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Class of 1970 – The Date Is Set!!!

The Class of 70 turns 70 on Saturday September 17, 2022.

Your requests for another reunion, outdoors, of longer duration and lesser cost have been heard!

Two pavilions and plenty of surrounding parking means there is room for everyone in the tree covered venue of Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus. Plan now to 'Be There or Be Square'!

More information to follow.

Please say a prayer for our classmate, Marilyn Ackerman Geiger, for Dan Brady's mom, for Jayne Meder Mignogno's mom, and for Debbie Weiss Perrett's sister, who passed away last month.

Marilyn passed away on February 12th. Please remember Marilyn's husband Craig, her son Doug and his wife Adria, and their children Cole Chase and Kira in your prayers as well.

Victoria Gonzalez Brady '48 passed away on February 25th. Please also say a prayer for Dan's sister, **Beverly '73**, and for Beverly's daughter and Victoria's granddaughter, **Allison Quigney '99** as well.

Alice Meder passed away on February 15th. Please remember Jayne's siblings Michael, Anne and Joseph in your prayers as well.

Peggy Weiss DeAngelo '78, wife of **Mike D'Angelo '78**, passed away on February 17th. Please say some prayers for their children George, Veronica and Lena, and for Debbie's siblings **James '74** and the late Thomas.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... Gus Concilio '47, Mary Moroney Marzec '51, (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Rosemarie Polak Okonski '54, **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57**, **Harry Mitchell '57**, Charlie Wightman '59, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Carol Cooke Fertal '66, **Tom Anthony '67**, **Yogi Eddinger '67**, Mary Lou Andris Seigfreid '68, Ed Benavage '68, "Big John" Kearney '68, Linda Kuruc Nagy '68, Catherine Swiderski Csencsitz '68, John Andris '69, Larry Gasda '69, Jerry Kresge '69, Fran McGouldrick '69, Jim Gallagher '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, **Susan Bukics Majczan '72**, **Ray Davis '72**, **Phil Demyan '72**, **Sue Bartos '72**, Ed Kolosky '76, Kevin Donovan '78, Dan Reisteter '78, **Matt Horoski '12**

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

Join in the Fun of Our 3rd Annual Golden Gala and ...



Learn More about Our Golden Gala Honorees Bernie '81 and Melissa Brown.

(I get it. **Brown** and **Golden**. -JOB)

Go to GoldenGala22.givesmart.com to buy a ticket, check out our auction prizes & raffle items, and donate to our Emotional Appeal. Bernie is number 63 below. Contact Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org.

The 3rd Annual Golden Gala is almost here!

The 2022 Emotional Appeal item is:

UBIQUITY NETWORK HARDWARE

Becahi is expanding our innovative technology eco-structure by implementing a new network strategy to increase the overall speed and manageability of our network infrastructure. We will replace antiquated network hardware so ALL of our students can best utilize technology to enhance their education.

Go to GoldenGala22.givesmart.com to buy a ticket, check out our auction prizes & raffle items and donate to our Emotional Appeal.

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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85 Years Ago... A "Virtual" Reunion The Class of 1937

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 may be omissions, but I think I found 44 graduates...and I think they're all in heaven...reading this edition of the *Tidings*...

Anne Adams Sinnott
Dolores Agrest Shupp
Clare Bellew Skomitz
Mary Boyle
Bernard Briody
Martina Buck Kalman
Eileen Byrne O'Donnell
Frances Conahan Bender
Francis "Bud" Connell
Margaret Cullen Zingler
Mary Cullen Bold
William Cunningham
Victoria DeCrosta Sweetz
James P. Gallagher
James T. Gallagher

Rosemary Gallagher
Mary Margaret Gannon Salay
Ann Gombosi Brandafi
Elizabeth Hanus Gottwald
Margaret Hartigan
Elizabeth Holletz Felker
John Hrkach
Genevieve Keating Lyhne
Francis V. Kelleher
Kathryn Kelly Duffy
Marion W. Kennedy Kluge
Madeline King Kouts
Helen Kostelnik
Dorothy Lucas Rodgers
Philip Lynett

Philip Lyons
Margaret Maloney
Dorothy McGettigan Solsky
John McGovern
Rosemary Meder Yurkanin
William Miller
Patricia Moran Baines
Madesta Roche Gahagan
Maylan Ropos Neimeister
Anne Silvoy
Charles P. Smith
Cyril Soltis
Dorothy Trimble Kelleher
Hilda Tunner Taglang

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

Fifteen Classmates who had 29 children who graduated from Beca...

