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Class of 1970

Most of us turn the “new 40” this year. Some are still 39 and some will be 41.

Don't forget Jim Connell's request for us to send the school a birthday gift... So far, the following have accepted his challenge... **Bernie Gallagher '70** (\$70), **Daniel Gallagher** (\$70), **Joannie Greenfield '70** (\$70) **Jack Klucsik '70** (\$70), **Suzanne Reing Spaar '70** (\$70). (BTW, **Jim** gave \$100.)

If anyone else wants to accept Jim's challenge, send a check to Bethlehem Catholic High School and write “\$70 for '70” in the memo line.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, **Harry Mitchell '57**, **Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt '57**, **Bill Egan '58**, Russ “Skip” Kembel '58, Charles Wightman '59, Bob Bukvics '60, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Mary Nolan Sek '61, Jay Rogan '63, Mary Kramer Fuehrer '65, **Yogi Eddinger '67**, **Geraldine Nagy Di Paul '67**, Mary Lou Andris Siegfried '68, Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer '68, Greg Falkenbach '68, Cat Gallagher '68, Dave Griffith '68, Tim McGlade '68, Dick Metzger '68, Joseph Abraham '69, Pat Bellew Kottke '69, Len Blonar '69, Geoff Borda '69, Don Brugger '69, Jim Chassar '69, Tom Christ '69, Andy Kametz '69, Fran McGouldrick '69, Gary Palenchar '69, Dave Radman '69, Jean Smith Russo '69, Hugh and Paula (Calvo) Wilson '69, Mark Bacak '71, Mike Becker '71, Karen Cauley '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Angel Rivera '71, **Greg Adams '72**, **Cindy Bleier Guffy '72**, **Louise McCafferty Kelchner '72**, Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76, Gene and Mary Ellen (Bold) Waas '78, Jim McCauley '81, Tom Vresics '81, Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83, Jeff Soldo '86, Anthony Spagnola '89, Chris Domyan '94, Kristen Conway '02

... and from our class, I heard from **Bobby A**, **Tommy Altimare**, **Mike Audet**, **Tony Bauer**, **Dave Cech**, **Bill** and **Patty (McGouldrick) Doncsecz**, **Paul Grube**, **Mick Halbreiner**, **Jeff** and **Col**, **George** and **Betsy**, **Pat Lynch**, **Tommy Sculley**, **Josephine**, **Carl**

Please say a prayer for the late Al Calvo's mom and for Liz and the late Mike Slafkosky's sister who passed away last month.

Ann Marie Baca Calvo '44, passed away on 01/06. Please also say a prayer for the late Boss's siblings, **Karen '66**, **Lynne '67**, and **Tom '81**.

Mary Slafkosky Danyluk '56 passed away on 01/28. Please also remember their siblings, **Veronica**, **Alex** and **Joe**, and the late **Kathryn '57**, **Andrew** and **John**.

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90 Years Ago... A "Virtual" Reunion The Class of 1932, the 6th Graduating Class

I couldn't find much information on the school activities for this class as no yearbook was available to peruse. Here's what I *could* find, though. There were 50 graduates...

Helen Adams

John Birkel

Lucy Boyle Meder*

Philip Byrne

Robert Byrne

Thomas Chrismer*

Anna Coyle*

Mary Coyle Sinnott*

Ross Culligan*

John Danko*

Bernadette Durning Bush*

James Gallagher

Justin Gallagher

Anne Glagola Chrismer*

Albert Grosset*

Alfred Hauke*

Mary Hetzel Williamson*

Martin Hildenberger*

Joseph Julien

John Kelleher*

Vincent Kelly

Louis Lasko*

Thomas Lazorik

John Lux*

Thomas Malloy*

Margaret Marcincin Sucansky*

Mary McCarthy Muller*

Mary McFadden*

Margaret McIntyre Scott

John Mellon

Mary Mondovich Keenan

Lawrence Murphy

Loretta Wehinger Misikevich*

Theresa Percher

Thomas Quinn

William Reitmeir

Edward Repsher*

Harry Rodgers

Richard Scott

Elizabeth Sebej

John Sefranek

Mary Sheehan

Esther Showers Flager

Anna Mae Shum Martin

Rose Soltis Hunter*

Magdalen Taglang Duffy*

Agnes Urban Schneider*

Grace Voytko Dozer*

Helen Murray Fox*

Theresa Wiley*

* Deceased

Here's what I found about the class *after* graduation...there were:

Seven Classmates who had thirteen children who graduated from Beca...

Lucy Boyle Meder > **Don '67, Kathy '69, Jane '70, Eileen '75**

Robert Byrne > **Robert '66**

Tom and Anne (Glagola) Chrismer > **Tom '60, Joan '68, Robert '73, Anne '78**

Bernadette Durning > **Jean '60**

Albert Grosset > **Robert '67**

Dr. John Lux > **Judy '71, Virginia '72**

Six Health Care Professionals...

Robert Byrne, MD

John Lux, DPM

Rose Soltis Hunter, Nurse

Mary Coyle Sinnott, Nurse

Mary McCarthy Muller, Nurse

Magdalen Taglang Duffy, Nurse

Four Veterans...

