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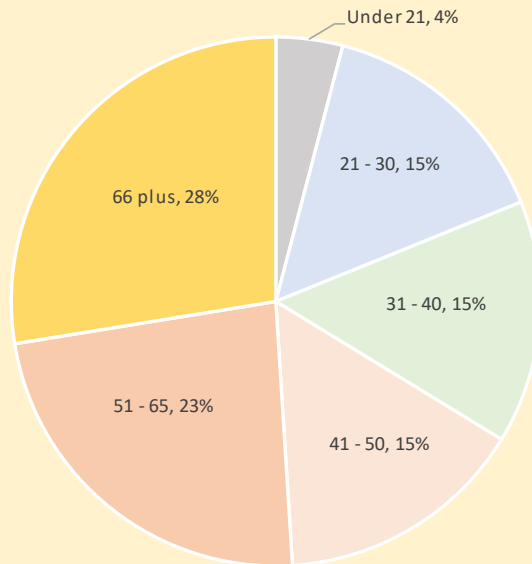
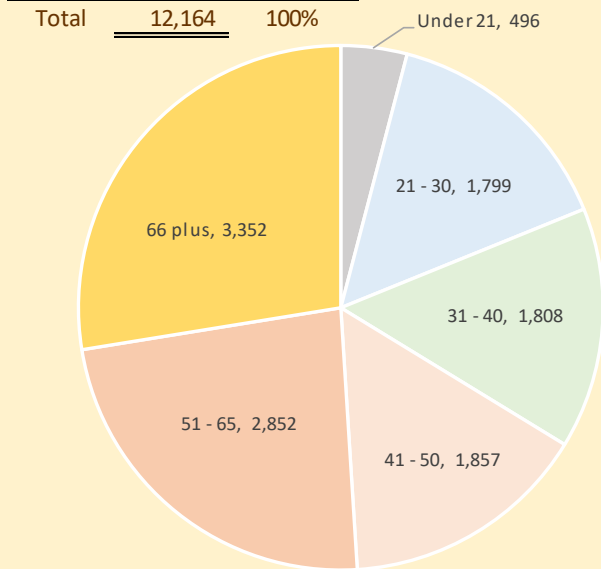
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Creating the Excitement for the 100th Anniversary of Becahi!!!



Current Becahi Alumni Members (includes Current Classes of 2024, 25, 26)

Age	Grads	% Grads
Under 21	496	4%
21 - 30	1,799	15%
31 - 40	1,808	15%
41 - 50	1,857	15%
51 - 65	2,852	23%
66 plus	3,352	28%



- "Unofficial" numbers based on JOB estimates, 2/14/2024

"Ancestry.Beca"

As we move closer to our Centennial Celebration, over the upcoming months I will post some interesting observations I found about our Becahi "family" over the years.

Let's start with Valedictorians.

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This month we recognize thirteen Valedictorians who were a child of, and/or a parent of, a Becahi alum.

- ★ **Robert Morrison '33** had two daughters who graduated from Beca... **Joan '58** and **Sally '72**.
- ★ **John Evrard '38** had three children who graduated from Beca... **John '61**, **Theresa '66** and **Jerome '69**.
- ★ **Mary Evrard Fistner '39** had a daughter, **Mary Beth '66**.
- ★ **Veronica Godovin Semanick '41** had two sons who graduated from Beca... **Greg '71** and **Ron '79**.
- ★ **Rita Burke Donchez '46**, who married **Leonard '46**, had two daughters who graduated from Beca... **Mary '71** and **Alexandra '75**.
- ★ **Dr. Tom Tachovsky '54**, is a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, and had four daughters who graduated from Beca... **Barbara '82**, **Virginia '85**, **Deborah '87**, and **Laura '91**.
- ★ **Vincent Gentilcore '63** is the son of **Rose Mary Kelly '42**.
- ★ **Bill Seaman '64** is the son of **Margaret Ammend '39**.
- ★ **Mary Ann Seaman '69** is the daughter of **Margaret Ammend '39**. (Her brother is **Bill '64**). **Mary Ann** has three children who graduated from Beca... **Ed '00**, **Margaret '02**, and **Alexander '05**.
- ★ **Diane Sewald Kemper '74** is the daughter of **Margaret Kauffman '50**.
- ★ **Gus Evrard '77** is the son of **Gus "Lindy" '43**.
- ★ **Allison Quigney '99**, is the daughter of **Tim** and **Beverly (Brady) Quigney '73**.
- ★ **Lauren Neveling Rouleau '03**, is the daughter of **Ellie Braxmeier '76**.

These thirteen scholars include three PhDs, two Physicians, two Educators and one Healthcare Professional.

Are you a parent and/or a child of a Becahi graduate?

Let me (JOB) know and I'll recognize your good fortune in a future special edition of *Tidings*.

Some Alums who checked in or who I saw last month...

(Sr.) Regina Chassar '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Anita Bianco Rothrock '59, Jean Fenerty Escott '59, Mary Ann Borlodan Petrohoy '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Al Ortwein '61, Pat DeLazzario Capuano '64, Janey Letowt Halteman '64, Tom Neimeister '65, John Bauer '67, Yogi Eddinger '67, Cat Gallagher '68, Larry Gasda '69, Fran McGouldrick '69, Greg Benz '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Mike Ruggeri '71, Brian and Kathy (Copek) DeAngelis '72, Carol Fehisin Kresge '72, Jimmy Gillen '72, Mary Beth Hahn Heller '72, Kathy Lynch Carcione '72, Amey Mesko Upchurch '72, Larry Shea '72, Ron Davco '73, John Fiorentino '73, Bob and Sharon (Bellizzi) Friedman '73, Rich Gorski '73, Bill Ripper '73☺, Dan Sinnott '73, Agnes Hudak George '74, Regina Metzger Briody '74, Carmen Spagnola '74, Gibby Andrew '76, Sally Kammetler '78, Tom Vresics '81, Anthony Spagnola '89, Megan Stoll '96, Kyle John '07, Regan Downey '17

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...and from my Class...

...BobbyA, Tom Ardizzone, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Nancy Cacciatore Huber, Dave Cech, Mike and Jean (Redding) Cunningham, Lisa, Diane Donches, Bernie Gallagher, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Nick Ierovante, 'Rab Jancsarics, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Diane Mroshinskie Repasch, Gus, Greg Ortwein, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Bullet, Carl



Please remember our classmate Bernie Gillen in your prayers.

Bernie passed away too soon on February 19th.

Please remember his wife, Betsy, and his brother Jimmy '72 in your prayers as well. "May God and Mary and *Saint Patrick* be with you!"

...and please remember Patricia Unger Mueller's brother in your prayers.

