

Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni & Class of '70 Newsletter

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Tidings 60th Edition

It started in March, 2018, as a newsletter for the Class of 1970, and circulation was limited to my classmates. Since over half of my class had relatives; mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, etc., who graduated from Beca, I renamed the newsletter in December, 2018, *Tidings*, in recognition of the former student newspaper of over 50 years. Hundreds of students worked tirelessly over the years to put out the “good news” of the student body and school. I just wanted to continue with that theme. The news and circulation grew to include more students from more classes.

The “Bethlehem Catholic High School 2013 Alumni Today” Directory was used as the initial source of email contact. The list has been continuously revised over time to include those who graduated after 2012.

As we approach our First Centennial in 2026, it's more important than ever to celebrate and spread the good news of our school, to assure its continued value and success for the next 100 years.

Some 62 Alums who wrote in last month like...

... Mary Moroney Marzec '51, (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Frank Posivak '54, Patricia Takacs Kauffman '56, John Dobrota '57, Harry Mitchell '57, Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt '57, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Mary Nolan Sek '61, Al Ortwein '61, John Bauer '67, Yogi Eddinger '67, Kathryn Salos '67, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Carol Huber Hudak '68, Jack Kirk '68, Bob Tarola '68, Mike Tevald '68, Susan Urello '68, Patricia Bellew Kottke '69, Mary Campbell Kovacs '69, Andy Kametz '69, Linda Kuruc Nagy '69, Fran McGouldrick '69, Barbara Sekerak McOster '69, Donna Soltysiak Kramer '69, Mark Bacak '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Mary Tee Lisowski Miller '71, Bruce Edelman '72, Richard Goch '72, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Eileen Malloy Desormeaux '72, Patti Cunningham Ebling '73, Bill Ebling '73, Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73, Agnes Hudak George '74, Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76, Sally Kammetler '78, Drew Karabin '79, Nancy Friend Schrader '81, Donna Banko Katechis '85, Vanessa Kelchner '97, Kirstin Thode '98, Kyle John '07

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Denny Andrew Karpy, Mike Audet, Jean Bringenberg Cech, Maki, Celeste, Dave Cech, Lisa, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Ed Delluva, Mayra Godin Focht, Joannie Greenfield, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Sue Kerecz, J. Michael Lynch, Pat O'Connor Altier, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Bob Roethke, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Carl 😊, Linda Talbot Keefe

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Please remember to say a special prayer for our classmate Jeannine Becker McGrane's mother who passed away recently.

Jean Harvey Becker '46, passed away on 12/19/2022. Please also say a prayer for Jeannine's brother, the late Eston "Barney" '69 and for Jean's late brother John '54.

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our classmates... Marilyn Ackerman Geiger (2/04/22) and Ed Hartigan (2/12/16) who passed away during the month of February.

Alumni Cited in this Month's Tidings

If your class is low on information in this month's newsletter, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of **328 grads from 82 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "3" and/or "8".

Names and Classes Mentioned in February Tidings

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
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2			2	1	6	4	1	2	1		
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5	1	1	3	2	3	2	3	1	2		
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9			4	13	3	1	3	2			Grads:
	61	12	31	49	86	33	22	18	15	1	328

This year the following reunion-year classes will be featured...

- ✓ 1928 – January, 95 years
- ✓ 1933 – February, 90 years
- 1938 – March, 85 years
- 1943 – April, 80 years
- 1948 – May, 75 years
- 1953 – June, 70 years
- 1958 – July, 65 years
- 1963 – August, 60 years
- 1968 – September, 55 years
- 1973 – October, 50 years

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From the Advancement Office... Tom Vresics '81, Director

First-Time Announcement:

Our 2023 Class of Distinguished Graduates

*This April, Bethlehem Catholic will induct **Greg Benz '71**, **John Feehan '82**, and **Elise Esposito '09** into our newest class of Distinguished Grads. These three impressive Becahi grads represent the best of what being a "Golden Hawk" is about in today's world. They are dedicated and successful in their career path. They serve others by getting involved in their community, and they demonstrate the values of Catholic education in their achievements.*

*We want to thank **John O'Boyle '70** for nominating Greg, **Michael Solomon '82** for nominating John, and George Harmanos and Tim McGorry for nominating Elise. Thanks to all those alumni and friends of Becahi who nominated other Golden Hawks to be Distinguished Grads. We already have a good number of candidates for next year, but we could always use more.*

*Look for more information about Greg, John, and Elise in the coming issues of *Tidings*.*

Alumni Briefs:

Last month, I heard from, and I read about:

John Dobrota '57, who served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps near Stuttgart, Germany between 1969-72, and who received his MD from Hahnemann Medical College, has been retired for 10 years after practicing at Grand View Hospital in Sellersville, PA. John is married to his high school sweetheart, **Gloria Gretzinger '58**. He was a member of that great basketball team in 1957 that went 27-3, losing only to Allentown, Liberty, and to St. Vincent in the Eastern PA State Championship.

Checkout the Sports Section for a little more on this team. John has been added to the Becahi Military Veterans Honor Roll.

