

Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School & The Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

By the numbers in 2021

49,000+ *Tidings* emails were sent to 3,600+ graduates from 76 classes

2,650 graduates from 93 classes were recognized in *Tidings*

Class of 1970's Gift

On December 8th 2021, Holly DeNofa, Becahi's Principal and **Tom Vresics '81**, Becahi's Director of Advancement, accepted a check for over \$3,000 to be used as tuition assistance for a current student in need. **Lisa DeAngelis Hummel, Kathy Gaydos Bickert** along with **George** and **Betsy Horvath Kane**, presented the check on behalf of the Class of 1970. The gift was a result of the proceeds from last September's 51st Reunion.

A 70th Year Birthday Gift

Jim Connell, who is recuperating from emergency spinal cord surgery, wrote... *"As many of us in the class of '70 will be turning 70 in 2022, I offer a small challenge. On or before my birthday (1/10), I will be making a \$70.00 donation to Becahi. I challenge each of my friends and classmates to do likewise. 70 for 70."*

If anyone wants to accept Jim's challenge, send a check to Bethlehem Catholic High School and write "Class of '70 Birthday present" in the memo line.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... **Connie Scripelliti Ewing '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Jim LaBuda '63, Anita Mlinko Labuda '65, Yogi Eddinger '67, Gil Kauffman '67, "Cat" Gallagher '68, Karen Cauley '71, Debbie Cunningham Haaf '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Dan Roth '71, Denise Kertsmar Wolst '76, Tom Vresics '81, Chris Domyan '94, Vanessa Kelchner '97**

... and from our class, I heard from the following **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Dolores Alves Johns, Tom Ardizzone, Mike Audet, Tony Bauer, Maki, Rick Cassidy, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Jim Connell, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Bill and Patty (McGouldrick) Doncsecz, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Mayra Godin Focht, Joan Greenfield, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Joanne Lesko, J. Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Phil Meguire, Pat O'Connor Altier, Susan Peters Crawford, Tommy Sculley, Sue Sikora O'Hare, Josephine, Carl, Georgine Yanochko Bellizzi**

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95 Years Ago

1927 Class Notes – **The First Graduating Class** from the High School

(Taken from the 1927 Yearbook, “Brown and Gold”)

Rev. Charles E. Bowles, Rector, Holy Infancy Church

Rev. Joseph P. Duross, Director

Rev. John T. Morton, Director

Five Sisters of St. Joseph comprised the faculty

The first class to enter began in 1925 as its first Juniors

The school was known as Holy Infancy Commercial High School (2-year program)

- Old building on Fourth and Webster Streets was razed in July 1925
- Cornerstone on new building was laid on May 29, 1926
- School dedicated in a school assembly by Dennis Cardinal Dougherty on August 24, 1926

September 5, 1926 found another assemblage in the auditorium... *“This gathering was made up of students from all parishes in Bethlehem who were desirous of enrolling themselves for higher studies. ...School had begun.”*

On January 11, 1927, James B. Pentz, Director in the Credentials Bureau of the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg sent news that... *“You will be pleased to note that Bethlehem Catholic High School located at Fourth and Webster Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania is a fully accredited four years’ high school. Full credit will be given for work completed in this institution.”*

First Graduation date: June 9, 1927

📖 Valedictory: Written by **Katharine A. Hildenberger**; Delivered by **Margaret M. Repsher**

📖 Salutatory: Written and delivered by **Joseph A. Gillen**

First graduates (12):

Cornelius Joseph Burkit
Faye Marie Comerer
Catherine Angela Coyle
Joseph Patrick Deegan
John Joseph Dempsey
Margaret Christina Foley

Virginia Bernadette Gallagher
Joseph Aloysius Gillen
Katharine Angela Hildenberger
William Patrick Kelly
Margaret Mathilde Repsher
Veronica Lucy Wien

First Football Team Record: 2 wins – 3 losses – 1 tie... Coach, John Rowe; Captain

William Kelly

- First Victory: Becahi 12, Catasauqua 0, **Rudy Preletz '29**, scores 2 TDs, October 9, 1926

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First Girls' Basketball Team' 1926/27 Record: 8 wins – 6 losses, Coach Thomas Wills, Captain **Elizabeth Keating '29**

First Boys' Basketball Team's 1926/27 Record: 11 wins – 7 losses, Coach Thomas Wills, Captain **Joseph McGoldrick '28**

First Baseball Team's 1927 Record: 8 wins – 5 losses, Coach, James Toner (...from Globe-Times article)

- First Victory: Becahi 9, Hellertown 1 (April 20, 1927...first game)

Track and Physical Instructor, Peter Morrissey

Interesting note...

