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It's May!

The Class of 1970's "Gold 'n One" Reunion is back on track! Based on a survey taken last year, we anticipate between 100 - 150 attendees, and the Steel Club has confirmed that although the current capacity is restricted to 25% (125 guests), they anticipate getting to 50% (250 guests) by late summer. Which means that we will be very comfortable and not at all crowded in the large ballroom and bar! In addition, vaccine availability nationwide is very good, so we are hopeful that everyone who can get vaccinated will do so.

A short survey to re-count attendees will be sent out soon. Please reply so we can continue our planning.

Meanwhile, I took a look at our Class Reunion website again

<https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> and two more bios were posted!! "Now that's what I'm talking about!" Only 200 more to go before this September.

Pat Dunn Andrews writes that she "... retired January 9, 2021 as the Administrative Aide for the City of Bethlehem Police Department Records Bureau after completing 48 years there. My husband **Jeff Andrews '71** and I will be celebrating our 42nd Wedding Anniversary this October."

Our detectives found two hiding classmates from last month's list, but the one of the person's whereabouts will not be disclosed for national security reasons. Meanwhile, here are a few more classmates for whom we don't have email addresses, are not sure of the current address, and hope someone reading this newsletter can help find these "missing children." No bounties offered, yet.

Nick Ierovante

Larry Kachmar

John Kovatch

Christina Kovatch Fackenthall

Ken Krizan

Maureen Lawrence

Mike Machain

Tom Maio

Nancy Majczan

Janet Martinez Lezoche

Jane Meder Mignogno

Mike Molchan

Meme Nolan Wiber

Grace Ocampo

Roseann Righi Repasch

Jeanne Reese

Jim Santo

Liz Slafkosky Kerekes

Over the next couple of months, we'll be putting out more names from our Missing Persons Report to herd all us cats hawks together. Questions? Reach out.

How many this time?

This month's edition contains the names of 293 graduates from 65 different classes, including... 1928, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1950-52, 1957, 1960-61, 1964, 1966-67, 1969 through 2016, and 2021.

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This month I either saw or heard from...

... Gus Concilio '47, Andy '60 and Sandy (Majczan '61) Silvoy, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Yogi Eddinger '67, Rosemary Ripper Zambo '67, Fran McGouldrick '69, Mary Donchez Wilson '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, MaryTee Lisowski Miller '71, Angel Rivera '71, Greg Adams '72, Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73, Dan Reisteter '78, Terry Buragino Ganse '80, Tom Chadwick '80, Jan Kachmar Miller '80, Lou Vittorio '80, Jean Foley Gray '81, Jeff Kurtz '81, Jim McCauley '81, Steve Shive '81, Tom Vresics '81, Mike Hanna '82, Kerry Foley Seeger '84, Susan Steele Hoelzer '84, Debra Ann DeSanto '85, Mike Gallagher '85, Sherri Hines '85, Joe Lawler '85, Jennifer Bukvics Ouellette '86, Maureen O'Grady '86, Autumn Bayles '88, Cromwell Estrada '88, Dave Domchek '89, Tom McLaughlin '90, Greg Panik '91, Joshua Rice '92, Samantha Snell '94, Michael Walters '95, Megan Stull '96, Vanessa Kelchner '97, Meg Martin Snyder '97, Larry Lam '99, Jay Martin '01, Elizabeth Chegezy '01, Maggie Kadziolka Giambalvo '02, Amy Markovic Solano '03, Kerri Myers Brumbaugh '04, Chris Lushis '06, Liz Rossi Potechko '06, Megan Pavlo '07, Gabi Donchez '09, Carlos Barata '10, Astrid Hernandez '10, Francesca Weber Marra '11, Anna Borges '13, Mackenzie Hall '16, Kylee Shivok '16

... and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Celeste, Dave** and **Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Mike Cunningham, Anne Gerber, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff** and **Col, Rick Jordan, George** and **Betsy, Phil Meguire, Tommy Sculley, Jo, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe**

Say a special prayer for ... Betsy Horvath Kane's mom for Bill Kreider's dad and for **Maura MacLean Monte's brother** who passed away recently.

- † **Dolores Evrard Horvath '45**, passed away on 04/06. Please also say a prayer for Betsy's siblings **Joe '73, Chris '80** and **John '82**.
- † William Kreider passed away on 03/31. He was 95. Say some prayers for Bill's siblings as well...**Mark '71, Robert '82**, Karen, Jody, Kristen and the late Susan.
- † Duncan MacLean passed away on 04/08 to reunite with his parents **Francis '41** and **Eleanor (McIntyre) '41**, and siblings, **Colin '74, Deirdre '79** and Tim. Please remember Maura's siblings in your prayers as well, including **Kevin '72, Monica '72, Bridget '76, Manus '78**, and Margaret.