Dave Bolcar '83, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, is Vice President of Engineering and Design for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, located in Newport News, Va. He is responsible for all ship design, construction engineering, fleet engineering services and test engineering. <https://hii.com/leadership/dave-bolcar/>

Sandra Abouafech '14, who received a BSN from DeSales University and an MSN from Cedar Crest College, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner in General Neurology at the Lehigh Valley Health Network. lvhn.org/doctors/sandra-abouafech

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Celebrating the Class of 1933 (90 Years Ago) Becahi's 7th Graduating Class

I couldn't find a yearbook, but I did some searching on the 2013 Becahi Alumni Directory and found some 57 names of the graduates. Here's what I found...

Carl Altenbach*
Joseph Bartek
(Rev.) Michael Bednar*
John Blackton*
Alex Borda
Joseph Byrne
Francis J. Cannon*
Catherine Chrismer Lane*
Elizabeth Chrismer Oakley*
Ruth Comerer
James Connors*
Anna Cunningham Klaugh*
(Rev.) Stephen Daday*
Maria Rosa Delia*
James Dempsey
Mark Devlin*
James Doran*
Joseph P. Dougherty*
Joann Doyle McGorry*
Emil Ernhoffer*
Joseph Finnegan*
Marguerite Fryer Kelly*
Francis Gallagher*
Mary Glenney*
Mary Harczog
James P. Higgins*
Helen Kelley
Elizabeth Kelly Diggles
Marie King Mika*

Grace Laughlin Gorman*
Genevieve Laux Gamballa
Gladys Legere
Anna Malloy
Joseph McGarr*
Robert McGarry*
Anita McGovern Leaver*
Alice McGuinness Farquarson*
Mary A. McGuinness Stever*
Mary McIntyre Fenerty*
(Sr.) Mary Nativity McNamara, S.S.J.*
Eleanor Mellon*
Robert Morrison*
Marie Morrissey*
Nancy Murnin Frantz
Jane O'Donnell
Regina O'Donnell
Anna Oravec Petrilla*
Charles Pinter*
Dorothy Preletz Check*
Edward V. Redding*
Nancy Schwartz Pittinger*
Steven Silvoy*
Ann Sweetz Zarinsky*
Valentine Urban*
Margaret Ward*
Ann Wehinger de Narvaez*
Francis Wehinger*

* Deceased

The information is still being developed for the class's post-graduation pursuits, but here's what I could find...

(At least) three class members had children who graduated from Beca...

Anna Oravec Petrilla > **Thomas '66** and the late **David '71**

Edward V. Redding > **Jean '70** and the late **Ed '73**

Steven Silvoy > **Robert '60**

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Three members served our Lord with religious vocations...

Rev. Michael Bednar, Rev. Stephen Daday, and Sr. Mary Nativity McNamara, S.S.J.

Sr. Mary had three siblings including **Dorothy '35**, Clare and William

James Connors served in the U.S. Army

Mary Glenney was head nurse at St. Luke's Hospital from 1962 until retiring in 1975.

Eight members worked at Bethlehem Steel after graduation...

Carl Altenbach

Francis Gallagher

Steven Silvoy

Joann Doyle McGorry

Eleanor Mellon

Valentine Urban

Emil Ernhoffer

Marie Morrissey

Some of the other post Becahi graduate pursuits included...

Lehigh University...James Connors

Reading Hospital School of Nursing...Mary Glenney

Bethlehem Business School... Grace Laughlin Gorman

Moravian College... Alice McGuinness Farquarson

Lehigh Valley Railroad... Mary McIntyre Fenerty

East Stroudsburg State College...Edward Redding

Mack Trucks...Francis Wehinger

If you are aware of any graduate who may have been missed, or if you have a relative who was a member of this class, and would like to share a story, let me know and we can celebrate their life in a future **Tidings**.

100 Years of Becahi (in 2026)

How About Those 44 Ortweins?

Al '61

Amelia "Millie" '59

Ann '48

Ann '60

Anne '67

Barbara '53

(Sr.) Catherine '47

Catherine '57

Charlotte '65

Caroline '43

Chuck '69

David '73

Deborah '73

Edward '59

Elizabeth '59

Greg '70

Harry '69

Henry '34

Jeffrey '86

Jonathan '94

Ken '61

Kenneth '81

Kevin '86

Lucille '55

Madeleine '45

Margaret '43

Peggy '51

Mary Margaret '52

Michelle '84

Nancyjean '97

Patricia '75

Ramona '81

Raymond '61

Roseanne '58

Roseanne '76

Rosemary '51

Sandy '69

Steve '61

Teresa '52

Thekla '50

Theresa '71

Thomas '48

Thomas '73

William '54

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But Wait!

There're more who *married* an Ortwein...

Jackie Angelucci '70 married **Chuck '69**

Pauline Demyan '44 married Anthony

Roberta Fondl '69 married Richard

Michele Lipsky '63 married Dennis

Cyndy Macarro '69 married **Greg '70**

Ann Stier '41 married Albert

Nilce Teles'59 married Edward

100 Years of Becahi (in 2026)

The 1930s and 1940s – “The Dark (p)Ages”

I need your help!