Twelve graduate names in one class... Since then, 241 graduates in 95 classes had same last name... (part of the Becahi "family")

Burkit (5)	Deegan (14)	Gallagher (55)	Kelly (63)
Comerer (1)	Dempsey (4)	Gillen (16)	Repsher (20)
Coyle (16)	Foley (26)	Hildenberger (10)	Wein (1)

That's right... 55 Becahi graduates had the last name of Gallagher (3 were in our '70 class, Bernie, Dan and Jack)

The Golden Gala – Bethlehem Catholic High School's VIRTUAL Auction Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Here's a preview of a few auction prizes available for bidding during our virtual auction:

- ✓ DeSales University \$2500 Tuition Certificate
- ✓ 24-Bottle Wine Cooler with Upright Bottle Storage
- ✓ Yeti Roadie Cooler
- ✓ Moravian University \$5000 Tuition Certificate
- ✓ Foursome at Southmore Golf Course

We encourage YOU to hold a Viewing Party. Gather your family and friends to watch The Golden Gala, have fun bidding, and celebrate BECAHI. More details to come on Viewing Party contests!

For more information about The Golden Gala, including sponsorship opportunities, auction prizes and ticket inquiries, please contact Sarah Lumi at 610-866-0791, ext. 323 or slumi@becahi.org.

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Alumni Cited in 2021

Each month, I try to include as many classes and alumni as I can in order to keep this newsletter as relevant as possible for the entire alumni community. Last year, **2,647 graduates from 93 different classes** were listed in the *Tidings*. Check out the summary below, then go to the Bethlehem Catholic High School website, under the Alumni tab and peruse the 2021 Alumni Newsletter to read their stories ...

Names and Classes Mentioned in 2021 Issues

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0		5	2	17	151	31	30	26	20	1		
1	55	61	56	136	222	39	33	34	27			
2	4	3	8	15	45	26	27	25	24			
3	3	7	6	12	49	22	19	21	19			
4	3	5	6	11	37	25	20	20	16			
5	3	8	9	11	34	28	21	17	18			
6	44	47	102	111	49	39	34	31	29			
7	2	3	9	16	30	34	27	25	22	83		Classes
8	1	5	6	11	33	31	29	19	21	1		93
9	2	1	4	11	47	35	26	29	23	2		Grads
	5	121	155	227	423	687	292	257	240	239	1	2,647

Alumni Cited this Month

If your class is missing from the newsletter this month, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of 219 grads from 66 classes for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "2" and/or "7".

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Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0				1	43	3	3	2	2			
1				1	6	4	2	2	2			
2			1		4	4	5	4	4			
3			1	1	2	2	5	2	2			
4	1				3	2	4	3	2			
5		1		1	3	2	2	2	3			
6			1		5	3	3	2	2			
7	12			1	3	4	5	4	4	5		Classes:
8	1			1	2	2	2	2	2			66
9	2			2	3	2	2	3	2			Grads:
	15	1	1	7	12	74	29	33	25	22	0	219

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

2022

January 25th – Athletic Wall-of-Fame Induction Ceremony

March 26th – 3rd Annual Becahi Golden Gala

Spring, 2022 – Class of '69 to announce "save the date" for their **55th Reunion**...stay tuned

September 17th – Class of '72's – **50th Year Reunion**, Steel Club

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1969's 55th Reunion**...will be announced sometime next spring in order to give everybody plenty of notice. These party animals need plenty of time to update their social calendars. BTW, does anyone have any pics from your 52nd reunion that they'd like to "share with the class?" Send 'em to me and I'll get them in a future *Tidings*.
- **Class of 1972's 50th Reunion**
September 17, 2022 will be magical date for the Golden Reunion and the venue will be at the Steel Club. More to follow. A Facebook Group page entitled "Becahi class of 1972" was set up. **Sue Bartos '72**, sbartos54@yahoo.com, is the Group's Administrator. Sign up on Facebook and get yourself involved...please?