Anne Adams Sinnott > **Jane '69, Anne '72, Helen '75**
Dolores Agrest Shupp > **John '61, Michael '77**
Clare Bellew Skomitz > **Rose '64, Eileen '68, Steve '71**
Martina Buck Kalman > **Michael '68**
Eileen Byrne O'Donnell > **Sally '69, William '74**
Frances Conahan Bender > **David '68, Mary Louise '69, Tom '74**
Francis "Bud" Connell > **Jim '70, Gene '71**
James T. and Rosemary Gallagher > **Tom '68, Jack '70, Jim '71, Anne Marie '73,
Kevin '75, Rosemary '77**
Ann Gombosi Brandafi > **Nancy '67**
Elizabeth Holletz Felker > **Alex '70**
Dorothy Lucas Rodgers > **Judy '67**
Madesta Roche Gahagan > **Philip '72**
Maylan Ropos Neimeister > **Tom '65, Gus '70**
Hilda Tunner Taglang > **Al '72**

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Eight Veterans...

Bud Connell > **U.S. Army**

Rosemary G. Gallagher > **U.S. Navy Nurse Corps (WW II)**

Margaret Hartigan > **U.S. Navy**

John Hrkach > **U.S. Air Force**

Philip Lynett > **U.S. Army**

Philip Lyons > **U.S. Navy (WW II)**

John McGovern > **U.S. Army (WW II)**

William Miller > **U.S. Army (WW II)**

Three Served as Religious

(Rev) James P. Gallagher

(Msgr) John McGovern

Anne (Sr. Jane Andrew) Silvoy, S.S.J.

Three Health Care Professionals as Nurses...

Eileen Byrne O'Donnell

Rosemary G. Gallagher

Margaret Maloney

As an aside....

Tom “Cat” Gallagher '68, liked the reference to the 55 Gallagher graduates in January's **Tidings** and had this story to share. “.. *obviously love the factoid about 55 Gallaghers having graduated Becahi. Here is an interesting one within that group. The **Class of 1937** included, my mother **Rosemary Gallagher** (maiden name) who married her classmate **James (Jim) Gallagher** on January 28, 1950...and they were married by another classmate Rev. James Gallagher (my mother's brother). Father James was a year younger but skipped a grade and was in my parent's class. **Bud [Francis] Connell (Jimmy '70 & Gene's '71 father)** was also one of their classmates.”*

BTW, **Rosemary's and Jim's** children were **Tom “Cat” '68**, the late **Jack '70**, **Jim '71**, the late **Anne Marie '73**, **Kevin '75**, and the late **Rosemary '77**.

That makes 8 of the 55 Becahi Gallaghers in the same house. (Lord have mercy!).

As another aside, ... later in the **Tidings** you'll read about **Paul Walsh '07** and his influencer and former teacher, the late **Judy Rodgers Reece '67**. Judy's mom was the late **Dorothy Lucas Rodgers '37**.

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...

✓ 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**

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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.

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 277 grads from 72 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 March Tidings

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
0				1	31	2	3	2	3	2	
1			2	2	5	5	2	2	2	2	
2				1	9	5	4	4	5		
3			1	1	2	4	2	2	4		
4			1	1	4	4	2	2	2		
5				1	3	3	2	2	3		
6		1		2	3	2	2	2	3		
7	44	1	2	5	4	5	4	5	4		Classes
8		2	1	10	5	3	2	2	2		<u>72</u>
9			1	8	1	4	2	2	3		Grads
	44	4	8	32	67	37	25	25	31	4	<u>277</u>

... and from our class, I heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Dan Brady, Dave Cech, GI Jerry, Bernie Gallagher, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechmann, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Pat Lynch, Marie Marucci Good, Connie Redding Regar, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl, Debbie Weiss Perrett**

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

March 26th – 3rd Annual Becahi Golden Gala

September 16th – Class of '72 **Golf Outing** at Bethlehem Muni

September 17th – Class of '70's **70th Birthday Picnic in the Park** (Emmaus Community Park)

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

September 28th – Class of '57's – **65th Year Reunion**, Prime Restaurant, Bethlehem

Reunion News...