There were no traditional yearbooks that I could find during these years. I did peruse copies of “scrapbook-like yearbooks” for 1931 from **Bernie Gillen '70** whose mom, **Frances Sweeney**, graduated in '31. **Celeste Casciano Silvonek's '70** mom, **Patricia D'Orsi Casciano '38**, donated her yearbook to the school. **Gus Concilio '47** gave me a copy of his yearbook, and **Dan Brady '70** and **Beverly Brady Quigney '73**, donated their mom's, the late **Victoria Gonzalez Brady '48**, yearbook to the school.

I do have some information, but not a complete picture. If anyone has a copy of a yearbook that they'd be willing to lend me, I'll take care of it as if it were my own, and return it to you.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians through the 1940s...

<u>Valedictorian</u>	<u>Salutatorian</u>
1940 (Rev.) William Hoffner – Delivered the Valedictory Address Becahi Principal, 1963 – 1964 Richard Flinn – Wrote Valedictory Address	Dolores Fox Palmer – Delivered the Salutatory Address Bessie Townsend Stauffer – Wrote Salutatory Address
1941 Veronica Godovin Semanick Valedictorian	Not Sure
1942 – 1946 Not Sure	Not Sure
1947 Joseph Kostelnick Not sure of post-Becahi pursuit	Rosalie Schamenek Grimmer Bethlehem Steel
1948 Joseph Turnbach Mount St. Mary's Seminary	Elaine Kisslan Farris Employment
1949 Not Sure	Not Sure

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Join Us for the 2023 Golden Gala!

Saturday, March 25th at 6:00pm

The **Golden Gala** is the largest fundraiser of the year, benefitting all the students.

Last year's **Golden Gala** raised over \$112,000 and was attended virtually by over 200 people including alumni, current families and friends from the community. This virtual event will have many opportunities for you to give to Beca and bid on something special. For more information, contact Sarah Lumi at 610 866-0791, Ext. 323, or slumi@becahi.org

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

March 25th – Becahi's **Golden Gala**

April 14th and 15th – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 7:00pm

April 16th – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 3:00pm

April 21st and 22nd – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 3:00pm, 7:00pm

April 27th – Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony

August 4th – **Class of '73's** Reunion Golf Outing and Musikfest Meet and Greet

August 5th – **Class of '73's 50th Reunion**, The Club at Twin Lakes

September 8th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic

September 16th – **Class of '61's** 80th Birthday Party Reunion, TBD

September 30th – **Class of '78's** 45th Reunion, Steel Club

Reunion News...

➤ **Class of 1961's 80th Birthday Party Reunion**

Saturday, September 16. More information to follow.

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61 is the Point of Contact.

➤ **Class of 1973's 50th Reunion**

Arrangements are progressing, and here's the schedule as it stands now,

- Friday morning, Aug. 4, 2023, Golf outing (details TBA)
 - **Bill Ripper '73** is the Point of Contact... wjripper@gmail.com
- Friday night, Aug. 4, 2023, Informal gathering at Musikfest (details TBA)
- Saturday night, Aug. 5, 2023, Reunion dinner (with cash bar) at The Club At Twin Lakes. 6:00-11:00pm

They also have a Facebook page called BeCaHi Class of 1973, for which **John Fiorentino '73** is the administrator. He can be reached at johnfiorentino55@gmail.com.

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➤ Class of 1978's 45th Reunion

Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is September 30th... 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

A Good Time was had by all...

Members from the **Class of 2007** celebrated the 15th anniversary of their graduation at Adagio's in Bethlehem last month. Some of those former scholars are pictured below...



At the bar, left to right, **Julia Cerullo Schaffer, Jason Missmer Rogers, Kyle John, and Ben Foreman.** Their "Backups": **Quinn Schaffer '06, Brian Walter, Steven Trunzo, Hank Werner and Aaron Nelson**

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Kathryn Reitmeir Fair	1944	01/04/2023	96
Jean Harvey Becker	1946	12/19/2022	94
Dorothy Valentin Tulio	1956	09/22/2022	84
Gilbert Stauffer	1959	01/11/2023	81
Dave Griffith	1968	01/25/2023	72

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Donna Banko, mother of **Ann '81, Donna '85**, and the late **James '80**, on 11/23/22
- † Theresa Bringenberg, mother of **Judy '67, Kathy '68, Joan '72**, the late **Gail '60**, Lisa and Meritt on 01/04. "Aunt Tess" was 101!
- † Barbara DalSasso, mother of the late **David '81**, on 01/03
- † Stephen Donchez, Sr., husband of **Theresa O'Donnell Donchez '60**, on 01/19
- † Lucille Dredge, mother of **Dennis '72, Susan '74** and **Brian '76**, on 01/03
- † Nancy Ferraro, sister of the late **Ginger '71** and **Patricia '76**, on 12/17
- † Joseph Fiore, Sr., father of **Catherine '87** and Joseph, Jr., on 12/31
- † William "Bill" Gadbois, father of **Christopher '87, Laura '90** and Daniel, on 12/09 (Correction from last month's post. I apologize for the misprint. – JOB)



