

Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni & Class of '70 Newsletter

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



Number of Graduates to Surpass 14,000
this June.

Based on the unofficial records kept by the *Tidings* editor, a little over 14,000 scholars will have graduated from our Alma Mater this coming June with the Class of 2024's Commencement. That's 98 Years – 14,023 Grads!

Happy Graduation Anniversary everybody!

“Ancestry.Beca” (Part 1 of 2 for June 2024)

Last month we listed the names of graduates whose ancestry could be traced back to the 1920's. Since then, two more names of great grandchildren were added to the “Louie Shamenek” 1929 line... **Ethan Metzger '21** and **Kiera Metzger, soon to be '24**.

To summarize the 1920's Beca Legacy:

Eleven graduates had 23 children, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren who later graduated from Beca.

This month we recognize the names of graduates whose Beca ancestry can be traced back to the early-1930s. (1930-1933).

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

1930

There are 5 classmates who have 15 descendants who graduated from Beca.

- Lucy Castiello Conti '30 is the parent of Marie '54
- Marie O'Donnell Reing '30 is the parent of Suzanne '70, Joanne '73 and Joseph '76
- John (Petro) Peters '30 is the parent of Susan '59 and Joanne '64, and the grandparent of Michele Horwath '83 and Kirsten Horwath '87
- Ruth Showers Culver '30 is the grandmother of Christine Culver '87 and Danielle Culver '90, and the great grandmother of Marco Calantoni '20 and Marissa Calantoni '23
- Francis Smith '30 is the parent of Elaine '58, Rosemary '65 and Theresa '78

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1931

There are 11 classmates who have 31 descendants who graduated from Beca.

- Catherine Boyle Schoenen '31 is the parent of Don '58 and Elizabeth '63
- Gertrude Burkhardt Pinter '31 is the parent of Barb '69
- Antoinette Castiello Maioriello '31 is the parent of Nick '69
- Eileen Hoffert Kropp '31 is the parent of Regina '52, Margaret '54, Charles '56, Robert '61, Eileen '65
- Richard Holly '31 is the parent of Bob '67 and Patricia "Trish" '70, and the grandparent of Holly Walck '92, Caryn Walck '94, Rachel Holly '99 and Shannon Holly '05
- Richard King '31 and Millie Moravek '35 are the parents of Richard '67 and Ursula '68
- Margaret Maquillon Nonnemaker '31 is the parent of Sarah '66
- Joseph McCool '31 is the parent of Kathy '71, Helen '72, and Lizzy '74
- Isabel Reagan Sopko '31 is the parent of Elizabeth '50, Kathleen '56, Michael '58, Robert '65, and the grandparent of Robert '87
- Frances Sweeney Gillen '31 is the parent of Bernie '70 and Jimmy '72
- Alfred Tocci '31 is the parent of Geraldine '55, Alfred '60, and Mary '67

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1932

There are 9 classmates who have 23 descendants who graduated from Beca.

- Lucy Boyle Meder '32 is the parent of Don '67, Kathy '69, and Eileen '75, and the grandparent of Dennis '91, Scott '94, Kevin '98, Jennifer Szvetecz '97 and Doug Szvetecz '99
- Robert Byrne '32 is the parent of Robert '66
- Tom Chrimer '32 and Anne Glagola '32 are the parents of Tom '60, Joan '68, Robert '73 and Anne '78
- Bernadette Durning Bush '32 is the parent of Jean '60
- Albert Grosset '32 is the parent of Robert '67
- Dr. John Lux '32 is the parent of Judy '71 and Virginia '72
- Margaret Marcincin Sucansky '32 is the parent of Don '53
- Harry Rodgers '32 and Ida Lucas '35 are the parents of Jack '60, Jean '61, Harry '65, and Ida '65

1933

There are 8 classmates who have 21 descendants who graduated from Beca.

- Michael Demyan '33 is the parent of Michael '56, Gino '62, Frances '66, Kathy '70, Phil '72, and the grandparent of Thomas '82, Mark '84 and Cindy '89

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- Emil Ernhofer '33 is the parent of David '60 and Robert '66
- Robert Morrison '33 is the parent of Joan '58 and Sally '72, and the grandparent of Amanda '99
- Anna Oravec Petrilla '33 is the parent of Thomas '66 and David '71
- Edward V. Redding '33 is the parent of Jean '70 and Ed '73, and the grandparent of Eamon Cunningham '02
- Steven Silvoy '33 is the parent of Robert '60
- Ann Sweetz Zarinsky '33 is the parent of Marie '64 and Eleanor '68
- Francis Wehinger '33 is the parent of Frank '60

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*.

Tell us your story...

Smoke Reported in School Remote Learning to Close Out the School Year.

Firefighters were called to the school on May 13th. Smoke was reported around 6am. According to emergency dispatchers.

Bethlehem Catholic High School, which had hoped to resume in-person classes on Tuesday, May 21, made the decision to finish the 2023-2024 school year virtually out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the students and staff, according to a news release from the Diocese of Allentown.

