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## (March)ing towards our 50 plus 1

Planning continues for our 50 plus 1 Reunion. We hope everyone can join us in September, *after getting your vaccine!* (♪ “I’m not throwing away my shot!” ♪.)

We’re gonna have Chance Auctions and Basket Raffles at the dinner at the Steel Club on Friday evening to benefit our Scholarship Fund. **Kathy Gaydos Bickert** kbic77@hotmail.com and **Betsy Vreeland Lavelle** betsylavelle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this. See Reunion Notes later in the newsletter.

I took a look at our Class Reunion website again <https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> to see who posted their bio this year. (Double Sigh.)

Remember, you *don't* have to include all of the latest information on yourselves. We can catch up with that at the reunion. So, PPLLEEAASSEE post your short bios or send them to **Tina Hudak** at tinahudak@gmail.com and she'll post them. *And* you can even keep it to under 150 words...

Meanwhile, catch up with **Jeanie Redding Cunningham**, who writes...

*“I graduated from Lebanon Valley College and Ithaca College receiving respectively, B.S. and M. Mus. Degrees in Music Education. After teaching public school classroom (vocal) music in New York and Pennsylvania, I taught K-8 music in the Diocese of Allentown. The most recent positions include my parish school, St. Anne's in Bethlehem (17 years) and St. Theresa's in Hellertown (8 years). Even though I retired from teaching in 2015, I still enjoy working part-time playing organ and planning liturgies. **Mike [Cunningham '70]** and I were married in 1977, live in Bethlehem and have 2 grown sons and 3 grandchildren. We have traveled extensively and look forward to when we can continue our world journeys.”*

Over the next couple of months, we'll be putting out a Missing Persons Report to herd all us ~~eats~~ hawks together. Questions? Reach out.

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## How many this time?

This month's edition contains the names of over 240 graduates from 70 different classes, including... 1933, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1941, 1945, 1952, 1954-57, 1959 through 1963, and 1965 through 2017.

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## This month I either saw or heard from...

...Pat Takacs Kauffman '56, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Geri Jancosko Morykan '61, Jere Casey '61, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Bill Kuzmin '62, Rich and Kathy (Dunn) Haas '66, Yogi Edinger '67, Gil Kauffman '67, Rosemary Ripper Zambo '67, Bill Farrell '69, Fran Farris '69, Larry Gasda '69, Bob Halbreiner '71, Kathy McCool Ressler '71, Glenn Steltz '71, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Barbara Brugger Carrington '73, Susan McGouldrick '75, Gina Dye Dugan '76, Chris Ryan '76, Teri Kamenar-Reza '81, Tom Vresics '81, Sherri Hines '85, Donna Banko Katechis '85, Vanessa Kelchner '97, Scott Chaszar '99, Sister Chiara Marie (Kathryn) Stimpfle '09, Bill Rowe '11

...and from our class, I either saw or heard from Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave Cech, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Lisa, Anne Gerber, Joan Greenfield, George and Betsy, Jeff and Col, Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Paul Grube, Micky Halbreiner, Tina Hudak, Greg Ortwein, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe

... and from the school, Holly DeNofa, principal

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**Say a special prayer for ... Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic's** husband and for **Susan Peters Crawford's** dad who passed away last month.

Michael Sickonic passed away on 02/25. Please remember Mary Jane and Mike's family in your prayers as well.

Charles Peters passed away on 02/13. Please say a prayer for Susan's mom and for her sisters Jane, Stephanie and the late Terri, as well.

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## From the Advancement Office

### 2020-2021 Annual Appeal Fund

There is never an inopportune time to outwardly show our appreciation for our many blessings. And so, as we begin the new year, we ask you once again to support our Annual Appeal for the 2020-2021 school year. Especially this year, we have been faced with many challenges in the educational system. Please consider a gift of at least \$100 or more, if possible. However, your gift, in any amount, makes an impact on today's students. Thank you for your consideration. If you did not receive the 2020-2021, please email [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org). Annual Fund letter, please email [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org).