...and please forgive my slip-up last month in remembering **Celeste's mom's** passing... **Patricia D'Orsi Casciano '38** passed away on 03/09 at the golden age of 100. ...*My apologies to Celeste and her family.* - JOB

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The Class of 1951's Virtual 70th Year Reunion

This was the 25th Graduating Class in school history.

The first volume of the yearbook named "Sceptre" was introduced...

"A scepter is an ornamental staff which represents kingly office or power, and since our city of Bethlehem is named after Bethlehem, the birthplace of the King of Kings, Whose subjects we are, what could be more fitting than for us to acknowledge His Kingship by naming our book "The Sceptre.""

The yearbook stated that the school "...has an enrollment of three hundred nine students. In the curriculum the fifty-six seniors, sixty-nine juniors, eighty sophomores and one hundred-four freshmen have two courses from which to choose. In the academic course emphasis is placed on science and languages, while in the general course, the students major in commercial and secretarial subjects. We of the student body come from Bethlehem or its surrounding towns, and even though some must come a distance, we manage to arrive in time for the prayer bell at 8:25. We hail from the following parishes: Holy Infancy, Holy Ghost, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, Bath; Sacred Heart, Miller Heights; St. Anne, SS. Cyril and Methodius, St. John Capistrano, St. Joseph, Colesville; St. Paul, Allentown; SS. Peter and Paul, SS. Simon and Jude, St. Theresa, St. Stanislaus, St. Ursula and St. John the Baptist."

The Reverend Daniel B. Powell, D.D. was the Rector

Reverend Joseph V. Sangmeister, J.C.D. was beginning his fourth year as principal

Sister Catherine Veronica, S.S.J., taught math

Sister Marie Jeanne, S.S.J., taught history

Sister John Gertrude, S.S.J., was in charge of the science department

Sister John Eudes, S.S.J., taught Latin

Sister Terese Catharine, S.S.J., taught French and Spanish

Sister Loreto Aloysia, S.S.J., was in the music department

Sister Regina Rita, S.S.J., taught English

Sister Rose Eleanor, S.S.J., taught English

Sister Margaret Isabell, S.S.J., taught English

Sister Michael Cecilia, S.S.J., was in charge of commercial studies

Every Wednesday Father Sangmeister celebrated mass in Holy Infancy Church.

The "**Becatones**" was the name given to a very select glee club.

There were 16 boys among the 57 graduates.

The members are...

John Anderson*

Joseph Balshai

Daniel Bastianelli

Joan Bilsak Gombocz

Hugh Boyle*

John Chrismer

Jean Cope Stoll*

Matthew Karaffa*

Geraldine Keating Foote*

Patricia Kelly Girke

Julia Kerezsi Shalbert*

Nicholas Kozauer

Merle Louise Letowt Simon

Elizabeth Machain Turbedsky

Jane Pepper*

Mary Polak Barkis*

Helen Presing

James Quigney*

James "Junie" Rich

Jacqueline Robell Zaun

Patricia Sabota Leperi*

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Patricia Coyle Over	Dorothy Maki	Eva Salvage Sabino*
Germaine Dick Brown	Chet Marcantognini*	Charles Schubert*
Stephen Domiter	Rosemary McNamee Hoelzel*	Lucile Sides Williams*
Charles Downing*	Helen McShane Madnerbach*	Celine Slaninka Grebs*
Joan Fecko Karaffa*	Georgene Miklos Many*	Joseph Slivko
Suzanne Finnegan Ahnell	Lorraine Minarik Posivak*	Jean Stefanowicz Levin
Elaine Gaydos Fox*	James Moroney*	Rosemary Terr Parkkila
Jeanne Gregor Downing*	Mary France Moroney Marzec	Bernie Timko Duser*
Elsa Hafner Salay*	Lois Motiska Stefanik*	Stephen Ulincy
Lillian Horvath	James Orlando	Bernadine Wattman Fornaro
Ann Hrkach Bentley*	Margaret Ortwein Gasdaska*	Theresa Wills McClarin
Joan Johnson Yasenochok*	Rosemary Ortwein	Angela Yost Horvath

* Deceased

Here's what I found... (I may be wrong or incomplete, so Help!)

Six members served in the Armed Forces...