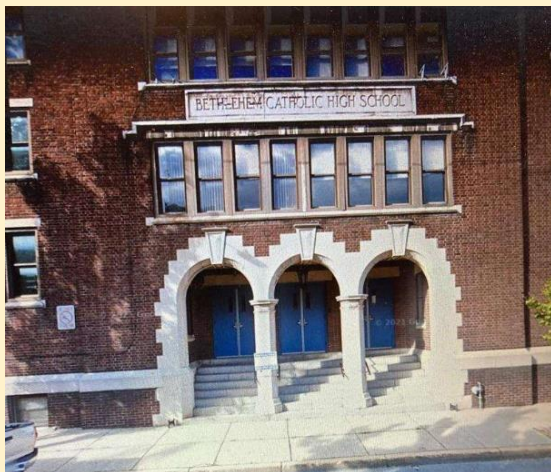
➤ **Class of 1957's 65th Reunion**.... The Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem for our "Class of '57's 65th reunion is booked! The date is September 28th....12-4pm. Contact **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57** for details.

➤ **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.

- Friday September 16th will be a golf scramble at Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course starting at noon followed by a meet and greet at 5pm at the Pavilion behind the golf course. This is for any class member...no need to be playing golf. Drinks and apps will be provided!

From High School to Grade School to... Apartments



Bethlehem City Council approved a "certificate of appropriateness" (COA) for the transformation of the former Becahi and Holy Infancy School at 127 East Fourth St. into 24 residential apartments.

As a point of history... Over 2,000 Becahi students walked the halls of this venerable site... 1,384 students graduated from the East Fourth Street location. Another 751 students attended the Fourth Street location, and then graduated from the Dewberry and Madison Avenues location.

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Alumni Briefs:

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

Rosemarie Polak Okonski '54 wrote...

Hi Johnnie O 🙌 This is Rosemarie (Polak) Okonski

I graduated 🎓 a while ago, 1954, married with 3 sons, 5 wonderful grandchildren... We're living



in upstate Niskayuna NY... still living an enjoyable and active life until Covid-19 put a stop to it I'm sure like a lot of others. We did a lot of traveling around the world and still enjoy golfing... looking forward to warmer weather 😊 just a few pics... including one of my recent pic with my husband, son, newly married grandson and daughter-in-law 😊 I enjoy reading all the

updates on TIDINGS. Best of good 🍀 luck to Bethlehem Catholic High School.

John Kearney '68 from Gainesville, FL, wrote... “There was no way for me to make the trip, but I was able to get a friend to deliver my letter of congratulations to **Jim [Chassar]**. A well-deserved honor to an athlete who helped in the transition from small school to one competing with the Lehigh Valley's best.”

Jerry Kresge '69, wrote... “I want one to say that **Jim Chassar** was really a great player when I was at Beca. He was a ton of fun to watch. I actually thought he was already in the Hall of Fame. I also want to congratulate Bob and Janet Stem. I coached with Bob and learned an awful lot about coaching from him. He and Janet truly deserved induction in the hall of fame. Very few people know how much they brought to the Beca community.”

Linda Matula Schwartz '69, who received a BA in natural Sciences from Thomas Edison State College and a Master's Degree in Distance Learning from Athabasca University, is Director of Library Services and Patient Education at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) in Allentown. – news.nnlm.gov, 9/9/19

Dan Reisteter '78 will be retiring from PA Bankers Association in July after 40 years of government relations service in the Harrisburg area. Dan will be transitioning into a new position as Director of Development & Advancement for Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School, the Catholic elementary school affiliated with the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, where my wife, Lisa, and I are very active, and two other parishes in Harrisburg.

Enza Genni Berback '85, is a Skin Care Consultant and Laser Technician who has worked and trained with Dr. Vasily at Aesthetica Cosmetic & Laser Center in Bethlehem. – www.ilovemyskin.com

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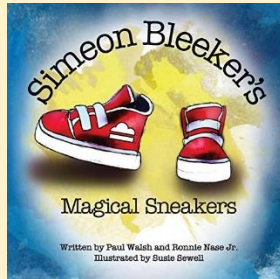
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Jen Elek '90, is a Studio Artist and Educator based in Seattle. Jennifer investigates interpersonal themes and the notion of community by creating objects and installations of colorful glass and neon light employed as a non-verbal form of communication. Jen has been a member of the Northwest artist community since moving from Bethlehem, PA to Seattle in 1995. – bellwetherart.org

Paul Walsh '07 “just graduated from Kutztown University with a Doctorate in Education (Masters in English Literature, Bachelors in Secondary English/English Concentration.) He is currently teaching English at Liberty High School. He coached Becahi baseball for a number of years ... AND he is a co-author for a children’s book series and they just released their second book. He was inspired to become an English teacher from our lovely 7th grade English teacher at OLPH – the late **Judy Rodgers Reese '67.**” – Sarah Sewell, Notre Dame HS Class of '07, sister of **Sophia Sewell '12**



Racheael Vezzosi '10, who received a BS in Agribusiness from Penn State University, was recently as a Loan Officer by MidAtlantic Farm Credit in the Shoemakersville, PA office. -prweb.com

Lauren Wells '13's Valedictorian, who studied at Bowling Green State University, was recently featured on WFMZ-TV, for overcoming a rare brain disease and cancer. Read and hear her inspiring story on https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/inspiring-easton-native-overcomes-rare-brain-disease-and-cancer-thanks-to-humble-hero/article_e01f0250-9426-11ec-a5be-ff7cf421a6e2.html

BTW, the article was written by **Priscilla Liguori '13**, a graduate of Emerson College and a News Reporter for WFMZ-TV.