Thomas Chrismer > U.S. Marines (WW II)

Lou Lasko > U.S. Army (WW II)

John Lux > U.S. Navy and Marine Medical Corps

Magdalen Taglang Duffy > U.S. Army Nurse Corps
(WW II)

John Kelleher was an educator who coached the Baseball team in the 1951 and 1952 seasons.

Lawrence Murphy became a priest.

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Reunion Years Ending in “2” and “7”

This year, 2022, is the time to acknowledge those alumni who celebrate their reunions, whether virtually or in person, in the five-year increments of “2” and “7”. Each month through October, **Tidings** will identify those graduates from the following classes...

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| ✓ January – Class of 1927, 95th Year | June – Class of 1952, 70th |
| ✓ February – Class of 1932, 90th | July – Class of 1957, 65th |
| March – Class of 1937, 85th | August – Class of 1962, 60th |
| April – Class of 1942, 80th | September – Class of 1967, 55th |
| May – Class of 1947, 75th | October – Class of 1972, 50th |

For the classes of '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12, '17, I will try to add a little more of your classmate bios in each edition. In that way, you can read anywhere from 12 to 48 stories of your classmates this year.

BTW, if you have any notes, anecdotes or tales you'd like to “share with the class” about your reunion class, send them to me and I'll “pass them along.”

Many of you have family members from the earlier years. I couldn't find yearbooks from the 30s and 40s at the school, so I will rely on you to pass along the stories of your parents, grandparent, aunts and uncles to share.

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

HOST & POST your Golden Gala Viewing Party! Get together with your fellow Golden Hawks for a Golden Gala Viewing Party, bid on prizes, and support BECAHI!

The first 5 hosts with 10 registered Viewing Party guests will win a bottle of wine! Just have all your Viewing Party guests buy a ticket at any level and enter the host's name when asked “Are you attending a Viewing Party?”

Starting at 6:00 pm on March 26, the first 12 Viewing Party hosts who post pictures with #GoldenGala22 win 1 bottle of wine!

You can also support BECAHI by sponsoring The Golden Gala. Sponsorship donations can be made directly at GoldenGala22.givesmart.com Please contact Sarah Lumi in the Advancement Office at 610-866-0791, ext. 323, or slumi@becahi.org if you have any questions.

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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 313 grads from 67 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".

Names and Classes Mentioned in February Tidings

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
0				3	25	3	4	5	2		
1				3	8	5	3	2	2		
2	50			1	24	7	5	5	4		
3			1	2	4	4	3	3	4		
4		2		1	2	3	4	2	2		
5				1	3	2	3	2	2		
6			1	2	4	4	2	2	2		
7		1	2	6	3	4	6	4	4		Classes:
8	1		2	10	6	2	2	2			<u>67</u>
9			1	15	4	5	2	3			Grads:
	51	3	7	44	83	39	34	30	22	0	<u>313</u>

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

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, evidently no one has any any pics from your 52nd reunion that they'd like to "share with the class." Don't be shy. Send 'em to me and I'll get them in a future *Tidings*.

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➤ Class of 1972's 50th Reunion

September 17th 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. The following persons' whereabouts are unknown, so we've put them on the...

Class of 1972's Missing Persons' Report:

Donna Braman

Jeff Kahl

Karen Verba Tich

Diane Branley

Gerard Mauer

Elizabeth Vresk

Lynn Byczynski

Eileen Mixon Brodt

Terry Wellner Morrissey

Ray Duhig

Michael Szvetcz

Sandra Wilton Csikos

John Harrison

Mary Turzanski Konek

Joanne Zenz

...we want to include as many of our classmates as possible. If you have any information about them, please contact Brian DeAngelis at bmdehiller@gmail.com

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Join the 300+ Alumni (3% of All Becahi Alumni) Who Helped Us Raise \$85,000 for the Becahi Fund So Far.

"Bethlehem Catholic is very grateful to everyone who has already contributed to the '21-'22 Becahi Fund. As of today, we have raised over \$85,000 with just 3% of our alumni donating to this point. Just imagine what we could raise with just 10% to 20 % of our alumni participating.

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 some 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." -TV

"If you are not from the Class of '70 but would like to respond to Jim Connell's '70 challenge and donate at least the amount of your year of Graduation to the Becahi Fund, just be sure to write "\$70 for 70" in the memo of the check and we will post your name in future editions of the Tidings." - TV

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Welcome and Congratulations to the 2022 Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Members



L-R: Gene Waas '78, Jim Chassar '69, Kristen Conway '02, Janice Stem, Bob Stem, Tony Gomez '86

On January 25th, Becahi inducted 6 persons into its Athletic Wall of Fame in ceremonies before the girls' basketball game against Freedom... (which Becahi won, by the way.)

Jim Chassar '69, Gene Waas '78, Tony Gomez '86, Kristen Conway '02, Janice and Bob Stem were presented to the proud audience of family, friends, students, faculty and staff of the school.

The school's website has the detailed writeup for each of their contributions. My "Elevator" summary...