John Anderson	U.S. Army	James Quigney	U.S. Army (Korea)
Chet Marcantognini	U.S. Air Force	Junie Rich	Military
James Moroney	U.S. Army	Stephen Ulincy	U.S. Army

> Jane Peffer Warncke was a Nurse.

> Daniel Bastianelli entered the priesthood, the Josephites – Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Fourteen members had 32 children who graduated from Beca...

Jean Cope Stoll	> Karen '73, Lori '77
Germaine Dick Brown	> Mike '76, Pat '77, Mary '79, Bernie '81, John '83, Ann '84, Christopher '86 and Jayne '90
Charlie Downing and Jeanne Gregor	> Bob '73, William '75
Joan Fecko and Matt Karaffa	> Deborah '73, Susan '75
Elsa Hafner Salay	> Lisa '74
Patricia Kelly Girke	> Kelly '81
James Moroney	> Kevin '82, Tim '85, Kelli '88
Mary Maroney Marzec	> Dave '72, Jim '78
Peggy Ortwein Gasdaska	> Robert '64
Jacqueline Robell Zaun	> Joe '78, James '84
Joseph Slivko	> Joseph '73, Joanne '75
Theresa Wills McClarin	> Kathleen '76, Carol '78, Bob '80

Helen McShane Madnerbach's mom was **Helen Powell '28**

Merle Louise Letowt Simon became a Broadway Star and is a BecaHi Distinguished Graduate.

Next Month...

The Class of 1956's Virtual 65th Reunion.

Got any good stories? (...that you wanna share?)

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Mount Rushmore of Becahi Teaching Greats And Our Educators Honor Roll

The responses are heart-warming and varied, as expected. Meanwhile **101 alums from 44 different classes** have provided **231 recommendations for 83 teachers**. The table below shows what class and how many alums submitted recommendations...

Decades >	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending								
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1			2	5	1	3	2	
2			2	1	1	1		
3			5			1		
4			1	2	1		1	
5		2	2	3	1			
6		1	3	2		2	2	
7	2	3	2	1	2	1		
8	1	2	2	2				
9		5	2	1	1	1		
	3	14	39	21	8	9	7	

44
Classes
101
Grads

For example, the above indicates that **18 grads** from the Class of '70 submitted nominations. BTW, it's never too late to recognize someone.

Here are some additional comments sent in this past month...

Lou Vittorio '80, writes... *"No brainers for me: Mike Grasso - developed sportsmanship and teamwork, and taught me since grade school at Notre Dame! [and] Anissa Nassry - great role model for the sciences, which is the field I am gainfully and happily employed."*

Cromwell Estrada '88, writes ... *"I'd like to nominate Anissa Nassry. I am a physician and was president of the Medical Careers Club at Becahi class of 88. She was my Biology teacher at Becahi and was instrumental during my high school years."*

Vanessa Kelchner '97, wrote... *"The teachers in my life meant the world to me. Mr. Sabo and Miss Nassry kept my love of science going in the classroom and clubs, propelling me to pursue it further in college, graduate school and my career. I'm forever grateful for their dedication and enthusiasm for the subject. Thank you!"*

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JoAnne Eminhizer Pavolko '01, writes... *"I would like to nominate Mr. Peter DeFilippis. What an amazing teacher he was. I took French for 3 years and was lucky enough to have him as my teacher as well as my Disciplinarian. He always had a smile on his face and was so welcoming. We loved to joke around with him too. I will never forget him."*

Amy Markovic Solano '03, writes... *"The teacher that was most impactful of my career was Mrs. Janice Little, who taught me for three courses during the two years I spent as a Becahi student. Before coming to Becahi I always knew I wanted to work with math and numbers in some way, but Mrs. Little is the person who inspired me to go into education. She was always so talented at both teaching the specific concepts necessary for each lesson and displaying how those concepts translated into real world applications and other career paths. It is this very same idea that I try and focus on today in my own classroom. I am so fortunate that I was not only able to be a member of Mrs. Little's class on several occasions, but we were also able to be colleagues here at Becahi for seven years."*

Gabi Donchez '09 writes... *"I'd like to nominate Nathaniel Tkach! I was lucky enough to be in his first ever Economics class. Although we seniors gave him a hard time for being the "new guy", he was a really fun and relatable teacher who made each class funny and memorable. ... His economics class encouraged my decision to pursue a business degree with a minor in economics at Penn State."*

Astrid Hernandez '10, writes... *"While at Beca Mrs. [Jennifer] DeMarco helped start an Eco Club at our school to assist with recycling and educating our peers about the importance of taking care of our planet... I am not sure if she is still at Beca but I know she's made a lasting difference in the community and to myself on a personal level. I've really taken all I learned from her and adopted it in my life as an adult. Her teaching goes beyond us at this moment, it will help serve our children and future generations by protecting the environment."*

