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Our 50th Reunion News! “To Have or Not to Have”

That is the question.

The committee is struggling with the reunion decision. The current status is that although the date is still intact, we are prepared to postpone it until sometime next year. The committee will be meeting virtually in June to discuss where we are and where we're headed, and we should have a decision announced by mid-July. That would give everyone two months-notice to make their decisions. Safety is our overriding concern, and will be the deciding factor in the decision at that time.

Meanwhile, we are now aaaaalllllll the way up to 21 bios! **Only 209 to go!** Remember, you don't have to include all of the latest information on yourselves. We can catch up with that at the reunion. So post your short bios at

<https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> ...or send them to me and I'll post them.

Eileen Evans Colahan sent her bio recently...

My husband Paul and I will celebrate 44 years of marriage on September 18 (reunion night). We have 2 sons; Trevor and Ryan (both engineers) and 3 grandchildren; 2 age 1 and 1 age 2 and it is wonderful that we all live in the Lehigh Valley. I graduated from Northampton Community College, Lehigh University (BS), and Wilkes University (MBA) and am working in R & D logistics for Bristol Myers Squibb pharmaceuticals in New Brunswick, NJ. I have not yet set a retirement date but with 3 small grandchildren nearby, it may be coming soon. Paul and I enjoy boating, sporting events, and travelling, including many trips abroad and attempting to visit all 50 states (only 2 left to see).

3 Days until our 50th Graduation Anniversary!

I recently realized that...

Each month, *Tidings* serves as a “Virtual Gathering” of Becahi alumni across the globe. Over 3,000 graduates from 73 classes are sent an e-mail to “bring them back” to where we got our start.

This month's edition contains the names of 270 graduates across 63 classes. We all share a special bond.

Stay safe and stay well.

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This month I either saw or heard from...

... Frank Posivak '54, Patricia Takacs Kauffman '56, Harry Mitchell '57, Skip Kemble '58, Richard Kolesky '58, Jean Korpics Lasover '58, Jack Swegel '58, Steve Talian '58, Mary Nolan Sek '61, Al Ortwein '61, Yogi Eddinger '67, Mike Long '67, Kay Lippey Kondash '67, Elvira Horvath Fenner '68, Andrea Sobieski Barch '68, Matt Tevald '68, Mary Lou Jani '69, Andy Kametz '69, Doreen Kortvely Darabaris '69, Jane Sinnott Klucsik '69, Loretta Ulincy '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Bob Deutsch '72, Louise McCafferty Kelchner '72, Paul '73 and Nancy Coulter, Gina Dye Dugan '76, Mary Ellen Zator Estes '77, Jack DeMatos '78, Jim McCauley '81, Carol Trapp '82, Tim Stephan '84, Sherri Hines '85, Christine Milkovitz Gentilcore '86, Scott Sauer '90, Tracey Shivok-Jefferson '92, Megan Stull '96, Shawn Hopkins '97, Kirstin Thode '98, Robert Akrie '12, Jenna Edelman '13

...and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Linda Bulcavage Lillington, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Anne Collins Leffner, Mike Cunningham, Lisa, GI Jerry, Bernie Gallagher, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Mary Griffith, Paul Grube, Micky Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Pat Lynch, Pat O'Connor Altier, Greg Ortwein, Dan and Debbie (Weiss) Perrett, Sue Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl Strobl, Rosemarie Szczepanski, Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi**

... and **Holly DeNofa**, Becahi's principal.

Looking Back 70 Years...

Let's read on and give the class of 1950 a virtual reunion...

Here's what I could find, and although it may not contain comprehensive and complete information, it's worth reading about and recognizing our Becahi "ancestors".

This year saw many "firsts" in Becahi's history...

- > School nickname "Golden Hawks" was unveiled (was "Golden Tide")
- > Printed yearbook called the "Sceptre" was published after a two-decade absence
- > Open House was introduced
- > Annual school retreat was held

Fr. Charles Sangmeister was in his second (of eventual fifteen) years of service as principal.