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## **Becahi's Golden Gala is VIRTUAL once again! Save the Date! Saturday, March 27th beginning at 6:00pm**

Annually, we host our largest single fundraiser benefiting the students of BECAHI. While COVID-19 keeps us apart, we are 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 are able to ensure the success and stability of our students and school community. **Monies raised during the emotional appeal part of our Golden Gala will be used to purchase a school van to transport the newest generation of Golden Hawks to various activities: academic competitions, service projects, retreats, sports, partner school bonding event, etc.** So, go ahead – make a cocktail, grab some dinner, and join us online for the Golden Gala. For more information, to purchase tickets and to donate, contact Mrs. Connie Druckenmiller at [cdruckenmiller@becahi.org](mailto:cdruckenmiller@becahi.org) or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 323.

### **PA Tax Credit Program**

Join other Becahi alumni and parents who have recently joined this program that offers you a 90% PA tax credit! Bethlehem Catholic has been able to offer students thousands of dollars in financial aid from donors who have redirected their PA taxes to Becahi. This program offers you or your PA business the chance to make a transformational gift in your name that costs less than 10% of the entire donation. If you are interested in participating in this program, email Tom Vresics at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org)

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### **Eighty Years Ago – The Class of 1941**

I wasn't able to find a yearbook for this year's class, so I can't get some "inside" information on activities and such, (Perhaps someone / relative has a copy of the yearbook in their treasure chest they could lend to me?), but here is the list of 61 names that I could find.

Irene Barron Leary-Schaeffer*	Francis McLean*	Jack O'Donnell*
Florence Berger Schmus*	Elizabeth Ford	Rosemary O'Donnell*
Lawrence Briody*	Kathleen Gallagher Otter*	Marguerite Perkins-
Margaret Brunner Eharth*	Mildred Gaspar	Sandbrook*
Joseph Cannon*	Veronica Godovin Semanick*	Lucille Reiser Mitchell*
Francis Chrismer*	Felicia Grueters Wittman	Mary Ricapito*
Anne Coachys	Thomas Gulya*	Thomas Rowe
Margaret Connell	Charles Haas	Theresa Seaman Doster*
Bernadine Cullen Edwards*	Doris Hartnett Micolochick*	Bernadine Seidenberger Eck*
Mary Deegan*	Joseph Harvilla	Mildred Selvecki Gaspar
Patricia Deegan Hodges*	Agnes Hrkach Repscher*	Theresa Silvoy Seaman

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Helen Demyan\*  
Mary Doran Perkins\*  
Mary Dougherty Walsh\*  
Michael Downey  
Mary Dugan Seidenberger\*  
Ursula Ermert Hauze\*  
James Farrell  
Fred Fella\*  
Marie Fink Hoch\*  
Bernadette Foley\*

George Karabin\*  
Virginia Kelly Haas  
Robert Kennedy\*  
Margaret Korpics\*  
Bernie Lynch\*  
Harry Lynch\*  
Francis MacLean\*  
Edward Madden\*  
Michael Maurer  
Eleanor McIntyre MacLean\*

Clare Stein Kubat\*  
Ann Stier Ortwein\*  
Kathryn Summers Conway\*  
William Timmins\*  
Rosemary Trimble Kametz\*  
Thomas Veanus\*  
Jeanne Willner Cannon\*  
Ruth Wills  
William Zavec\*  
\* Deceased

Veronica "Ronnie" Godovin Semanick was the Valedictorian  
Bernie Lynch was enshrined in the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame

There were (at least) 12 Veterans:

Lawrence Briody > U.S. Army  
Francis Chrismer > U.S. Navy  
Bernadette Foley > U.S. Army  
Andrew Gaspar > U.S. Marines  
Thomas Gulya > U.S. Navy  
Charles Haas > U.S. Navy

George Karabin > U.S. Army  
Bernie Lynch > U.S. Army  
Francis MacLean > U.S. Air Force  
Jack O'Donnell > U.S. Army  
William Timmins > U.S. Army  
Thomas Veanus > U.S. Army

Seven "Campus Couples":

Joseph Cannon and Jeanne Willner  
Francis Chrismer and **Kathleen Cullen '40**  
Andrew Gaspar and Mildred Selvecki  
George Karabin and **Theresa Sabol '45**