† **Dave Griffith '68**, husband of **Sue Gorzelic '68**, and brother of the late **Elizabeth "Bunny" '67**, on 01/25

- Among other notables about him, Dave was the first Chairman of the Board of Directors at Beca; Co-captain and center on the 1967 Undefeated Football team; a West Point Graduate, member of the basketball team, and a Becahi Distinguished Graduate

- † **Jean Harvey Becker '46**, mother of **Jeannine '70**, the late **Eston "Barney" '69**, and sister of the late **John '54**, on 12/19/22
- † Regina Hollshwandner Doddy, sister of **Diane Hollshwandner '76**, on 01/23
- † Julio Martinez Sr., father of **Julio '78**, on 01/07
- † Robert James Schneck, brother of **Jim '75**, on 01/24
- † Vincent Seaman, husband of **Barbara Krick Seaman '55**, on 12/21
- † Sheila Soldo, mother of **John '78, Kevin '81** and **Jeffrey '86**, on 01/25
- † Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Soltys, mother of **Andrew '88**, on 01/25
- † John Tracy, husband of **Cindy Mozaeke Pavelko-Tracy '62**, on 12/25
- † **Dorothy Valentin Tulio '56**, sister of the late **Mary Ann Valentin Kospiah '54**, on 09/22

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100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

As part of the upcoming centennial celebration, I am attempting to recognize past achievements and milestones in Becahi team sport history. For example, the boys and the girls basketball teams, and the baseball team began with the 1926/27 school year. Other team sports, for the most part, were inaugurated after 1964 with the opening of the Dewberry and Madison Ave. school.

I need your help!

If you or your parents, or your grandparents have any scrapbook information that you'd like to share and memorialize, please let me know. If you send me any "hard-copy" record, I will handle it as if it were my own treasure, and return it as quickly as I can.

Each month I'll share with you some information I have. You'll see that it's an incomplete story. That's okay (for now). My goal is to "fill in the missing pieces" of this puzzle by 2026.

Boys Basketball's 1956/57 Season

The team finished the season 27-3 after losing in the Eastern PA Finals by 2 points
Here are some highlights...

- Undefeated in the Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League
- Outscored opponents by 607 points (20 points/game!)
- Defeated Allentown Central Catholic HS, the 1957 PCIAA A Champion
- Defeated Fountain Hill HS three times, the 1957 PCIAA C Champion
- Lost 3 games by a total of 21 points Allen (18), Liberty (1), St. Vincent (2)
- Paul Calvo, Becahi Hall-of-Fame member, head coach
- Two 1,000-point scorers... **Jack Egan '57** (1,140), **Bob Bukvics '60** (1,485)
- 4th All-Time winning percentage in school history
- 2nd All-Time victories/season, and later,
- The members included...
 - 9 Military Veterans; 2 Medical Doctors, 1 Distinguished Graduate, 1 Lawyer

Calling All Becahi Baseball Alumni

"We're excited about our upcoming season with a Spring Break trip to Myrtle Beach, at least one game at Coke-a-Cola Park, a challenging season, and a deep run in the E.P.C. and District Playoffs leading to States. With so many great things happening on and off the field, we would love to share updates about our season to allow you to join us as much as you can. Please email baseball@becahi.org with your email and mailing address to subscribe to our mailing list."

*Yours in baseball, Coach **Matt Corsi '99***

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Girls Basketball Standouts

<u>Top Scorers 'Class</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Becahi Wall of Fame</u>	<u>Post Becahi Pursuit</u>
Kallista Walters '15	2,273		University of Pittsburgh
Tiffany Bedics '95	1,804	2004	Lafayette College
Hope Brown '18	1,256		United States Military Academy
Andrea Veres '10	1,238		East Stroudsburg University
Jennifer Kish '93	1,186	2005	DeSales University
Taliya Medina '20	1,168		Lafayette College
Terri Guman '79	1,111	1997	Lehigh University
Christy Cochran '95	1,092	2016	Penn State University
Jean Bayak '60	1,061	1998	Northampton Community College
Cheryl Morykan '83	1,022	2003	Boston University
Alyssa Antolick '01	1,005		DeSales University
Annette Sullivan '55	1,000		Employment – St. Luke's Hospital

As you can imagine, there are many more outstanding women athletes who have made a name for themselves (and made us proud) over the years. Let me know what you know, and I'll post them from time to time over the next couple of years...like