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John Howard (father of **Peter '69** and grandfather of **John '80**) was in his first (of five) seasons as head basketball coach, and the team finished the season with a record of 23-7 including the Philadelphia Archdiocesan and the PCIAA Eastern Championships.

The 54 (15 boys, 39 girls) graduates were...

Stephen Adamcik*	Agnes Gannon Lynch	Peter McGee
Dorothy Barth Bedics	James Glancy	Shirley Muhr Cvornyek-Rosetti
Mary Beck	Kathleen Glenn	Rose Marie Navarro Fox
Joseph Bolcar	Mary Guzzo Chernasky*	Thekla Ortwein
Richard Boligitz*	Teresa Hartnett	Mary Ann Perkins Lynch
Catherine Boyle Bradford	Mary Grace Harvey Monaghan	Joan Reybitz Slivko
Patrick Byrnes*	Gloria Kagel Scheidler	Maryann Robell Kelemen
Paul Byrnes	Margaret Kauffman Sewald*	MaryAnn Rucidlo Martinek
Norma Cline*	Miles Keating*	Mary Ruth Kozul*
Katherine Concilio	Joseph Kertsmar*	Bernadette Schramko*
Marian Delgrosso Gombocz	Dolores Kohlmier Pavkovic	Frank Shamenek*
Francis Doyle	Rosemarie Korpics Shiner	Elizabeth Sopko Fody*
Mary Dugan Phillips*	Rose Laky	Nancy Sweeney
Anne Dunstan	John J. Long, Jr.	Dorothy Swegel Sirles*
Jack Eddinger*	Larry Lynch*	Mary Tratnyek Straka
Theresa Evrard Scott*	Elizabeth Lynn Nehilla	Dawn Williams Freese
Anne Ford Kocher*	Dorothy Maloney Roseman	Thomas Wills*
Teresa Fox Byrnes*	Anne Marie Marcin Nonnemaker	MaryAnn Zenz Scargill

* Passed Away

As an aside, 10 of the 39, (or 1 in 4) of the girls' first name began with Mary!

There were (at least) 6 members who served our country in the military:

- > Patrick Byrnes U.S. Navy
- > Miles Keating U.S. Air Force
- > Paul Byrnes U.S. Army
- > Larry Lynch U.S. Army
- > Jack Eddinger U.S. Army
- > Thomas Wills U.S. Army

There was one person who served the Lord:

- > Sr. Alphonsa (Katherine) Concilio, IHM

(At least) 10 class members had 26 children who graduated from Beca:

- > Rich Boligitz and **Jean Pursell '52**
- > **Barbara '72, Rich '76**
- > Patrick Byrnes and Theresa Fox
- > **Tara '78, Michael '78, Martin '80**
- > Mary Dugan Phillips
- > **Karen '72, Jeff '73, Mark '74, Joan '77, Susan '80, Brian '81**
- > Gloria Kagel Scheidler
- > **William '72, Edward '74, Carol '76**
- > Margaret Kauffman Sewald
- > **Richard '72, Diane '74**
- > Betty Lynn Nehilla
- > **Lynn '72, David '75, Susan '77, Anne '79**
- > Dorothy Maloney Roseman
- > **Maryellen '75, Bob '76, Mike '77**
- > Mary Ann Perkins Lynch
- > **Tim '79**
- > Joan Reybitz and **Joe Slivko '51**
- > **Joseph '73, Joanne '75**

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Share a Story

Thousands of people across the nation are working tirelessly to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Tell us how you or other Becahi grads you know, are responding to the needs of your family, friends and community during this crisis. We will post those stories and share them in future *Tidings* newsletters.

For example, **Yogi Eddinger '67** writes:

I'm married to [Cathy] a Hospice Nurse. Every day I say This is the Day she gets the virus. All day long she is in dying folks' homes, nursing homes and adult family homes. She would knock me in the nose if I even suggested that she give it up because it's too dangerous. All the folks from Becahi who do this work deserve our praise. It's remarkable really how they Just Do It.