Andrew Posch '16, graduated from The United States Military Academy at West Point in May 2021. His first post assignment is with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. – Mike Posch

Recent Dean's List makers...

Lauren Bunke '18, Lebanon Valley College
Kayla Corrado '18, Moravian University
Kate Malloy '19, University of Scranton
Erin Manzo '19, Coastal Carolina University
Zara Smith '19, State University of New York (SUNY) – Potsdam
Lorenzo Alderiso '20, DeSales University
Nate Estock '20, DeSales University
Charlotte Ahner '21, Hofstra University
Faith Chajnicki '21, DeSales University

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Class of 1970 Becahi Fund Donors - \$70 for '70

Please join the following who have accepted Jim Connell's challenge of donating at least the amount of their year of Graduation to the Becahi Fund as they turn 70 in 2022. Add **Tony Bauer** (\$70), **Kathleen Shanahan Baur** (\$70), **GI Jerry Evans** (\$70), and **Corliss Kuzmin Reed** (\$100) to the list. They now join **Bernie Gallagher, Daniel Gallagher, Joan Greenfield, Jack Klucsik, Susan Reing Spaar, and Jim Connell.**

If you are not from the class of '70 but would like to respond to Jim's 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 the Tidings like above. You will join our first donor from outside the Class... **John Andris '69** contributed \$70.

An Angel's Gift

Angel Rivera '71 wrote to let us know that his Travel Agency **will donate \$70** in any person's name born in 1952, and in the Class of 1970, if they book their 2022 Vacation with him. He is holding spaces on a cruise between August 18 to the 27th. – A 9-day sailing adventure.



The destinations are Bermuda (overnight), Puerto Rico, Labadee, Haiti and St. Maarten, and will depart from Bayonne, NJ on the Adventure of the Seas, a Royal Caribbean ship. What a great way to celebrate August birthdays or for anyone wanting to join in the 70th celebration!

...AND its' ok if you weren't born in 1952. The more the merrier. **\$50 will be donated to the school if you graduated from ANY OTHER YEAR!**

If anyone is interested prices, cabin types etc. vary so it is important to **contact Angel Rivera directly**, either via phone (484-241-1059) or email angel.rcandt@gmail.com

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Victoria Gonzalez Brady	1948	02/25/2022	91
Margaret Spevak Stangl	1948	02/27/2022	92
Joan Bilsak Gombocz	1951	January, 2022	
Mary Rose Burkit Boehler	1968	01/18/2022	
Marilyn Ackerman Geiger	1970	02/04/2022	69
Margaret "Peg" Weiss DeAngelo	1978	02/17/2022	61

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Victoria Gonzalez Brady '48, mother of Dan '70 and Beverly '73, mother-in-law of the late Dan Quigney '73, and grandmother of Allison Quigney '99, on 02/25
- † Alice Meder, mother of Jayne '70, Michael, Anne, Joseph, on 02/15
- † Maryann Santangini, mother of Joseph '83, Richard '88, and the late Annalise '84, on 01/31
- † Frances Sefranek, mother of Tom '67, and the late Jane '66 and Helen '68, on 02/05
- † Margaret Spevak Stangl '48, mother of Judy '74, Joan '82 and John, on 02/27
- † Peg Weiss '78, wife of Mike DeAngelo '78, daughter of the late Mary Margaret "Peg" Dickert '46, sister of Debbie '70, James '74, and the late Thomas, on 02/17

Please say a special prayer for our classmates Barry Astel, and Walt Dozer, who passed away during the month of March. (3/04/07) (3/04/11)

Winter Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball – 95th Season

Scott McClary, Head Coach, 4th season, 69-28

Team Record: 17-6 after District XI Quarterfinal Win

Outscored opponents by 110 points...Average Point Differential, 5/Game

Up Next: District XI Semifinal vs. Allentown Central Catholic, 03/01

Girls Basketball – 95th Season

Jose Medina, Head Coach, 8th season, 183-38

Team record through 02/27: 17-7

East Penn Conference Team Champion

Up Next: District XI Tournament early March

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Wrestling

Jeff Karam, Head Coach, 14th season, 205-23

(200th win vs. Easton, 02/05/22)