Charles Haas and Virginia Kelly  
Harry Lynch and **Lucy Hildenberger '40**  
Francis MacLean and Eleanor McIntyre

Fourteen members had 45 children who graduated from Beca:

- Irene Barron Leary > **Jane '65, Joe '66, Tom '68, James '72, and John '73**
- Margaret Brunner Eharth > **Joseph '70, Dave '73**
- Mary Dugan Seidenberger > **Tom '66, Bill '68, Dave '75**
- Marie Fink Hoch > **Jean '67, Judy '69, Janet '73, John '76 and Joanne '80**
- Veronica Godovin Semanick > **Greg '71, Ron '79**
- Charles Haas and Virginia Kelly > **Rick '66, Mike '71, Bob '74, Tom '76, and Jeff '81**
- George Karabin and **Theresa Sabol '45** > **Greg '69, Chris '74, Drew '79**
- Bernie Lynch > **Bernie '68, Kathleen '72, Kevin '73, Sean '75, and Maureen '76**
- Harry Lynch and **Lucy Hildenberger '40** > **Martin '66, Michael '68, Pat '70, the late Ann '71, and Mary '81**
- Francis MacLean and Eleanor McIntyre > **Maura '70, Kevin '72, Monica '72, the late Colin '74, Bridget '76, Manus '78, and the late Deidre '79**
- Ann Stier Ortwein > **Greg '70** and the late **Patricia '75**
- Rosemary Trimble Kametz > **Billy '71**

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## Mount Rushmore of Becahi Teaching Greats And Our Educators Honor Roll

As National Teacher Appreciation Week approaches, May 2 through May 8, what four teachers would you nominate to be placed on Becahi's "Mount Rushmore of Teachers"?

Send me your recommendations and I'll forward them to the school's Advancement Office, and keep an eye out on Becahi's Social Media pages for another opportunity to nominate 4 of your favorite teachers. Meanwhile, here are my selections...

**Father Joseph V. Sangmeister**, Principal  
Principal 1948-1963 (15 years)  
Taught Religion  
Fourth and Webster Streets

**Sister Irma Loreta, S.S.J.**  
Teachers 1954-1990 (36 years)  
Taught math, art, tutored, nurse's aid  
Fourth & Webster and Dewberry & Madison Ave

**Robert Bukvics '60**, Alumnus, Teacher  
1965-2005 (40 years), plus 4 years  
(1956-1960) as a student  
Fourth & Webster and Dewberry & Madison Ave.

**Richard B. Culver**, Principal  
1965-2007 (42 years)  
Taught math  
Dewberry and Madison Avenues

### Honorable Mention:

**Tony Iasiello** (1965-2015) 50 years  
Taught business and social studies-related courses

**Mike Grasso** (1980-2020) 40 years  
Taught Phys Ed, Drivers Ed, etc.

**Tim McGorry** (1985-2020) 35 years  
Taught religion

**Rich Mazza** (1975-Present) 46 years  
Taught social studies

**Carolyn Peoples** (1979-2020) 41 years  
Taught languages, et al

**George Harmanos** (1970- Present) 51 yrs.  
Taught math

**Anissa Nassry** (1964-2000) 36 years  
Taught biology

**Sr. Catharine Immaculate, S.S.J.**  
(1964 -1973) 9 years  
Taught English, Dramatics

What do you think? Send me your picks and keep an eye on Becahi's Social Media pages.

Our goal is to announce the findings on National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll also send out the latest Educator Honor Roll at that time.

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

### Reunion News...

The alumni classes for years ending in "1" and "6" are (hopefully) beginning to plan their reunions. **Tom Vresics '81**, our Advancement Director and the office staff stand ready to help, and planners can contact him at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org). Tom is looking forward to working with every class, but especially the milestone classes whose celebrations are approaching quickly.

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## Planning or Thinking About Your Class's Reunion?