Stay safe! - Y

Health Care Providers Hall of Fame

Earlier last month we published a salute to over 330 Becahi graduates who had pursued a career path of service as Health Care Providers to their community. Although the list was certainly incomplete and based upon occasional information collected over the years through newspaper clippings and such, I believed its introduction is a conversation starter, and a way of reaching out to all those who have served their community. Now, more than ever, we can take time to be thankful for their service and for all of our graduates who serve their communities in one way or another.

I am pleased to write that over 20 persons have been added to the Honor Roll over the last two weeks, and I'm hoping their numbers will continue to increase over time. Please feel free to reach out and add a name.

Save the Date(s)... for now...

Homecoming 2020

The 2020 Homecoming is officially slated for **Friday, September 25th** vs. Liberty. The "Pig 'N Swig" will be **September 24th**. More details will be forthcoming as they develop.

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Reunion News...

The **Class of '57**, has planned for their 63rd Reunion at the Prime Steak House in Bethlehem on **Wednesday September 30, 2020.**

The Class of '70's Golden Reunion is (still) scheduled for the weekend of **September 18-20, 2020.**

Friday evening the 18th, party at the Steel Club will include a Chinese Auction/Basket Raffle at to benefit our Scholarship Fund. A Chinese Auction/Basket Raffle at the dinner on Friday evening will benefit our Scholarship Fund. Donations of a basket with bottle(s) of wine, restaurant gift certificates, etc. would be appreciated. Kathy Gaydos Bickert kbic77@hotmail.com and Betsy Vreeland Lavelle betsy.lavelle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this. A block of 10 rooms each is set aside at the Holiday Inn Express at the Hellertown exit off I-78 and at the Hyatt Place in Center City. At his time, it may be wise to make any reservations or accommodations refundable.

Saturday the 19th at noon, Beca plays Nazareth. Tocci's Tailgater Pub & Grill (around the corner at 1313 Center St.) will be a meeting place after the game. More info to come.

Sunday the 20th, mass and tour at the school. More information to follow.

The **Class of 1985's** 35 Year Reunion is still set for **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, 8-11 PM, at The Bayou Restaurant in Bethlehem. All other classes are welcome to join them. Any questions, email **Sherri Hines '85** at arteacherscsp@gmail.com

The **Class of 1990's** 30th Reunion will be held on Homecoming Weekend, **Friday, September 25th** (game) and **Saturday September 26th** Reunion Gala. More details will be coming in future **Tidings** newsletters.

140 Years of Service!

Eight members of the Becahi faculty have decided to retire at the end of this school year. Here they are and, from records I could find, here are their (years) of service.

Mrs. Debbie Dolan (7)
Mr. Mike Grasso (40)
Mrs. Ann Henann (17)
Fr. Peter Hosak (17)

Mrs. Carolyn Peoples (41)
Mrs. Stephanie Rivera (6)
Mr. Rob Schiller (6)
Mrs. Angela Tully (6)

Over 7,500 scholars have graduated during their years of service!! We salute you and thank you for your service and for taking care of our "angels." God Speed!

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I also either saw, heard from or read about:

Jean Korpics Lasover '58 received her RN from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

Elvira Horvath Fenner '68, who received her RN from DeSales University, is "still" employed per diem with St Luke's Hospital Home Care division.

Linda Bulcavage Lillington '70, received her RN at Penn State University and went on to earn a PhD in Nursing from UCLA.

Mary Griffith '70, LPN, works as a Psychiatric Nurse at the Central Regional Hospital in Butner, NC.

Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi '70, who received her RN from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN from Cedar Crest College, works for the Lehigh Valley Health Network in their Children's Clinic. And Georgene's late husband...

Jim Bellizzi '70, who received his RN from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN from St. Joseph's College (ME), was a dedicated nurse, working in the operating room at Sacred Heart for over 30 years!

