in the auditorium. All Saints' Day. All are welcome however; you are encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at cbarata@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331.

March 14th 2020 – Gala Event

Bethlehem Catholic's Gala is tentatively scheduled. 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 <u>Friday, October 4, 2019</u> from 1 to 4 pm. Cost of the luncheon is \$40. per person. Make check payable to Mary Ann Moyer, send to her address, 2644 Boyd St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017. Visit the Steel Club's website, it's quite beautiful. The contact is **Nancy Fistner Verbonitz** at <u>tnverb@gmail.com</u>

The **Class of '69** is planning for their **51**st Reunion in the <u>Spring of 2020</u>, after Easter, before Memorial Day. It will be casual. A reunion Facebook page should be up soon, meanwhile, they have a dedicated email, <u>becahi69reunion@gmail.com</u> If any classmate has not received an email yet please contact them at the reunion email address.

The **Class of '79's** 40th Reunion...is set for Saturday, <u>October 26th</u> 6:00 PM at the Steel Club. For more info check, out their Facebook page <u>Bethlehem Catholic Class of 1979</u>

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

I either read or heard that:

I received a nice note from the late **Marcia Miklos Finisdore's, '55** daughter Beth Ann. She said her mom "had fond memories of her time there [at Beca], and she enjoyed the reunions!" (Next year would have been her 65th.)

Georgene Almer Cser '60 and **Theodore Polansky '60** were among the first graduating class of Notre Dame Elementary School in Bethlehem.

Mary Ann Antalics Hoyt '67 has published a collection of humorous essays entitled, "In Heaven There's No Money, No Stuff---and No Porta-Potties." The book is available at the Moravian Book Shop, Amazon, and more. Check out the website: maryannhoyt.com

Janice Yanushka Bunn '73, who received her BS in Biology from Penn State University, is a Research Associate Professor at the University of Vermont.

Angelo Amato '88 is now in his first season as head coach of Beca's girls' soccer team. Good luck, Angelo.

Kaycee Cleveland Palko '95, who has a BA in Political Science from Susquehanna University and an MS in Student Development and Counseling from Northeastern University, is the Staff Council's Communication Chair at Carnegie Mellon University.

Garrett '00 and **Brandon '03 Benner**, recently received approval from the Bethlehem Planning Commission to develop a six-story modern apartment building with a first-floor wine bar on 546-548 N. New Street, just outside the historic district. – Morning Call 8/28/19

Alyssa Antolick-Holdor '01, was named to the DeSales University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017. Alyssa finished her career with 1,531 career points which ranked fourth all-time, and graduated with a BS in Marketing.

Dr. James Kaus '07, is an internist in Nyack, New York and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital and Nyack Hospital. He

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received his medical degree from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. – health.usnews.com

Nicole Chickey '08, who graduated from DeSales University, is the head coach of Cross Country at Becahi. – Bethlehem Press 8/10/18

Monique Woodward '11, earned her BA from Wilkes University, completing a dual major in Integrative Media and Theatre. She recently obtained her MS in Digital Media at Drexel University and is currently a PhD student in the Educational Leadership and Learning Technologies program (at Drexel) with a STEM concentration. https://drexel.edu/soe/academics/doctoral/phd-in-educational-leadership-development-and-learning-technologies/meet-our-students/monique-woodard/

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From the Class of 1970: Those Who Taught Us and Helped Us; Our Teachers and Staff from (Sep) 1966 to (June) 1970: In Grateful Recognition and Remembrance for their Service

(from Yearbooks and my fading memory)

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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, to raise money to complete his education at Beca. (Tuition is \$10,200/year). I am pleased to report that more than **\$8,650 has been raised**. 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.**

Use this link to donate using our online form - all major credit cards are accepted. Click the link <u>https://becahi.org/advancement/</u> and then click on "Donate Today!". Be sure to note in the "Tribute" field - Alex Tucker.
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!