Team Record: 17-0

East Penn Conference Team Champion

District XI Team Champion

PIAA Team Champion

Individual District XI Competition

Medalists:

106 Nate Desmond, 1st

113 Cole Campbell, 3rd

120 Cael McIntyre, 1st

126 Dante Frinzi, 1st

132 Kollin Rath, 1st

138 Tyler Kasak, 1st

145 Andrew Harmon, 1st

160 Landon Muth, 2nd

172 Luke Thomas, 1st

285 Elijah Thompson, 4th

Diving

Anna Petke finished second in the District XI Girls' Diving Championships!

Up Next: PIAA Tournament, March 16-19 at Bucknell University.

Alumni Notables

Andrew Dunn '15, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University, returned as a graduate student, and is ranked No.1 in the country at 285lbs. Andrew, the 2018-2019 All-American at 285lbs, captured that title at the NCAA Division I NCAA Championships. He is now 3-0 this season. – Morning Call, Bill Arsenault, 2/19/22

Morning Call's All-Decade of the 1980s Wrestling Team

- 1/28/90 - Ted Meixell, Morning Call

First Team

John Likins '87, 112lbs (3A State Champion)

Bernie Brown '81, 189lbs (two-time 3A State Champion)

Second Team

Dave Foley 112lbs (two-time 3A State Champion...one with Freedom)

Pat Santoro '84, 130lbs (3A State Runner up)

Duane Peoples '83, 152lbs (four-time 3A State Qualifier)

Honorable Mention

Blayne Diacont '89

Tony Iasiello, Jr. '89

Vince Stravino '81

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... >300 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”).

Here's what I found this month...

Jack Swegel '58, a Peace Corps Volunteer, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University and an MBA from the University of Maryland, is Associate Professor at Mildred-Elley School and an Adjunct Instructor at Berkshire Community College in the Pittsfield, MA area.

John Vandegrift '62, who received a BS in Business from the University of Scranton, is Executive Vice President of Dale Medical Products, a medical device company, in Franklin, MA.

Betty Ann Gomboz Polaha '63, is an Independent Fine Arts Professional in Johnson City, TN.

Kathy Benny Sahaydak '72, is a CT Technician at St. Luke's Hospital.

Deirdre Connors Smist '72, who received an Associate's Degree in Health Information from Lehigh Carbon Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Temple University, is a Certified Tumor Registrar at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Bill Check, Class of '73's Valedictorian, who received a BS in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Lehigh University, is an Analog/Mixed Signal IC Designer at Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, Inc. in Baltimore.

Maryellen Dye '74, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and a Faculty Member at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

Donna Emerick Vidumsky '75, is a Teller at BB&T Bank in Northampton.

Joseph DiDonato '76, who studied at Northampton Community College and West Virginia University, and received a BS in Biology from Penn State University, is the Owner of Wildlife Consulting & Photography, skilled in the field survey, habitat restoration and management and the regulatory process surrounding State and Federal Endangered Species, in the San Francisco Bay area.

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Mike Barbella '77, who studied at Philadelphia University and Millersville University, is VP of Operations at MTC Construction in the greater Philadelphia area.

Paul Charron '77, is the Owner of Timberland Tool & Die, designs and builds tooling for manufacturing industries, in St. Paul, OR.

Kathleen Check Rosar '78, who received a BS in Biology from the University of the Sciences, is Technical Manager at Wacker Chemie AG, a leading player and one of the world's most research-intensive chemical companies, in Allentown.

Kim Carrodo Bowers '79, who received a BA in Business Administration from Lehigh University, is the Owner, Culinary Artist and Event Visionary, Cater to Me catering company in Bethlehem.

Joe Anthony '80, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BA in Government from the University of Notre Dame, is Director of Florida Operations at Maritime Specialty Painting in the metropolitan Jacksonville, FL area.

Susan Trapp Szilagyi '80, is a Business Manager at Lehigh University.

Donna Hirschbeck Hlavinka '81, is a Merchandiser at Simco Sales in Bethlehem.

Maria Sousa Platt '81, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Leadership from Kennedy Western University, is Patient Services Manager at Quest Diagnostics in Allentown.

Kelly Craig Bauer '82, is an events Coordinator at King Family Vineyards in Crozet, VA.

Joann Bishop Bedell '82, is an English Teacher at the Great Valley School District in Royersford.