Carl Connors '75, who received his BS from Moravian College and his DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is the Owner, Sandia OB/GYN Associates in the Albuquerque, New Mexico area.

Kathleen Skomitz '76 is the Apothecary Manager at Grian Herbs Apothecary in Montpelier, VT – FB

Mark Litak '81, has been Captain with the Bethlehem Fire Department for 20+ years, and is presently working on the City of Bethlehem's Southside.

Carol Trapp, 82, who received an RN and MSN from Moravian College, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) at the St. Luke's Medical Associates of Monroe County – Primary Care, in East Stroudsburg.

Timothy P. Stephan '84, writes that he "*received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education with Distinction from The Pennsylvania State University in May 1988 and a Master of Science in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in August 1993... After 29 years of successful teaching in Maryland and Pennsylvania, I am currently teaching music and music theater at the Madison International School in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico to students in grades 8-12.*"

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Mario Visperas '85, practices Emergency Medicine in Bethlehem. Mario graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed a residency at University of Maryland Medical System. Mario also practices at Warren Hospital Emergency Dept in Phillipsburg, NJ. – sharecare.com

Judith Cunningham Brooks '88, who received a BSN from Bloomsburg University and an MSN from Widener University, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner at the Lehigh Valley Health Network. – lvhn.org/doctors/judith-brooks

Mary Griffin McComb '89, is a Dermatologist in Bala Cynwyd. Mary is a graduate of Bucknell University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is currently licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania. She is affiliated with Lankenau Medical Center.

Lesley Bensinger '97, who received a BS from Millersville and an MS from the University of Maryland, is a Science Teacher at West Chester [PA] Friends School. – wcfriends.org/faculty-staff/

Ryan Roeder '98, a University of Albany graduate, has been hired by Penn State as an offensive analyst, an off-the-field role where he will assist with game planning and scouting for coach Franklin. Ryan spent the last seven seasons in the NFL as an offensive assistant with the New York Giants. – Morning Call 5/07/20

Paige Klingborg '01, is a Practicing Physician who specializes in Critical Care - Pediatric medicine at Children's Hospital at Erlanger in Chattanooga, TN. – childrensaterlanger.org

Andrew Lambour '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from Georgetown University and an MD from Drexel University's College of Medicine, is an Instructor in Surgery, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. - dartmouth-hitchcock.org

St. Theresa's School in Hellertown to Close

The end of this school year will mark the closing of the K-8 elementary school. The school's prekindergarten program will continue, though. Continued, steadily declining enrollment was cited as the principal reason for the decision which was made by the parish. This will be the fifth school to close within the Allentown Diocese since 2013.

– Morning Call 05/13/20 A quick check of my records found that *over 340 Becahi graduates either attended St. Theresa's over the years or were members of the parish.*

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Veronica Godovin Semanick	1941	05/10/20	97
Margaret Toth Griffin	1947	05/12/20	90
Rosalie Purcell Zsilavetz	1953	05/26/20	84
Mary Elizabeth Pavelko Chubbuck	1954	05/04/20	83
Ronald Makosky	1960	05/11/20	77
Eugene Demjan	1963	05/03/20	74
Chuck Csaszar	2000	04/23/20	37
Patrick Pereira	2004	04/29/20	33