Francesca Weber Marra '11, writes... *"I currently teach in Parsippany-Troy Hills School District in northern NJ. I would like to nominate Mrs. [Mirla] Leon, who was my Spanish teacher for three years in high school. She ignited my passion for learning and teaching language. Coming from being a novice language learner in her class, to confidently studying abroad in the Dominican Republic in college, to now sharing my experiences with current students, Mrs. Leon was always an inspiration to keep pushing myself to keep learning!"*

Although there won't [soon] be a "Mount Rushmore" with only four figures, your enthusiastic responses have revealed a treasure trove of memories and testimonials for 83 of our former teachers. I thought it better to honor all of those teachers that have been nominated for a special recognition.

The latest Educator Honor Roll will also be posted at that time. (It's grown to over 300.)

The goal is to send you an email with enclosures to **announce the findings in time for National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 4th**.

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The Play's the Thing

Third in a continuing series on Theater lore at Becahi

The first musical in the “new” (Dewberry and Madison) auditorium, and under the direction of Sr. Catharine Immaculate SSJ, was “The Sound of Music”, and starred **Kathy Salos '67** as Maria and the late **Don Meder '67** in the role of Captain von Trapp.

Fran McGouldrick '69 wrote... *Sister Catharine Immaculate. I only experienced her teaching abilities... during Camelot. I remember her requiring us to go and see the movie with Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave and Franco Nero at the College Theater. We then spent about an hour of practice time discussing the characters and the plot. She didn't just want us to put on a musical, she wanted to make sure we understood the whole story, plot and background of the characters. She was a fabulous director and teacher. I remember going to see her musicals from way back in grade school down on S. 4th street.*

Anyone got a story to share?

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. Tom is looking forward to working with every class, but especially the milestone classes whose celebrations are approaching quickly.

Kay Fenerty Lynn '57, writes that the **Class of '57** have reserved the Prime Steak House for their 64th 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 “Gold ‘n One” Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of **September 24-26, 2021**. Friday evening the 24th, the party at the Steel Club will include a Chance 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.) **Kathy Gaydos Bickert** kbic77@hotmail.com and **Betsy Vreeland Lavelle** betsylavelle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this.

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Other events are pending. Stay tuned. BTW.... The [Bethlehem Celtic Festival](#) is also scheduled for this weekend, so plan accordingly. (They must have seen our plans, and wanted to take advantage of the surge.)

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 50th Reunion

Planning continues. Looks like **September, 2022** will be the magical month. A Facebook Group page entitled "Becahi class of 1972" was set up on March 10th, and so far, 26 persons (out of 207 living souls) have signed on. **Sue Bartos '72**, sbartos54@yahoo.com, is the Group's Administrator. Sign up on Facebook and get yourself involved...please.

The **Class of 1985's** 36th 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

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

Dotty Donovan Scheirer '77, who received a BS in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Elizabethtown College and an MEd in Reading from Kutztown University, teaches fifth graders at Holy Family School in Nazareth.

Thomas McLaughlin '90, writes that he... *"has lived in New York City for the past 20 years and owns a graphic design consulting business and teaches at Pratt Institute. He is also a jazz drummer and fine artist. He studied art and design at Temple University Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn."*

JoAnne Eminhizer Pavolko '01, writes... *"I am a Special Education Teacher at Louis E. Dieruff High School in Allentown PA. I have been teaching there for over 12 years. I currently co-teach Biology and I absolutely love my job. I love my students and my Dieruff Husky family as we all refer to ourselves. Being a teacher and helping to shape the lives and minds of our youth is the most rewarding career!"*

Gina Blaszka Spears '08, who received a BS in Inclusive Elementary and Special Education and an MS in Early Childhood and Special Education from Syracuse University, is a Kindergarten Teacher in the Somerville (NJ) School District.

LenaRose DeLorenzo '15, received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Cedar Crest College in 2019.

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2021 Distinguished Graduates Named

Three alums were introduced as our newest Distinguished Graduates during an afternoon assembly with the students on April 29. They are...

Greg Adams '72 for Leadership in Business at IBM and for Service to the State of Tennessee as its first Chief Operations Officer,

Ret. Col. Mike Shupp '77 for Service to the U.S. Marine Corps and Our Nation, and

Megan Anne Stull '96, for Leadership in Communication Law. Her induction coincided with her promotion to Senior Counsel at Google.

Congratulations to these worthy individuals.