Ron Unger passed away on February 4th. Please also include a prayer for Pat's siblings Thomas '73 and Carolyn '76 as well.

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 **375 grads from 84 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "4" and/or "9".

Names and Classes Mentioned in March Tidings

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s		
Year Ending	20th Century										21st Century		
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2		1		1	9	3	2	4	2				
3	2	2	1	1	7	2	4	4	2				
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8		4		2	4	2	4	3	2	3		84	
9	1	2	2	4	4	6	4	3	3	4		Grads	
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	146 from Fourth and Webster					229 from Dewberry and Madison							

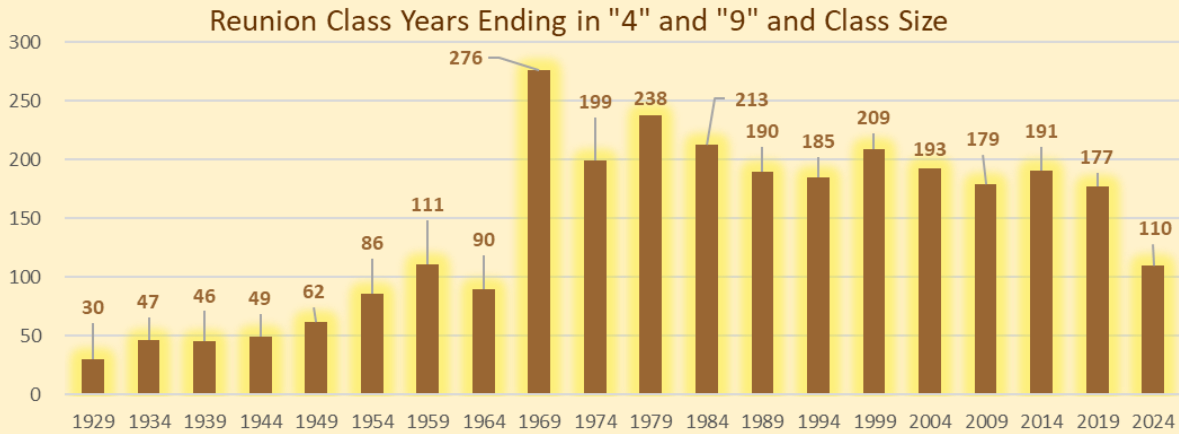
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Reunion Year Classes in 2024...



Planned ~~Tidings~~ Virtual Reunions for 2024

This year ~~Tidings~~ will feature classes ending in "4" and "9", and the grads' names will be highlighted in **Gold**.

I (thought) I featured the first 47 classes in ~~Tidings~~ over the years. I went through my files and found that I did not *exclusively* feature the classes of **1959**, **1964** and **1969**. So, I will recognize these classes in 2024. Meanwhile I try to keep all class history current.

This year the following **reunion-year** classes will be featured in ~~Tidings~~...

1959 – February, 65 years

1964 – March, 60 years

1969 – April, 55 years

1974 – May, 50 years

1979 – June, 45 years

1984 – July, 40 years

1989 – August, 35 years

1994 – September, 30 years

1999 – October, 25 years

2004 – November, 20 years

Does **YOUR** class plan on celebrating an in-person reunion this year?

Let me know and I'll see how I can help.

Coming later in March...

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The Golden Gala
BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

March 23, 2024

At Blue or Bethlehem Catholic
6:00 PM-8:00 PM
with cocktail hour at Blue beginning at 5:00 pm.

Honoring Mike and Kathy '70 Grasso

Near or Far, You Can Support the Gala from Wherever You Are:

Visit GoldenGala24.givesmart.com to honor the Grasso's, bid on incredible auction items, and donate to the Give from the Heart to Becahi Appeal.

To make this night a success, the whole Becahi family needs to get involved! There are still tickets available for both venues; however, space is limited, so don't delay. If you are busy the night of March 23rd, participate in the virtual auction (White Ticket: Free Virtual Access for Viewing, Bidding, and Donating). Just be sure to visit GoldenGala24.givesmart.com to be a part of this year's Golden Gala honoring Mike and **Kathy '70 Grasso**.

Golden Gala 2024
Saturday, March 23
All Tickets Include

- Viewing the Virtual Golden Gala Program
- The Award Presentation to Mike and Kathy '70 Grasso
- Bidding on Auction Items & Raffles
- Give from the Heart to Becahi

Gold Ticket: \$200 **Bidding Only Access**
Dinner at the Event Center at Blue. No cost ticket allows you to view
Cocktail hour beginning at 5:00 pm. The Golden Gala program and to bid.

Brown Ticket: \$30
Becahi Viewing Party - doors open at 5:45 pm
Virtual Program at 6:15 in the Auditorium.
Celebration to follow in the Gym.

If you cannot attend Blue or the Becahi Tailgate Watch Party, consider making a difference for current students by donating to the Give from the Heart to Becahi Appeal. **All "Give from the Heart to Becahi" donations will go towards a restricted fund to replace the original Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System in the Auditorium and the Gym installed in 1965.** Whether 3 miles down the road or 3,000 miles away from Madison Avenue, you can participate in the Golden Gala.

THE GOLDEN IMPACT

Coach Grasso

"Mr. Grasso was more than an instructor, he was a guiding force who left a permanent mark on my life. Beyond the classroom and baseball field, it was Mr. Grasso's embodiment of Catholic values that truly set him apart."



-Joseph Giordano '14

Join us on Saturday, March 23, as we honor Mike and Kathy '70 Grasso!



The Golden Gala
BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

< "Mr. Grasso was more than an instructor; he was a guiding force who left a permanent mark on my life..." **Joseph Giordano '14**

Spread the Word! If you belong to an Alumni Facebook group or any other means of communication, please spread the word about our Annual Golden Gala. Copy and paste the information below to share in your group. To request more information or graphics to share on Facebook, please get in touch with Regan Downey at rdowney@becahi.org.

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Class of 1959 Postscripts (from last month) ...

- ✓ **Anita Bianco Rothrock** had two children who later graduated from Beca... **Tracey '83** and **Brett '85**.
- ✓ **Chick Garza**, who married **Kathryn Repsher '67**, had three children who later graduated from Beca... **Matt '91**, **Mike '93** and **Mary Kathryn '96**.

Class of 1964 – 60 Years Ago

The Final Graduating Class from the Fourth and Webster Streets Location

As 1964 saw the final class to complete its four full years at the Fourth and Webster location, the theme chose for the Sceptre, by the Class of 1964 was ... *the old gives way to the new, yet the bond between past and future remains.*

“Salute the old for the last time, as we look forward to the new...knowing it is not an ending nor a beginning but continuity of – Loyalty & Devotion – to our Alma Mater.”