- 👉 **Theresa “Teri” Antolick '99**, was inducted into the DeSales University Hall of Fame in 2007
 - Teri (Antolick) Richter was a standout performer on the women's basketball team from 1999-03 graduating from DeSales in 2003 as a dual major in marketing and management of information technology. She went onto to Temple University earning her wedding planning and consulting program certificate in 2006.
 - While at DeSales, Richter earned numerous accolades while leading the team to a MAC Championship in 1999-00 and to the NCAA Tournament twice in 2000 and 2003. She earned All-MAC Freedom First-Team honors as a sophomore and Second-Team honors as a senior, was named All-ECAC South Region Second-Team once, WBCA Mid-Atlantic Region First-Team once, D3hoops.com All-Region once, and the Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Association Player of the Year as a senior.
 - In addition, Richter was honored as a WBCA Honorable-Mention All-American as a senior and was named to the MAC All-Century Team.
 - She finished her career with 1,268 career points which ranks 12th all-time currently, ranks third all-time in field goal percentage (.535), ninth all-time in rebounding (720), eight in blocked shots (104), and fifth all-time with 26 career double-doubles. – DeSales HoF write-up

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- 👉 **Stephanie Seaman Kennedy '02**, (daughter of **Jon '65** and **Ginny Check Seaman '67**) was inducted into the Moravian University Hall of Fame (2021)
- Stephanie, who graduated [from Moravian] in 2006, was a three-year starter and four-year letterwinner for the women's basketball squad. Kennedy, a forward, was honored as an Honorable Mention Kodak All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association as a junior in 2005 after earning All-Region honors, and she was the three-time Commonwealth All-Conference selection with First Team honors in 2004 and 2005, and a Second Team in 2006.
 - She finished her career with 1,255 points, which was eighth all-time when she finished playing, and 792 rebounds, which was third at the time. She also had 184 steals, 155 assists, 61 blocked shots and 41 three-pointers in her career while helping the Greyhounds to an 84-31 record, four Commonwealth Conference runner-up finishes, three ECAC Division III South Tournament appearances and a berth in the 2006 NCAA Division III Tournament. – Moravian HoF write-up

Becahi Wrestling The Nascent Years

Did you know/remember that *before* the wrestling team began its inaugural season of interscholastic league play in 1965, Beca's first wrestling team formed in 1951, according to lehighvalleywrestlinghistory.com

Here are the coaches from those heady days...

1951-1952 Alvin Letowt

Alvin passed away on April 14, 2000 at the age of 91. He attended Lehigh University and was employed at Bethlehem Steel. His four children graduated from Beca...**Alvin '54**, **Merle Louise '51**, **Janey '64** and the late **Christine '60**

1952-1954 Ted Martz

Ted passed away on September 24, 2014 at the age of 90. Ted served his country in the U.S. Navy as a Corpsman during World War II on Iwo Jima. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Not only did Ted coach wrestling at Beca, he was also the head baseball coach at Beca in the fifties.

1955-1958 Inactive

1959-1960 Justin Carisio

Justin, who passed away on June 9, 2019 at the age of 94, enlisted in the United States Army in 1943, was commissioned a second lieutenant, and served as bombardier on a B-29 Superfortress of the 58th Bombardment Wing based on Tinian. He was discharged as a first lieutenant. He married **Generose Dwyer '46**, and their three children graduated from Beca...**Patty '69**, **Susan '73** and **Maria '81**

1961-1964 Inactive

All the coaches made it to their nineties! They got to see the results of their foundational work. Heartfelt thanks for leading the way.

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Alumni Sports Notables

Greg Falkenbach '68, who received a BS in Business and Finance from Lehigh University, was inducted in to the Lehigh University's Penske Hall of Fame in 2007.

"One of the greatest rebounders to ever don the Brown and White, Greg Falkenbach still holds the top two single-game records for rebounds, and two of the top three single-season rebounding totals through the 2016-17 season. In 1969-70, he pulled down 360 boards; good for an average of 13.3 per game, while in 1970-71 the Bethlehem native averaged 12.1 rebounds per contest, pulling down a total of 316..." – lehighsports.cpm

Nicole Chickey '08, who received a BS in Sports & Exercise Science from DeSales University, was named Becahi's head cross country coach in 2018. Nicole won four PIAA state medals and 12 District XI gold medals throughout her high school running career. She also holds two MVP trophies and had been an assistant coach for the Hawks' track and field team for two years.

New Football Head Coach Selected

Bethlehem Catholic High School has selected Tyler Ward to lead the Golden Hawks football program, Athletic Director Christopher E. Domyan announced in a news release on Monday, January 16th.

A native of Charlottesville, Va., Ward is a 2014 Lehigh University graduate who was an All-Patriot League performer as a defensive back and captain for the Mountain Hawks.

Ward has coached collegiately and at the high school ranks since graduating from Lehigh. This includes time at Franklin & Marshall and four seasons as a defensive assistant at his alma mater. Most recently, he has coached scholastic football in Georgia and Alabama and was the offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Oak Mountain High School in 2022. – wfmz.com/sports/tyler-ward... 01/16/2023

Tyler becomes the 16th Head Football Coach in Becahi History. Congratulations, and Best of Luck, Ty!

Here's is a snapshot of Becahi Football History...