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Frances Yenca Danchak*	1953	4/23/2019	83
George Yellak*	1961	1/28/2019	75
Mike Tocci	1970	9/24/2019	67
Gerry Yasso	1971	8/31/2019	

Recent Passings

* I just found the information



Our Family and Friends Passings

- Cass Camarda, father of Mary Beth '72, Joe '74, Anne '77, and Clare '78, on 9/15/19
- ✤ RoseMarie Fertal, mother of Roseann '79 and George '82, on 9/21/19
- James Kilgour, father of James '77, Maryann '83 and Kevin '86, brother of Robert '34, Irene (Kissel) '36, Kathryn '40, Mary (Freeh) '40, John, Gertrude and Loretta, on 9/03/19
- Bernadine Nastasee, mother of **Adrienne '66**, on 9/04/19
- Debora Sterner, sister of Bill '82, on 9/08/19
- Claire Weierbach, mother of Susan '69, Ken '70 and Patricia '81, on 9/21/19
- ✤ Joseph Yoo, who served in the maintenance department from 1979 until 2005, passed away on 9/05/19

Please say a prayer for our classmates who passed away in the month of October:

Jim Bellizzi 10/23/07 **Bernie Fota** 10/27/08 Roxanne Hoffman 10/15/08 Rick Kearney 10/12/97

Alumni-Student Mass Schedule for 2019-2020 School Year is Set

The scheduled masses for this school year are as follows:

October 1st at 9:45 AM (with "Meet and Greet" following mass) November 1st at 9:45 (All Saints Day) December 3rd at 9:45 January 27th, 9:45 (Catholic Schools Week) February 26th, 9:45 (Ash Wednesday) March 24, 9:45 April 7, 9:45 (Holy Week) May 21, 9:45 (Ascension)

Walk-ins are welcome; however, you are also encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at cbarata@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331.



Sports Update – Fall Sports

Cross Country – **Nicole Chickey '08**, Coach Boys: Won 3 – Lost 6 (9/29/19) Girls: Won 6 – Lost 3 (9/29/19)

Field Hockey – Luke Wilde, Coach Won 7 – Lost 6; 5 games remain in regular season, Class 1A

Football – Joe Henrich, Coach Won 4 – Lost 2; 4 games remain in regular season, Class 4A

Golf – Tim McGorry, Coach Won 2 – Lost 11; Regular season completed, Class 2A

Boys Soccer – Mike Reilly, Coach Won 2 – Lost 9 – 1 Tie; 5 games remain in regular season, Class 2A

Girls Soccer – Angelo Amato '88, Coach Won 5 – Lost 8; 5 games remaining in regular season, Class 2A

Girls Tennis – George Harmanos, Coach Won 16 – Lost 0; Regular season completed, Class 2A

Girls Volleyball – **Kelly Brown '10**, Coach Won 9 – Lost 2; 6 games left in regular season, Class 3A

The best way for Alumni to plan attendance at this year's sporting events is to refer to this handy calendar: <u>https://becahiathletics.bigteams.com/main/calendar/</u>

Alumni Mentorship Program

We are still looking for more BECAHI alumni to participate in our mentor program. Click on this link to take the survey and upload your resume: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/5lKxKSGtGTx6fsrn1</u> Here is a link to an overview of the Mentor Program: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6t6d8lbg_nAAKjNh46MjC0Le2S-7f-_/view</u>

And while on the subject of potential mentors...

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"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 its alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it "BLinkedIn"). I found the following grads on LinkedIn this year:

Mike Ruggeri '71, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University and an MBA from Duquesne University, is a Senior Finance Executive and Principal at Heritage Corporate Advisors, who advise privately held and multi-generational family owned businesses in navigating issues to grow business value and reach their goals, in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Jean Keeler '72, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BS in Biology from Allentown College of St. Francis DeSales (DeSales University) and a JD from Villanova Law School, is President/CEO at Grand View Hospital.

John Yanushka '**74**, who received a BS in Biology from Penn State University, is Senior Production Planner at Reckitt Benckiser in the greater New York City area.

Regina Farrell Stohr '**76**, who received an AAS in Registered Nursing from Northampton Community College, is an RN at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation in Bethlehem.

Mike Agentis '78, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is Vice President of Projects at 4M Carbon Fiber Corp. in the Knoxville, TN area.