And in a fitting transition, **Fr. William P. Hoffner '40** was the Principal.

The teachers:

Father Vincent Cronin taught religion and was Athletic Director

Sister M. Agnes Consilii, S.S.J., taught religion, world history, as oversaw the Operetta and Glee Club

Sister M. Clare Gervase, S.S.J., was responsible for the sciences and the Science Fair, and was in charge of the Visual Aids Department

Sister M. Cordata, S.S.J., taught stenography, religion, US History and bookkeeping

Sister Irma Loretto, S.S.J. taught math and art.

Sister M. Margaret Teresa, S.S.J. taught typing, reading and lead the National Honor Society

Sister Marie Matthew, S.S.J., taught French. Latin, and was in charge of Senior Play, Operetta, and girls' basketball.

Sister Regina Pacis, S.S.J., taught English and was in charge of the school's newspaper, *Tidings*.

Sister M. Rita Geraldine, S.S.J. taught English and national problems, was yearbook advisor, and moderator of Forensics.

Sister M. Rose Charlotte, S.S.J., taught typing, stenography, bookkeeping, office practice and was moderator of the Student Council

Sister M. St. Edmund, S.S.J. taught English and religion.

Sister M. William Teresa, S.S.J., taught math and oversaw the Cheerleaders and the stationery supplies.

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Miss Maureen Cashman taught Spanish.

Mr. Patrick Duddy taught biology and physical education.

Mr. Charles Kropp was director of Dramatics.

Miss Carol Bolgar was the school's secretary.

Mr. Paul Calvo was the boys' basketball coach.

Mr. John DiMeglio coached the girls' basketball team.

Mr. Louis Bratkovics was the assistant coach of the boys' basketball team.

Eleven class members had a parent who graduated from Beca.

Frances Bringenberg's dad was **Paul '40**

Janice Danko's mom was **Mary Baca '38**

Robert Gasdaska's mom was **Peggy Ortwein '51**

Martin Hildenberger's parents were **Joseph '29** and **Catherine Bender '35**

Jospeh Mitala's parents were **Joseph '36** and **Agnes Ward '35**

Edward Narlesky's dad was **Wallace '38**

Thomas Nolan's father was **Daniel 1918**

Joanne Peters's dad was **Joseph '34**

Bill Seaman's mom was **Margaret Ammend '39**

Rosemary Skomitz's mom was **Clare Bellew '37**

Marie Zarinsky's mom was **Ann Sweetz '33**

William Seaman was the Valedictorian.

Marie Zarinsky Jordan was the Salutatorian.

The 90 scholars included...

Anthony "Tony" Altenbach

Rocco "Rocky" Bambu*

John Joseph Bauer

Maryann Bauer Hartzell

Barbara Bokan Bartholomew

Frances Bringenberg Sharpless

Ann Marie Bruno Anderko

Carol Capuano Berrian

Frederick "Cappy" Capuano

Sally Capuano Bieak

Rita Cawley Shovlin*

Dolores Chassar Meyer

John Coleman*

Ann Cooke Burkhardt*

Llewellyn "Lou" Cope

Roseann Csaszar Martin*

Janice Danko Thomas

Stephen Danko

Patricia Delazzario Capuano

Edward Doncsecz

Beverly Kusmick Phelan

Patricia Leonard Wargo*

Jane "Janey" Letowt Halteman

Gregory Lewis*

Gloria Lupini Loving*

Robert Makosky

Gloria Martinez Hoffman

Joseph Marucci*

Patricia McAndrew Hobby

Jeanette Michael Brodt

Joseph Mitala*

Edward Narlesky

Thomas J. Nolan*

Margaret "Margie" O'Donnell

Philip Panarelli*

Richard Parente

Joanne Peters Knies

Joseph Piltman

Elizabeth "Liz" Pinter Runge

Marcella "Bonnie" Reagan Metzgar

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Helen "Holly" Duh Browne
Dolores Durako Gecsek
Katherine Elek
Margaret "Peggy" Fenerty*
Judith Foley
Diane Ford Poehler
Kathleen Gallis Orbin*
Robert Gasdaska
Marie Gaydos McNicholas
Thomas George*
Timothy Gifford
Virginia "Ginger" Goldsbury
Anita Gonzales Harrison
Nancy Hepp Sterzen
Martin "Red" Hildenberger*
Janet Horwath Hess
(Sr.) Nancy Iampietro, CPS
Carol Kalata Jacob*
Francis Kantor
Michele Kollar Pumberger
Dorothy "Dottie" Kost Thomson
Margaret "Margie" Kovach
Joanne Kramer Horvath*
Marianne Kramer Benner
Justine Kundek Yuhas

Bernadette Repasch Makosky
Cynthia "Cindy" Riccaboni Simoson
Mary Lou Rogan Best
Elaine Samley Dashuta*
Rosemary Scorzafava Repash*
June Scott Krause
Francis Seaman
William "Bill" Seaman
Joseph Silvoy
Rosemary "Rosie" Skomitz Stouffer
Carol Sobyak
Bernadette Stavnicky Giovenco
Rosalie "Ro" Stevancsecz Vogrins
Susan Stine Herczeg
Sandra Sule
Rita Tackash Straub
Maryann Talian Dorazio
John Toth
Sandra Trivisano Christman
Richard J. Verba
Rita Washitza Lawrence
Marilyn Jane Weider Timmons
Fred Weiss
Raymond Yuhas*
Marie Zarinsky Jordan

* Deceased

Jane Letowt Halteman writes... *"I was about to step on stage for our Senior Play, 'Come Rain or Shine', when the curtain was closed, and we were informed that our President, John F Kennedy, had been shot.*

The show must go on and they have continued to this day in the new Becahi at Madison and Dewberry Avenues. We, the class of '64, were the last class out of "the little school by the railroad tracks", on 4th and Webster Sts.

Sadly, within five years of graduation, we had already lost some of our class officers: President Tom Nolan, car crash; Vice Pres Peggy Fenerty, brain tumor, and, I think Marty Hildenberger, Treasurer had enlisted and was overseas; Bernie Repasch, Secretary, married Bobby Makosky and moved out of the area. Hence, no reunion planned.

Eventually in 1984, 20 years later, we had our first and last reunion at the Hungarian Catholic Club for Country Style Dinner with our Special Guest, Rev. Vincent I. Cronin."

Time for another reunion, kids.

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Their post-graduation pursuits included...

Eleven class members who served in the military.