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

James LaBuda '63, is a U.S. Army Veteran whose name was just added to the Becahi Military Honor Roll. Thank you, Jim. - JOB

MaryEllen Steltz Schubert '73, RN, BSN, is an Emergency Department Registered Nurse) at Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville, KY. - FB

Tom Doddy '79, a graduate of Muhlenberg College, and longtime Rowan University assistant head football coach, has announced his retirement after 22 years of working with the Profs' program. Doddy has served in a variety of roles on staff throughout the years and most recently was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator from 2017 through the 2021 season. – rowanathletics.com/news/2021/12/6/football

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Richard Kolesky '80, who received a BS from the University of Wyoming and an MD from the University of Utah School of Medicine, is Senior Vice Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, General Anesthesiology at the Lehigh Valley Health Network. – lvhn.org/doctors/richard-kolesky

Suzanne Cott-Altieri '87, is a Physical Therapist in Coopersburg. She currently practices at Valley Manor Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. – sharecare.com

Mary Chaffier Banonis '90, who graduated from Lehigh University and Villanova University Law School, is a Corporate Attorney at B. Braun Medical in Bethlehem. – Lehigh University Summer Bulletin 2020

Annamarie Colosi Skinker '92, who is a graduate of Loyola University, Maryland and a Master's Degree from Temple University, is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Cypress Creek Therapy Associates in Severna Park, MD. - www.caredash.com

Vivian Zumas '93, who received a BA in Politics and Philosophy from DeSales University and a JD from Widener University Law School, is the Principal Attorney at the Law Offices of Vivian I. Zumas in Bethlehem. – vivianzumas.com

Megan Zemanek '15, was part of the University of Pennsylvania, PennVet, White Coat Ceremony, Class of 2023, in November at the Zellerbach Theatre of the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia. – vet.upenn.edu

Amber Firth '17, who received a BA in Criminal justice, Corrections from Adrian College, is now working with the Lenawee [MI] Community Mental Health Authority as a support coordinator/case manager. – The Daily Telegram Nov.10, 2021

Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Marie Hagerty Kovacs	1945	12/18/2021	95
Elizabeth Librandi Monaghan	1946	12/13/2021	92
Shirley Kelhart Shive	1952	12/28/2021	87
Bernard Sokolosky	1954	12/19/2021	84
Marion Agnes Fistner Ehret	1960	12/17/2021	80
Michael Adams	1967	12/14/2021	73
Joseph Keim	1977	12/20/2021	62

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Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Michael Adams '67**, son of the late **Patrick Adams '34**, on 12/14
- † **Marion Fistner Ehret '60**, sister of **Nancy Fistner Verbonitz '59**, on 12/17
- † Thelma Green, mother of **Joni '86**, Gerald, Robert, Becky, Kathleen and the late Thomas, on 12/13
- † **Marie Hagerty Kovacs '45**, mother of **Patricia '69**, **Tom '71** and **James '77**, on 12/18
- † **Joseph Keim '77**, brother of **Robert '75** and Jeanmarie, on 12/20
- † Mildred Macasevich, mother of **Jeff '74**, **Dawn '76** and Andrew, on 11/27
- † Thomas Macarro, husband of **Karin Strobl '72**, and brother of **Cyndy '69**, on 12/28
- † Lucille Majewski, mother of **Stanley '74**, **John '75**, **Margie '76** and **Janice '78**, on 12/27
- † Stephen Phillips, father of **Christopher '93**, **Benjamin '96** and **Matthew '99**, on 12/9
- † Joan Racosky Marmelo, mother of **Lisa '04**, and sister of **Rich '69**, **James '77** and **Michael '81**, on 12/23
- † **Shirley Kelhart Shive '52**, sister of **Bernadette Kelhart Lagana '56**, **Patricia Kelhart Steager '59**, Dorothy, Fred and the late Richard, on 12/28
- † Joseph Schnalzer, father of **Joseph '68**, **Marianne '71** and **Jayne '76**, on 12/28

Please say a special prayer for our classmates, **Roseanne Pammer Szvetcz** (1/26/96), and **Bill Szulborski** (1/22/11), who passed away during the month of January.

Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball – 95th Season

Scott McClary, Head Coach, 4th season, 52-22

Team record thru 12/27/21: 3-1 with 2 postponements

Girls Basketball – 95th Season

Jose Medina, Head Coach, 8th season, 166-31

Team record through 12/31/21: 2-1 with 4 postponements

Wrestling

Jeff Karam, Head Coach, 14th season, 188-23

Team record through 12/29: 1-0 with 1 postponement

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Alumni Notables

Jason Roeder '93, head football coach at Freedom High School, was named East Penn Conference (EPC) Coach of the Year by the Morning Call. – Morning Call, 12/31/21

Daniel Csaszar '94, who received a BS in Biology from Central Connecticut State University, and completed his medical school education at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, earning a Doctor of Osteopathy, founded the Csaszar Institute in Phoenixville, PA, with the goal to provide exceptionally expert, medical care to all athletes. – csaszarinstitute.com

Boys Basketball in the 1950s

I did some digging, and although I wouldn't be surprised if I missed something(s), here's what I could find about the boys' basketball teams of the Fifties... Nice!

BTW, if anyone has more information to include, I'll gladly update the story.

Season	Won	Loss	Pctg	Coach	Notes
1949 - 50	23	7	.767	John Howard	* PSCL & PCIAA "B" Eastern Champions
50 - 51	27	9	.750	John Howard	PSCL & PCIAA "B" Eastern Champions
51 - 52	11	3	.786	John Howard	PSCL Champions
52 - 53	27	2	.931	John Howard	PSCL & PCIAA "B" Eastern Champions
53 - 54	21	6	.778	Paul Calvo	PSCL Champions
54 - 55	24	5	.828	Paul Calvo	PSCL Champions
55 - 56	19	8	.704	Paul Calvo	PSCL Champions, PCIAA "B" Runner-up
56 - 57	27	3	.900	Paul Calvo	PSCL Champions, PCIAA "B" Eastern Runner-up
57 - 58	18	10	.643	Paul Calvo	PSCL & PCIAA "B" Eastern Champions
58 - 59	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>.654</u>	Paul Calvo	
1950s	214	62	.775		

* PCIAA - Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association

* PSCL - Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates...read past **Tidings** issues

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”).

In 2021, **803 classmates from 58 different classes** were profiled. Check out their stories in last year's **Tidings** on the Becahi website under the Alumni Tab and network!

BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned in 2021 Issues

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Year Ending									
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3		1	13	14	14	17	17		
4		1	13	14	15	17	18		
5		1	13	15	14	17	17		
6		2	20	20	25	24	25		
7		1	13	15	14	17	8		Classes
8		2	13	14	14	17			<u>58</u>
9	1	4	13	15	15	17			Grads
	1	15	136	157	161	186	147	0	<u>803</u>

Here's what I found this month...

Kevin Danko '72, a West Chester University graduate, is a CPA in the New York City metropolitan area.

Dave Groegler '72, who received a BS in Biology from Moravian College and an MBA from Rider University, is Procurement Manager - Contract Manufacturing at Unilever, in Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

John Leary '73, who studied Engineering at Penn State University, is the Owner of HomeTeamSportsGear.com

Bill McCoach '74, a graduate of Moravian College, is Regional Director of Multi-Funds, Inc. in the greater Philadelphia area.

Thomas Garvey '75, who graduated from Niagara University, is General Manager at A-Treat in Orefield.

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Nancy McPoyle '76, who received a BA in Communications from Shippensburg University, is Strategic Account Manager at Infor, a global leader in business cloud software specialized by industry, in the San Francisco Bay area.

