

Tidings

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From the Advancement Office... Giving Day 2022 – June 1st

“Donations made this year to the Becahi Fund will allow Becahi to continue to give over \$1.9 million in financial aid to families in need, give students access to the newest and best educational technology, and keep the school’s curriculum at the highest standard.

Your gift today will go a long way to achieving that goal. Your contribution will help Becahi continue to provide an excellent, faith-based education to our students, while preparing the school to meet the challenges of the future.

On June 1st, please help us launch our 30-Day Sprint to the Finish that ends at 11:59 PM on June 30th.

An anonymous Becahi alumna has offered a generous Challenge Grant for our Becahi Giving Day. If we can raise \$15,000 by Wednesday, June 1, she will match that amount dollar-for-dollar. Thanks to her support, every gift will do twice the good!

Currently, our Becahi Fund stands around \$150,000 - but records are made to be broken! We now hope to break the \$200,000 barrier, but we can only do this with your help.

Join the following All-time Becahi Greats who have pledged to contribute today.

*They are Distinguished Grad and University of Notre Dame Professor, **William Phillip '00, Tony Iasiello '89**, who will be featured on our Noon Becahi Giving Day video, **Dolores Boyko '67, Bonnie Zsilavec '66, Maureen Dresen '65**, our recent Golden Gala Honorees, **Bernard '81** & Melissa Brown, Becahi parents, Barbara & Michael Ruhl, former Golden Hawk Mascot, **Jim "Bubz" McCauley '81**, Distinguished Grad **Drew Karabin '79, Melissa Zeller Kiebert '90, William Rowe '11**, NFL Running Back **Michael Guman '76**, Distinguished Grad and Athletic Wall of Famer **Robert Tarola '68, Kris Iasiello '89**, Actor and Director, **Dan Roebuck '81**, Distinguished Graduate, **Jack Eckenrode '70, John '77 & Jim '79 Fiore, Chip Buck '80, Christine Culver Calantoni '87, Danielle Culver Frio '90**, and Athletic Wall of Fame Member, **Tiffany Bedics-Gallis '95**, Olympian **Joe Kovacs '07**, Athletic Wall of Famer **Kristen Conway '02**, NFL All-Pro **John Spagnola '75**, and the editor of Tidings, **John O'Boyle '70** and yours truly, **Tom Vresics '81.**”*

Make your donation by using the links provided on Becahi social media throughout the day. A 7 AM email from The Brown & Gold Times has automatic links to the Becahi Fund and a Venmo option as well.

We will post all those who donated to Giving Day in the July edition of Tidings. Thank you for considering a gift to the Becahi Fund on Giving Day.

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June – The 96th Anniversary Month of Becahi Graduations

This month marks an anniversary for over 13,600 Becahi graduates from 96 Class Graduations between 1927-2022.

Each month, *Tidings* attempts to provide an opportunity for multiple “mini-reunions” by publishing a bit about graduates from many classes. Some 1,400 graduate names have been included in this year’s *Tidings* alone. This month features the **Class of 1952** on the 70th Anniversary of their graduation.

Class of 1970 – Saturday in the Park

Have you marked your calendar yet for September 17?
Have you contacted who you want to see? If you attended the 50+1 reunion, do you know where your name tag and lanyard are? Well, the ‘70 turns 70 Reunion is fast approaching, so mark that calendar, make those calls, and look for that name tag! We’ll be taking reservations starting August 1 - and remember, the Re_nion needs U!

Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus.

More info to come.

This month I either read about, saw, or spoke with...

... **Sr. Regina Kropp '52, Mary Silvoy Connell '52, Sr. Regina Chassar '53, Joseph Henick '57, Joseph Kametz '57, Harry Mitchell '57, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Yogi Eddinger '67, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Dan Husser '68, Donna Soltysiak Kramer '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Phil Demyan '72, Mary Von Leer Pany '75, Jane Metzger '77, Teri Kamenar Nemeth '81, Tom Vresics '81, Michael Blonar '03**

And, I either read about, saw, or spoke with my classmates...

...**Bobby A, Tony Bauer, Dave Cech, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Lisa, Bernie Gallagher, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Greg Ortwein, Josephine, and Carl**

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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...