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Bethlehem Catholic High School Football Coaching History

Coach	Seasons	Years	Games	Won	Loss	Tie	Pctg.
John Rowe	1926	1	6	2	3	1	0.333
George Jacobs	1927 - 1928	2	13	10	2	1	0.769
John Conti	1929 - 1930	2	20	6	13	1	0.300
James "Jim" McConlogue	1965 - 66	2	18	8	10	0	0.444
Walt King	67	1	10	10	0	0	1.000
Richard "Dick" Butler	68 - 70	3	30	13	16	1	0.433
Michael "Mike" Brannon	71 - 72	2	21	9	12	0	0.429
James "Jim" Mazza	73 - 75	3	33	27	4	2	0.818
Richard "Rich" Mazza	76 - 78	3	31	14	16	1	0.452
Charles "Chuck" Sonon	79-82; 02-04; 22	7.3	83	43	38	2	0.518
Bob Stem	83 - 01	19	227	173	52	2	0.762
Tarik Haddad	05 - 08	4	42	21	21	0	0.500
Mike Palos	09 - 10	2	22	9	13	0	0.409
Joe Henrich	11-15, 17-20	9	108	67	41	0	0.620
Kyle Haas	16; 2021-22	2.7	31	17	14	0	0.548
Tyler Ward	2023						
16 Coaches	Seasons:	63	695	429	255	11	0.617

Winter Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball

96th Season in School History

Scott McClary, Head Coach (Fifth Season, 85-35)

Team Record as of 1/28: Won 12 Lost 6

Outscoring Opponents by 99 points, or 6 pts/game

Girls Basketball

96th Season in School History

Jose Medina, Head Coach (Ninth Season, 196-46)

Team Record as of 1/28: Won 11 Lost 7

Outscoring Opponents by 101 points, or 6 pts/game

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Wrestling

58th Season in School History

Jeff Karam, Head Coach (Fifteenth Season, 215-23)

Team Record as of 1/26: Won 10 Lost 0

Outscoring Opponents by 424 points, or 42 pts/match

Epic Matches: vs. Nationally Ranked No. 5, Malvern Prep... Beca won by 3

PA Ranked, Notre Dame... Beca won by 6

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... 56 graduates from 46 classes are profiled in this **Tidings** edition.

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 found this month...

Jane Mulhearn Tafaro '73, who did her undergraduate studies at Kutztown University, is an Information Assistant at Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.

Larry Wasko '73, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University and an MS in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is Chair of Engineering and Electronic Technology at Massasoit Community College in Canton, MA

Joseph Camarda '74, who did his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame and graduate work at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, has just “signed off” as Managing Director at Goldman Sachs.

Congratulations, Joe, and all the best in your next career. - JOB

Jerry Makos '75, is the Owner of Lehrman & Lehrman, specializing in quality custom fabric awnings and canopies, in Allentown.

Carol Walchonski Cofer '76, is the Director of the RN to BSN Nursing in the School of Nursing & Allied Health at Bluefield State University in Bluefield West Virginia.

Edward Blonar '77, who received an AA in Liberal Arts from Northampton Community College and a BS in Health & Physical Education from East Stroudsburg University, is a Physical Education/Health Teach in the Agua Fria/Buckeye Union High School Districts in the Phoenix, AZ area.

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Jimmy Grube '78, who received a BS in Health and Physical Education and an MA in Education from East Stroudsburg University and an MA in Educational Leadership from New Jersey City University, is now Retired as Superintendent of Schools at Lincoln Park (NJ) Board of Education. – Congratulations, Jim.

Sue Schadl Agentis '78's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, is Branch Administrator for Performance Contracting, Inc (PCI), one of the leading specialty contractors in the United States, in Knoxville, TN.

David Felker '79, who did his undergraduate work at Temple University, is Senior Financial Advisor, First Vice president at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Yardley, PA.

Bob McGonigle '80, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Penn State University and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, is the CEO of the Martin-Brower Company, LLC, an innovative global supply chain leader providing end-to-end solutions for restaurant chains across 18 countries, in the greater Chicago area.

Bob Hamrick '81, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Scranton, is Senior IT Specialist at IBM near Carlisle, PA

John McPoyle '82, is ServiceDesk Specialist at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

Suzanne Ronca '82, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from Lehigh University and an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder, is Director, Managed Service Providers, at Infoblox Inc., the leader in cloud-first networking and cybersecurity services, in Center Valley.

Fitz Jaeger '83, a U.S. Air Force Veteran who received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Lehigh University, is employed by Boeing in Test and Evaluation in Marysville, WA.

Karen Gorman Lupfer '84, who graduated from Widener University, is a Perioperative Nurse at Capital Surgery & Laser Center in Harrisburg.

Tony Zaia '85, who received a BA in Communications from Elizabethtown College, is Clinical Account Associate at Genzyme-Sanofi, an innovative global healthcare company, in San Diego County, CA.

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Mike Friedel '86, a former Captain in the U.S. Army's Signal Corps, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is Senior Director – Retail Customer Technology Solutions at Albertsons Companies in the San Francisco Bay area.