Frances Bringenberg Sharpless > U.S. Army Fred Capuano > U.S. Marines
Stephen Danko > U.S. Navy Timothy Gifford > U.S. Army
Martin Hildenberger > U.S. Army Gregory Lewis > U.S. Army (Vietnam)
Joseph Mitala > U.S. Navy Thomas Nolan > U.S. Military Academy
Joseph Marucci > U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)
Philip Panarelli > U.S. Marines (Vietnam) Raymond Yuhus > U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)

Seven class members were education professionals.

Virginia "Ginger" Goldsbury Michele Kollar Pumberger
Dorothy Kost Thomson Elizabeth Pinter Runge
William Seaman Carol Sobyak
Sandra Trivisano Christman

Four members were healthcare professionals.

Frances Bringenberg Sharpless, Nurse Gloria Martinez Hoffman, Nurse
Marcella "Bonnie" Reagan Metzgar, Nurse Richard Parente, Pharmacist

There were three "Campus Couples".

Fred Capuano married Patricia Delazzario

Pat and Fred were married 56 years this past January!

Helen "Holly" Duh married Leonard Browne '66

Robert Makosky married Bernadette Repasch

Eight members had 13 children who graduated from Beca.

Ann Marie Bruno Anderko > Michele '88, Kevin '91

Fred Capuano and Patricia Delazzario > Brian '88

John Coleman > Christine '90

Jane Letowt Halteman > Rebecca '95, Adam '03

Gloria Lupini Loving > Debra '87, Samantha '97

Jeanette Michael Brodt > Kristen '84, Kendra '87, Jennifer '91

Thomas Nolan > Jane '92, Thomas '95

(Sr.) Nancy Iampietro, CPS joined the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood.

In January 2019, she was the provincial secretary for her order. Sister Nancy ministers in the US and internationally. A trainer of spiritual directors and formators, she gives conferences and workshops in spiritual direction, formative spirituality, discernment, religious life, charism, vows, renewal, etc. Sister taught at Regina Mundi Pontifical Institute in Rome and for ten years was the Superior General in Rome for The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood.

Timothy Gifford who received an MBA from Lehigh University and a JD from Widener University, is a retired former Sr VP General Counsel for SKF USA Inc. in the greater Philadelphia area.

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The School on Fourth and Webster Streets' Legacy 1926 – 1964 (38 Years)

2,526 students graduated, including 874 (35%) boys and 1,652 (65%) girls.

- ★ 926 graduates (37%) (as of 2/15/24) are living ... estimated, as I could find.
- ★ 468 graduates (18%) were either a child of, and/or a parent of, a Becahi graduate.
- ★ 358 graduates served in the military.
- ★ 142 graduates served in the healthcare profession, including 118 nurses.
- ★ 75 graduates were education professionals.
- ★ 67 graduates followed a religious vocation.
- ★ 8 graduates became lawyers.
- ★ 10 graduates were selected as Becahi Distinguished Graduates.
- ★ 5 graduates were inducted into the Becahi Athletic Hall of Fame.
- ★ 1 graduate received 6 Emmy Awards for his work on screen.
- ★ 1 graduate was the Chief Scientist of the U.S. Marine Corps.
- ★ 1 graduate was Chief of Police for the City of Bethlehem.
- ★ 1 graduate was a three-term Bethlehem City Councilman.
- ★ 2 State Championship Basketball Teams (1960, 1962)
- ★ 1 Undefeated Football Team (1927)



- Source: From one graduate's (JOB) homework

There may be a little more or a little less students that could have been included in the numbers above, but there were few yearbooks I could glean from the 30s and 40s. For example, sometimes people are not pictured in a yearbook, but graduated, nonetheless. Some students may have left the school early to join the military or a religious vocation. I used the 1991 and 2013 Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni Directories in my project, as well as emails from graduates, their relatives, the internet, the Morning Call, Bethlehem Press, Express Times, and word of mouth stories. I welcome ANY revisions to this story. Enjoy the history and our heritage. – JOB

Prime Suspects



The Class of 1970 party-planning committee met at Prime Restaurant for a reconnaissance of the place in advance of a future class event. (or so they say.)

The suspects included...

Front row, L>R: **Diane Donches, Betsy Horvath, Kathy Ripper, Ann Conahan, Mary Jane Bartos.**

Back row, L>R: **Kathy Shanahan, Lisa, Karen Raykos, Corkey Kuzmin, Maryann Falatek, Anne Gerber, Kathy Gaydos, Susan Sharkan**

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Hall of Doctors Update

Proudly adding additions and revisions...

- ✓ **Gary Tarola '69**, Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine
- ✓ **Stephen Gal '71**, Doctor of Medicine
- ✓ **Siva Raja '93**, Doctor of Medicine
- ✓ **Laura Harmanos Cote '98**, Doctor of Physical Therapy
- ✓ **John Koprivsek '02**, PhD in Microbiology and Immunology
- ✓ **Lauren Neveling Rouleau '03**, Doctor of Medicine

There are now 278 Doctors in the Becahi House Hall.

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

March 23rd – **The Golden Gala**, live events at Becahi and The Event Center at Blue, 6-8pm

April 5th – 7th, 12th – 13th – Becahi presents Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*

April 18th – Distinguished Graduates Induction Ceremony

September 22nd – **Class of '69's 55th Reunion**, Green Pond, and TBD

September 13th, 2025!!!! – **Class of '85's 40th Reunion**, TBD

Reunion News...

Many of us (2,000+) survived the 60s... twice.

- **Classmates of '58** meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at various restaurants in the Lehigh Valley. **Marie Posipanko Spisak '58** sends e-mail reminders the Sunday prior to the luncheon to let classmates know when and where they will be gathering. Usually, the "where" is decided during the previous luncheon. Any of their classmates who are not on the e-mail list and would like to join them please contact Marie. Her address is mso462@rcn.com
- **Class of '59's 65th Reunion?** You know you want one.
- **Class of '64's 60th Reunion?** You have much to celebrate.... last graduating class at 4th & Webster! Your last class reunion was 40 years ago. It's time.
- **Class of '69's 55th Reunion** is coming in September. **Larry Gasda '69** writes... *"it will be on Sunday Sept 22 at Green Pond from 5:00-9:00pm. If anyone has a question, they can send an email to becahi69reunion@gmail.com."*
- **Class of '74's 50th Reunion?** You made it this far. So, Celebrate!
- **Class of '85's 40th Reunion**
 - Save the date: Saturday, **9/13/2025** More information to follow!
 - Please reach out to Becahi Advancement Office and make sure that they have your current mailing address and email address. Thank you, **Sherri Hines '85, Dave Feist '85 and Missy DaRe '85**

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Teacher and Staff Testimonials

“Becahi Made Me Better Thanks to...”



BECAHI Made Me Better
Thanks to **SR. MIRIAM CARMELITA, SSJ**

ALUMNI
JACK VRESICS '77
CHAIRMAN MULTITECH
"She smiled at my mistakes but let me know I could and should do better."