- **Jim '69**, who received the Distinguished Athlete Award, was the United Press International's (UPI) First Team Pennsylvania All-State in 1969, scoring 569 points, averaging 24.6 points and 18 rebounds a game.
(More on Jim's Induction on page 20.)
- **Gene '78**, who received the Distinguished Service Award, amassed a 78-15-1 record in wrestling and will retire after 40 years as THE premier PIAA Wrestling referee.
- **Tony '86**, who received the Distinguished Service Award, quietly and passionately served Beca athletics for over 35 years, and recognized by all as a "quiet, reliable and highly valued asset".

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- **Kristen '02**, who received the Distinguished Athlete Award, captained the girls' volleyball team, was twice named to the EPC first team, was PIAA All-state, and was the 2001 Morning Call-Express Times Player of the Year.

A Legendary Team:

- **Janice Stem**, who received the Distinguished Coach Award, created a family atmosphere for over 20 years as Becahi's Cheerleading Coach and raised "the school spirit to an all-time high."
- **Bob Stem**, who received the Distinguished Coach Award, was head football coach for 18 seasons, winning 173 games, nine District XI championships, six eastern Conference titles and two state championships

If anyone would like to send a congratulatory note to any of the new Wall of Fame members, send them to me, and I'll publish them in an upcoming *Tidings*. - JOB

Alumni Briefs:

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

Russ "Skip" Kembel '58, runs an Independent Meeting Planning company that plans and coordinates meetings and incentive trips all over the world for clients.

Donald Soltysiak '62, a U.S. Navy veteran and Moravian College graduate, is a Biopharma Sales Management and Leadership Advisor in Doylestown.

Scott Matus '77, a graduate of Moravian College, is a Tax Preparer at Paul G. Matus Associates in Bethlehem.

Michelle Domchek Ferry '84, is a Corporate Secretary at Ferry Electric based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Previously, Michelle was an Attorney at DKW Law Group in Pittsburgh. - zoominfo.com

Brian Teles '89, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Drexel University, is a Principal Project Manager for Valley Forge and Lehigh Valley structures manager and office principal, with more than 25 years of experience in designing, inspecting, and managing transportation projects, was honored as a Stockholder at Gannett Fleming, a leader in global infrastructure solutions with a focus on planning, design, technology, and construction management services for a diverse array of markets and disciplines, in Camp Hill, PA. - harrisburgregionalchamber.org...2/10/20

Jason Pranzo '97 is a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Minot, ND.

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Ann Marie Baca Calvo	1944	01/06/2022	95
Mary Slafkosky Danyluk	1956	01/28/2022	83
Stephen (Gubich) Wasil*	1961	08/05/2021	79
Alfonso "Al" Martinez	1965	02/02/2022	75
John Gasdaska	1968	01/11/2022	71
Fred Szvetecz*	1968	11/26/2021	71
Michael Barbour	1972	01/24/2022	69
Adriana Maria Rose Ramos	2000	01/07/2022	39

* I just learned of his passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Ann Marie Baca Calvo '44**, mother of **Karen '66, Lynne '67, Tom '81** and the late **Al '70**, and sister of the late **Mary Baca Danko '38** and **Margaret Baca Cacciatore '47**, on 01/06
- † **Mike Barbour '72**, father of **Michael '91** and **Patricia '94**, on 01/24
- † Philip Bold, father of **Ann '74, Mary Ellen '78, Tom '79, James '86**, and the late **Michael '76** and James, on 01/31
- † Rosemary Campbell, mother of **Kyle '72, Karen '73, Nancy '74, Judy '76, John '78, Mary Jo '80, Christian '82** and **Jacquelyn '93**, on 01/17
- † Jack Cauley, father of **Karen '71, Janet, Tom**, and the late Kevin and Elizabeth, on 12/16
- † Diane Eftting, mother of **Zachary '09** and **Scott '13**, on 01/06
- † Joyce Feege, mother of **Ed '79** and Karen, on 01/22
- † George Fertal, father of **George '82** and the late **Roseann '79**, on 01/13
- † **John Gasdaska '68**, brother of **Jeanne '76** and Karen, on 01/11
- † James Knoblauch, father of **James '89, Michelle '92** and Christine, on 12/30
- † **Alfonso "Al" Martinez**, brother of **Gloria '64, Tony**, and the late **Irma '56, Carmen '63, Jose "Pepito", Miguel**, and Jose "Bibi" on 02/02
- † Jimmy Perez, brother of **Rafe '78** and father of **Pedro Ramos '90, Miguel '95** and **Marisol '00**, on 01/23
- † **Adriana Maria Rose Ramos '00**, sister of **Isabel Antonia '03**, on 01/07
- † Gerald Riccaboni, brother of **Francis "Rusty" '67**, on 01/07
- † Jack Sinnitz, husband of **Joan Petfield Sinnitz '71**, and father of **Cathryn '97** and **Robert '00**, on 01/20
- † **Mary Slafkosky Danyluk '56**, sister of, **Liz '70, Veronica, Alex** and **Joe**, and the late **Kathryn '57, Michael '70, Andrew** and **John**, on 01/28
- † **Fred Szvetecz '68**, husband of the late **Roseann Pammer '70**, and brother of **John '71, Michael '72, Elizabeth '75** and Gerie, on 11/26/21