Mike Grasso Honored



Kathy Ripper Grasso '70 escorts her surprised husband, Mike, as Becahi honored his 45 years of service with pregame festivities prior to its EPC matchup against Nazareth on April 20th.

"It's pretty emotional thinking about how many good memories I have and how they've affected my life. These people have affected my life and I'm a better person because of that," said Grasso as he paused from hugging his way through dozens of well-wishers. *"I'm so lucky and*

so blessed to do the profession, for 45 years, of teaching and coaching. God has really blessed me." - Morning Call 4/21/21 ...And Becahi is blessed to have Mike. Congratulations!

Escaping the Pandemic

Reading... What's on your nightstand?

📖 *Grant*, by Ron Chernow

- The definitive biography, *Grant* is a grand synthesis of painstaking research and literary brilliance that makes sense of all sides of Grant's life, explaining how this simple Midwesterner could at once be so ordinary and so extraordinary.

Watching and Listening... What are you looking at and listening to?

🎧 *Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice* (Netflix)

- The life and career of singer Linda Ronstadt is traced from her childhood in Tucson through her decades-long career and to her retirement in 2011 due to Parkinson's disease.

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Dolores Evrard Horvath	1945	04/06/2021	93
Delia Rivera Diaz	1969	04/20/2021	
Dyanne Podwika Van Horn	1989	04/21/2021	50
Gabrielle Meixell	2021	04/12/2021	18

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Florence Barta, mother of **Deborah '75**, on 04/-8
- † Charles Dugan, father of **Regina '79**, **Lianne '85**, **Kevin '89**, Marikay and Larry, on 04/08
- † **Dolores Evrard Horvath '45**, mother of **Betsy '70**, **Joseph '73**, **Chris '80** and **John '82**, and sister of the late **John Evrard '38**, **Mary Evrard Fistner '39**, **August "Lindy" Evrard '43**, **Carl Evrard '47** and **Theresa Evrard Scott '50**, on 04/06
- † Stanley Glosan, husband of **Angela Horvath Glosan '54**, and father of **Greg '92** and **Kathleen '93**, on 02/20 (I made a mistake in the March Tidings and apologize to the Glosan family. - JOB)
- † Susan Horvath, mother of **Michele '83**, **Kirsten '87** and Michael, on 04/05
- † Thomas Jordan, husband of **Marie Zarinsky Jordan '64**, and father of **Jennifer '90**, **Karen '92** and **Mike '97**, on 04/15
- † William Kreider, father of **Bill '70**, **Mark '71**, **Bob '82**, Karen, Jody, Kristen and the late Susan, on 03/31
- † Thomas Lyons, father of **Bridget '98**, **Casey '01** and **Patrick '03**, on 04/11
- † Duncan MacLean, son of the late **Francis** and **Eleanor (McIntyre) MacLean '41**, **Maura '70**, **Kevin '72**, **Monica '72**, the late **Colin '74**, **Bridget '76**, **Manus '78**, the late **Deirdre '79**, Margaret and the late Tim, on 04/08
- † Tillie Polentes, mother of **Gregg '79**, **Blaise '82**, Vincent and Alison, on 04/19
- † **Delia Rivera Diaz '69**, mother of **Carlos '92** and **Javier '93**, on 04/20
- † Lynne Steltzer, daughter of **Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60**, on 04/28
- † Tefvik Tasci, father of **Sibel '86**, **Aylin '93** and **Erman '94**, on 04/27

Please say a special prayer for our classmates who passed away during the month of May...

Tom Kacar 05/26/17 **Mike Keefe** 05/09/17 **Dick Murray** 05/29/87 **Frank Tomaszewski** 05/01/93

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Sports Update



Charlie and Ginny (Kelly) Haas '41, teammates for the last 80 years, and members of their high school basketball teams, pose for a recent “team photo.”

Other members of “their team” include sons **Rick '66** (and his wife **Kathy Dunn '66**), **Mike '71**, **Bob '74**, **Tom '76**, **Jeff '81**, and Rick and Kathy’s children **Kim '93**, **Rich '96** and **Greg '99**.

1950 – 1951 Basketball Recap...

Mr. John Howard, in his second year, coached the boys’ basketball team.

The boys’ basketball team’s record:

- 27 Wins – 9 Losses
- Champions, Philadelphia Catholic Suburban League (third straight year)
- Champions, Eastern Pennsylvania (second year in a row)
 - Team Members: Chet Marcantognini '51, **Charles Chubbuck '52**, Charles “Digger” Downing '51, Hughie Boyle '51, **Jack Ferry '52**, **Jimmie Ford '52**, “Junie” Rich '51, Matt Karaffa '51, Jimmie Moroney '51 and John Chrismer '51

Miss Margaret Chubbuck coached the '50 - '51 girls’ basketball team.