TEACHER
SR. MIRIAM CARMELITA, SSJ
ENGLISH TEACHER &
TIDINGS MODERATOR

Sister Miriam Carmelita, S.S.J.

Jack Vresics '77 writes *"After years of many great Sisters of St. Joseph trying to teach me how to write and speak properly, Sr. Miriam Carmelita got through. She was kind but relentless. She smiled at my mistakes but let me know I could and should do better. She was right, not only about the English language, but everything else as well."*

Other great Becahi teachers who deserve mention are Tony Iasiello, George Harmanos, Sr. Patricia Ash SSJ, Fr. Ronald Bocian, George Kelly, and Joe Kramer."

I heard from or read about...

Sister Mary Josephine Larkin, S.S.J., who taught English at Beca between 1976 and 1980, is the Dean for Library and Information Resources at Chestnut Hill College.

Sister Rosemarie Lorenz, S.S.J., who taught at Beca between 1977 and 1982, serves as the Development Office Database Coordinator for the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Chestnut Hill.

Barbara Lonnquist, PhD, who taught at Beca between 1980 and 1984, is a Professor of English, and Chair of the Chestnut Hill College English Department.

Sister Marjorie Keenan, S.S.J., who served as Teacher and Vice-Principal at Beca between 1986 and 2004, is now on the Staff of Norwood-Fontbonne Academy in Chestnut Hill.

Laura Harmanos Cote '98, received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Scranton. (JOB's alma mater...just saying.) Laura lives in Califon, NJ with her husband, Dr. Jon Cote and three children, Katie, Josie, and Jacob. She practices physical therapy at Morristown Community Hospital. – Proud "Poppa" George

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Theresa Silvoy Seaman	1941	01/18/2024	100
Lucille Dick, Sr. Mary Cuthberta, IHM	1944	01/02/2024	97
Jack Ungorean	1949	02/11/2024	92
Sr. Elaine A. Cullen, S.S.J.	1957	02/10/2024	84
James Shunk	1957	02/14/2024	85
Virginia Bowe Larson	1965	01/27/2024	76
Bernie Gillen	1970	02/19/2024	71
John "Fech" Fechisin	1971	01/07/2024	70
Carol Gebec-Tapia	1986	02/07/2024	55

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Joan Andrews, mother of **Stephen '84, Jason '89, Caroline '90** and the late **Matthew '86**, on 02/11
- † Janice Augello, mother of **Michael '98** on 02/10
- † **Ginny Bowe Larson '65**, sister of **Kathleen '59** and the late **Maryann '57**, on 01/27
- † **Sr. Elaine Cullen, S.S.J. '57**, sister of the late **James '35, Beverly '36, Mary '38, Kathleen '40, Bernadine '41, Sr. Patricia '46**, Dolores, Edward, and Thomas, on 02/10.
- † **Lucille Dick, Sr. Mary Cuthberta, IHM '44**, sister of **Germaine '51, Annette '54, Joseph '55, Cletus '57, Kenny '61**, William, the late **Georgine '45**, Bernie (who taught science at Becahi), and Rita, on 01/02
- † **John "Fech" Fechisin '71**, brother of **Carol '72**, on 01/07
- † **Carol Gebec-Tapia '86**, sister of **Frank '79, Claude '80, Janet '82** and **Chrissy '88**, on 02/07
- † **Bernie Gillen '70**,  son of **Frances Sweeney '31** and brother of **Jimmy '72**, on 02/19
- † Patrick Hannon, son of the late **Mary Ellen O'Connell Hannon '43**, on 02/22
- † Jerry Mahoney, brother of **Timothy '68**, on 01/01
- † Norma McNamara, mother of **Eileen '73**, on 01/27
- † Angeline Rieger, mother of **Jim '75**, on 01/24
- † Marian Schnalzer, mother of **Joseph '68, Marianne '71** and **Jayne '76**, on 01/25
- † **Jim Shunk '57**, brother of **Alice '62**, on 02/14
- † Concetta "Connie" Spagnola,  mother of **Carmen '74** and **Anthony '89** on 02/22
- † Ronald Unger, brother of **Patricia '70, Thomas '73** and **Carolyn '76**, on 02/04
- † **Jack Ungorean '49**, husband of the late **Elaine Lavinger '49** and father of Gale, Terry, and Lori, on 02/11.

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Our Teachers Passings

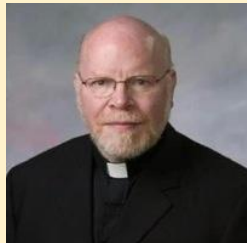
† Sister Anne Charles, S.S.J., later Sister Mary E. Corbett, S.S.J., passed away on October 21, 2023.



Sister Anne served as a Teacher at Becahi between 1968 and 1979. In September 1952, she entered the Congregation. On her Day of Reception, she received the habit and the name Sister Anne Charles. Sister was born January 2, 1933, to parents Charles and Henrietta Garvey Corbett, New Yorkers who nurtured their eight children with a deep love of God and service to His people. Sister taught for a short time in elementary school and then embarked on a long career teaching high school in Philadelphia, Chambersburg, Bethlehem (Becahi), and Warminster. Rest in Peace, Sister, and thank you for your service.

† Coleen Hunter, who taught at Beca between 2004 and 2006, passed away on February 22, 2024. Colleen was also Secretary of the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Directors, representing Fountain Hill. Rest In Peace, Coleen.

† The Rev. William N. Seifert, of Bethlehem, passed away on December 26, 2023.



“Father Bill” served as a Theology Teacher at Beca between 1987 and 1997.

During his priestly ministry, Father Bill served as Regional Director, Apostolate for the Deaf; Catholic Social Agency, Deaf Apostolate; Assistant, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies; Member, Diocesan Textbook Review Committee; Secretary, Diocesan Task Force on Chastity; Diocesan Director, Prison Ministry; Pastoral Ministry, Schuylkill Medical Center, Pottsville; and Priest Director, Region V, Catholic Youth Organization. May he rest in peace!

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our '70 classmates...

Barry Astel (3/04/07)

Larry Bragg (3/22/22)

Walt Dozer (3/04/11)

... who passed away during the month of March...

“Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of *all* the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!
Amen.”

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Alumni Notables

Jack Ungurean '49, husband of the late **Elaine Lavinger '49**, passed away on February 11th. Jack starred on the 1949 (23-4) basketball team, coached by Frank Majczan, that won the Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League Championship that year before bowing in the PCIAA Class B semifinals. Jack later served with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War and is a member of the Becahi Military Veterans Honor Roll.