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† John Verbos, father of **Diane '79, John '82, Patricia '83**, and grandfather of **John III '13**, on 01/14

† **Stephen Wasil '61**, father of **Stephanie '90**, on 08/05/21

Please say a special prayer for our class president, **Ed Hartigan '70**, who passed away during the month of February. (2/12/2016)

Winter Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball – 95th Season

Scott McClary, Head Coach, 4th season, 66-26

Team record thru 1/26/22: 14-4

Girls Basketball – 95th Season

Jose Medina, Head Coach, 8th season, 177-36

Team record through 1/29/22: 11-5

Wrestling

Jeff Karam, Head Coach, 14th season, 197-23

East Penn Conference Champions

Team record through 1/31/22: 9-0

Up Next: District XI Tournament

Alumni Notables

The Hall of Fame Committee of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA), college wrestling's oldest conference, is proud to announce that **Tom Sculley '70** of Lehigh University [1974] has been selected for membership into the EIWA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Congratulations, Tommy!

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... >200 grads “profiled” in 2022. 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”).

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Tom Gosse '72, who received a BS in Political Science from DeSales University, is President of Wes Bolt C&E – TJG Services LLC, a distributor/wholesaler of hardware, janitorial supplies, chemicals in Houston, TX.

Gerry Kondash Pandaleon '72, who received an AAS in Accounting from Northampton Community College and a BS in Accounting from DeSales University, is the Owner of Continuous Financial Improvement in Center Valley, PA.

Vincent Hlavinka '73, who studied Purchasing & Materials Management at both Lehigh and Northampton Community Colleges, is a Buyer at FLSmidth, Inc. in Catasauqua.

Liz McCool '74, who studied at NYU, is Deputy Project Manager at SBG Technology Solutions, Inc. offers IT Governance, Program Management, Systems Engineering, Enterprise Modernization, Artificial Intelligence, and Cyber Security innovation to federal and commercial clients nationwide, in Bethlehem.

Judy Hogan Shive '75, is Manager at Pizza Hut in Bethlehem.

Regina Farrel-Stohr '76, who received an AAS in Nursing from Northampton Community College, is an RN at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation.

Thomas Molchan '77, who received a BA in Geography from Penn State University, is now Retired from General Mills after a 30-year career.

Gerard Mosconi '77, who received a BS and MS at Lehigh University, is President at RONIN International, an independent market research company specializing in business, healthcare and tech studies, in Rye, NY.

Kathleen Barron Frankenfield '78, is a Key Holder at Shoe Dept. Encore in Conway, SC.

Karen Bleier-Minorics '79, is the Owner of Karen's Crafts in Bethlehem.

Tom Chadwick '80, is a Technician at Eastern Industries, Inc., a company that provides crushed stone and gravel, hot-mix asphalt, ready-mix concrete, masonry sand and blocks, retaining walls, pavers, and road oils for a variety of construction projects, in Bath.

Rita Fritz Spadt '80, an EMT Paramedic, is also a Senior Phlebotomist at Sacred Heart Hospital.

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Rob Michaylira '81, is a Polysomnographer at St. Luke's Hospital.

Tom Ofchus '81, is Manager, Purchasing & Business Development at Albarell Electric Inc., in Bethlehem.

JoAnne Millets Palenchar '82, who received a BBA in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Moravian College, is Senior Financial Analyst at Olympus Corporation of the Americas, in Center Valley.

Blaise Polentes '82, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, is Global Business Unit Transformation Lead at Sanofi, a global life sciences company committed to improving access to healthcare and supporting the people we serve throughout the continuum of care, in Bridgewater, NJ.

Kim Preletz '82, who received a BS from Drexel University and an MSW from Marywood University, is a Clinical Therapist in the Central Wyoming Counseling Center in Casper, WY.

Mark Prostko '82, who received an AA in Culinary Arts from Johnson & Wales University, is Executive Chef at Northampton Country Club.

Paul Burke '83, who received a BS in Accounting from the University of Scranton, is National Sales Manager at BrightView Landscapes in the greater Philadelphia area.

Ron Madison '83, who received a BS in Civil Engineering, an MS in Civil & Environmental Engineering and an MBA in Management from Lehigh University, is Regional Client Manager at Maser Consulting, now Colliers Engineering & Design. Head, a multi-discipline, consulting and engineering design firm, in Bethlehem.

Angela Colabella '84, is Manager at DONE BY NONE, a one-of-a-kind start-up that is bringing out fashion cookouts you've never seen before, in Bethlehem.

James Fereno '84, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Moravian College, is Senior Relationship Manager, VP at Provident Bank in Bethlehem.

Kerri Cole Spadaccia '85, is Radiology Practice Manager at Progressive Physician Associates in Bethlehem.

Rob Cseresznyes '85, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, is VP Project Management at Scannell Properties in Indianapolis, IN.