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Charles “Chuck” Csaszar ‘00**, brother of **Louie ‘92**, **Daniel “DJ” ‘94**, and **Brandon ‘96**, on 04/23
- † Katherine Briody Strohm, daughter of the late **Lawrence Briody ‘41**, on 02/28
- † **Eugene Demjan ‘63**, brother of **Robert ‘60**, on 05/03
- † Jack Felker, father of **Dave ‘79**, **Beth Ann ‘85**, and **Matt ‘86**, on 04/30
- † Lori Fiorentino, mother of **Jim ‘71**, **John ‘73**, Dan, Maryanne and Michael, on 05/20
- † Victor Garbarini, father of **Vic ‘67**, the late **Christopher ‘71**, **Paul ‘75** and JoAnne, on 05/07
- † **Veronica “Ronnie” Godovin Semanick ‘41**, mother of **Greg ‘71**, **Ron ‘79** and John, on 05/10
- † Theresa Kuhns, mother of **Charlie ‘73**, on 05/22
- † Catherine LaBar, mother of **Justine ‘90** and Sabrina, on 05/13
- † **Ron Makosky ‘60**, husband of **Rosemary Steixner ‘60** and brother of **Robert ‘64**, on 05/11
- † **Mary Elizabeth Pavelko Chubbuck ‘54**, husband of the late **Charles ‘52** and mother of **Michelle ‘86**, on 05/04
- † **Rosalie Pursell Zsilavetz ‘53**, sister of the late **Jean ‘52** and **Marie ‘57**, and the mother of **Ann ‘78** and **Regina ‘81**, on 05/26
- † **Margaret Toth Griffin ‘47**, mother of **Tom ‘71**, **Daneen ‘79**, Colleen and Meg, on 05/12
- † Louis Zsilavetz, husband of **Rosalie Pursell ‘53** and father of **Ann ‘78**, **Regina ‘81**, Susan and Louis, on 05/10

Please say a special prayer for our classmate, **Al Calvo** (6/30/11), who passed away in the month of June.

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Sports “Rememberabilia”

1950

The boys' basketball team finished the season with a record of 23-7 including the Philadelphia Archdiocesan and the PCIAA Eastern Championships under the direction of first-year coach John Howard (father of **Peter '69** and grandfather of **John '80**).

1960 – State Champions

March 15 – **Bob Molitorisz's ('60)** basket with seven seconds left lifts Becahi to a 71-69 win over Plymouth St. Vincent giving the school its first-ever berth in the Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Class B state championship game. – Morning Call 3/10/10

March 19 – **Bob Bukvic's ('60)** 21 points lead Becahi to a 54-50 win over Pittsburgh St. Adalbert at the University of Pittsburgh Fieldhouse in the PCIAA Class B State championship game. – Morning Call 3/10/10

1970

February 6 – **Jeff Jennings ('70)** scores a then school record 41 points that carried the Golden Hawks from a 16-point deficit to a 70-67 victory before a delirious crowd of 2,000 in the Becahi gymnasium... [At the time] Coach **Bob Bukvic's ('60)** greatest victory. – Morning Call 2/06/70

2003

May 24 – Bethlehem Catholic captures the PIAA Class 2A boys track and field team title. **Brandon Carter '04**, was fourth in the 100, wins a bronze in the 200, is part of the silver medalist 400-meter relay team, and anchored the gold-medal-winning 1,600 relay team of **Jules Eggleston '04, Frank Trovato '03, and Maurice Simmons '03** that clinched the team title. – Morning Call 05/24/20

2017

Danielle Michlovsky '06 was inducted into the Fairleigh Dickinson Athletic Hall of Fame. Danielle, a four-year letter winner for the women's basketball team from 2006-10, completed her career in the top-10 in numerous career rankings, including seventh in scoring with 1,387 points. Of the 1,387 points, 339 came from the free-throw line, which is the third most ever in women's basketball history. A force on the glass, Danielle snared 852 career rebounds, good for second all time. – fdudevils.com

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The 41st Annual Bernie Gallagher Memorial Golf Tournament is Cancelled!

Bernie '70 writes:

"It is with great sadness that I announce the 41st Annual Golf Event scheduled for July 25, 2020, has been cancelled.

The health and safety of the golfers and sponsors, who have supported us for over 40 years, is incredibly important to us.

In making this very difficult decision, I took into consideration that the Lehigh Valley is still under house confinement until at least June 5, 2020. We cannot, as of now, have a banquet with 150 attendees. We have golfers from at least 14 different states with travel involved. Many of our golfers are my age and older, and I am truly not convinced this virus is under the control, we need for everyone to attend and feel comfortable.