The diocese says continued investigation into the fire has revealed odor damage due to the smoke in the plenum space, which is the air space above the drop ceiling in the senior and junior hallways of the building.

The diocese says the current plan is to hold final exams and graduation ceremonies in person. The school is currently exploring different options to make this possible. – Morning Call

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

...from my Class ('70)

... BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Tony Bauer, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave Cech, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Gus Neimeister, Dan and Debbie (Weiss) Perrett, Susan Peters Crawford, Tommy Sculley, Kathy Shanahan Baur, and Carl

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More Alums who checked in with the past month...

... Sr. Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Jean Korpics Lasover '58, Peggy Napravnik Derhammer '58, Marie Posipanko Spisak '58, **Jean Fenerty Escott '59**, Dave Ernhofer '60, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Madeline Sell Gregoris '60, Geri Jancosko Morykan '61, **Ed Narlesky '64**, Maureen Dresen '65, Yogi Eddinger '67, Pat Iampietro '67, John Nolan '67, Rosemary Ripper Zambo '67, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Ellie Horvath Fenner '68, Richard and Karen (Shamenek '68) Metzger '68, Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz '68, **Mary Louise Bender Guth '69**, **Len Blanar '69**, **Ed Chladny '69**, **Jo Ann Del Re Vanic '69**, **Mary Dorsam Stout '69**, **Fran Farris '69**, **Larry Gasda '69**, **Fran McGouldrick '69**, **Kathy Meder Gifford '69**, **Mary Ann Pullen Novatnack '69**, **Dave Radman '69**, **Patricia Savitske Check '69**, **Bobby Halbreiner '71**, **Jim Podlesny '71**, **Stephanie Voros Sellers '71**, **Phil Demyan '72**, **Louise McCafferty Kelchner '72**, **Sally Morrison '72**, **Mike Kelly '73**, **Tom Ortwein '73**, **Maria Spagnola '73**, **Joe Camarda '74**, **Carol Schumacher Smith '74**, **Greg Smith '74**, **Ellen Gilmartin Reczek '75**, **Anne Camarda Stewart '77**, **Jane Metzger '77**, **Rick Sergi '77**, **Clare Camarda Ebner '78**, **Marguerite Ferry Picucci '78**, **Sally Kammetler '78**, **John Keefe '78**, **Marita Ripper Augello '78**, **Annemarie Shea John '78**, **Coleen Sterner Dymond '78**, **Colleen Butryn Munion '79**, **Toni Campanella Erceg '80**, **Tom Vresics '81**, **Veronica Hopewell Bacon '86**, **Alise Reynolds '89**, **Janine Rivera Templeton '89**, **Carlos Diaz '92**, **Mike Metzger '94**, **Michael Blanar '03**, **Amy Markovic Solano '03**, **Regan Downey '17**

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 **815 grads from 95 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 June's Tidings

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending	20th Century > 687								21st Century >		128	
0	6		4	9	40	8	2	24	1	1		
1	11	5	1	4	15	4	2	17	1	1		
2	10	4	10	2	15	2	2	31	2			
3	10		4	2	16	2	1	17	1	1		
4	1	4	4	5	10	6	6	3	4	1		
5	3	2	7	9	17	1	1	2	1			
6	1	2	3	9	10	2	1	1	1			
7	1	2	7	5	11	7	5	2	2	2		Classes
8	1	3	2	11	12	17	1	2	2	1		95
9	2	3	8	4	35	238	6	7	7	4		Grads
	4	50	34	53	98	385	37	26	106	18	4	815
	163 from Fourth and Webster					652 from Dewberry and Madison						

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Planned/Actual 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.

This year the following reunion-year classes were/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

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

June 14th – TI Memorial Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Club, 8:00am, Shotgun start.

July 12th – Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Club, 8:00am – 1:00pm

September 6th – The Golden Hawk Golf Classic, Whitetail Golf Club, 8:00am start

September 19th – Pig ‘n Swig, more to follow next month.

September 20th – **Class of ‘74’s 50th Reunion**, Adagio Restaurant, 7:00-11:00pm

September 21st – “Holy War”: Becahi vs. Allentown Central Catholic Football Game

September 22nd – **Class of ‘69’s 55th Reunion**, Green Pond, 5:00-9:00pm

October 3rd – 22nd - Homecoming Weekend...more to follow next month.

Reunion News...

- **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 Sunday Sept 22 at Green Pond from 5:00-9:00pm.
 - *If anyone has a question, send an email to becahi69reunion@gmail.com.*
- **Class of ‘74’s 50th Reunion** – Friday Sept 20th, 7:00pm – Adagio Restaurant

Bethlehem: 7th largest city in Pennsylvania

The U.S. Census Bureau released annual population estimates for all cities, towns, boroughs and townships in mid-May, and Bethlehem gained 2,508 residents since the April 2020 census, more than any other place of the over 2,500 places in the data.