- ✓ January – **Class of 1927, 95th Year**
- ✓ March – **Class of 1937, 85th**
- ✓ May – **Class of 1947, 75th**
- February – **Class of 1932, 90th**
- April – **Class of 1942, 80th**
- June – **Class of 1952, 70th**

- July – **Class of 1957, 65th**
- September – **Class of 1967, 55th**
- August – **Class of 1962, 60th**
- October – **Class of 1972, 50th**

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 286 grads from 65 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 Mentioned in June Issue

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending										
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1	1			2	3	6	1	1	2	
2			64		5	3	3	3	2	
3			8		4	4	1	5	1	
4			12		6	4	1	3	1	
5			6	1	4	5	3	1	2	
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70 Years Ago... A "Virtual" Reunion The Class of 1952 – The 25th Graduating Class at Becahi

Fr. Daniel B. Powell was the Rector and Father Joseph V. Sangmeister was the principal.

Graduation was June 6, 1952, and Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated in Holy Infancy Church. The graduates were then received into the Alumni at a breakfast.

Those graduates, who are now Alumni are...

Geraldine Achtermann Deibler*
Roberta "Bobbie" Alcorn VanVliet*
Eleanor Antolic Braxmeier*
Joseph Bacak
Barbara Bender Keip*
Theresa Bennick Clements
Dolores Beretz Glick*
Eugene Bilan*
Martha Blantar Rawa*
Maryanna Braxmeier Weinhoffner
Carl Bringenberg*
Charles Chubbuck*
Joan Concilio Daileader*
Joan Connell
William Connell*
James Coyle*
Leo Culligan*
Loretta DeFulvio Nuno Lopez
Virginia Dirzulaitis
James Dougherty*
Frank Fagan*
John "Jack" Ferry
Helen Filaseta Bowman*
Barbara Fleming
James Ford *
Robert Fuisz*
Mary Goch Pulcini
Catherine Green Necessary*
Charles Groman
Barbara Haney*
Anna Mae Hollendersky Kita
Margaret Kapusi Marcin*

Shirley Kelhart Shive*
Margaret Kerchner Zitzelberger*
Bernie Kita
Bernadine Krenicky
Mary Catherine (Sr. Regina) Kropp, S.S.J.
William "Bill" McDonald
William Molitorisz*
Dolores Morgan
Joseph Moroney
Lucile Mraz Fowler*
Margaret Nemetz
Robert Noctor*
Patricia O'Donnell*
Michael Orlando*
Sylvia Orta Nuno
Mary Ortwein Ferry
Teresa Ortwein Roebuck*
Josephine Pongracz Kohls
Jean Pursell Boligitz-Belinski*
Bernard "Jude" Quinn*
Mary Alice Riccaboni Roarty*
Grace Scheller Jani*
Francis "Frank" Schramko*
Margaret Sharkey Wagner*
Anna Mae Shimko Stern
Mary Jane Silvoy Connell
John Sopko
Robert Tallarico
Dolores Tocci Oberholtzer
Salvador Tocci*
Patricia Torres
Ronald Ward*

* Deceased

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Their teachers were...

Sister M. Cecelia, S.S.J., taught commercial studies
Sister M. John Gertrude, S.S.J., taught science and math
Sister Marie Jeanne, S.S.J., taught religion and social studies
Sister M. Loreto Aloysia, S.S.J., taught music and dramatics
Sister M. Margaret Isabelle, S.S.J., taught English and national problems
Sister M. Terese Catharine, S.S.J., taught religion, French and Spanish
Sister Regina Rita, S.S.J., taught English and math
Sister M. John Eudes, S.S.J., taught religion and Latin
Sister M. Rose Eleanor, S.S.J., taught religion and English
Sister Miriam Rita, S.S.J., taught religion, English and math

Mr. John Howard coached the boys' basketball team.

The Boys Basketball Team (16-9) were the 1951-52 Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League and Philadelphia Diocesan – PCIAA "B" Champions, and lost to York Catholic 46-42 in the PCIAA "B" Eastern Regional Playoff game.

The members of the team were... **Joe Sukitch '53**, Ron Morgan, **Tom Tachovsky '54**, **Don Keretz '54**, **Mike Hartnett '54**, **Don Sucansky '53**, **Jimmy Moroney '53**, **Charlie Chubbuck '52**, **Joe Cunningham '54** and **Eugene Barron '53**.

Miss Margaret Chubbuck coached the girls' basketball team.