2021 Wrestling

The team (5-1) was honored as the Morning Call’s All-Area Team of the Year, after winning the Class 3A Northeast Regional tournament and finishing third in the team standing at the PIAA individual event after seven members earned state medals including champion Tyler Kasak. Tyler extended Beca’s streak of at least one state champion for 10 consecutive years, second only to Clearfield (1941-53) in PIAA history.

– Morning Call 4/4/21

2021 Boys Tennis

Curtis Gruber (Jr.) defeated teammate **Arman Makawana** to claim the District XI 2A singles title, and thereby becoming Becahi’s first-ever boys tennis District XI champion. He now moves on to the PIAA singles championships which are held Memorial Day weekend at the Hershey Racquet Club. – Morning Call 4/29/21

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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:

Tom Sugalski '70, who received a BA in Psychology from King's College and a PhD from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a Clinical Neuropsychologist, Licensed Psychologist at Psychology Associates in Bethlehem.

Michael Tallarico '71, is now Retired as Project Manager at Xorail, one of the nation's leading railway signal design and construction companies, headquartered in Jacksonville, FL.

Thomas Schell '72, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Research Scientist at Amneal Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, NJ.

Terence Petfield '73, who studied the Sciences at DeSales University, is a Shipping Manger at Praxair, a leading global industrial gases and engineering company, in Bethlehem.

Martha Schaffer Hartman '74, who received an AS in Nursing from Polk Community College, is an RN at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem.

Mary Breiner Tarnock '75, who received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh, is Private Client Advisor at Brown & Brown Insurance in Wilmington, DE.

Jane Wright Hagmann '76, who received a BA in American/United States Studies/Civilization from Hollins College, is a Family Law Paralegal at the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP in Morristown, NJ.

Jeffrey Schuster '77, who received BS in Business Administration from Valparaiso University, is an Estimator at Flooring Solutions in Indian Trail, NC.

Sharon Balog '78, who graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, is a Registered Nurse at Bon Secours Health System in Chesapeake, VA.

Philip Braxmeier '79, who received a BS in Business Administration / Accounting from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Division Controller at Airlite Plastics Co. in Allentown.

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Joseph Vargo '80, is the Owner of Schnecksville Notary and a Licensed Sales Producer at Allstate Insurance in Schnecksville, PA.

Philip Zdanowicz '81, an alumnus from Penn State University, is responsible for Financial Reporting at Independence Blue Cross in Warrington, PA.

Sandra Whitacre Feather '82, a Neumann University graduate, is Director of Enrollment Management at Penn State University's Worthington Scranton Campus.

Michael Ward '83, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, is Associate Engineering Director at Merck in Kenilworth, NJ.

Michele Yob '84, is a Loan Specialist at the Bethlehem 1st Federal Credit Union.

Rich Gergar '85, who received a BS in Finance & Marketing from the University of Maryland, is Executive Vice President at G&G Outfitters in Lanham, MD.

Kari Schutzenhofer Metz '85, who received an RN/BSN from the University of Wisconsin – Eau-Claire, is an RN at OptumHealth in Minneapolis, MN.

Erica Ziegenfuss Bortz '86, who studied at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Kutztown University, is a Shareholder at Concannon Miller & Co., P.C., an accounting and business consulting Firm of Choice for privately-held businesses, in Bethlehem.

William Trapp '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from East Stroudsburg University, is a Financial Specialist at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem.

Mark "Duke" Wagner '88, who received a BS in Exercise Science from Iowa State University, is Director of Human Resources at Executive Education Schools in Bethlehem.

Mark Mikitka '89, who received a BS in Marketing and Management from Lehigh University and a JD from the University of Massachusetts School of Law, is Area Vice President, Enterprise Sales at Oracle in Boston.

Heather Neff LaTour '89, who studied at Penn State University, is the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program Representative for the Commonwealth of PA.

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Susan Saxman Menno '90, who received a BS in Landscape Architecture from Penn State University, is President and CEO of Hunt Engineering Company, a multi-discipline engineering firm providing a diverse range of civil and structural engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture and special inspection services throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland in Malvern, PA.

Eric Witzel '91, who received a BS in Kinesiology from Penn State University, is an Exercise Physiologist at FOX Rehabilitation in the Lehigh Valley.