In addition to our Annual Scholarship, on behalf of our tournament, I would like to make a nice donation to a local family who has been devastated by the Covid-19 Virus, as I am sure there are plenty of families going through this ordeal. So, if any sponsor's or golfers are interested in making a donation for this cause, it will be greatly appreciated.

I know many of you realize how important this tournament is to our family. You have all given us the opportunity to keep our dad's memory alive for all these years, which really makes this a very tough decision. I will miss terribly the handshakes, hugs, high fives, and most importantly the laughs we have shared together over all these years.

Thank you all for your support. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at the 42nd Annual Tournament.

*Sincerely,
Bernie Gallagher Jr., '70.
Tournament Chairman"*

"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:

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Timothy Casey '66, who received a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc) in Zoology from Penn State University and a PhD in Environmental Physiology from UCLA, is a Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

Christine Stephan Mellor '68, who received her undergraduate education from Cabrini College and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Lehigh University, is now retired after a career as a Teacher and Reading Specialist for the Bethlehem Area School District.

Tom Barnett '69's Salutatorian, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Wesleyan University and a PhD in Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology from Yale University, is Director of research at Grifols Therapeutics LLC, a biotherapeutic and biotechnology company in the Raleigh-Durham NC area.

MaryLouise Jani '69, who received a BS in Physical Therapy from Temple University and an MS in Physical Therapy from Boston University, is a Pediatric Physical Therapy Specialist at the Scoliosis Specialty Center in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Jim Bobal '71, is the Owner of Jim Bobal Appliance Service LLC, providing Bethlehem and the surrounding areas with a combination of outstanding service, products, and reliability since 1972.

Archie Konschnik '72, is an Engineer at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

Deborah Gaughan Shea '73, is Human Resources Manager at Myers Emergency Power Systems, LLC in Bethlehem.

John Talian '74, who received a BS in Molecular Biology and a PhD in Cellular Biology from Carnegie Mellon University, is Senior Vice President at CureVac AG, a company that harnesses the elegant principles of biology to optimize mRNA therapeutic solutions. CureVac is developing a new class of medicines—for life, including being part of the international efforts to protect people worldwide from the novel coronavirus, in the Boston area.

Ron Schnalzer '77 is a Security Officer at Sheppard Pratt Health System in Towson, MD.

Manus MacLean '78, who attended DeSales University, is a Business Consultant at Manus MacLean & Associates in the greater Philadelphia area. He “helps restaurants increase cash flow and profitability within 30 days!”

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Rich Santoro '79, who received a BS in marketing from Lehigh University, is Executive Director, East Stroudsburg University Foundation which fosters lifelong relationships with alumni and friends of East Stroudsburg University, securing philanthropic support to advance the University's mission and to enhance every student's University experience.

Christine Molnar Figler '80, who received a BSN from Temple University, is a Physician Recruiter for St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem.

Lisa Gombocz Litak '81, who studied at Northampton Community College, is Patient Experience Manager at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem.

Kerry Ritrievi '81, who received a BA in International Relations from Lehigh University, is Sales Development Representative at Premier Beverage in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area.

Edward Rehrig '82, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English/Communications from DeSales University, is Senior Recruiter at Worth & Company, Inc. in Pipersville, PA.

John Eder '83, who received a BS in Finance and a BA in Psychology from LaSalle University, is Regional Sales Manager at Oracle Corporation in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Joseph Ardelean '84, is a Material Handler III Driver B, Service Spare Parts Department at Bosch/Rexroth in Bethlehem.

Charles Pardo '85, who received a BS in Industrial Management / Industrial Engineering from Purdue University, is Account Manager at Metal Conversions, Ltd. in the greater Chicago area.

Christine Fagan-Mannarino '86, who received her Doctor of Chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College, is the Chiropractor/Owner at Fagan Chiropractic in Newtown, PA.