**Alecia Caballero '13**, is the Programming & Event Venues Coordinator for Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, (HBMS), that offer beautiful venues for alumni reunion events. HBMS has a wide selection of sites which include: the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, the Kemmerer Museum of Decorative Arts, the Luckenbach Mill and Colonial Industrial Quarter, and the Burnside Plantation. To check out the possibilities contact Alecia at 1-610-882-0450. Celebrate your ~~hysterical~~ historical reunions at some of these notable venues in town.

**Kay Fenerty Lynn '57**, writes that the **Class of '57** have reserved the Prime Steak House for their 64<sup>th</sup> Reunion luncheon on **September 29, 2021**.

**The Class of '69** is looking to the Fall of 2021 for what will now be their 52-year reunion. A date will probably not be locked until the Spring. - **Larry Gasda '69**

**The Class of '70 Golden Plus One Reunion** has been rescheduled for the weekend of **September 24-26, 2021**. Friday evening the 24<sup>th</sup>, the party at the Steel Club will include a Chinese Auction/Basket Raffle at to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Donations of a basket, bottle of wine, restaurant gift certificate, etc. would be appreciated. (**Micky Halbreiner** has already offered to donate a couple baskets of cheer.) Other events are pending. Stay tuned.

### Class of 1971

Will there be a Golden Reunion for you this year? Let me know and I'll try to help spread the word.

**Class of 1972's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** plans continue. What are your thoughts on ...

1. Date: September or October, **2022**
2. Interested in golf outing on Friday afternoon? (Yes or No)
3. Small social on Friday at local bar (6-9PM), with small plates and cash bar? (Y/N)
4. Dinner and dancing on Saturday, place TBD? (Y/N)
5. Mass, coffee and donuts on Sunday at Becahi chapel (if available) and farewell? (Y/N)
6. Interested in serving on committee?

Please respond to **Sus Bartos '72** sbartos54@yahoo.com

The **Class of 1985's** 36<sup>th</sup> class reunion is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the Clubhouse Grill on Illick's Mill Rd. in Bethlehem. **Sherri Hines '85** is the contact... artteacherscsp@gmail.com

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## I also either saw, heard from, or read about:

**Judith Oravec Farquer '63**, who graduated from Moravian College, served as Manager of Graduate Student Awards in the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School at Princeton University. – [pr.princeton.edu](http://pr.princeton.edu)

**Larry Hundersmarck '69**, who received a BS in Philosophy from the University of Scranton, an MA in Religion from Providence College, an MA in Philosophy from the University of Dayton, and a PhD in religion from Fordham University, is a Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Pace University's Dyson College of Arts and Sciences in Pleasantville, NY. – [pace.edu](http://pace.edu)

**Cyndy Macarro Ortwein '69**, who received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from East Stroudsburg University, is now retired after her service as an elementary school teacher in Florida, New York, Missouri, Texas & Shanghai.

**Harry Ludwick '76**, with more than 40 years in the meat and food service industries, leads the production team at R&R Provision Co., Easton, in its day-to-day processing operations.

**Fran Maurer '79**, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Scranton, is an Assistant Teacher at the Red Door Early Learning Center in Center Valley.

**Donna Moser '86**, is in her 21st year of full-time teaching in the Diocese of Allentown and now teaches third graders at St. Francis Academy. Donna received a BA in English and Journalism from Moravian College, a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Lehigh University and a Master Catechist Certification from the Allentown Diocese.

**Jane Nolan Schleppey '92**, who received a BS in Early Childhood Education from Bloomsburg University, an MEd in Educational Technology from Wilkes University and ESOL Certification from Drexel University, is the second grade Teacher at Miller Heights Elementary School in Bethlehem.

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## The Play's the Thing

Here's the thing...As a Musical Cast alumnus, I thought I would dedicate some space in future newsletters for those to remember the wonderful memories associated with participating in the annual Spring Musicals over the years. Literally thousands of us "acted out" on stage and behind the scenes. [I ask for your memories and contributions for future newsletters. Just send me an email.](#) Meanwhile, here's the first nugget I'd like to share;

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For 16 years, 1949-1964, Mr. Charles Kropp directed the talent on stage at the Fourth and Webster Streets location.

Charles was married to the late **Eileen Hoffert Kropp '31**, and their 5 children graduated from Beca as well...