Kevin Hudak '86, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Lycoming College, now works Security for the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

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Charles Regan '86, who studied in the Liberal Arts, Honors Program at Villanova University, is Principal, Founder, Business and Management Consultant at Derwood Partners, LLC., a business and management consulting company focused on navigating through change and implementing growth strategies for public, private, and non-profit organizations, in Rockville, MD.

Joseph Bleier '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from DeSales University, is an Accountant at Nic Zawarski and Sons Builders, Inc., in Easton.

Cori Brett Soltysiak '87, who received a BS in Office Administration from Bloomsburg University, is Team Leader at The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, in Bethlehem.

Shannon Jones '87, who received a BA in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, a Graduate Degree in Non-Profit/Public/Organizational Management from Northeastern University and an MBA in Finance from Penn State University, is Associate Corporate Finance, at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the greater Philadelphia area.

Melissa Snoey '87, is the Owner of and Master Stylist at Hair Studio Main in Bethlehem.

Carol Mooney Domzalski '88, who received an AND in Registered Nursing from Northampton Community College and a BSN, MSN from Chamberlain University, is Clinical Coordinator at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network.

Ellen Murphy '88, who received a BS in Life Sciences from Penn State University, a PhD in Molecular Biology of Diabetes from the University of Padua and is a JD Candidate at Rutgers University – Camden School of Law, is Croupier/Dual Rate Supervisor at Wind Creek Hospitality.

Timothy Goodnow '89, who received a BS in Psychology, Business from St. Joseph's University and a JD from the University of Detroit's Mercy School of Law, is now seeking a position in a small specialty organization/department requiring strong advising and leadership skills in the Royal Oak, MI area.

Kristen Iasiello-Boyle '89, is a Graphic Designer and now "Stay at Home Mom."

Christine Coleman Hartzman '90, is Reading Specialist at the Boyertown Area School District.

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Meghan Steel Sobolewski '90, is a Spanish-French Teacher at St. Maria Goretti Elementary School in Massachusetts.

Bill Bratkovics '91, who studied Computers and Networking at Allentown Business School, is Network Technician at Compucom Inc., providing end-to-end managed services, technology and consulting to enable the digital workplace for enterprise, midsize and small businesses, in Easton.

Stan Carreras '91, is Strategic Account Manager at Barnwell House of Tires in Bethlehem.

Sara Diefenderfer Crews '92, who received an MBA in Accounting and Finance from Lehigh University, is Controller at A-tech Suburban Inc., wholesale distributor of products requiring special handling in Palmer Township.

Christopher DiPippa '92, who studied Building Construction Technology at Northampton Community College, is Lead Sub Contractor at Zampella Homes in Allentown.

Steven Donald '92, who received an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Northampton Community College, is Customer Service Specialist at Sequential Technology International in Bethlehem.

Tony Dravec '92, who received a BS in Accounting and Finance from DeSales University, is Security Officer at Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem.

Jason Allen '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Film/Cinema/Video Studies from Fitchburg State College, is Assistant Superintendent at Walsh Brothers, Inc., a recognized leader in construction management, in Fitchburg, MA.

Amy Boris Driscoll '93, who received a BSN from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Licensed Utilization Review Nurse at Anthem, Inc., a valued health partner and delivering quality products and services that give members access to the care they need, in Virginia Beach, VA.

Lynne Andreas Vettrano '94, who received a BA in History from Kutztown University, is a Principal at Vettrano Consulting, LLC, focused on municipal government, nonprofit events and community engagement, in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Patricia Barbour Liberto '94, is Sports Book Manager at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi, MS.

Laura Bender Basilone '95, is a "Full Time Mom at My Own Company", in Bethlehem!

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Maureen Brett '95, who attended Allentown School of Cosmetology, is a Hairstylist at Trendz Hair Salon in Center Valley.

Rachel Kuplen Medero '96, who received a Bachelor's Degree in marketing from DeSales University, is Credits and Collections Specialist with Alcom Printing, a leading provider of integrated solutions for print, direct mail marketing and business development solutions utilizing cross-media marketing initiatives, in Harleysville, PA.

Jane Piscitelli Braxmeier '96, who received an LPN at Warren County Vo-Tech, is an LPN at Rolling Hills Care Center, a healthcare center providing a full range of healthcare services, in Hunterdon County, NJ.

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James Quartararo '97, who studied at the School of Visual Arts, is Videographer Photographer Editor at Jimmy Q2 Studios in Northampton.

Paola Ramelah '97, is Accounts Payable Coordinator at IQVA [QuintilesIMS], a company dedicated to using analytics and science to help healthcare stakeholders find better solutions for their patients, in Allentown.

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Alesha Steager Pretopapa '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Communications from Bloomsburg University and an MEd in Special Education from Lehigh University, is a Self-Employed Academic Tutor in Easton.

James Wolf '98, is a Member of Steam Crew 2102 on the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad, rebuilding a steam locomotive built in 1944, in Port Clinton, PA.