Robert Vlasaty '87, who received a BS in Secondary Education from Millersville University, an MEd in Special Education from Lehigh University, an MS in Educational Leadership from Wilkes University, and a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from the University of Scranton, is Principal of Northern Lehigh High School.

Frank Kochenash, '88's Valedictorian, a U.S. Navy Veteran (LT, Submarine Force), who received a BS in Systems Engineering from the United States Naval Academy, and an MPhil in Control Systems from the Imperial College, London, is CEO, Omnicom Transact, dedicated to providing connected commerce consulting and eRetail services, in Bainbridge Island, WA.

Joseph Leary '88, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from DeSales University and an MBA in Finance & marketing from NYU's Stern School of Business, is a Certified Financial Planner for MassMutual Greater Philadelphia, in Allentown.

David Domchek '89, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and History from the University of Scranton, and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Lehigh University, is High School Principal in the Pen Argyl School District.

Martin Benzing '90, who received a BA in Economics for Lock Haven University, is Executive Vice President of Structural Services, Inc. in Bethlehem.

John Bailey '91, a 2003 Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BA in Policy Studies from Dickinson College and a Certificate, Executive Program for State and Local Government from Harvard University, is a Strategic Advisor to entrepreneurs, policymakers, investors, and philanthropists who are tackling big societal challenges, and a Fellow at The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, founded in 2015 to help solve some of society's toughest challenges — from eradicating disease and improving education, to addressing the needs of our communities.

Erin Mazza Krauss '92, is an English Teacher in the Easton Area School District.

Danielle Tersigni-Stevens '93, is a Client Account Manager at Sommsation, a marketplace modernizing the way people share experiences over wine by connecting wineries, wine experts, the wine obsessed, and the wine curious in exclusive tastings, in Jenkintown, PA.

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Barbara Walker Crase '93, who received a BFA from English at the University of Evansville, is a Claims Examiner for United Home Life Insurance / Indiana Farm Bureau in the Indianapolis area.

Martin O'Donnell '94, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received a BS in Biology from the University of Scranton and a Masters of Professional Studies in Public Relations and Corporate Communications from Georgetown University, is Media Operations Director at the U.S. Strategic Command, one of nine unified commands in the Department of Defense, at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Matthew Fenselau '95, who received a BA in Physics and Math from Franklin & Marshall College, an MS in Physics, and a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Physics from Yale University, and a JD from Boston College Law School, is Chief Licensing Officer & General Counsel at Nanoramic Laboratories, an industry-leading energy storage and advanced materials company, in Wakefield, MA.

And... he is the son of **Nanci Jeanne Lewis Fenselau '70**

Patrick Tallarico '96, who received a BA in Philosophy from Moravian University, works in Decision Support at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. He collaborates with Infection Prevention and Control to improve processes and procedures through data analyzation and systems evaluation/implementation.

Meckenzie Behr '97, who received a BA in Behavioral Neuroscience from Lehigh University and a Masters in Public Health (MPH) in Community Health & Prevention from Drexel University, is a Clinical Research Project Manager at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Lidia DaSilva Araujo '98, who received a BS, BA in Accounting and Spanish from Lehigh University and an MBA from Villanova University, is Program Manager for Finance Transformation at Air Products in Trexlertown.

Brian Goch '98, is Kitchen Manager at (Ghent Eats) Hanks Backyard Bourbon Bar in Bethlehem.

Larry Lam '99, who received a BS in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University and an MSW and MPH from Temple University, is Trainer and Consultant at Think:Kids, a revolutionary, evidence-based approach called Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) for helping children with behavioral challenges, at Massachusetts General Hospital.

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Garrett Benner '00, who received a BS in Finance and an MBA from Lehigh University, and a JD from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School, is the Owner of Matador Outdoor, localized, high traffic, digital and static outdoor billboard locations located throughout Allentown, Easton, and Bethlehem.

And... he is the son of the late **Claudia Derr Benner '70**

Sara Williams Buckley '01, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian University and an MA in Communication from Seton Hall University, located in the heart of NYC, is an Adjunct Professor at LIM College, dedicated exclusively to the business of fashion and lifestyle in the heart of New York City.

Jim Hower '02, who received a BASc from Pennsylvania College of Technology, is Sales Director, North America at Danfoss, solutions that increase machine productivity, reduce emissions, lower energy consumption, and enable electrification, in the greater Baltimore area.

Bryan Katra '03, is Parts Manager at Ciocca Ford of Quakertown.

Nicole Koch '03, is a Nurse Practitioner at Nephrology in Bethlehem.

Veronica Mikitka Reed '04, who received a BA in Communications from Elizabethtown College, is Vice President, Director of Operations at Maven Communications, a results-driven public relations, social media and issues management agency based in Philadelphia.

Lesley Hopkins Hubbard '05, who received a BFA in Interior Design from Miami University of Ohio, is an Interior Designer at Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site, in Blue Bell, PA.

John Yildiran '06, who received a BS in Accounting and Finance from Penn State University, is Senior Credit Analyst at ExodusPoint Capital Management, a global investment management firm in New York City.