Christine Milkovitz Gentilcore '86, who received a BSN from Penn State University, is now a Project Manager with 17 years of clinical trials experience in a variety of therapeutic areas, primarily oncology, at PRA Health Sciences in Macungie.

Maribel Custodio '87, who received a BS in Nursing from Boston College, is Director of Nursing at Affiliated Endoscopy Services of Clifton, LLC, an outpatient endoscopic facility specializing in gastroenterology, in the Clifton, NJ area.

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Camille Thompson Carlstrom '88, a **Becahi Distinguished Graduate**, who received a BS in Accounting and Finance from Villanova University and an MBA in e-Commerce from MIT's Sloan School of Management, is Managing Director of Research at Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA.

Darlene Edwards Mayernik '89, who received a BS in Economics from King's College, is a Broker Associate at Keller Williams Realty in the Burlington County and Mercer County areas of New Jersey.

Meg DeKeukelaere '90, who received a BA in Communications Arts and a JD from Villanova University, is Head of Talent Acquisition at Nord Anglia Education in London, UK.

Jodi Connors Ruggiero '91, who received a BA in Criminology/Sociology from Moravian College, is a Law Enforcement Professional and Director of Safety at Ruggiero Trucking Co. Inc. & Ruggiero Bros., Inc. in Bethlehem. She is also a Photographer at Jodi Ruggiero Photography in Bethlehem.

Tracy Brinkos Stankavage '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from LaSalle University, is an Operations Analyst at Performax Global, a leading manufacturer of commercial and industrial high-performance doors, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Tracey Shivok-Jefferson '92, who earned a BS in Biology, a BSN, an MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from DeSales University, is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Revolutionary Homecare in Bethlehem.

Kim Frankenfield Chiz '93, who receive a BSN, MSN/MBA form DeSales University, is Nursing Instructor at Falcon Institute of Health and Science in Bethlehem, and was formerly the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer at the Allentown Women's Center.

Christopher Domyan '94, who received a BS in Accounting from DeSales University and an MS in Non-Profit Management from Villanova University, is the Director of Business Administration and Athletic Director at Becahi.

Shawn Boyle '95, who received a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from the University of the Sciences, is a Pharmacist and Scientific Professional in Strategic Medical and Marketing Communications in Havertown, PA.

Tanya Doddy '96, who received a BA in Business Communication from DeSales University and an MBA from American University, is Regional Account Manager at Synchrony, a premier consumer financial services company in Bethlehem.

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Jonathan Bauer '98, who studied at Northampton Community College and later received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Bloomsburg University, is a Technical Support Supervisor at Service Electric Cable TV and Communications in the Lehigh Valley.

Kirstin Thode, MD, '98 Valedictorian, is a board-certified psychiatrist in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. She is currently licensed to practice medicine in Virginia and Indiana. Kirstin earned her BS in Biology from Penn State University, received a medical school scholarship from the United States Air Force and completed her medical degree from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College.

Angela Alloggio '99, who received an AA in Social Work from Northampton Community College and a BS in Recreational Therapy from East Stroudsburg University, is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at Cedarbrook Nursing Home in Lehigh County.

Erin Martell Poore '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from DeSales University and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, is Assistant Director at Bethlehem Area Public Library.

Tanya Alicea '01, is a Production Operator at Niagara Bottling, a leading bottled water supplier in the U.S. providing healthy hydration for the entire family at a value, in Allentown.

Mirza Ahmed '02, an Alvernia University graduate, is a Senior Manufacturing Technician at Sanofi Pasteur, a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health, in Swiftwater, PA.

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Kerri McDonald '04, who received a BS in Psychology from St. Joseph's University and an MA in Mental Health Counseling from Immaculata University, is a Preschool Teacher at the Young Children's Center for the Arts, Inc. in Philadelphia, and was the 76ers Dance Coach for eight years.