Iris Martinez '99, who received a BA in Criminal Justice from DeSales University and an MS in Addictions Counseling from Grand Canyon University, is an experienced professional working in the drug and alcohol field for 8 years, and Project Director at Hogar CREA International Inc of PA, in Bethlehem.

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Amy Fantasia '00, former Becahi Student Body President, (and **Lou's '73** daughter), who received a BA in English and an MA in Political Science from Lehigh University, is University Speech Writer and Director of Presidential Correspondence at Harvard University.

Ryan McDonald '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance at the University of Notre Dame, is Director - High Yield Municipal Analyst at BlackRock, a global asset manager and technology provider, in Newtown, PA.

Sarah Hodor '01, who received a BFA in Graphic design from West Chester University, is Creative Director at Innovairre, the worldwide leader in fundraising, supporting nonprofits and agencies, in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area.

Carlo Ramelah '01, is a Network Engineer at ESSA Bank & Trust in Bethlehem.

Timothy Duckworth '02, who received a BS in Business Management from St. Joseph's University and a JD from Michigan State University College of Law, is an Associate Attorney at Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C. in Bethlehem.

Megan Haney Koehler '02, who received a BA in Corporate Communications from Drexel University, is Global Communications & Public Affairs Leader at Johnson & Johnson in Horsham, PA.

Daniel Vidal '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from St. John's University, is Account Executive at Ethicon, Inc., part of Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices, in the Lehigh Valley.

Michael Watsula '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from New York University and a JD from Duke University School of Law, is Associate Counsel at BHI, full commercial banking services that combine the personal attention and responsiveness of a prestigious boutique bank with the expertise and financial strength of a global bank, in New York, NY.

Cassandra Erikson-Issler '03, is Education Coordinator at Roxbury Day Care in Succasunna, NJ.

Ryan Haselton '03, who received a BS in Accounting and Finance from Lehigh University and an MBA from USC's Marshall School of Business, is Portfolio Manager and Vice President at Dimensional Fund Advisors in Santa Monica, CA.

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Courtney Johnson '04, who received a BA in Psychology from Bucknell University and an MA, EdM in Psychological Counseling from Teachers College, Columbia University, is Founder of Courtney O. Johnson Personal Wellness and Training, personalized custom training for those looking to achieve a wide variety of nutritional, mental, and fitness goals, in New York, NY.

Annie Keenan '04, who received a BS in Finance and Management from Georgetown University, is Manager at Morgan Business Consulting, a Veteran's Owned Small Business, in San Diego, CA.

Christopher Blasko '05, who studied Computer Science at DeSales University and Game Programming at Full Sail University, is a Computer Programmer specialized in desktop programming at Tyco Fire Products in Lansdale.

Steph Chasar '05, who studied Elementary Education at DeSales University, is Operations Trainer at People First Federal Credit Union in Allentown.

Scott Brantingson '06, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is a Financial Advisor at Monocacy Wealth Partners in Bethlehem.

Natalie Cantelmi '06, is a Certified Veterinary Technician at Valley Central Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center in Whitehall.

Scott Baum '07, is an Estimator with the JP Group, Construction Management, providing a wide range of construction services large or small, including construction management, design-build, general construction, new construction, and renovations, serving the greater Lehigh Valley and beyond.

David Fenstermaker '07, who received an AAS in Culinary Arts from Northampton Community College and a BS in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from Penn State University, is Sous Chef at Wegman's Food Markets in Bethlehem.

Vinnie Fodero '07, is Managing Partner at DeltaWash Lehigh Valley, a family owned and operated commercial laundry service, in Easton.

Anthony Gharzouzi '07, who continued his education at Northampton Community College, is a Personal Banker at Wells Fargo in Bethlehem.

Alexa Hernandez '08, who graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, is a Makeup Artist at Artist at Wilhelmina in Los Angeles.

Keegan Hilaire '08, who received a BBA in Economics from Temple University, is Small Farms & Diversified Vegetable Consultant at Rodale Institute in Bethlehem.

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Randy Downing '09, is Owner at Valley Placement & Consulting Firm LLC in Bethlehem.

Andrew Duckworth '09, who received a BS in Sport Management from St. John's University and a JD from the University of Oregon School of Law, is In-House Counsel at Goodman Properties, a Real Estate Development and Management firm in Jenkintown.

Anthony Bosga '10, is Business Development Manager at Cozzini Brothers, America's most trusted commercial knife rental and knife sharpening service, in Allentown.

Taylor Gurski '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations from Penn State University, is Account Supervisor at Paul Wilmot Communications, a PR agency specializing in high-end fashion, beauty, lifestyle, & cannabis, in New York city.

Rebecca DiLuzio '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology from Millersville University, is a Meteorologist at Versar, Inc., a world-class, global project management company providing balanced solutions to the public and private sector in Environmental Services, Security Systems, Engineering and Construction, and Professional Services, in Germantown, MD.

Peter Flood '11, who received a BA in Anthropology from Gettysburg College, is Outreach Educator at Da Vinci Science Center.

Andrew Hoppe '12, who received a BS in Hospitality Management from East Stroudsburg University, is a Production Technician at Air Liquide, a world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health in Bethlehem.