Angel Wong Hood '92, who received a BA in Business/Management Information Systems from Utah State University, is a Technical Support Analyst III, IT Product Support at MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., an independent, trend-focused pharmacy benefit manager, in San Diego, CA.

Courtney Williams '93, who received a BS in Elementary Education from West Chester University, is a Senior Network Engineer at Haverford College.

Shea Poehler Ace '94, who received an Associate's Degree from Northampton Community College and studied at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, is Community Relations Coordinator for the Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School in Bethlehem.

Amanda Gerber Kovalchick '95, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human resources Management from Southern New Hampshire University, is Talent Acquisition Manager at Wind Creek Hospitality in Bethlehem.

Stacy Ditze '96, who received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Delaware and a Master's Degree in Education from East Stroudsburg University, is a Special Education Teacher at North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional High School District.

Chris Dreisbach '96, who received a BBA in Logistics, Materials and Supply Chain Management from Penn State University, is Manager, Finance, Controlling & Planning at Aesculap, Inc., a B. Braun company, is the world's largest and one of the most respected manufacturers of surgical instruments, medical devices and sterilization container systems, in Center Valley.

Dan Mies '96, who received a BS from DeSales University and an MS in Clinical & Counseling Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, is Hotel Sales Manager at Wind Creek in Bethlehem and is a Professional Musician (Pianist) "Dan Mies on the Keys" in Bethlehem.

Christopher Zimmerman '97, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from Caldwell College, is a Corrections Officer in Northampton County.

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Joseph Jiorle '98, who received a BA in Music Recording Technology from Lebanon Valley College, is the Operations Lead of Assets at TAIT Towers, the World Market Leader in designing, constructing and delivering the finest live event solutions in the world, in the greater Lancaster, PA area.

Katherine Yasko Banta '99, who received a BS in Biology from Lehigh University, is a Senior Scientist at Roche Molecular System in Morris County, NJ.

Ernie Wrecsics '00, who studied Materials Science & Engineering at Lehigh University, is a Sales Engineer Specialist at TimkenSteel Corporation in Canton, OH.

Jason Yeager '00, is an Automotive Technician for Mavis Tire in Bethlehem.

Diane Wallace '01, who received a BS in Business Administration and Marketing from St. Joseph's University, is Head of North America HR for Armour Risk Management, Inc., a global company which focuses on identifying, structuring and transacting value opportunities within the insurance and reinsurance sectors, in Philadelphia.

Victoria Zanghi '01, who received a BA in Communication from DeSales University and a BS in Accounting from Colorado State University-Global Campus, is a Tour Manager at Baroness, in the greater Phoenix area.

Joshua Wilvert '02, who received a BS in Computer Science from St. Joseph's University and an MBA in Project Management from DeSales University, is Vice President, Commercial Operations at TRINITY, a management consulting firm, providing evidence-based solutions for the life sciences, in Waltham, MA.

Corinne Wrecsics '02, who received a BS in Integrated Business and Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, is VP of Finance at Morgan Stanley in the greater New York City area.

Maurice Simmons '03, who received a BBA from East Stroudsburg University, is a Web Developer in Easton.

Meredith Spirk '03, who received a BBA in Marketing from Temple University, is a Senior Account Executive at iHeartMedia in Whitehall.

Michael Triantafelow '04, who received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Penn State University, is Lead Software Engineer at Salesforce in the Raleigh-Durham, NC metropolitan area.

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Christina Troia '04, who received a BS in Fashion Merchandising Management from the Fashion Institute of Technology, is a Buyer at Ross Stores in the New York City metropolitan area.

John Wesolowski '05, who received a BA in Business Management from DeSales University, is Area Sales Manager at Enterprise Fleet Management in Kansas City, MO.

Chris Wolak '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology, is an Engineering Specialist at Victaulic, the world's leading producer of grooved mechanical couplings and pipe-joining systems, in Fairport, NY.

Chad Doncsecz '06, who studied Sports Management at Northampton Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University, is a Pharmacy/Warehouse Clerk at CAPS (Central Admixture Pharmacy services) in Allentown.

Jacqueline Nomeir '06, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Delaware's Lerner College of Business and Economics, is Client Services Manager at TK Interactive, an enterprise SaaS product company, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Mitchell Dean '07, who received an AS in Hotel Management from Northampton Community College and a BS in Hospitality & Tourism Management from Temple University, is a Licensed Insurance Producer at ADP in Allentown.

Annie Koempel '07, who received a BA in History and Anthropology from West Chester University, a BS in Dietetics and Human Nutrition and a Masters in Applied Anthropology from the University of Kentucky, is a Certified Intuitive Eating Counselor and Program Manager in the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY.