**Sr. Regina (Mary Catherine), S.S.J. '52, Margaret Kropp Stetz '54, Charles '56**, the late **Robert '61** and **Eileen Kropp Sink '65**

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## Escaping the Pandemic

**Reading...** Here are some more suggestions... What's in your wallet nightstand?

- 📖 *Unworthy Republic: The Dispossession of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory*, by Claudio Saunt
  - Winner of the 2020 National Book Award for Nonfiction
  - Focuses on the forced removal of Native Americans from the eastern United States
- 📖 *Death in Mud Lick: A Coal Country Fight Against the Drug Companies That Delivered the Opioid Crisis*, by Eric Eyre
  - Named a Best Book of the Year 2020 by The New York Times
  - From a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter from the smallest newspaper ever to win the prize in the investigative reporting category, an urgent, riveting, and heartbreaking investigation into the corporate greed that pumped millions of pain pills into small Appalachian towns, decimating communities.
- 📖 *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America*, by Erik Larson
  - Edgar Award 2004 for Best Fact Crime; 2003 NY Times Best Seller (nonfiction)
  - Intertwines the true tale of the 1893 World's Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.

## Watching and Listening...

- 🎧 *Quincy*, Netflix, 2018
  - This documentary profiles music and culture icon Quincy Jones, offering unprecedented access to his private life and stories from his unparalleled career.
- 🎧 *Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives*, Netflix, 2017
  - This music-driven documentary charts Clive Davis' 50-year career as one of the world's most influential record moguls.

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Joseph Sterlein*	1955	12/20/2020	83
Stephen J. Ortwein, Jr.	1961	02/03/2021	77
Linda Duff Briody	1967	02/01/2021	71
John Kauker*	1967	05/02/2020	71
David Petrilla	1971	02/22/2021	67

\* I just read about their passing



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## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Nicholas Connell, grandson of the late **Francis '37** and **Gertrude Hildenberger '36 Connell**, on 02/22
- † **Linda Duff Briody '67**, wife of **Clifford '65**, and sister of **Kathleen '69, Thomas '72** and Kevin, on 02/01
- † Jane Fistner Zakovitch, daughter of the late **Mary Evrard Fistner '39**, on 01/31
- † Stanley Glosan, husband of **Elizabeth Horvath Glosan '54**, and father of **Greg '92** and **Kathleen '93**, on 02/20
- † Margaret Gorkos, wife of the late **William Gorkos '60**, on 01/30
- † Edward Judd, Jr., brother of the late **Maryann Judd Dorman '60** and the late **Patricia Judd McGowan '60**, on 02/07
- † Margaret Nyul, mother of **Charlene '76** and **Margaret '77**, on 02/12
- † **Stephen Ortwein '61**, brother of **Amelia '59, Charlotte '65, Debbie '73** and Dennis, on 02/03
- † David Orwan, brother of **Jan '78**, on 02/17
- † Charles Peters, father of **Susan '70**, on 02/13
- † **Dave Petrilla '71**, son of the late **Anna Oravec Petrilla '33** and brother of **Tom '66**, on 02/22
- † Michael Sickonic, husband of **Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic '70**, on 02/25
- † John Soldo, father of **John '78, Kevin '81** and **Jeff '86**, on 01/30
- † Adelino Sousa, father of **Antonio '80** and **Maria '82**, on 02/01
- † **Joe Sterlein '55**, husband of **Joanne Vanic '56**, and both Becahi and Lafayette College Basketball Hall of Famer, on 12/20/20.