Mark Scattene '07, who received a BASc in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Bloomsburg University, is Account Manager- Patient Care at Stryker, driven to make healthcare better, in the New York metropolitan area.

Shane Bernier '08, who received a BS in Biology from Penn State University and an MS in Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science from Quinnipiac University, is a Psychometrist at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

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Sean Keim '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Management from the University of Delaware, is a sales representative at Stryker, driven to make healthcare better, in Allentown.

Karoline Avard '09, who received a BA in History from Rutgers University, is Standardized Test Preparation Tutor at First Choice Prep, offering private and comprehensive tutoring services throughout New Jersey, including SAT/ACT test prep, in Livingston, NJ.

Matthew Duddy '10, who received an AGE from Northampton Community College and a BA in Public Relations from Temple University, is an Inside Sales Representative at Frontline Education, a leading provider of school administration software, in Allentown.

Angela Rice, '11's Valedictorian, who received a BS and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, is a Consultant at Bain & Company, a global consultancy that helps the world's most ambitious change makers define the future, in the greater New York City area.

Evan Cowen '12, who received a BS in Business Administration from Monmouth University, is a Consultant at Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management, LLC., one of the nation's leading independent investment consulting firms, in Bethlehem.

Marissa Merriman '13, who received a BA in English from Marietta College and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Baltimore, is a Copywriter at Angel Publishing in Baltimore.

Ashley Brader '13, who studied Kinesiology at Temple University and Physical Therapy Assistant at Harcum College, is a Physical Therapist Assistant at the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network in Philadelphia.

Allison Bucci '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University, is a Title Teacher at Catapult Learning in Providence, RI.

Hannah Cummings '15, who studied Theatre at Northampton Community College and Communications at East Stroudsburg University, is Social Media Coordinator at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem.

Justina Salib '16, who received a BPS in Pharmaceutical Science and is studied for a Doctor of Pharmacy from Long Island University, is a Post Graduate, year 1 (PGY-1) Pharmacy Resident at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

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Michael Karoly '17, who received a BS in Accounting from the University of Scranton, is an Audit Assistant at Deloitte in Philadelphia.

Yongyi “Bella” Fan '18, who received a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and Math from Boston university, is a Graduate Student in Engineering at Brown University.

Cassandra Salib '18, who received a BS in Neuroscience and Philosophy from Muhlenberg College and is certified in EMT, is a Graduate Student at the SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, School of Medicine.

From the Advancement Office...

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Make a \$2,000 Gift to Becahi at No Cost through the Becahi EITC PA Tax Credit Program.

That is correct; you can redirect 90% of the State Income Taxes you are already paying to Harrisburg, and Bethlehem Catholic will cover the other 10% you do not receive in Tax Credits. These gifts range from \$2,000 to \$100,000 and are game-changers for the well-being of the current and future students of Bethlehem Catholic. So far, this academic year, Bethlehem Catholic has raised over \$500,000 through the EITC Program due to the generosity and tax-savvy intelligence of our alumni, current parents, and friends. Can you help us reach \$800,000 or even \$1,000,000 for Bethlehem Catholic this year? Call Tom Vresics at (302) 985-7648 or email him at tvresics@becahi.org to learn more about this mutually beneficial program.

If you can't make an EITC donation, there is plenty of time to give to the Becahi Fund!

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Becahi Fund so far; we are currently on pace to raise over \$250,000, for which we are very grateful; however, our goal is over \$300,000 this year. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Becahi Fund. Ask if your employer has a matching gift program to double the impact of your gift.

The following local companies offer matching gifts programs:

Air Products	CF Martin Company, Inc.	
Comcast Holdings Corp.	Crayola LLC	
Giant Food Stores	GlaxoSmithKline Holdings (America) Inc.	
GNC, Inc.	Independence Blue Cross, LLC	
Keystone Nazareth Bank Trust	Lehigh Cement Company	
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc		
PPL Corp.	Rite Aid Corp	Sheetz, Inc.
Sovereign Bancorp, Inc.	UGI Utilities, Inc.	Wawa, Inc.

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You're invited to The **Golden Gala!**

Go to **GoldenGala23.givesmart.com** to register today.



The **Golden Gala** has several virtual ticket options, plus our NEW Viewing Party at Blue ticket.

All Tickets Include:

- Viewing the Virtual **Golden Gala** Program
- Bidding on Auction Items & Raffles
- Donating to the Emotional Appeal

All the proceeds from every **Golden Gala** go towards improving our campus and capabilities to enhance the experiences of every current student and the future

generation of Golden Hawks.

If you're interested in sponsoring, go to <https://becahi.org/advancement/the-golden-gala/sponsorship-opportunities/> for sponsorship details.

For more information and to donate, contact Mrs. Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791, ext. 323.

Reflection

My family and I are overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers and well wishes we received from you, on the passing of my sister, Libby, last Christmas Eve. I (we) will never forget your kindness. ❤️

And now...

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

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

Previous Issues of the *Tidings* can be found on the school's website by copying the following link and pasting it to your browser... <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

Sincerely,
JohnnieO (**John O'Boyle '70**)
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