Francis Cech '82, is Administration Manager at US Airways/American Airlines in the greater Philadelphia area.

Jim Check '82, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is Managing Director of Chess Consulting, LLC, specializing in helping government contractors manage their critical business and compliance risks associated with selling to the U.S. Government, in Reston, VA.

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Melinda Beaky Wenger '83, who received an Associate's Degree in Physical Therapy from Lehigh Community College and an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Churchman Business School, is Sr. Administrative Associate at Johnson & Johnson in the Lehigh Valley.

Patrick Brady '83, who studied at Moravian College and received an MEd in Elementary Education from Kutztown University, is a Teacher in the Allentown School District.

Ann Marie Brown '84, is a Benefit Analyst in Group Business Implementation Services for Guardian Life in Bethlehem.

Renee Emkey '84, who received a BS in Chemistry from Muhlenberg College and a PhD in Biochemistry for Tufts university, is Scientific Account Manager at Genedata, supporting the transformation of biopharma R&D, in Lexington, MA.

Stephen Chanitz '85, is Chef/Owner of C.I.A. (Catering in Abundance) in Bethlehem.

Tim DiDonato '85, is the Director of DiDonato Tennis Management, Inc. in Waimea, HI.

Jennifer Bukvics '86, who received a BA in History from Dickinson College, is a Litigation Support Program Manager at Lockheed Martin in Centreville, VA.

Christopher Crossen '86, who received a BA in the Classics and an MA in Writing from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the University of California at Berkely, is Senior Editor and Writer at Moody's Analytics in the San Francisco Bay area.

Joseph Buches '87, who received a BS in Music Education from West Chester University, is Artistic Director at The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus and Music Director of Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia.

Lori Curry Powell '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of North Texas, is Assistant Director of Administration at Denton State Supported Living Center, in Denton, TX.

Stephen Donches '87, who received both a BA in Politics and International Relations and a JD from Catholic University, is Attorney at Nelis Law in Purcellville, VA.

Peter Franco '87, who received a BS in Business Administration from Penn State University, is Senior National Account Executive at Zurich North America, one of the largest providers of insurance solutions and services to businesses and individuals, in Boston.

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Tracy Bosco Prostko '88, who studied at St. Joseph's University, is now "Currently seeking full time employment preferable in healthcare/education field," in Bethlehem.

Chris Breault '88, is a Financial Consultant for US Bancorp in Denver, CO.

Terri Kovacs '89, who received an Associate's Degree from Churchman Business School and a BS in Accounting from Fort Lauderdale College, is an Accounts Payable Specialist at Casilio Concrete in Bethlehem.

Paula Roma Althouse '89, is President of Greytful Hearts Greyhound Rescue in Hamburg, PA.

Maria Ferreira Downes '90, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is Finance Director, Global Business Planning at Nike in Portland, OR.

Melissa Rutkowski Kline '90, is a Financial Underwriter for Humana in Allentown.

Anita Biondo '91, who received a BA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Marymount University, is Director of Operations at National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Cara Dreibelbis Wehner '91, is the Office Manager at MaxPoint, a marketing technology company that generates hyperlocal intelligence to optimize brand and retail performance, in Morrisville, NC.

Christina Corriere Andres '92, is a Reading Specialist in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Alex Beggs '92, who received a BS in Computer Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, is an Android Engineer at Spotify in the metropolitan New York City area.

Rich Bense '92, is the Principal Agent and Electrician at Patriot Electric, LLC in Golden, CO.

Maria Camacho '92, who received a BA in Political Science from Queens College, is a Systems Consultant at New York Life in Queens County, NY.

David Casteline '93, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is Investments and Benefits Portfolio Manager at American Express Global Business Travel, in Chandler, AZ.

Keith Doddy '93, is Sales Manager, at Koch 33 Toyota in Easton.

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Alice Brown '94, who studied at Lehigh Carbon Community College, is Account Executive at WEEU, radio's Voice of Berks County.

Nicole Caron Somers '94, is a Physician Assistant student at DeSales University.

Sarah Andrew '95, who received a BA in English, Women's Studies at Millersville University and a JD from DePaul University College of Law, is Associate Managing Attorney at North Penn Legal Services in the Lehigh Valley.

Kevin Beers '95, who received a BA in Philosophy from the University of Central Florida and an MA in Humanities from California State University – Dominguez Hills, is Professor of Humanities at Seminole State College of Florida, in Sanford, FL.

Paul Alcivar '96, who studied Economics and Engineering at the University of Virginia, is President & Personal Financial Analyst, Alcivar Wealth Creators, LLC, in Miami, FL.