<https://becahi.org/alumni/becahi-veterans-honor-roll/>

Jen Kish Russ '93, will be inducted into the Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame on March 24th. The Becahi Athletic Wall-of-Fame member finished her career at Beca with 1,186 points.

Jen, who received a BS in Psychology from DeSales University and an MEd in Secondary School Counseling from Kutztown University, is Assistant Coach for the DeSales Women's' Basketball team. She played basketball for DeSales and finished her career with 1,448 points which earned her a membership into the DeSales University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

Jen's parents are the late **Anne Ortwein '67** and the late **Gerald Gerber '68**.

Girls Volleyball Coach Named



Jessica Attieh '15, who received a BS in Exercise Science from Lebanon Valley College, is welcomed as Becahi's Girls' Volleyball Coach. Jessica attained all-conference, all-district, player of the week, and player of the month honors. She was also captain of the 2014 Girls' Volleyball State Championship team.

Jessica then went on to have a stellar career at Lebanon Valley College including being named the 2018 MAC Commonwealth Player of the Year!

Welcome back home, Jessica!

Lauren Bunke '18, a graduate student, studying for her Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Lebanon Valley College, won the 3,000 meters at the River Hawk Invitational with the top time in the Middle Atlantic Conference this season. She won by almost a minute with a time of 10:17:58, her best, and that puts her second best on the program's top 10 list in the event. – LVPnews.com 1/26/24

Justin Paz '19, joined East Stroudsburg University's 1,000-point club on February 3rd during a 79-59 victory over Shepherd University. – Morning Call 2/7/2024

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2024 Winter Sports Status

Boys Basketball – 98th Season

Scott McClary, Head Coach, 6th Season (99 wins – 52 losses)

Season Result: Won 8 – Lost 14

Girls Basketball – 98th Season

Arnold Alleyne, Head Coach, 1st Season

Season Result so far: Won 19 – Lost 5 following District XI Semifinal win.

Up next: District XI Champion Final, March 2

Wrestling – 59th Season

Mike Cole, Head Coach, 1st Season

Season Team's Result: Won 16 – Lost 1

District XI 3A Team Champion – Fourth Consecutive Team Title

PIAA 3A Champions – Third Consecutive Team Title, 11th Overall in PIAA

District XI 3A Individual Tournament – Nine Medalists continue to next step...

Regionals... 1st in Team Standings in District XI

Becahi Team Wrestling State Championship History

Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association

(5 PCIAA)

1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972

1967 PCIAA Runner-Up

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

(11 PIAA)

1979, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

2016, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

2017 PIAA Runner-Up

Wrestling Forty-five years ago...

The 1979 Wrestling Team finished the year with an 18-0 record under Tony Iasiello's Leadership. The War Hawks outscored their opponents by an average of 30 points a match. They captured the East Penn League Crown and went on to gain their second straight District XI Championship.

Tom Bold '79 and **Rich Santoro '79** were State Champions. Rich's crown made him the first wrestler in school history to win 2 PIAA titles. Both scholar-athletes went on to graduate from Lehigh University.

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Bethlehem Catholic High School Is Now on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/school/bethlehem-catholic-high-school/>

Once a week, Bethlehem Catholic will share a noteworthy event or compelling article about what is happening at our alma mater, "enthroned mid-Bethlehem's verdant hills." To gain access, type "Bethlehem Catholic LinkedIn" on your phone or computer search bar to follow us online. We will limit ourselves to one post a week. – Tom Vresics '81

**Get (re)connected.
Take advantage of the Becahi Alumni network!**

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Potential Mentors and Colleagues...

Get Connected to your Classmates... 221 graduates from 46 classes have been recognized so far in 2024. Check it out at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>.

This edition of *Tidings* contains the names of 76 graduates from 46 classes (see chart below).

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BLinkedIn Profiles

Decades > 70s 80s 90s 00s 10s 20s

Year Ending

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Classes:

46

Grads:

76

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...

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Steve Minarik '74, who studied at Lehigh University and received a Certification from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, is a Disney Cruise Line Airport & Resort Representative for the Walt Disney Company in Orlando.

Mark Scanlan '74, who studied at Moravian University, is Director of Sales at Charles & Colvard, the original pioneer of lab-created moissanite, a rare gemstone formed from silicon carbide, in Morrisville NC.

Ellen Gilmartin Reczek '75, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, has Retired after serving as an Accountant for Computer Aid, Inc. for over 22 years, in Allentown.

David Redding '76, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Shippensburg University, is now Retired after over 40 years of Insurance Industry Experience with 34 years in a leadership/management role.

Tony Seaman '77, who received a BS and MS in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Lehigh University, is a technician at G&S Fastening Systems, a leading distributor of fastening products and tools, serving construction and industry in Eastern Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas for more than 35 years.

Anne Chrismer Russell '78, who received a BSN from Cedar Crest College, is an RN at for the Caroline County Maryland Health Department.

Donna Streletzky '79's Salutatorian, who received a BA in Speech Communication and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in Health Care Administration from Penn State University, is Vice President of Operations at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, DE.

Scott Wisser '79 is General Manager of Townsend Building Supply in Panama City, FL.

Judy Talaber Stiles '80 is the Recreation Secretary for the City of Bethlehem.

Ann Oberholzer Coffey '81, who received a BS in Clinical Nutrition from Marywood University, is Principal of Regina Angelorum Academy in Ardmore, PA.

Lourdes Visperas '82, a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC), who received a BA in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is a Financial Advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., in Allentown.

Elizabeth Turnbach '83, who studied Business and Commerce at Kutztown University, is responsible for Compliance and Operations Management at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the greater New York City area.

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John Blair '84, a Retired Police Officer for the City of Allentown, now serves as a Medical Simulation Operator at HCA Healthcare in Longs, SC.

Steven Glueck '84, who received a BA in Economics from Ursinus College, is Partner - Not-for-Profit Services at BBD, LLP, a nationally recognized firm of Certified Public Accountants located in Philadelphia.

Douglas Mallardi '85, who received an Associate's Degree in Architecture from Northampton Community College and a Certificate in Marketing from Muhlenberg College's Continuing Education Program, is a Mortgage Loan Originator, Hawaii Branch Manager for Cornerstone First Mortgage in Kailua-Kona, HI.

Joni Green Elekes '86, who received a BBA from Muhlenberg College and an MBA from DeSales University, is Director of Property Management at J.G. Petrucci Co. in Asbury, NJ.

Marc Kaspar '87, who studied at New York University, is the Business Owner at PCI Automotive LLC in Fort Lauderdale.