Britney Castro Keim '08, who received a BS in Organizational & Community Leadership from the University of Delaware, is Commercial Marketing Coordinator at DLP Realty in Bethlehem.

Jennifer Villare '08, who received a BS in Counseling and Human Services and an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Scranton, is Clinical Supervisor & Outpatient Counselor / Director of Camp Mariposa at Penn Foundation in the greater Philadelphia area.

John Beaupre '09, who received a BS in Athletic Training from East Stroudsburg University is an Athletic Trainer at St. Luke's University Health Network.

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Allison Biechy '09, who received a BA in Fine/Studio Art from Shippensburg University, is a Sales Associate at Best Buy in Furlong, PA.

Michael Caffrey '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree from East Stroudsburg University, is a Management Trainee at Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) in Bethlehem.

Gabe Zurek '10, who studied Music Composition at West Chester University and Entrepreneurship, Business Administration at Belmont University, is an Independent Business Owner and Composer for film, TV, video games, and online video in the Nashville metropolitan area.

Travis Brewer '11, who received an Associate's degree in Theater from Northampton Community College and a BA in Theater from East Stroudsburg university, is a Business Development Specialist at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

Caitlin Kessler '11, who received a Bachelor's degree in Sport and Fitness Administration from Misericordia University and a Master of Legal Studies from Drexel University, is Senior Insurance Account Executive at ADP in Bethlehem.

Taylor Brady Hetherington '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Multimedia Communications from Susquehanna University and is an MBA student at the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University, is Corporate Communications Manager at Cooper Electric in Toms River, NJ.

Marianne Brooks '12, who received a BS in Nutrition from West Chester University, is a Nutritionist at Chester County WIC (Women, Infants and Children) in Downingtown, PA.

Ian Chanitz '13, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Penn State University, is a Transmission Operations Engineer at PPL Corporation in Allentown.

Kayleigh Downey '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Theater from DeSales University, is a Costume Designer, Seamstress, and Wardrobe Dresser in the Lehigh Valley.

Sean Iannelli '14, who received a BA and MBA in Accounting from Rosemont is a Staff Accountant at Concannon, Miller & Co. P.C. in the greater Philadelphia area.

Garrett Toole '14, who received a BA in Theatre and Speech from Wagner College, is Creative Social Media Coordinator at Ralph, a Creative Agency, "We make brand experiences that people love and want to share", in NYC. Garrett is also an Actor/Singer.

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Colby Faasumalie '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and economics from West Chester University, is a student at Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law and a Judicial Intern for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in Easton.

Jessica Hamati-Attieh '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Lebanon Valley College, is a Doctoral Student in Physical Therapy and Assistant Volleyball Coach at Lebanon Valley College.

Thomas Roginsky '16, who received a BS in Computer Science, Economics from Tulane University, is a Software Developer at General Motors.

Austin Saunders '16, who received a BS in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business, is Growth Analyst @ vitalxchange, a private community and marketplace for patients to find fast & accurate info from peer and professional health experts in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Our Second Annual Golden Gala Raised \$90,000

Thank you to all the alumni who joined us for our largest single fundraiser benefiting the students of Becahi. **We will use the \$29,970 from our Emotional Appeal to purchase a school van** to transport the newest generation of Golden Hawks to various activities: academic competitions, sports, service projects, retreats, partner school bonding events, etc. We are looking forward to next Spring when we will host our 3rd Annual Golden Gala. We hope to do even better next year as we add new dimensions to this important event towards the success of our beloved Bethlehem Catholic.

2020-2021 Annual Appeal Fund

We are just shy of our \$78,000 goal and you could be the one to put us over the top. It is not unthinkable that we could even reach \$94,000 to coincide with this being the 94th Year of Becahi. We still have two months to reach even greater heights. As Hawks, that what we do. We will have a final 30 Day Sprint to the Finish to see if we can reach this. 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 Annual Fund letter, please email tvresics@becahi.org.

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Becahi Advancement News

Look in your emails on Friday, May 14th for the 2nd edition of the Becahi Advancement News. The first issue was emailed to you on Friday, April 16th. We are publishing this online newsletter to help our alumni, parents, and friends of Bethlehem Catholic become more engaged in the life of our school as we approach Bethlehem Catholic's Centenary in 2026. This is your chance to catch up on recent school events. The May issue will give more details about our 2021 Distinguished Graduates as well as Graduation News for the Bethlehem Catholic Class of 2021.

Reflection

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. – catholicculture.org

Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and she cares for all of us, day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

- ncregister.com

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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