Lee Brannon '96, who studied Communication at Mansfield University, is Internet Sales Manager at Peruzzi Toyota in Hatfield, PA.

John Bednarik '97, who received a Bachelor's Degree from DeSales University, is a Production Scheduler at Brentwood industries in Reading, PA.

Jennifer Bowers-Krage '97, who received a BA in Communication Sciences and Disorders and an MA in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Speech Pathologist at St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network.

Christina Dickert Fattore '97, who received a BA in Political Science from Gettysburg College, and both an MA and PhD in Political Science from Florida State university, is Associate Professor, Political Science at West Virginia University.

Paul Eichman '97, who studied at Lehigh University, is a Principal at Oaktree Advisors, LLC in Bethlehem.

Lori Boris Fritts '98, who received a BA in Psychology from Catholic University and an MEd in School Psychology from the College of William & Mary, is a Realtor at RE/MAX Realty Centre in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area.

Jonathan Dornblaser '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, is Explorations and Space Communications (ESC) Program Analyst & Planning, Scheduling & Consulting Team Lead at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD.

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Luke Bellis '99, who received a BS in Health Sciences from the University of Delaware and an MA in Initiative in Education Transformation from George Mason University, is Territory Manager at ConMed Advanced Surgical Division in the DC/Northern Virginia area.

Michael Belskie '99, who received a BS in Business Administration from King's College, is Senior Personal Loan Specialist at Springleaf Financial Services in Luzerne County.

Mike Bruni '00, who received a Certificate in Electronic Servicing from Lincoln Technical Institute, is Master Technical Assistant at Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg.

John Casteline '00, is Distribution Group Leader at Fisher Clinical Services, in Center Valley.

Victor Banks '01, who studied at Northampton Community College, is Receptionist at Gateway Counseling Services in Reading.

Maria Basile '01, is Executive Assistant at Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg.

Carmelo Alicea '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Owner / Master Trainer at Movement Collective, West Chester, PA.

Kristen Conway '02, a 2022 Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Inductee, who received a BS in Marketing from Syracuse University, is Senior Oncology Account Executive at Pfizer.

Elizabeth Crenko '02, is Human Resources Specialist at CNN Construction in Bethlehem.

Crystal Daniels '02, is a Senior Administrative Assistant at Campbell Soup Company in Camden, NJ.

Nathan Dubbs '03, who received a BS, MS and PhD in Structural Engineering from Drexel University, is Associate Vice President of Monitoring and Testing at BDI, the premier provider of bridge and building diagnostic stress and vibration testing, structural monitoring, and nondestructive evaluation services around the world, in Horsham, PA.

John Finnigan, III '03, who received a BS in Construction Management from Wentworth Institute of Technology, is Facilities Project Manager at Boston Children's Hospital.

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Michael Arreola '04, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Joseph's University, is Capital Markets Analyst at Arc Homes LLC in Mount Laurel, NJ.

Kara Brotzman '04, who received an Associate's Degree in Human Resources Management from Lehigh carbon Community College, is Associate Application Development and Support Analyst at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Marc Brown '05, a U.S. Army Veteran who received a BA in History from the University of Scranton, is an Account Manager for MRI Helium Operations at Air Products.

Alyssa Campbell '05, who received a BSN from East Stroudsburg University and an MSN, DNP from DeSales University, is an Academic Coach at Instructional Connections, LLC, an independent, integrated service provider of high-quality instructional support services to colleges and universities, in Allentown.

Marc Corsi '06, who received a BS in Sport Management from east Stroudsburg University and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Lehigh University, is Health & Physical Education Teacher at Centennial School of Lehigh University.

Matthew Dias '06, who received a BS in Economics from Penn State University and an MBA from DeSales University, is Vice President Deposit Operation at Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley.

Ami Bedics '07, who received a BS in Business Administration from Immaculata University, is Scanning Coordinator at Redner's Warehouse Markets in Bethlehem.

Matthew Dominici '07, who received a BS in Finance from Penn State University, is General Sales Manager at Peruzzi Auto Group in Hatfield.

Ashley Giering '07, is Assistant Store Manager Customer Experience at The GIANT Company in Bethlehem.

Stan Holubowski '07, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State University, is a Project Manager with Air Products.

Samantha Davis Parisi '08, who received a BA in History and a Master's Degree in Public/Applied History from LaSalle University, is Marketing Coordinator at Houwzer, a modern, socially responsible real estate agency for savvy homeowners, in Philadelphia.

Chris Egbert '08, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received a BA in Political Science from George Washington University, is a Military Intelligence Officer and a Government and Public Services Consultant for Deloitte in the Washington, DC area.