Members of the girls' basketball team included:

Ursula Majczan '55, **Sylvia Sukitch '54**, **Sylvia Orta '52**, **Kathleen Doyle '54**, **Anna Marie Keating '54**, **Margaret Hofer '55**, Caroline Fisher, **Judy Sullivan '53**, **Annette Sullivan '55**, **Martha Dougherty '53**, **Rose Marie Boyle '54**, **Lucy Bender '54** and **Pat Hanley '53**

I read that

- **Francis Schramko** received the \$25 Rev. Daniel B. Powell Award, for the Senior Academic Course (Valedictorian?)
- **Jean Purcell** received the \$25 Rev. Owen P. Donnelly Award, for the Senior General Course (Salutatorian?)
- **Margaret Sharkey** received the \$10 Francis Connell Award, for Outstanding Work on the School Newspaper, "Tidings"
- **Leo Culligan** won a \$1,000 scholarship for his essay entitled... "Freedom, Friendship and My Rights as an American"

- The Catholic Standard and Times, Volume 57, Number 38, 20 June 1952

There were 7 Veterans who served our country...

William Connell > U.S. Army
James Dougherty > U.S. Army
William Molitorisz > U.S. Marines
Salvador Tocci > U.S. Army

Leo Culligan > U.S. Air Force (Korea)
Jack Ferry > U.S. Navy (Korea)
Frank Schramko > U.S. Army

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There were 9 “Campus Couples”

Carl Bringenberg and **Lucille Ortwein '55**

Charles Chubbuck and **Mary Elizabeth Pavelko '54**

William and Mary (Silvoy) Connell

Jack and Mary (Ortwein) Ferry

Anna Mae Shimko Stern and **Michael '47**

Leo Culligan and **Loretta Lucas '55**

Bernie and Anna Mae (Hollendersky) Kita

William Molitorisz and **Dorothy Pavelko '54**

Jean Purcell and **Rich Boligitz '50**

There were 17 members who had 40 children that graduated from Beca...

Eleanor Antolic Braxmeier > **Ellie '76, Phil '79, Cathy '83, Karen '89**

Carl and Lucile (Ortwein '55) Bringenberg > **Lawrence '84, John '85, Mark '87, Catherine '89**

Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Pavelko '54) Chubbuck > **Michelle '86**

William and Mary (Silvoy) Connell > **Kathleen '79, William '81, Sharon '85**

Leo and Loretta (Lucas '55) Culligan > **Kevin '78, Rich '78, Karen '79, Brian '85, Susan '85**

Jack and Mary (Ortwein) Ferry > **Jack '73, Kathleen '74, Karen '75, Maggie '78**

Bernie and Anna Marie Hollendersky Kita > **Tim '78, Chris '81**

Bill McDonald > **Katie '79, Patty '80, Joe '88**

William and Dorothy (Pavelko '54) Molitorisz > **Michael '86, Jeff '87**

Robert Noctor > **John '73, Dan '76**

Sylvia Orta Nuno > **Robert '74, Carlos '76**

Josephine Pongracz Falco > **Peter '79**

Jean Pursell and (Rich Boligitz '50)-Belinski > **Barbara (Boligitz) '72, Rich (Boligitz) '76**

Grace Scheller Jani > **Donna '81, Larry '84**

Other interesting class notes...

Based on the information contained in the Bethlehem Catholic High School 2013 Alumni Directory, members of the class now live in 7 states: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota.

I only have email information on 3 class members from that Directory, so I rely on family and friends to deliver the message to those other classmates.

(The late) **Robert Fuisz**, who graduated from Georgetown University and from its Medical School, was a Pioneer in Medical Communications and an Acclaimed Television Producer, including producing “A Christmas Carol, starring George C. Scott.” Dr. Fuisz was a recipient of the George Foster Peabody Award, the Emmy Award (six-time recipient), the Christopher Award (three-time recipient), and the Writers Guild of America Award (two-time recipient).

The mother of **Mary Catherine (Sr. Regina) Kropp, S.S.J.**, was **Eileen Hoffert '31**, and her dad, Charles Kropp, was the Beca Theater Director for 16 years (1949 – 1964.)

William “Bill” McDonald is a recipient of Beca's 2004 Fides et Scientia Award in recognition for those who live their lives in a manner that exemplifies Christian values, dedication, loyalty, and service to Beca.

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The late **Jean Purcell Boligitz-Belinski** was one of the first persons selected as a Becahi Distinguished Graduate (1999), someone who has been successful in their career, has given much to others, and displays what being a “Golden Hawk” is all about.