**Please say a special prayer** for our classmates Barry Astel and Walt Dozer who passed away during the month of March. (3/4/2007) (3/4/2011)

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## Sports Update

### Boys Basketball

Team Record: 10-4

Upcoming: District XI Basketball Tournament  
Quarterfinals, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### Girls Basketball

Team Record: 5-7

Upcoming: District XI Basketball Tournament  
Quarterfinals, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## Wrestling

Team Record: 3-0

Covid-19 shortened regular season

District XI Team Tournament – (Second Place Finish)

Individuals to Advance to PA Northeast Regionals:

106 – Charles Pavis, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	126 – <b>Tyler Kasak, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	152 – <b>Evan Gleason, 1<sup>st</sup></b>
113 – Cael McIntyre, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	132 – <b>Matt Mayer, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	160 – Landon Muth, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
120 – <b>Dante Frinzi, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	138 – <b>Andrew Harmon, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	189 – Anthony DeRosa, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	145 – Trey Miletics, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

PA Northeast Regionals – First Place Team

Individuals to Advance to PA East Super Regional on March 6<sup>th</sup>

113 – Cael McIntyre, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	132 – <b>Matt Mayer, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	152 – <b>Evan Gleason, 1<sup>st</sup></b>
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## Notables in Sports Alumni

**Joe Sterlein '55**, 4<sup>th</sup> all-time leading scorer in Becahi boys' basketball history, and Becahi Wall of Fame member, passed away on 12/20/2020. Joe is also in Lafayette College's Basketball Hall of Fame. Rest in Peace, Joe. - JOB

**Sean Leary '89**, enters the 2021 season, his 26<sup>th</sup> season, as head coach at Lehigh and 30<sup>th</sup> overall with the baseball program. Sean, a two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year who led the Mountain Hawks to league titles in 2006 and 2015, enters the 2021 season with a 499-641-7 all-time career mark. – [lehighsports.com/sports/baseball...](http://lehighsports.com/sports/baseball...)

**Jason Roeder '93**, head football coach at Freedom, was named to the Pennsylvania coaching staff for the Big 33 Football Classic, pitting PA against Maryland, on Memorial Day weekend.

**Mikey Labriola '17**, finished the regular wrestling season at 8-0 and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in his 174 lb. weight class for the University of Nebraska. He now heads into the Big Ten Championships on March 5-7 in State College, Pa.

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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 last month:

**Jere Casey '61**, a U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration from Moravian College, is now Retired after a career as an Information Systems Engineer for Merck in West Point, PA.

**Jody Smith Davis '68**, former Becahi Volleyball Head Coach, is a Human Relations Professional at HoverTech International, whose vision is to be the premier Safe Patient Handling and Movement company in the world's acute care market, in Allentown.

**Greg Karabin '69**, a Becahi Wall of Fame Member, who received a BA in International Relations from Lehigh University, an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College, and an MS in Clinical Research Organization and Management from Drexel University, is Consulting Senior Global Sales Manager at Oracle Corporation in Downingtown.

**Karen Berg Hobbs '70**, who received a BA from DeSales University, is an Insurance Professional at Brown & Brown of Lehigh Valley LP, one of the largest and most respected independent insurance intermediaries in the nation, located in Bethlehem.

**Joe Cavote '71**, who studied at the University of Scranton, is a Buyer at B. Braun USA, a leader in infusion therapy and pain management, that develops, manufactures, and markets innovative medical products and services to the healthcare industry, in Bethlehem.

**Debbie Ardelean Eichen '72**, who received a BBA in Accounting from Hofstra University, is Partner at Eichen & DiMeglio CPAs PC, in Plainview, NY.

**Ron Kitzhoffer '73**, a Kutztown University graduate, is Senior Research Engineer at Air Products and Chemicals.

**Jane Green Bowen '74**, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from the University of Houston, is Principal Consultant, JG Bowen and Associates, a management consulting practice dedicated to helping business owners achieve results through strategic planning and organizational effectiveness, in Canyon Lake, TX.

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**Bob Lund '75**, who received a BS in Television Production from Kutztown University, is the General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, of WMCN-TV, Lenfest Broadcasting, LLC, in Cherry Hill, NJ., and he the primary instructor of a NJ-approved Career and Technical Education program in Television Production and Broadcast Journalism at Pleasantville High School, Pleasantville, NJ

**Joe Flecksteiner '76**, who served as Food Service Supervisor for the Department of Public Works for almost 34 years, is now "Major Retired at Home or on the Road".

**James Gottwald '77**, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT, an MSME and PhD from Duke University in Acoustics and Biomedical Devices, is Senior Principal Systems Engineer II at BAE Systems in Amherst, NH.