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Christopher Machain '09, who received an AS in Radiologic Technology Science and studied MRI Technology at the University of Pennsylvania, is an MRI Technologist at Citigroup Biomedical Imaging Center in Queens, NY.

Elee Moussa '09, who received a BS in Biology and an MBA from DeSales University, and a Master's Degree in Molecular Biology from Lehigh University, is Healthcare Data Scientist at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Nia Velazquez-Cortez '10, who received a BS and MS in Social Work from Kutztown University, is a Licensed Masters Social Worker and Trained Mediator in Washington, DC.

Andrea Veres Stare '10, ranked 4th all-time scorer in girls' basketball, who received a BS and MS in Speech Pathology from East Stroudsburg University, is a Speech Language Pathologist in the Phillipsburg School District.

Michael Boures '11, is the Vice President of Total Automotive Solutions in Stewartsville, NJ.

Reyna Pacis '11's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, is a Senior Research Analyst for the American Medical Association, in the greater Chicago area.

Kelsie Hess '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from DeSales University, is an Academic Resource Center Note Taker at DeSales University.

Kim Hoang '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from DeSales University, is a Student Intern at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Matthew Horoski '12, who received a BS in Accounting from Misericordia University, is Manager of Accounting, Sweetspot Brands LLC, in Charleston, SC.

Kelsey Karabasz '12, who received a BSN /RN from Drexel University, is a Registered Nurse at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Emily Bender '13, who received a BA in English Literature from Penn State University, is a Writer and Editor in Allentown.

Andrew Bergey '13, who received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in marketing from Bloomsburg University, is a Marketing, Sales & Retail Professional in the Lehigh Valley.

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Kieran Damitz '14, who received a BFA in Music and a BS in Business from Mount St. Mary's University, is a Logistics Specialist at Unique Industries, an industry leader in product development, licensing rights, manufacturing and customer relations, in Philadelphia.

Isabella DePalmo '14, who received a BA in Advertising from Penn State University, is Copy Supervisor at TBWA\WORLDHEALTH in New York, NY.

Lorita Moussa '15, who received a BS in Psychology from DeSales University and is a third-year graduate student at Kutztown University, studying Counselor Education.

Dmitri Rebimbas '15, who received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Northampton Community College, is a Brand Specialist at Audi of Allentown.

Julianne Reightler '16, who received a BA in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from DeSales University, is a Preschool Teacher at St. Thomas More Catholic School in the Allentown Diocese.

Jesenia Rivera '16, is an Insurance Agent with Nationwide Insurance in Allentown.

Kristina Abi-Daher '17, who received a BBA in Management Information Systems and economics at the Fox School of Business of Temple University, is an Associate Experience Designer at PPL Electric Utilities in Allentown.

David Caccese III '17, who received a BS in Biology from William & Mary, is a Graduate Student at Yale University's School of Public Health.

Florencia Dayan '17's Valedictorian, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from George Washington University, is currently pursuing a Masters in Architecture at the University of California – Los Angeles.

Madison Ensley '17, who received a BS in Biology from Wilkes University, has accepted an offer from West Palm Beach Florida VA Medical Center to complete her 3rd year Externship as part of her Doctor of Audiology Curriculum at Pacific University.

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From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Join the 340+ Alumni Who Helped Us Raise \$96,000 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 \$96,000 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.

Learn How to Redirect 90% of Your PA Income Tax Dollars to Becahi

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 \$3,500 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. If you have any questions call Tom Vresics at (302) 985-7648.

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.

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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/bY6QfTtvjs>

Reflection

Read and sing... or find it on-line, then listen and sing along

Save the Country

Lyrics by Laura Nyro

Sung by the Fifth Dimension

Come on, people! Come on, children!
Come on down to the glory river
Gonna wash you up, and wash you down
Gonna lay the devil down, gonna lay that devil down.

Come on, people! Come on, children!
There's a king at the glory river
And the precious king, he loved the people to sing
Babes in the blinkin' sun sang, "We shall overcome".

I got fury in my soul
Fury's gonna take me to the glory goal
In my mind I can't study war no more.

Save the people! Save the children! Save the country, Save the country!

Come on, people! Come on, children!
Come on down to the glory river
Gonna wash you up and wash you down
Gonna lay the devil down, gonna lay the devil down

Come on people! Sons and mothers!
Keep the dream of the two young brothers
Gonna take that dream and ride that dove
We can build the dream with love, I know
We could build the dream with love
We could build the dream with love, I know
We could build the dream with love

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Save the country! Save the country! Save the country!

Now!

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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