Judi Cunningham Brooks '88, a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP), who received a BSN from Bloomsburg University and an MSN from Widener University, is Ambulatory Chief Medical Information Officer at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Matt Brady '89, who received a BS in Public Administration from Shippensburg University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kutztown University, is Executive Director at the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Tina Stevens Slak '89, who received a BA in Theatre from DeSales University, is Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

Dennine Cecala Leschinsky '90, who received a Bachelor of Education (BEEd) in Early Childhood Education from Cabrini College and a Master's Degree in Reading from Kutztown University, is Teacher and Owner of Connective Intervention Services, a multidisciplinary team of teachers and therapists who provide expert early intervention services to children from birth to three years old in Lehigh, Northampton and Berks Counties.

Christian Birch '91, who received a BS in Ornamental Horticulture Environmental Design from Delaware Valley University and an MS in Engineering Management from Drexel University, is Senior Manager, Engineering Technology & Innovation, at Gannett Fleming, civil engineering, in Harrisburg.

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Amanda Rumsey '92, who received a BS in Business Management from St. Joseph's University and a JD from Widener University's Commonwealth Law School, is Manager, Federal Regulatory Policy at PPL Services Corporation in Allentown.

Michele Allwein McCann '93, who received a BS in Accounting from DeSales University and an MBA from the University of New Haven, is Business Administrator - Board Secretary at Kingwood Township School District & Board of Education in New Brunswick, NJ.

Karen Carpency Perkins '94's Co-Salutatorian, who received a BS in Biology and Philosophy from the University of Scranton and an MD from Drexel University's College of Medicine, is on the Staff at Family Medicine Faculty at Franklin Square Hospital in Nottingham, MD.

Mark Andrej Macek '94, who received a BS in Psychology from King's College, an MS in Developmental Psychology from The Johns Hopkins University, and a JD from the University of Baltimore School of Law, is an Attorney; United States Department of Veterans Affairs - Board of Veterans' Appeals in the metropolitan DC area.

Mike Kidulic '95, who studied Business Administration at Penn State University, is Regional Operations Specialist for Weis Markets.

Alison Adams Ruppe '96, who received a BA in Speech Communication from Kutztown University, is Senior Account Director at Outdoor Nation (ODN) Advertising in the Lehigh Valley.

Laura Abrahamson Bauer '97, who received a BS in Education from York College of Pennsylvania, is Associate Director at Northampton Community College's Center for Business and Industry.

Cara Blume Light '98, who received a BA in Psychology from Bloomsburg University, is an Information Technology Specialist for the U.S. Army in Hampton, VA.

Byron Bachman '99, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, is Business Manager at Ravago Manufacturing Americas in Allentown.

Everett Minger '99, who received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Fairfield University, is Director at GMS Surgent CPA's & Advisors in Devon, PA.

Eric Cuvo '00, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Drexel University, is a Process Safety Manager at AdvanSix, a diversified chemistry company, in South Jersey.

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Colleen Sprissler '00, who received a BSN from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Nursing Informatics from the University of Colorado, Denver, is Vice President of Operations at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Eric Kollar '01, who received a BA in Business Administration from DeSales University and a Master's Degree in Management of Information Systems Security from Colorado Technical University, is Enterprise Security Manager, Technology Programs and Systems at Olympus Corporation of the Americas in Center Valley.

Brian Staboleski '01, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from the University of Scranton and a Master of Software Engineering from Penn State University, is Software Development Manager at iPipeline in Exton.

Emily Bova '02, who received a BS in Sociology from Saint Joseph's University and an MS in Hospitality & Tourism Management from Florida International University, is Marketing Director at Visiting Angels in Chester and Delaware Counties.

John Koprivsek '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Lehigh University and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Texas Health, San Antonio, is a Scientific Investigator at GSK, pharmaceutical manufacturing, in Upper Providence, PA.

Neil Schwab '03, who studied Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of the Sciences, is Staff Quality Engineer at Ethicon in Athens, GA.

Mark Walter '03, who received an MBA from Lehigh University, is Senior Vice President at Service Electric Cablevision, Inc.

Samantha Bilsak '04, who received a BAsC in Registered Nursing and a Master's Degree in Family Nurse Practitioner from DeSales University, is a Registered Nurse at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Trish Makovsky '04, who received a BA in Psychology from Shippensburg University, an MA in Clinical Psychology from Ball State University, and an MA in International Education from George Washington University, is Assistant Director of Admissions at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.

Katharine Shaton '04, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from DeSales University, is Regional Vice President of Sales at EVHC, an alternatively funded health care plan tailored to the needs of employers in the small to mid – market, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Karl Avard '05, who received a BS in Environmental Business from Rutgers University and an MS in Computer Science from Georgia Institute of Technology, is Services Project Manager at GitHub in Austin, TX.

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William Bedics '05, who received a BA in Accounting from Moravian University, is Accounting Manager at CrossAmerica Partners LP, in Allentown.

Ken Longernecker '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Lehigh University, Strategic Account Executive at Proofpoint, in the metropolitan NYC area.

Amy Maki '06, who studied at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is a Physician Assistant at Blue Mountain Psychiatry.

Jonathan Sitko '07, who received a BA in Politics from Catholic University and an MS in Church Management from Villanova University, is Assistant Director of Programs at Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, DC.

Tara Tew Eckert '07, who received an As in Criminal Justice from Northampton Community College, is an E-learning Developer at UWG, a full-service marketing agency, in Danielsville, PA.

Alexandra Blair '08, who received a BA in Psychology from Moravian University and an MS in Managing Human Capital from Saint Joseph's University, was Director, HR Project Management at L'Oreal in the NYC metro area.

Owen Divers '08, who received a BS in Elementary Education from Penn State University, is an Elementary School Teacher (LTS) in the Saucon Valley School District.

Jennifer Kurtz Altavilla '09, who received a BS in Biology from DeSales University, is Quality Control Specialist at OraSure Technologies.

Ryan Schuster '09's Valedictorian, who received a BA in Philosophy from the University of Scranton and a JD from William & Mary Law School, is Assistant Counsel at Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in Philadelphia.

Matthew Sonon '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from West Cheser University, is an Account Executive, Enterprise Application and Cloud Sales | Enabling Project Execution through Technology at Oracle in the greater NYC area.

Christa Irzinski Barata '10, who received a BS in Speech-Language Pathology from Bloomsburg University and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Speech Language Pathologist and Owner of Aspire Higher Therapy, an integrated, music therapy and speech therapy practice based in Fort Collins, Colorado, serving the Greater Northern Colorado area.

Jesse Kendra '10, who received a BSc in Geology from Lafayette College, is a Self-Employed Cryptocurrency Trader in Allentown.

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MarieClaire Egbert '11, who received a BS in Communication and Media Studies from Millersville University, is Campaign & Communications Director and Forest Policy Advocate at The John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute, dedicated to the ecological management of our federal public forestlands, in Lancaster, PA.