Bob Tallarico, is a retired registered professional structural engineer. Throughout his career and primarily as a principal in his Consulting Engineering Firm, he has designed many building structures and bridges in the Denver area and Rocky Mountain Region. Bob's interest in art began in high school as a member of the school art staff which produced a school newspaper, posters, and backdrops for school plays. An early effort at employment at age 16 was thwarted when he applied at a commercial art studio but was too young for professional employment. Math and science soon dominated his interests and led to a career in engineering after serving in the Marine Corps in Korea. Now retired he is once again able to pursue his interest in art as well as writing. He has two published pieces titled 'A Musing' Life's Big Little Stories, and 'Oh My God' from Science to Believer via Science and Theology. – City of Grand Junction (CO) Business Directory....

Class of 1947 Held their 75th Reunion!!!!

The party animals from the Class of 47, **Kathleen “Boots” O'Connell Horwath, Ann (Fabian) Sopko, Mary (Reiser) Fitzpatrick, Helen (Pflieger) Pinter. Mary (Anderson) Concilio, Gus Concilio, Charles Husovsky**, enjoyed each other's company at the Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem on May 26th.

It's believed to be the first 75th Reunion at Beca!!



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2022 Becahi Distinguished Graduates Inducted – May 4, 2022



**Harry Mitchell '57, Christine Cochran-Sheehan '95, Sean McIntyre '84
Congratulations from the Alumni!**

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

2022

June 1st – Becahi's Giving Day

Proceeds benefit the Becahi Annual Fund for students and resources

June 3rd – Tony Iasiello Memorial Golf Tournament/Wrestling Reunion, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Wrestling program

July 15th – Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Football Program

September 9th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Athletic Programs

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 24th – Class of '77's – **45th Year Reunion**, Clubhouse Grille

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

November 25th – Class of '82's – **40th Reunion**, Hotel Bethlehem

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September 30th – Class of 78's 40th Reunion, Steel Club

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1957's 65th Reunion**.... The Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem for the "Class of '57's 65th reunion is booked! The date is September 28th....12-4pm. Contact **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57** for details.
- **Class of 1970's 70th Birthday Party** in the Park. 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. More info to come.
- **Class of 1972's 50th Reunion**
The class of 1972 50th reunion is quickly approaching (September 17th). The invitations are sent out and we would appreciate your response in a timely manner. Any gift basket, gift cards or donations would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Brian DeAngelis #610-868-1590 or bmdehiller@gmail.com
- **Class of 1977's 45th Reunion**
Jane Metzger '77 wrote to say that September 24th is the date for the 45th Year reunion at the Clubhouse Grille in Bethlehem from 5:00pm to 8:00pm...stay tuned!
- **Class of 1978's 45th Reunion**
Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is 9/30/2023... venue will be The Steel Club. No other details yet. The class has a Facebook page titled – Becahi Class of '78, on which **Sally Kammetler '78** is the administrator... sallykamm@gmail.com
- **Class of 1982's 40th Reunion** at Hotel Bethlehem – Still looking for Mailing Addresses.
On Friday, November 25th, from 6 PM until 10 PM the Class of 1982 will celebrate its 40th Reunion at the historic Hotel Bethlehem. The 1982 Reunion is a fundraiser for Becahi as everything has been donated by Class President Michael Solomon. Every class member and their spouse/or significant other is welcome and encouraged to join the Facebook page "Bethlehem Catholic Class of 82 Reunion" organized by Mary Beth Whitehead and Gerry Matos. Donations are requested to support the current generation of Golden Hawks through the Becahi Fund. Check your mailboxes for your invitation and postage-paid RSVPs and postage-paid Becahi Fund envelopes to arrive sometime in May Contact the "Bethlehem Catholic Class of 82 Reunion" Group Page if you do not receive your invitation by June 1st at <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/4836422249772008>.

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Alumni Briefs:

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

Nancy Fistner Verbonitz '59 and her husband Tom's picture made the front page of the Morning Call as they placed their ballots into a drop box at the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown. – Morning Call 5/07/22

Stephen Antalics, the uncle of **MaryAnn '67**, **Bill '68**, **Mike '69**, and **Betsy '71**, and of **Anne Gerber '70** and the late **Gerry Gerber '68**, received the Slovenian Medal of Merit on April 26th during a ceremony at the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, DC. The Medal of Merit is awarded “for especially remarkable achievements and results in the fields marking an important contribution to the development and international standing of the Republic of Slovenia.” He was recognized for his efforts to preserve Slovenian identity in the United States. – Morning Call 5/07/22

Thomas Green '77, a U.S. Air Force veteran, is the Principal at TJ Green Associates, LLC., a leader in teaching and consulting services for the assembly and packaging of microelectronic components used in high-reliability military, space and medical device applications., in Bethlehem. – tjgreenllc.com