Patrick Brown '77, who received a BS in Business Administration and Management from Lehigh University, is Operations Manager at the True Value Regional Distribution Center (RDC) in the Lehigh Valley.

Richard "Ric" Steirer '77, who studied at Keystone Junior College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is Logistics Manager at Akrion LLC, a company that develops, designs, and constructs semiconductor products, in Allentown.

Karen Marks '78, who studied Human Resources Management at Muhlenberg College and received an MEd in Adult Education from Penn State University, is Lead Consultant at Marks & Mitchell Consulting Inc., in Las Vegas, NV.

David Dymond '79, who graduated from Moravian College, is an Underwriting Manager for The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, in Bethlehem.

Cathy Petruccelli Bryan '80, who received a BSN and MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and a Doctoral Candidate at Drexel University, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Care Manager / Aging Life care Professional at CareDirect in the greater Philadelphia area.

Sally Redding Irwin '80, who received a BS in Medical Technology and a MS in Occupational Health and Safety Engineering from West Virginia University, and an MA in Teaching from Frostburg State University, is Senior Director of School Success - PA and NY, at Project Lead The Way in Hagerstown, MD.

Jeanie Foley Gray '81, is an Inclusion Consultant at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Paul Morales '81, is a Medical Biller at Front Range Medical Arts in Bethlehem.

Albert DiDonato '82, who received a BA, BS in History and Business Management from the University of Scranton, is a Certified Business Consultant and the CEO of DCC in Chalfont, PA.

Mark Donovan '82, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Dayton and an MBA from Loyola College in Maryland, is a Senior Front End Software Engineer at WorldAware (previously iJET International) in Annapolis.

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Joe Hamrick '82, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Scranton, is a Software Engineer, VP at Sun Microsystems / Child Rescue in Aurora, CO.

Barry Stem '82, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who studied at Northampton Community College, is President and CEO of USFS, LLC, providing environmental and industrial services to oil & gas and Industrial facilities, in the Longview-Marshall area of Texas.

Lee Cunningham '83, is Vice President at West Side Hammer Electric in Bethlehem.

Karyn Koons '83, who studied at West Chester University, is a Casework Manager at Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families (CCDCYF) in Morgantown, PA.

Denise Butryn Sanders '84, who studied Business Management and Marketing at Northampton Community College, is the Business Owner of Antebellum Lace Boutique, LLC, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Joanne Estojak Fuiman '84, who received an MS in Microbiology from the Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, is Director, Study Clinician at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Souderton, PA.

Theresa Jimenez Lieberman '85, is the Founder of Imagine Art Daytona, a pending non-profit dedicated providing a vibrant cultural hub by creating an environment to promote growth through art, education and culture featuring local artistic talent, public art installations, murals, indie art galleries, entertainment, and performance art in Downtown Daytona Beach.

Jim Johnston '85, who received a BA in Business Management from DeSales University, is Senior Material Analyst/Logistics at Mack Trucks, Inc.

Kevin Boucher '86, is a Teacher in the Allentown School District.

Theresa Gyauch '86, who received a BA in Interdisciplinary Communications from Davidson College and an MA in English in Lehigh University, is a Certified Parenting Educator/Holistic Health Educator at Redirecting Children's Behavior of the Lehigh Valley, in Bethlehem.

David Baab '87, is Senior Account Manager at BrightView Landscaping Services, LLC in Allentown

Cathy Barczynski-Kulp '87, who studied Elementary Education at West Chester University, is a Special Education Paraprofessional at Whitfield Elementary School in the Wilson Area School District in Reading.

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Nichole Donatelli Medei '87, a graduate of West Chester University, is a Teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Lynn Goldfeder Fischer '87, who received a BS in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Wilkes University, is an Educational Leader who recently served as Principal of Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School in Bethlehem.

Kim Dunstan Myers '88, is an Administrative Assistant at Lehigh Valley Regional Charter School in Bethlehem.

Wayne Gmitter '88, who received a BASc in International Marketing from the Fashion Institute of Technology, is the Owner of Think Iconic Artists Agency, a boutique booking agency founded in 2009, in Bethlehem.