Nicole Geonnotti '11, who received a BS in Nutrition Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh and an MS in Food and Nutrition from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Registered Dietitian providing care for those with gastrointestinal disorders within a weight-inclusive framework, at Allegheny Center for Digestive Health in Pittsburgh.

Ryan Peppe '12, who studied at Northampton Community College and graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a Degree in Sport Management, is Trust & Safety Lead at The Meet Group, a portfolio of mobile social entertainment apps, in New Hope.

Lauren Spence '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Spanish Language & Literature from Villanova University, is Sales Director, Fig Lehigh Valley at ASR Media, an integrated media production and communications company and proud creators of The PEAK TV, in Bethlehem.

Julia Atiyeh '13, who received a BS in Business & Economics from Lehigh University, is a Real Estate Associate at Keller Williams Realty, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Mara Blanchard Thorne '13, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lafayette College, is Manager at McMaster-Carr, an e-commerce company offering more than half a million products used to keep businesses in motion, in Easton.

Eva Benner '14, who received a BS in Human Nutrition and Foods from West Virginia University and an MS in Community Nutrition from West Chester University, is Senior Dietician at Genesis Healthcare, a holding company with subsidiaries that, on a combined basis, provide services to skilled nursing facilities and senior living communities, in Bethlehem.

Matthew Manzo '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Information Sciences and a Master's Degree in Information Sciences from Penn State University, is Technical Supervisor, Vulnerability Management at Guardian Life in Bethlehem.

Jon Neupauer '14's Valedictorian, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Notre Dame University, is Consultant at Bain & Company in Houston.

Kira Franekic '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Kutztown University, is Recruiter III at Maxim Healthcare Group in Allentown.

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Kelsey Gimaro '15, who received a BA in Political Science from Temple University and a JD from Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law, is an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Andrew Posch '16, who received a BS in Engineering Management from the United State Military Academy at West Point, is an Engineering officer for the U.S. Army in the Austin, TX area.

Kylee Shivok '16, a second-year Medical Student at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, recently received a Research Achievement Award for her explorations on Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging Ophthalmoscopy (FLIO).

Matthew Morrow '17, who received a BS in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Scranton, is a Marketing Representative at Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg.

Adam Parkansky '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the Fox School of Business at Temple University, is Account Coordinator at Sokal, a full-service advertising agency in Raleigh, NC.

Sean Costello '18, who received a BS in Business Administration from The Citadel, is Government Public Sector Financial Consultant at Ernst & Young and a 2LT in the U.S. Army National Guard in the greater Washington, DC area.

Sarah Cuttic '18, who received a BA in Psychology from West Chester University and an MBA from LaSalle University, is a Flight Attendant for Frontier Airlines.

Ann "Andie" Dwyre '19, who received a BA in Psychology from Moravian University, is Intake Coordinator at the Center for Integrated Behavioral Health in Bethlehem.

Peyton Kirsch '19, who received a BA in Media and Culture from West Chester University, is an Associate Analyst, Paid Social at CMI Media Group, a full-service media agency focused solely on health, wellness, and pharmaceutical marketing, in Philadelphia.

Henry Pavis '19, who received a BS in Finance from LaSalle University, supports Enterprise Business Development for Beacom Platform, a financial technology firm that provides everything quantitative developers need to rapidly build, test, deploy, and share trading and risk applications, analytics, and models, in New York city.

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From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Becahi Fund Matching Mondays Have Been A Big Success Help Us Reach 1,000 Donors By June 30th.



Thanks to your efforts, our two Matching Mondays for the Becahi Fund have been a resounding success. We thank **Gene and Mary Ellen (Bold) Waas '70** and our 2021 Golden Gala Honorees Anne and Dave Muething P '96, '97, '00, '03, & '09 who generously offered \$1,000 challenge matches. It's incredible that it only took 45 people, with an average donation of \$44, to meet both challenges. Remember, our goal is to reach 1,000 Golden Hawk donors, so every

contribution, regardless of size, is significant. Following the Golden Gala, we will continue with more matching Mondays from April until June's 2024 fiscal year end. Go Hawks!

It's Always A Good Time to Consider Becoming An EITC Donor

We are on the verge of a significant milestone- securing \$1 Million annually from the State of PA through the EITC PA Income Tax. We need a few more savvy donors who want to take advantage of the State of Pennsylvania's 10 -1 match of the income tax dollars you must pay anyway to achieve this lofty goal. The only requirement is to have at least \$1,000 of State Income Tax Liability from W-2s, Business Taxes, or Real Estate sales. Your contribution can make a substantial difference for the current generation of Golden Hawks. For more information, don't hesitate to contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org.

EITC Spring 2024 Timeline

Before March 30th Complete Your Intent/Joinder Form



Receive Your Acceptance Letter

Mail Your Check by the Due Date on Your Acceptance Letter



February 2025: Receive Your K-1 Tax Credit Form

Receive Your 90% Tax Credit or Tax Refund by Fall 2025

Bank Your Refund for Next Year's EITC Contribution

Retirees: Have You Considered the Tax Advantages of Making a Gift Of Stock?

Based on requests, Bethlehem Catholic is researching investment brokers who can help retirees, or anyone, make gifts of stock. This is a popular way of donating that avoids Capital Gains tax plus takes advantage of the other benefits from this tax-savvy contribution method.

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Reflection

At Easter time...

As I go about my routine of reflection each morning, I came across a passage that fits perfectly in today's environment...

Jesus bids us to stop judging or condemning. Forgive without measure, and mercy will be ours. When we let God route his grace through us and towards others, this same mercy abides in us beyond measure. – from The Magnificat Lenten Companion, Lent 2024

The Sound of Music

I never really “listened” to the lyrics...I just sang the words.
Read the lyrics, then sing the song.

The song is meaningful, whether you're just starting on your journey or whether you're well on your way.

Climb Every Mountain

- ♪ Climb every mountain, search high and low.
- ♪ Follow every byway, every path you know.
- ♪ Climb every mountain, ford every stream.
- ♪ Follow every rainbow, till you find your dream.
- ♪ A dream that will need, all the love you can give.
- ♪ Every day of your life, for as long as you live.
- ♪ Climb every mountain, ford every stream.
- ♪ Follow every rainbow, till you find your dream.
- ♪ A dream that will need, all the love you can give.
- ♪ Every day of your life, for as long as you live.
- ♪ Climb every mountain, ford every stream.
- ♪ Follow every rainbow, till you find your... dream.

...and don't forget to enjoy Becahi's Spring Musical, The Sound of Music, April 5th – 7th; 12th – 13th

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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