Msgr. Edward Domin '78, has been assigned as Pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Mohnton, PA, by the Allentown Diocese. – Morning Call, 5/24/22

Elizabeth “Libby” Cerva '80, is a dedicated and interested family physician and primary care doctor serving the community of Philadelphia. Dr. Cerva obtained her medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and her BS from the University of Scranton. Dr. Cerva is a part of University Primary Care at Hahnemann and is affiliated with Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. She is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, and the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society. Dr. Cerva is dedicated to helping patients receive the treatment they need so they can enjoy a positive and fulfilling lifestyle. – zocdoc.com

Michael Blanar '03 wrote that he “...just celebrated my 5th work anniversary as the Assistant Director of Athletic Facilities & Operations at Loyola University Maryland. I also served for the second year in a row as the NCAA Tournament Director for Women's Lacrosse and Men's Basketball. And... I also recently got married to Catherine Logan. We were fortunate enough to celebrate with my family, and other Becahi graduates including **Matthew Blanar '00**, **Angelique (Nihen) Blanar '00**, **Adam Blanar '99**, **Lenny Blanar '69**, **Edward Blanar '77**, and **Francis Blanar '74**. We had our reception at Iacocca Hall at Lehigh University, Mountaintop Campus. I have attached a picture below...

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Back Row from left to right:

Matthew Blanar '00, Michael Blanar '03, Francis Blanar '74, Adam Blanar '99, Lenny Blanar '69, Edward Blanar '77 (orange tie), and all the way on the right in the black shirt and black and white skirt, and brown hair, is Angelique (Nihen) Blanar '00.

Ryan Kuna '15, is a Los Angeles based cinematographer & set lighting technician. He holds an MFA in Cinematography from the American Film Institute Conservatory & a BA in in Film and Media Arts from Temple University. – ryankuna.com

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

Don't Be Afraid to Mark Your Birthday with a Class of 1970. We welcome members of the Becahi Class of '70 with June birthdays to join their classmates with birthdays in prior months by sending in a "\$70 for '70" Donation. The birthday gift is now over \$1000! Please join **Kathleen Gaydos Bickert**, **Jessie Daniels Greenawald** and **Mayra Godin Focht**. The birthday gift now over \$1,000! They now join ...

Tony Bauer

Jim Connell

Gl Jerry Evans

Susan Fischer Dever

Bernie Gallagher

Dan Gallagher

Joan Greenfield

Jack Klucsik

Corliss Kuzmin Reed

Susan Reing Spaar

Kathy Shanahan Baur

John Andris '69H (Honorary '70)

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.

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Francis Boyle	1956	05/02/2022	84
Charles Kropp	1956	04/06/2022	83
Lorraine Willey Snyder	1959	05/07/2022	80
Marilyn Kolar Wichie	1966	05/05/2022	73
Richard Guerra	1967	04/30/2022	73
Anne Ortwein Kish-Gerber	1967	05/10/2022	73
Edward Steltz	1986	04/28/2022	53

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Francis Boyle '56, father of Francis, III '83, Matthew '87, Shawn '95 and Travis, and brother of the late Robert '57, on 05/02
- † Rich Guerra '67, husband of Marguerite "Meg" Talbot '67, father of Michele '92, Danielle and Matt, and brother of the late Lois '72, on 04/30
- † Laura Hudak, mother of Aggie '74, on 05/19
- † Charles "Chuck" Kropp '56, son of Eileen Hoffert '31 and brother of Mary Catherine (Sr. Regina) '52, Margaret '54, Eileen '65 and the late Robert '61, on 04/08
- † Brendan Morrow, father of Joan '77, Jean '78, Patricia '82, Susan '85, Jane '88 and Ann, on 05/21
- † Anne Ortwein Kish-Gerber '67, wife of the late Gerald Gerber '68 and mother of Jennifer Kish-Russ '93 and Glennie Rascz, on 05/10
- † Mary Schweitzer, mother of the late Mary Schweitzer Haldaman '68, on 05/08
- † Edward Steltz '86, father of Andrew '11, and brother of Glenn '71, MaryEllen '73, Jimmy '74, Larry '79 and Regina '82, on 04/28
- † Lorraine Willey Snyder '59, mother of Kathleen '83, and sister-in-law of the late Charlotte Snyder '56, on 05/07

Please say a special prayer for our classmate, **Al Calvo**, who passed away during the month of June.