**Steve Petrohoy '78**, who received an Associate's Degree in Environmental Science from Lehigh University and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from East Stroudsburg University, is Account Representative at Lewis Paper International in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Terrence Murphy '79**, who received a BS in Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering from Temple University, a Master's Degree in Applied and Mathematical Statistics from Rochester Institute of Technology, a Master's Degree in Statistics and a PhD in Industrial & Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech, is an Associate Professor at Yale School of Medicine in Hamden, CT.

**Mary Frances Schadl Janicik '80**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Records & Information Management Manager at Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, VA.

**Lora Cunningham Fondl '81**, is the Executive Administrator at West Side Hammer Electric in Bethlehem.

**Stephanie Heptner Bonsall '82**, who received a BS in Educational Leadership and Administration from Penn State University, is Manager, COE Education North America at Estee Lauder Companies in Georgia.

**Greg Brockway '83**, who received a BFA from Lehigh University, was a Locksmith at the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem.

**Greg Chanitz '84**, who received a BS from Kutztown University, is VP of Sales at Photozyme LLC, a specialty skin care company, in Wellington, FL.

**Tom Fertal '85**, who received a BS in Administration of Justice from Penn State University, is Principal at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, DE.

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**Todd Milisits '86**, who received a BAsC in Foods, Nutrition and Related Services from Johnson & Wales University, is the Business Owner at Estelle's Catering in Nazareth.

**David Lienhard '87**, who received a BS in Business Administration from Clarion University, is former General Sales Manager at The Ritter Companies / Trucking in Catonsville, MD.

**Melinda Beschen '88**, who received an Associate's degree in Forensic Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and studied as a Medical Assistant at the Salter School-Malden Campus, in Boston, is a Professional Medical Assistant / Drug and Alcohol Counselor in Orlando, FL.

**Tina Stevens Slak '89**, who received a BA in Theatre from DeSales University, is Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University.

**Pedro Cardona-Vilaplana '90**, who received a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Computer Science from the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia, is Deputy General Manager Information Technology – Global CIO, at Andbank in the greater Barcelona (Spain) metropolitan area.

**Jenn Hero Bracken '91**, who received a BBA in Hospitality Administration from east Stroudsburg University, is Manager at Unum, a company that help millions of people gain affordable access to disability, life, accident, critical illness, dental and vision benefits through the workplace, in South Portland, ME.

**Nicole Kanuck '92**, who received a BA in Biology from Temple University, a BSN from Moravian College, and a RN Diploma from St. Luke's School of Nursing, is Senior Respiratory & Rare Disease Biologics Specialist at GSK, a science-led global healthcare company, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Catherine O'Brien Palumbo '92**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Management / Marketing from DeSales University, is Director of Marketing at Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in New Britain, PA.

**Todd Jakob '93**, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University, is Supervisory Special Agent (Superintendent) for the United States Air Force in Quantico, VA.

**Lisa Baran McCarten '94**, is a Sterile Processing Technician at the Center for Specialized Surgery in Bethlehem.

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**Brian Behler '95**, who received a BS in Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration from the United State Coast Guard Academy, and an MBA in Operations Management and Supervision from Old Dominion University, is an Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay, out of the Philadelphia area.

**David DiPetrillo '96's Valedictorian**, who received a BA in Government from Dartmouth College, is Head of North America Product, BNY Mellon Investment Management in New York, New York.

**Ryan Albright '97**, a graduate of Penn State University, is Inventory Control Supervisor at Ricoh USA, Inc. in Macon, GA.

**Trish Edelman Craig '98**, who received a BA in Mass Communication from Elizabethtown College, is Sr. Client Solutions Executive at Nielsen Audio, a global measurement and data analytics company, in Atlanta, GA.

**Chad Fontoura '99**, who studied at Edinboro University, is Regional Purchasing Supervisor at AdaptHealth, a full-service home medical equipment company in Bethlehem.

**Alissa Bucsi Kwiatkowski '00**, is the Assistant Director of Admissions at Moravian College.

**Adrian Chesh '01**, who received a BS in Biology from Albright College and an MS in Biology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, is Director of Laboratory Operations at Genosity, a biotechnology company focused on providing tools and services for clinical research applications of genomics, in Iselin, NJ.