Sue Schadl Agentis '78, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, is Branch Administrator at Performance Contracting, Inc. (PCI) in Oak Ridge, TN.

Gary Kocsis '80, who received a BS in Applied Mathematics-Economics from Brown University and an MBA from DeSales University, is Vice President at JPMorgan Chase, Global Technology in New York City.

Jeff Raykos '83, who received a BS in Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology from Penn State University, is Branch Manager/Chief Engineer at Mackin Engineering Company in the York, PA area.

Brian Slowey '84, who received a BA in Economics and Business from the University of Pittsburgh, is Regional Sales Manager at Dynabrade, Inc. in Carmel, Indiana.

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Laura Gadbois Berger '90, who received a BA in Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Delaware and an MBA from the University of Arkansas, is Senior Manager, Multichannel Marketing at Takeda in the greater Boston area.

Melissa Wimer '91, who received an Associate's Degree in Health Information/Medical Records Technology from the Lincoln College of Technology – West Palm Beach, is an ROI Specialist for MRO, whose mission is to disclose the right Protected Health Information (PHI) to the right requesters in a secure and compliant fashion, with an unwavering focus on client success, in the Lehigh Valley area.

John Woolaver '91, a US Navy Veteran, who received a BA in Psychology from St. Leo University and an MA in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, is a Behavioral Research Analyst and a Licensed Bail Enforcement Agent in the Commonwealth of Virginia, engaged in recovering high to low risk fugitives, on failure to appear in court and revocation of bail.

Thomas Bosch '92, who received a BA in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and a JD from Vanderbilt University Law School, is Assistant Regional Director, Division of Enforcement at U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Atlanta, Georgia.

Barbara Walker Crase '93, who received a BFA in English from the University of Evansville, is a Contestable Claims Examiner at United Home Life Insurance / Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance in the Indianapolis, IN area.

Matt Kurtz '94, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from Penn State University and an Executive MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, is a Business Leader at Texas Instruments in Plano, TX. Matt was also on the Board of Directors and Past President of the Kellogg Alumni Club in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Sarah Yellin '96, who a Bachelor's Degree from Lesley University and a Master's Degree in Museum Studies from Harvard University, is a Visitor's Assistant at New England Aquarium in the greater Boston area.

Vanessa Kelchner Hay '97, who received a BS in Microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh and an MS in Molecular & Cell Biology from Lehigh University, is Vice President of Operations at Akadeum Life Sciences, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Matt Whymark '98, who received a BS in Computer Science from Shippensburg University, is a Software Developer at Chatham Financial in York, PA.

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Pete Viscomi '99, who received an AAS in Specialized Technology, is a Senior Systems Engineer at Geller & Company, which provides custom strategic financial advisory and wealth management solutions for businesses, individuals, families and not-for-profit organizations who rely on the firm for independent and cross-disciplinary advice, in the greater NYC area.

Jennifer Yuhas '00, who conducted her undergraduate studies at Wilkes University, is an Owner, MaryKay Cosmetics in the San Francisco Bay area.

Sara Williams Buckley '01, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian College and an MA in Communication from Seton Hall university, is a Career Counselor/Adjunct Professor at LIM College in the greater New York City area.

John Koprivsek '02, who received a BS in Biology from Lehigh University and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from UT Health San Antonio, serves as a Postdoctoral Fellow at UT Health San Antonio, Texas.

Mark Walter '03, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University and an MBA from Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, is a Product Engineer at Volvo Group Trucks Technology in Greensboro, NC.

Amanda Kurecian '04, who received a BA in Urban Studies from Lehigh University and a JD from Drexel University's Law School, is an Attorney at Kline & Specter, PC in the greater Philadelphia area.

Trisha Makovksy '04, who received a BA in Psychology from Shippensburg University and an MS in Clinical Psychology from Ball State University, is Assistant Director of Admissions at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy in Washington, DC.

Susan Nastasee '04, who received an AS in Nursing from Northampton Community College, a BSN from Penn State University and an MSN from Moravian College, is an RN at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Bethlehem.

Mary Kate Ruffing '04, who received a BA in Communications from LaSalle University, is a Marketing Manager at Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia.