(6/30/2011)

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Spring Sports Highlights

Baseball – Matt Corsi '99, Head Coach (2nd Season)

Team's 2022 Record: 12 Wins – 10 Losses

... semifinal loss in District XI tournament

Softball – Rich Mazza, Head Coach (19th Season)

Team Record as pf 05/31... 17 Wins – 4 Losses

District XI Finals scheduled for June 1st

Boys' Tennis – George Harmanos, Head Coach (49th Season)

Team's 2022 Record: 7 Wins – 9 Losses

- 👉 Armaan Makwana and Anthony Barczynski win District XI Doubles Gold

Boys' Volleyball – Tim Sledz, Head Coach

Team's 2022 Record: 2 Wins – 16 Losses

Boys Lacrosse – Tom Fekula, Head Coach

Team's 2022 Record: 0 Wins – 13 Losses

Girls Lacrosse – Taylor Ondrejca, Head Coach

Team's 2022 Record: 0 Wins – 14 Losses

Becahi's Wrestling Coach Honored

Jeff Karam collected two honors from the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA), recently.

- 👉 Pennsylvania Coach of the Year, and
- 👉 Coach of the Year for NWCA's Section 2, which includes Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. – LVL 5/23/22

Alumni Sports Notables

Jen Kish Russ '93, a Becahi Wall of Fame member, (fifth in all-time girl scorers), was recently quoted and cited in a Bethlehem Press News article entitled "Celebrating Title IX-50 years of equal opportunity for women in sports" written by Theresa O'Brien. Read the full article at <https://www.lvpnews.com/20220426/celebrating-title-ix-50-years-of-equal-opportunity-for-women-in-sports/>

Ryan Young '18, a former Morning Call boys basketball player of the year, announced on Twitter that he is transferring from Northwestern University to Duke University for his final year of eligibility. Ryan will graduate from Northwestern this month and pursue a master's degree at Duke. He is a learning and organizational change major. – Morning Call 05/04/22

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Sports Flashback to May 24, 2003...

Behind the stamina of **Brandon Carter '04**, who runs 10 races in two days, Becahi captures the PIAA Class 2A boys track and field title...Carter, who was fourth in the 100, won a bronze medal in the 200, was part of the silver medalist 400-meter relay team, and anchored the gold-medal-winning 1,600 relay team of **Jules Eggleston '04**, **Frank Trovato '03** and **Maurice Simmons '03** that clinched the team title. – Morning Call, 5/25/22

Becahi Teacher News...

Rev. Bernard Ezaki returns to Beca as its Chaplain, while remaining as Parochial Vicar at Notre Dame of Bethlehem. He replaces Rev. Daniel Kravatz, who will attend graduate studies in cannon law at St. Paul University, Ottawa, (distance learning) while remaining Chaplain at Notre Dame High School... - Morning Call, 5/24/22

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

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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...

Josefa Gonzalez Husovsky '72, is a Registered Nurse at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School

Nancy Hinnerschietz Schwartz '72, a Moravian University graduate, is Network Systems Manager for the Allentown School District.

Janet Hoch '73, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is Site Controller of Charles River Laboratories, Inc., a biotech research company, in Horsham, PA.

Edward Salaski '74, who received a BS in Chemistry from Michigan State University and a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now a Teacher of Chemistry and Forensics for the Glen Ridge (NJ) Board of Education.

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Kristine Volpinari Shields '75, who received a BSN from the University of Pennsylvania, an MSN & MS in Public Health from Drexel University and a DrPH (Doctor of Public Health) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is Owner of Shields Medical Writing and Consulting in the greater Philadelphia area.

John Hoch '76, who received a BBA in Finance from Temple University's Fox School of Business, is Business Development Associate with HealthCare Insight, a division of Verisk Health, serving private and public health care payors with a new and continually evolving kind of fraud, abuse, and overpayment prevention service, in West Chester, PA.

George Gress' 77, is a Car Inspector for the Norfolk Southern Rail Corporation in Bethlehem.

Connie Guman Perkins '77, a Penn State University alum, is the Financial Center Manager at Fulton Bank in Nazareth.

Alan Chuck '78, with over 20 years of professional experience in the craft, and working with all major insurance companies, is Owner of Reliable Restorations, Inc, for full-service emergency restorations and home improvement in Bethlehem.

Mark Davies '79, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from DeSales University, is a Business Owner/Operator of IT Consulting Services, Inc. in Hellertown.

Joseph Felker '80, who studied at Lincoln Technical Institute and Northampton Community College, is the Owner of the Allentown Optical Corporation.