Jennifer Lichty '89, who received a BA in English, Communications from the University of Scranton, and former Director of Student Alumni Development at Lehigh University, is now Director of Donor Relations at the Food Bank of New York City.

Dominic Rachiele '89, who received a BA in Biology from Bucknell University and a DMD in Dentistry from Temple University's School of Dentistry, is an Oral Surgeon at Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at St. Luke's.

Lisa Weber Kanyuk '90, who received an RN and BSN from the University of Pittsburgh, is Senior Clinical Application Analyst at St. Luke's Hospital.

Brian Urbano '90, who received a BA in Political Science from Georgetown University and a JD from the University of Virginia Law School, is Senior Counsel, Corporate Compliance & Ethics at Syneos Health®, the only fully integrated end-to-end clinical and commercial solution organization, in Somerset, NJ.

Todd Hetzel '91, who studied at St. Joseph's University, is Senior Manager at The Siegfried Group, LLP, an entrepreneurial leadership organization that provides financial executives with a powerful combination of leadership advisory, talent delivery, and financial advisory services, in Wilmington, DE.

Denise Teles-Carl '91, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Bloomsburg University, is a High School Mathematics teacher at the East Penn School District.

Melissa Bennett Carreras '92, is a Real Estate Agent for RE/MAX Realty in Bethlehem and Structured Study Paraprofessional at Executive Education Charter School in Allentown.

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Norman Cimerol '92, who received a BS in Computer Science from Purdue University, is Technical Director at GlobalWorx, Inc., dedicated to the goal of the synchronized enterprise - creating the ideal, customized environment in which companies can proactively communicate service needs in an automated and coordinated fashion, in Allentown.

Patrick Dalugdug '92, who received a BS in Business Logistics from Penn State University, is Sales Director at Nature's Fynd, a Chicago-based food company creating versatile alternative proteins to nourish the world's growing population while nurturing the planet, in Bend, OR.

Laurie Tomasko Ryden '92, who studied at Northampton Community College is a Digital Media Consultant at The Morning Call Media Group in Allentown.

Richard Wiedl '93, who received a BS in Finance from West Virginia University, is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Managing Partner at Legacy Advisory Services in Exton, PA.

Jessica Zile '93, who received a BA in Psychology from Moravian College and an MS in Clinical and Counseling Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, is a Realtor at Century 21 in Bethlehem.

Nicole Blewis Schlegel '94, is Senior Recruitment Specialist at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Matthew Clymer '94, who received a BS in Political Science from Metropolitan State College of Denver, is Team Lead-Business Development at Datavail, a premiere data services company serving clients in North America, in Bloomfield, CO.

Joshua Gartland '95, who received a BFA in Theater Performance at Wright State University, is an Elementary School Teacher at Waldorf School of Atlanta, GA.

Jeffrey Kemeter '95, who received a BFA in Illustration from the Columbus College of Art & Design, is Senior Graphic Designer & Publication Project Manager at McGraw-Hill in Columbus, OH.

Stephanie Vuchak Slegel '96, who studied at Bloomsburg University and received a BS in Nuclear Medical Technology from Cedar Crest College, is Senior Imaging Specialist at ICON plc in Warrington, PA.

Raymond Stofko '96, who received a BS in Environmental Science from Drexel University, is EH&S (Environmental Health & Safety) Manager at Georgia-Pacific LL in Easton.

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Matthew Haldaman '97, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BS in Biology from East Stroudsburg University, is Clinical Laboratory Support Tech at SUNY Upstate Medical University in the greater Syracuse, NY area.

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

Michael McNevin '97, who received a BS in Chemistry from St. Joseph's University and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder, is Director - Materials and Biophysical Characterization at Merck in West Point, PA.

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Alex Kocsis '02, who studied at Catholic University, is an Account Executive at Ovation.io, a scientific data company providing a cloud-based LIMS for molecular diagnostic laboratories, in Sarasota, FL.