Meaghan Sweeney '04, who received a BS in Biology from Randolph-Macon College, is Lead Lab Technician at SGS Minerals in Denver, Colorado.

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Matt Bishop '05, who received a BA in Communications from LaSalle University, is President at The Sharp Agency, a full-service communications agency that provides sharper tactics for marketing, advertising, branding, public relations, social media, and photography, in Bethlehem.

Amanda Bono '05, who received a BA and BS in Psychology and Fine and Performing Arts from St. Joseph's University, a Master of Music (MM) in Music Composition from Rowan University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) in Musical Composition from the Catholic University of America, is a Composer, Teaches at Shenandoah University and The Catholic University of America in the Washington D.C. Metro area.

Jacqueline Conahan Holmes '05, who received a BA in English from Lehigh University and a JD from the Brooklyn Law School, is Associate Corporate Counsel at Avantor, in the Allentown area.

Ben Cuvo '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Finance from Drexel University, is Accounting Supervisor at DuPont in Wilmington, DE.

Brent Eska '05, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University, is a Business Manager for Auto Navigator at Capital One in Plano, TX.

Lesley Hopkins '05, who received a BFA in Interior Design from Miami University of Ohio, is Interior Designer @ KCBA Architects in Hatfield, PA.

Jonathan Derkits '06, who received a BS in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting from Bloomsburg University, is Senior Analyst – Tax Technologies at Victaulic, in Easton.

Christopher Lushis '06, who received a BA in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame and an MA in Pastoral Ministry from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, is an Admissions Counselor at Holy Cross College on the South Bend, Indiana area.

Brandon Matyas '06, who received an AA in Sport Management from Northampton Community College and Bachelor's Degrees in Sport Management and Marketing from DeSales University, is a Senior Mortgage Originator at Finance of America Mortgage, LLC in the Lehigh Valley.

James Presto '06, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Widener University, is a Protection & Control Engineer at Substation Engineering Company in Reading, PA.

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Marc Reda '06, who received a BA in Film from Seton Hall University, is Creative Director at Lou Reda Productions Inc. in Easton. He deals directly with networks, History, Discovery, AMC, National Geographic, TLC, Bravo, etc. to develop and produce trailers and concepts to be pitched.

Anne Marie Brown Berthold '07, who received a BA in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Oklahoma State University is a Logistics Officer in the United States Air Force in Wichita, KS.

Nathan Derwinski '07, who received a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Shippensburg University, is Accounting Manager Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., a Caterpillar construction dealer, in Harrisburg.

Kyle John '07, who received both a BS in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering Degree in Project Management from the University of Maryland, is Development Manager at Aegis Property Group in the greater Philadelphia area.

Joseph Kaus '07, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh and an MS and PhD from the University of California at San Diego, is a Senior Scientist at Schrödinger, a company whose mission is to improve human health and quality of life by transforming the way scientists design therapeutics and materials, in New York city.

Sonya Lopez '07, who received a BA in English from Villanova University and both an MS in Urban Education and an MSW in Clinical Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, is the Director, Social-Emotional Learning at the People for People Charter School in Philadelphia.

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Go back and view other BLinkedIn profiles. Previous Tidings editions are kept on-line for one year. You can find the posts on the Becahi Website https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/

News 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 committee is currently meeting biweekly to promote and coordinate our primary fundraising event. If you would like to serve, please contact Connie Druckenmiller today at 610 866-0791, ext. 323

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

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

If you pay at least \$3,500 on line 12 of your PA State Taxes then you can now participate. A 2-year commitments yields a 90% tax break. **So, a \$350 donation provides BECAHI with \$3500!** Complete the attached Fall Joinder Form and email to Holly Magalengo (<u>hmagalengo@becahi.org</u>) today. This is a very popular program and forms are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check with your accountant and complete the form to participate.

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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:

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

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!

Reflection

When I was growing up, I learned that in the Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. When we were young, there were three different "Mysteries" of the rosary; the Joyous, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries...

- 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- 2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4. The Transfiguration
- 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

Let's pray at least one rosary this month and ask Our Mother for blessings and comfort for our dearly departed family and friends, and one for Brian Ciocco's recovery.

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...

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



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