Lawrence Glueck '81, is a Teacher at Liberty High School in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Hector Colon '82, is a Welder at Ceramet, formerly Alcoa Bethlehem Castings, in Bethlehem.

Miriam Connors Gormley '82, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Chestnut Hill College and a JD from Widener University School of Law, is a Freelance, Self-Employed Education Mentor in the Richland, WA area.

Cindy Corrigan Smichowski '83, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Mansfield University, is Principal, Microsoft Strategic Partnership, at IBM in Charlotte, NC.

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Ed Godlewsky '84, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business, is Key Account Manager at The Lubrizol Corporation, a Berkshire Hathaway company, committed to enabling a sustainable future, in Cleveland, OH.

Colleen Newman Hercik '85, who received an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Northampton Community College and a BA in Economics from East Stroudsburg University, is Facility Coordinator / Indirect Buyer at Rotating Machinery Service, Inc., in Bethlehem.

Susan Hoffner McCulloch '86, who received a BA in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Senior Director, Nook, at Barnes & Noble in New York City.

Michael Heitzman '87, is a Heavy Haul/Lowbed Driver for the H&K Group in Hazleton, PA.

Kathleen Regan '87, who studied Sociology at Bloomsburg University, is Vice President and Product COO at PNC Bank in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Thomas Ackerman '88, is Chief of Operations, Water & Sewer Resources, for the City of Bethlehem.

Karyn Connor Talarico '89, who received a BS in Finance from the University of Scranton and an MBA in Business Management from Moravian University, is Senior Vice President, Regional Managing Director, Truist Wealth, in St. Petersburg, FL.

Mary Koons '90, is a Senior District Manager of Major Accounts at ADP in Powhatan, VA

Jennifer Goodnow '91, who received a BS in Biology from Georgetown University, provides consulting services to growing businesses through her new company, Cultivate Consulting, in the greater Chicago area.

Kate Hatcher Clayton '92, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received an AS in Criminal Justice from Northwood Technical College and an AS in Radiology from Pam Beach State college, is a Certified, Self-Employed, Peer Support Specialist / Recovery Coach, in the Kalamazoo, MI area.

Michael Hetrick '92, who received a BA in Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh, is an Inflight Crew Scheduler at United Airlines in the greater Chicago area.

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Jennifer Kish Russ '93, a Becahi *and* DeSales University Wall of Fame member, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from DeSales University and an MEd in Secondary School Counseling from Kutztown University, is Coordinator of Student Services at Career Institute of Technology in Easton.

April Collins '94, who received a BS in Business Administration, Marketing from Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, is Director, Wealth Management, at the Sharp Financial Group in Horsham, PA.

Jeremy Chapman '95, a Mount St. Mary's University Alum, is a CPA and Partner, Audit Services, at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, a leading advisory CPA firm in the greater Philadelphia area.

Lisa Dell'Alba '96, who received a BA in Dance and Psychology from DeSales University, is President and CEO, Square One Markets Inc., a young and rapidly growing convenience, food, and gasoline retail chain located across 5 counties in PA, located Easton.

Kaveh Aghevli '97, who received a BA in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley, is now in Product Partnerships at Instacart in the San Francisco Bay area. He is a problem solver and leader with a focus on sincerity, collaboration, and creative thinking.

Colleen Martell '97, who received a BA in English Language from Bloomsburg University and an MA in American Studies as well as a PhD in English; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies from Lehigh University, is Editorial Director and Associate Literary Agent at the Stephanie Tade Agency in Easton.

Megan Fenselau Pildis '98, who received a BA in Social & Historical Inquiry – Modern U.S. History from the New School for Social Research, is Director of Development at National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem.

Allison Quigney, '99's Valedictorian, who received a BA in Metropolitan Studies at NYU and a Master's Degree in Public Administration (MPA) in State & Local Government Finance from Syracuse University, is Principal at Public Works Partners, a planning and consulting firm whose work strengthens the organizations that strengthen our communities, in the greater New York City area.

Patricia Nagy '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's Degree in Public Health from Benedictine University, is a Certified Pharmacy technician at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Madison, WI.

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Courtney Hopkins Schuler '01, who received a BS in Accounting from Drexel University, is Senior Manager of Financial Reporting at Baudax Bio in Malvern, PA.

Michael Farris '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from DeSales University, is a Loan Closer at First Northern Bank & Trust Co. in Allentown.

Lauren McGeehan King '02, who received a BA in Financial Accounting from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Point Park University, is Senior Financial Analyst - Healthcare Market Division at Thermo Fisher Scientific in the greater Pittsburgh metropolitan area.