Nicole "Nikki" Lare '02, who received a BS in Marketing and an MBA in Pharmaceutical Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is Director, DRA Advertising & Promotion at Novartis Oncology in Bloomsbury, NJ.

Erik McBeth '02, is Community Branch Banker for BB&T in Hudson, FL.

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David Demyan '03, who received a BS in Biology, Environmental Studies from East Stroudsburg University and a Specialized Diploma in Accounting from Northampton Community College, is Superintendent/Project Manager at Vertek Construction Management in Bethlehem.

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Andres Camacho '05, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute, is the Principal Member of Sabores Tulsa Authentic Mexican Restaurant, in Tulsa, OK.

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Christopher Krautwurst '06, who received an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Raritan Valley Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Rutgers University, is Senior Investment Operations Associate at PGIM, the investment management business of Prudential Financial, Inc., in Little Falls, NJ.

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Christopher Hallberg '07, who received a BFA in Interactive Media and a BS in Computer Science from the College of New Jersey and an MS in Computer Science from Villanova University, is a Library Technology Development Specialist at Villanova University.

Kathryn Majewski '07, who received a BS from Lock Haven University, is VP, Group Account Supervisor at Biolumina, a full-service, omnichannel global healthcare agency focused on bringing high-science brands to life, in New York City.

Donald Baldassare '08, who received a BS in Business Administration from Methodist University, is the PGA Head Golf Professional at TPC Boston.

Melissa Grant '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature from Montclair State University, is Executive Assistant, BMO Capital Markets, a leading, full-service North American financial services provider, in Bloomfield NJ.

Tevrin Brandon '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from Monmouth University, and who retired from professional football, is Account Executive at Fraser Advanced Information Systems in Bethlehem.

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Patrick Cantelmi '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems from Temple University, is Salesforce.com Associate Administrator, Delaware Investments, in Philadelphia.

Matthew Bahnick '10, who studied and played baseball at Kennesaw State College, is the Founder & CEO of The Positive Vibe Movement, a clothing and lifestyle brand promoting positivity, and mental health awareness, in Baton Rouge, LA.

Carlos Barata '10, who received a BA in Music, Anthropology & Sociology from Lafayette College, and a BA Equivalency in Music Therapy from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, is a Musician & Board-Certified Music Therapist Fort Collins, CO.

Alex Kraft '11, who studied Communication, Journalism and related programs at Eastern University, is an English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher at St. Anthony's School in Hawthorne, NJ.

Sam Nicodemo '11, who received a BA in Professional Writing from York College of Pennsylvania, is Lead Post Production Editor at ESPN in Bristol, CT.

Richard Cruz '12, who received a BS in Sports Management from New York University, is a Business Immigration Consultant at Fragomen, a leading firm dedicated exclusively to immigration services worldwide, in New York City.

Michelle Fartel '12, who received a Bachelor's degree in Medical Imaging from Bloomsburg University, is a Radiation Therapist at Geisinger Medical Center.

Amanda Stone '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Drew University and an MA from New York University, is an Account Associate, Global Philanthropy at Faircom New York, an international fundraising and marketing agency that works with nonprofit organizations, in the New York City metropolitan area.

Leslie Tintle '12, who received a BA in Environmental Studies and Art from Lafayette College and a Master's Degree in Geological and Earth sciences from Lehigh University, is Project Geologist at Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc., An engineering and technical consulting firm serving a broad array of private, public and institutional clients, in Philadelphia.

Emily Sweeney '13, who received a BS in Business Management, Marketing from East Stroudsburg University, is a Human Resources Specialist at St. Luke's University Health Network.

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Celine Wimbush '13, who studied at Northampton Community College, is the Owner of Small Steps Big Dreams Dance and Winter Guard, a dance school, in Allentown.

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Bianca Cantelmi '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Penn State University, is an Account Executive at Lippe Taylor, a Public Relations and Digital Marketing agency that is committed to telling riveting stories that move brands forward, in New York City.

Lauren Vargas '15, who received a BA in Biology and Public Health from Lehigh University, is in the Accelerated BSN program at DeSales University, and is a Patient Care Assistant at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Kalista Walters '15, who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh after studying Media and Professional Communications, is a Loan Processing Analyst at PNC in Pittsburgh.