**Katie Lehman-Connor '01**, who studied at Ursinus College, is Owner/Operator HomeBody PT LLC; ACSM CPT, Cancer Exercise, Inclusive Fitness Trainer; Special Needs Caregiver in Schwenksville.

**Hanh Nguyen '02**, who received a BS in Neuroscience and Spanish from Allegheny College, is Director of Strategic Initiatives at Memorial Care Long Beach Medical Center in Orange County, CA.

**Micheline Corcoran '03**, who studied at Lock haven University, is Customer Service Representative at The Hartford in Bethlehem.

**Steve Boerner '04**, who received a BAsC in Business Leadership from the University of Delaware and a Master's of Engineering in Technical Entrepreneurship from Lehigh University, is Regional Vice-President, Public Sector - AI, ML, & Robotic Process Automation in Philadelphia.

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**Candace Klesh '05**, who received a BA in Communications and Media Studies from Seton Hall University and an MA in Sport Management from Drexel University, is Manager, Partnership Marketing at The Howard Hughes Corporation in New York, New York.

**Marques Johnson '06**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Bloomsburg University, is Regional Sales Manager at PerfectVision - Wireless Infrastructure in the greater Phoenix area.

**Michael Donchez '07**, who received a BS in Finance from Penn State University, is a Senior Manager, Comcast Advertising at Comcast in Philadelphia.

**Billy McIntyre '08**, who received a BA in English and the Classics from Lehigh University, has worked extensively in both fiction and nonfiction, ghostwriting business manuals, memoirs/autobiographies, self-help guides, technology guides, screenplays, and novels in the thriller, sci-fi, drama, and historical fiction genres, in Las Vegas.

**Grace Choi '09**, who received a BA in Public Policy Studies from the University of Chicago and an MS in Environment & Resources, is Research Project Coordinator (Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes) at Northwestern University - The Feinberg School of Medicine in the greater Chicago area.

**Devon Dominici '10**, who received a Bachelor's degree in Finance & Economics from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBS from Villanova University, is a Senior Financial Analyst at Air Products in Textertown.

**Kelsey Shriner '10**, who received a BS in Nutrition and Dietetics from West Chester University, is a Clinical Dietitian at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

**Erik Alderiso '11**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from DeSales University, is an Information Technology Analyst at Lutron Electronics in Allentown.

**Dalena Nguyen '11**, who received a BA in Communication Studies from Temple University, is an Administrative Assistant at the Will Eye Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Stephen Dinh '12**, who is attending Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, is a Casino Dealer at Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem.

**Cara Hackett '12**, who received a BA in Strategic Communication from Temple University, is a Senior Specialist in Government Affairs at Comcast in Philadelphia.

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**Erin Brill '13**, who received a BS in Child Life and Psychology from Syracuse University, is a Child Life Specialist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and she is a Student at Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law.

**Joseph Curreri '13**, who received a BBA in Marketing from St. Joseph's University, is a Spend Management Consultant at Teamplay, a distributed spend management platform that gives you total control and visibility over spending, in New York, New York.

**Michael Duffy '14**, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, is a Project Engineer at Alvin H. Butz, Inc. in Allentown.

**Nicholas Mirabito '14**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master's Degree in Kinesiology from Temple University, is an Instructor and Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory Coordinator at Temple University's College of Public Health.

**Madeline Henry '15**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Strategic Communications from Temple University, is Senior Communications Coordinator at Columbia University School of Nursing in New York City.

**Kate O'Brien '15**, who received a BS in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Doctoral Student at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH.

**Austin Ackerman '16**, who received a BS in Chemistry from Millersville University, is an Associate Scientist at Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories in Lancaster County.

**Robert Shuster '16**, is serving in the U.S. Navy as a Nuclear Machinist Mate on the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford, out of Chesapeake, VA.

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## Reflection

Simple acts of acknowledgement matter.  
To be known. To be heard.  
To have one's unique identity recognized and seen as worthy,  
is a universal human desire.

— A Promised Land, Barack Obama

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## 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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