Julie Mauser '03, who received a BS in Marketing from Lehigh University, is Director of Business Development at LifeSci Venture Partners, the early stage investing arm of LifeSci Partners, a unique life sciences and healthcare consultancy in the New York City metropolitan area.

Sean Keenan, 04's Valedictorian, who received a BA in Linguistics from the University of Chicago, is a Software Engineer at LiveRamp, the leading data connectivity platform for the safe and effective use of data, in San Francisco.

Jeff Kocsis '04, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian University, is a City Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service in Bethlehem.

Jacqueline Conahan Holmes, '05's Salutatorian, who received a BA in English from Lehigh University and a JD from Brooklyn Law School, is Director - Associate Corporate Counsel at Avantor, a leading global provider of mission-critical products and services to customers in the biopharma, healthcare, education & government, and advanced technologies & applied materials industries, in Allentown.

Karen Audenried '06, who received a BFA in Communication Design from Carnegie Mellon University, is Senior Product Designer at Etsy in the New York City metropolitan area.

Anthony Carney '07, who received a BA in Accounting from Moravian University, an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Northampton Community College, a BSN from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthetist from Villanova University, is a Critical Care Registered Nurse at Penn Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Nicole DelGuerico '07, who received a BSBA in Finance from Gwynedd Mercy University, an MEd in School Business Leadership from Wilkes University, and an EdD in Leadership in K-12 Districts from Gwynedd Mercy University, is Business Administrator at Brandywine Heights School District in Tipton, PA.

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Victoria Alogna '08, who received a BS in Psychology from the University of Scranton and a PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of Otago, is a Senior Data Scientist at Dexibit, a team on a mission to power the world's cultural future with data, in Auckland, New Zealand.

Sarah Saporito '09, who received an AS in Early Childhood Education from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Kutztown University, is Supports Coordinator at Quality Progressions, advocating for individuals with disabilities while securing services that aid in their quality of life & independence, in Bethlehem.

Chad Kleppinger '10, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received an Associate's Degree in Sport Management from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Sport Management from East Stroudsburg University, is Team leader at the Army National Guard in East Stroudsburg.

Hayden Fox '11, who received an Associate's Degree in General Education from Northampton Community College, now serves as an EMFN (Electrician's Mate Fireman) in the U.S. Navy.

Randy Cruz '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a Master of Engineering in Technical Entrepreneurship from Lehigh University, is a Project Engineer at Alvin H. Butz, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Shannon Dwyer '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications Studies from the University of Alabama, is Director of Marketing and Communications for Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company in the New York City metropolitan area.

Maxine Littner '13, who received a BAsC in Political Science Legal Studies from Edinboro University, is Talent Acquisition Specialist at Synovos, providing comprehensive MRO integrated supply and engineering & consulting services that drive increased productivity, profitability and global competitiveness, in Radnor, PA

David Donchez '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Fox School of Business at Temple University, is District Sales Manager at ADP in Allentown.

Matthew Lancaster '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from James Madison University, is a Project Management Senior Consultant at IBM in Bethlehem.

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Kevin Strucko '16, who received an Associate's Degree in Business from Northampton Community College, is an Associate at Easton Outdoor Company, selling outdoor apparel, camping equipment, footwear and the best clothing brand in the Lehigh Valley.

Antonio Drew '17, is CEO/ Founder of Property Mutual LLC, a short-term rental home service that places corporate workers, vacationers, or anyone that is trying to get away from home for a few nights, in Bethlehem.

Austin Tucker '17, who received a BS in Information Sciences and Technology from Penn State University, is a Data Engineer at Cognizant, helping clients modernize technology, in Plano, TX.

Reflection

This Becahi newsletter is meant to be a celebration of the accomplishments of our fellow alumni and a recognition of the impact that the school has had on our early lives. Everyone's experiences were unique and singular.

As we move through the month of June, the anniversary month of our graduation, I bid everyone *Tidings* and congratulations.

To mark this occasion, I picked a song written to celebrate....

Winners

Here's to the winners - lift up the glasses.
Here's to the glory still to be.
Here's to the battle, whatever it's for,
To ask the best of ourselves, then give much more.

Here's to the heroes - those who move mountains.
Here's to the miracles they make us see.
Here's to all brothers - here's to all people
Here's to the winners all of us can be.

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Here's to the winners all of us can be.

Lyrics by Joe Raposo
Sung by Frank Sinatra
Album: *Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back*, (1973)

And now...

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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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