Marc Meny '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Jacksonville University, is a TRNR (i.e, Trainer), Performance Coach at WRKOUT Media Ltd. In Brooklyn, NY.

Jacob Parrish '12, who received a BS in Economics and Finance from Lafayette College, is a MIS Clinical Sales Specialist at Medtronic, a global healthcare technology leader in the Philadelphia area.

Alex Schuster '12, who studied Accounting and Finance at St. Joseph's University, is an Associate – Disputes, Compliance & Investigations, at Stout, a global investment bank and advisory firm specializing in corporate finance, valuation, disputes, and investigations.

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Lauren Hess '13, who received a BS from Penn State University and a Bachelor's Degree, RN, from DeSales University, is an Emergency Room RN at HealthONE®, serving the metro Denver area as the largest healthcare system

Matthew Hlavinka '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business, Organizations and Society from Franklin & Marshall College and an MBA in Accounting from DeSales University, is Senior Financial Analyst at Follett LLC, in Easton.

Austin Chakif '14, who studied Business Management at Moravian College, is Inside Sales District Manager at ADP, in Bethlehem.

Riley Charles '14, who studied Telecommunications at Penn State University, is a Social Media Strategist @ Liquid, a leading digital business company based in the Lehigh Valley.

Katie Altpeter '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Lehigh University, is a Sales Representative at Lutron Electronics in Houston, TX.

Dana Stebelski '15, who received a BA in Psychology and an MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences from West Virginia University, is Community Health Liaison at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Brittney Cuddy '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from West Chester University, is Food and Beverage Manager at Wawa, Inc in the greater Philadelphia area.

Sabrina Freed '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in International/Global Studies at Arcadia University, is an English Teacher at Rise Korea, in the Seocho District in Seoul, South Korea.

Matthew Arnold '17, who received a BS in Business Management from The College of New Jersey, is a Program Manager at Amazon Web Services in Herndon, VA.

Allison Carrig '17, who received her BBA in Accounting from Duquesne University, is a Staff Accountant at The Brinkley Kanavy Group, offer accounting, auditing and consulting services in Pittsburgh.

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Rebekah Recchio '17, who studied Communications at North Carolina State University, is an Associate Recruitment Consultant at Barrington James, a Global & Award-Winning Life Science Recruitment Company, in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill NC metropolitan area.

More from the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Still, 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!

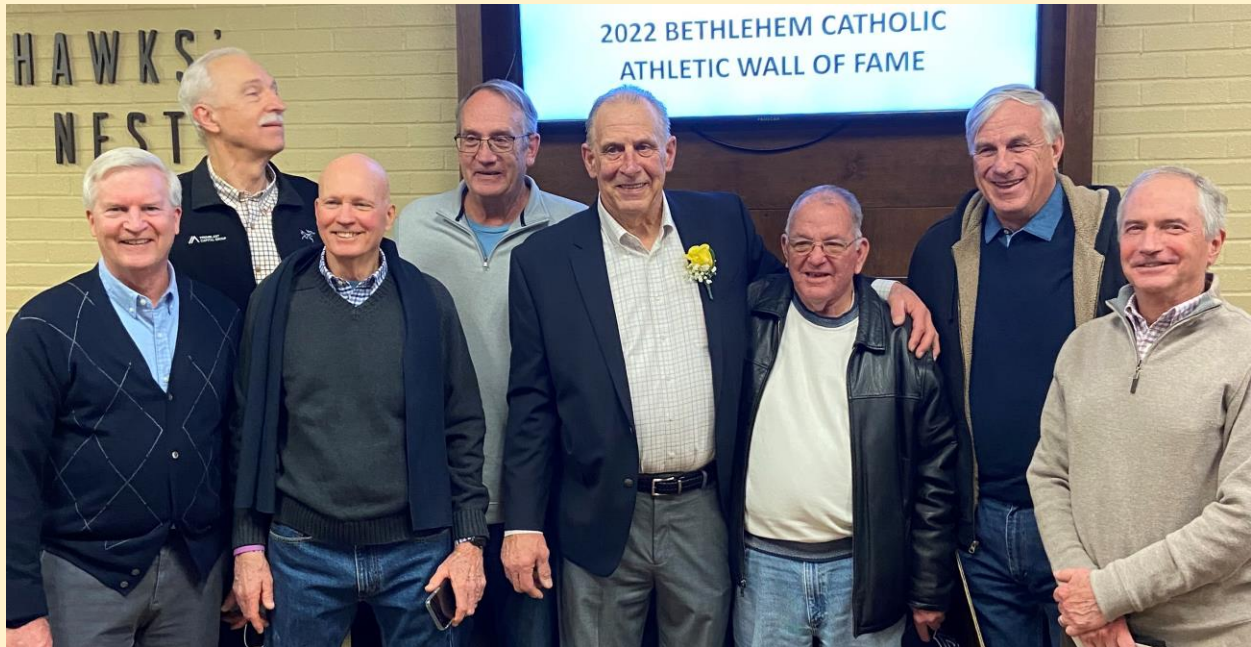
Becahi Alumni and Parents have started to register their businesses into the Becahi Business Directory. Join [Schuster Family Dental](#), [Cantelmi Long Funeral Homes](#) and [Musselman Jewelers](#).