Gerald Broniec '05, who received a BS in Biology, Respiratory Therapy from Millersville University and a Certificate in Cardiovascular Perfusion from Carlow College, is a Cardiovascular Perfusionist at Penn Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

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Matt Maskulka '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in History from Kutztown University, is Global Sales Executive - Channel Sales and Partner Relations in the Raleigh-Durham, NC area.

Ryan Martell '07, who received a BA in Economics from Bloomsburg University, is Talent Acquisition Team Lead at Ideal Concepts, Inc. whose goal is to provide a platform for insurance carriers, agents, and clients to use which makes the process of selling and buying insurance, not a process at all, in the Allentown area.

Bryan Campbell '08, who received a BS in Computer Science, Digital Art from DeSales University, is a Software Engineer at PowerSchool Group LLC in Bethlehem.

Minghao Li '09, who received a BS in Mathematics and a BS in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University as well as an MBA from Harvard Business School, is an Investment Associate at Partners Group in the greater Boston area.

Sarah Braun '10, who received a BS in Medical Studies and an MS in Physician Assistant from DeSales University, is a Physician Assistant at the St. Luke's University Health Network in Allentown.

MarieClaire Egbert '11, who received a BS in Communications and Media Studies from Millersville University, is the Social Media Coordinator and Forest Policy Advocate at The John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute in Millersville, PA.

Matthew Lazicky '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Engineering Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Fairfield University, is Senior Associate at MAETRICS Consulting, a dedicated life sciences consulting firm in Stratford, CT.

Jenna Edelman '13, who received a BS in Health Sciences and an MS in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of the Sciences, is Physician Assistant Certified, Emergency Medicine, at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Jolynn Sauka '13, who received a BA in New Media Studies from Cedar Crest College, is a 2G Processor at Reeb Millwork, one of the largest distributors of custom Millwork products on the East Coast, in Bethlehem, and is looking to pursue a career in graphic design and/or advertising.

Gina Kokosky '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature from St. Joseph's University, is Assistant Editor, Pharmacy Times at MJH Life Sciences Associates Inc. in the greater Philadelphia area.

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Christopher Canney '15, who received an AA in Computer Science from Northampton Community College and a BS in Information Sciences and Technology from Penn State University, is a System Developer at Almac Group in Allentown.

Past BLinkedIn Now On-Line

Go back and view other BLinkedIn profiles from your class and others. 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: The Inaugural Golden Gala is NOW VIRTUAL!

Annually, Beca hosts its largest single fundraiser event benefiting the students. While COVID-19 keeps us apart, we're taking this year's event virtual with more opportunities to give and bid on something special!

Through the support of numerous volunteers, local businesses, families, and the community at-large, together we're able to ensure the success and stability of our students and school community. So, go ahead – make a cocktail, grab some dinner, and join us online on **Friday, June 12th between 7:00pm – 9:00pm** – The cost is FREE!

For more information on the Golden Gala and to donate, contact Mrs. Connie Druckenmiller at cdruckenmiller@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 323.

Calling all St. Isidore Parish alumni!

St. Isidore Parish is planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its school in September, 2020. They will be hosting numerous events to honor its alumni. Please check out more information at www.stisidoreschool.com/alumni and/or contact Jacqualyne Flynn at 216 536-6052.

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Reflection

Our School Song (Alma Mater) “Fides et Scientia”

(Circa 1950)

♪ Throned ‘mid Bethlehem’s verdant hills,
♪ Our Alma Mater reigns.
♪ The while here loyal subjects she with links of love enchains.
♪ Her colors proud we wave on high,
♪ Her seal impress on heart.
♪ As sign from truths that she has taught,
♪ We never shall depart.

♪ O Fides et Scientia! Our aegis this shall be;
♪ The light that erst the Magians led to knowledge is the key.
♪ Then up and on with courage blest her summons we obey.
♪ The Star, the Star of Bethlehem, henceforth, our roundelay!

- *Words by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Music by Philip A. Bansbach*

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.

Sincerely,
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