Rachel Cray '16, who received a BSN and RN from Neumann University, is a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Tori Evert '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design and Communication Studies from West Chester University, is a Designer at Trade School, an integrated content shop, built to create high-quality, strategically crafted content at scale, in Atlanta, GA.

David Donio, Jr. '17, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from Moravian University, is a Private Client Associate at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, in Bethlehem.

Alexandra Palmisano '17, who studied Global Community Health at George Mason University, is an Emergency Department Technician at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Kevin Somdat '17, who studied Risk Management at Temple University, is an Associate with Marsh, the world's leading insurance broker and risk advisor, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Shawn Updike '17, who received a BS in Graphic Design from Johnson & Wales University, is a Motion Graphic Designer at ParsonsKellogg in Providence, RI

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From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Join the 100+ Alumni Who Gave to the Becahi Fund in December.

Bethlehem Catholic is very grateful to the 250+ people who have already contributed to the '21-'22 Becahi Fund. We are ahead of last year's pace and right on target to meet this year's goal of \$115,000, with over \$65,000 raised before 12/23. A special "Thank you!" to everyone who made a significant commitment to the Becahi Fund for the next 5-years in the form of leadership gifts. These leadership gifts included many Distinguished Grads and Athletic Wall of Famers. Join these loyal Becahi grads by making your tax-deductible gift according to what your heart tells you. Use this link: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E6716&id=15> to make your donation or copy and paste it into your browser if the link doesn't work for you. Know that we love you and pray for you every day at Becahi.

The Smartest Way to Give to Becahi:

PA Tax Credit Program - Transformational Gifts - Little Out-of-Pocket Cost.

Would you like to give your PA State Tax Dollars to Bethlehem Catholic instead of Harrisburg? If you pay at least \$3,500 on line 12 of your PA State Taxes, then you can now participate. A 2-year commitment yields a 90% tax credit. So, a \$3500 donation to BECAHI costs you only \$350. Even less if you can itemize your federal taxes! Use this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ou4aasc4ztg57ai/Becahi%20CPSF%20-%20Fall%202021.pdf?dl=0> to complete the Joinder Form and then email it as soon as you can to Tom Vresics (tvresics@becahi.org).

This popular program gives limited tax credits to PA taxpayers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Filling out the Joinder Form does not commit you to the program but saves your spot in the queue before alumni and parents from other Catholic schools. Check with your accountant (they love the program) and complete the form to participate as soon as possible.

Register for the Becahi Business Directory Today!

The Becahi Business Directory allows you to share your business information within the Bethlehem Catholic community. It is also an opportunity to connect and collaborate with other Becahi family-owned businesses. Thank you in advance for registering your business and strengthening the Becahi business network.

Use this link to join: <https://forms.office.com/r/bY6QfTtvs>

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Reflection

I heard this song again over the Christmas holidays, and although I put it in the June, 2021 Tidings, as we celebrate a new year... let's revisit it. I hope, you'll find the song on-line and listen...

New Year, from "A Christmas Festival" with John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

♪ Turn your eyes to the light;
♪ Cast away the works of darkness, let them go:
♪ Turn your eyes to the light.

♪ Turn your face to the sun:
♪ Feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings
♪ With each new year.

♪ The light was always there if we could but see it;
♪ And warmth was in the air if we'd known how to feel.

♪ Turn your eyes to the light,
♪ Turn your face to the sun:
♪ New light, new hope, new year.
♪ New light, new hope, new year.

♪ Turn your ears to the sound;
♪ Somewhere near, a voice is calling:
♪ Hear the news,
♪ Turn your ears to the sound.

♪ Turn your heart to the love;
♪ Christ is come to bring the world new life
♪ To bring new life
♪ The voice is always there, if the world will hear it;
♪ And love is always there, if you search in your heart.

♪ Turn your ears to the sound,
♪ Turn your heart to the love:
♪ New life, new love, new year.

♪ New life and love, and light and hope,
♪ This good New Year.

And now...

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

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

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