Don't miss out on getting in on the ground floor of this amazing opportunity. Be the first in your field as a realtor, restaurateur, home improvement professional, or medical specialist to gain the loyalty of the Becahi family. 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/bY6QfTvjjs>

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Basketball Wall of Fame Members and Their Supporting Cast



^ ^ ^ ^ ^
Greg Falkenbach '68 ^ **Bobby Halbreiner '71** **Micky Halbreiner '70**
Lehigh University ^ King's College US Naval Academy
John O'Boyle '70 **Dick Metzger '68** **Jim Chassar '69** **Bob Bukvics '60** **Bob Alpago '70**
University of Scranton Moravian College Niagara University Villanova University Lehigh University

Not in the photo, but present for the ceremony; **Dave Griffith '68**, US Military Academy

Some little-known tidbits about the “players” in the picture...

- **Jim Chassar** was a teammate of everyone in the picture...except for “Bucky”, who was his assistant coach alongside Becahi’s Wall of Fame Coach, Paul Calvo
- **Greg** is a member of the Lehigh University’s Athletic Hall of Fame
 - ...and evidently prefers the “profile” look
- **Bob Bukvics’** first varsity team as head coach was 1969/1970, included **Bobby A, Micky** and **Bobby Halbreiner** and **JOB** on the roster... Won 12 - Lost 11
- We all had a little fuller, darker head of hair (except for Bucky)

Congratulatory messages to Jim...

Here are some emails I’ve received with a message to Jim on the occasion of his Wall of Fame Induction....

“Jim sure deserves this. He had a terrific HS career at Becahi.” – Yogi Eddinger '67

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“Congrats on being inducted into the Wall of Fame, an honor well deserved! You were one great player, and I am proud to have been your teammate. They were fun times.” – Geoff Borda ‘69



“Congrats Jim, well deserved. We played football and basketball together for years and we were friends off the court and field congratulations.” - Tom Christ ‘69

The “angels” of St. Ursula’s Football team circa 1965... No, there’s nothing wrong with your eyes. It’s just a blurry pic sent by Tom Christ #14, standing next to Chas #20. Squint to see if you can recognize any of the other angels.

“Great player, great guy, great teammate. Well-deserved recognition, long overdue! Best wishes Chas!” – Bobby Alpago ‘70

“Chas, a huge congratulations on the well-deserved and far overdue Induction into the Wall of Fame. I certainly wish I could have attended the Induction ceremony to personally congratulate you. Below are just a very few of my thoughts about playing on your teams.

Playing on your teams was fun, quite a show, never a dull moment and truly a great ride. We always played before sold out crowds that came to see you play. You lead and motivated by example. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the game was inspiring. You always played with intense competitive energy. Your aggressive style intimidated most. Your unselfishness, “Guys just take your shots, if you miss, I’ll get the rebound and score anyway”, motivated and instilled confidence in us, and made all of us much better players and team players.

You were truly a great teammate and team leader. Again, congratulations on a well-deserved award and stay healthy.”

– Jeff Jennings ‘70

If anyone would like to send a congratulatory note to any of the new Wall of Fame members, send them to me, and I’ll publish them in an upcoming *Tidings*. - JOB

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Reflection

In advance of Valentine's Day, and Lent, hum along to a Huey Lewis's song...

The Power of Love

♪ The power of love is a curious thing
♪ Make a one man weep, make another man sing
♪ Change a hawk to a little white dove
♪ More than a feeling, that's the power of love

♪ Tougher than diamonds, rich like cream
♪ Stronger and harder than a bad girl's dream
♪ Make a bad one good, make a wrong one right
♪ Power of love will keep you home at night

♪ You don't need money, don't take fame
♪ Don't need no credit card to ride this train
♪ It's strong and it's sudden and it's cruel sometimes
♪ But it might just save your life
♪ That's the power of love
♪ That's the power of love

♪ First time you feel it, it might make you sad
♪ Next time you feel it, it might make you mad
♪ But do be glad baby when you've found
♪ That's the power makes the world go 'round

♪ And it don't take money, don't take fame
♪ Don't need no credit card to ride this train
♪ It's strong and it's sudden, it can be cruel sometimes
♪ But it might just save your life

♪ They say that all in love is fair
♪ Yeah, but you don't care
♪ But you know what to do (to do)
♪ When it gets hold of you
♪ And with a little help from above
♪ You feel the power of love
♪ You feel the power of love
♪ Can you feel it
♪ Mmm-hmmm

♪ It don't take money and it don't take fame
♪ Don't need no credit card to ride this train
♪ Tougher than diamonds and stronger than steel
♪ You won't feel nothin' till you feel
♪ You feel the power
♪ Just feel the power of love
♪ That's the power
♪ That's the power of love

- Huey Lewis, Songwriters: John Victor Colla / Christopher John Hayes

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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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