Bethlehem moves into 7th most populous place in Pennsylvania... just passing ahead of Scranton.

Let’s make this good news story for Bethlehem a good news story for Bethlehem Catholic High School’s next 100 years.

Strategic Plan anyone?

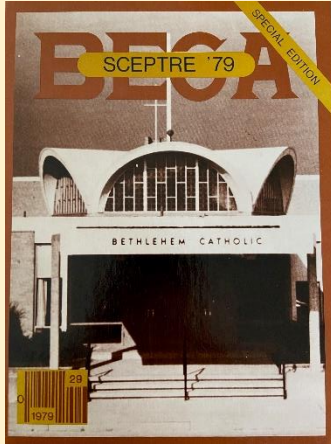
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Class of 1979 – 45 Years Ago



This was the 53rd and 4th largest Class to graduate from Bethlehem Catholic High School.

Richard Culver, son of **Ruth Showers Culver '30**, was the Principal.

Sister Mary Katherine Quinn, S.S.J. '42, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, was the Vice-Principal.

Paul Marcincin, the brother of **Margaret Marcincin Sucansky '32**, and a St. Anne's Parishioner, was the Mayor of Bethlehem.

The 238 members of the class came from 19 different parishes.

Thirty-eight members were children of Becahi graduates.

Kathleen Barron's dad was **Eugene '53**

Marie Beier's mom was **Margaret Schnalzer '46**

Shawn Bohl's mom was **Elizabeth Burkit '57**

Kevin Brandstetter's mom was **Mary Nemetz '47**

Phil Braxmeier's mom was **Eleanor Antolic '52**

Mary Brown's mom was **Germaine Dick '51**

Michael Byrnes's parents were **Patrick '50** and **Theresa Fox '50**

Lisa Calvo's mom was **Agnes Slaninka '46**

Ian Concilio's parents were **Gus '47** and **Mary Anderson '47**

Kathy Connell's parents were **William '52** and **Mary Silvoy '52**

Karen Culligan's parents were **Leo '52** and **Loretta Lucas '55**

Mark Doll's mom was **Frances Glancy '49**

Pete Falco's mom was **Josephine Pongracz '52**

Kathy Green's mom was **Joan Culligan '49**

Daneen Griffin's mom was **Margaret Toth '47**

Roberta Haskill's mom was **Roberta Schultz '57**

Maria Jaeger's mom was **Helen Greenstein '55**

Patty Kaercher's parents were **Jacob '47** and **Rosemarie Hartigan '48**

Drew Karabin's parents were **George '41** and **Theresa Sabol '45**

Kathy Kirk's dad was **William '44**

Ron Koach's parents were **Ronald '55** and **Mary Fagan '58**

Nancy Kostelnick's parents were **Dan '49** and **Jacqueline Tocci '49**

Joseph Labdik's dad was **Joseph '49**

Tim Lynch's mom was **Mary Perkins '50**

Dierdre MacLean's parents were **Francis '41** and **Eleanor McIntyre '41**

Frances Maurer's dad was **Michael '41**

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Katie McDonald's father was **William '52**
Tom Mello's dad was **Phillip '55**
Tom Murphy's mom was **Rosemarie Buttillo '57**
Anne Nehilla's mom was **Elizabeth Lynn '50**
Paul Ornosky's mom was **Ethel Fecko '49**
Denise Reagan's parents were **Francis '54** and **Mary Sandre '58**
Lisa Rich's mom was **Lucille Demyan '55**
Greg Ryan's dad was **John '44**
Rich Santoro's mom was **Mary Ann Dwyer '54**
Ron Semanick's mom was **Veronica Godovin '41**
Mary Turnbach's mom was **Mary Boyle '49**
Natalie Waas's mom was **Gloria Tulio '59**
George Zick's father was **George '57**

Two graduates have three generational ties to Beca...

- Shawn Bohl's mom is **Elizabeth Burkit '57** and his grandparents were **Cornelius Burkit '27** (the 1st Graduating Class) and **Rosemary Curry '34**
- Tim Lynch's mom is **Mary Perkins '50**, and his daughter is **Katie '09**

The Class of 1979...

Terri Guman was the Valedictorian.

Terri subsequently received a BA and PhD in Biochemistry from Lehigh University, and is now Provost at DeSales University. – [LinkedIn](#)

Donna Streletzky was the Salutatorian.

Donna went on to receive a BA in Speech Communication and an MPA in Health Care Administration from Penn State University, and is now Vice-President of Operations at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, DE. – [LinkedIn](#)

The scholars of this class included:

Jacqueline Amici
William Anthony
Gerald Arth
Valerie Augello Carregal
Stephen Barbella
Kelly Baron
Kathleen Barron
Mario Batista
John J. Bauer
Russell Bayer
Deborah Bazeka
Mark Beaky
Thomas Bedics
Margaret Begovich Schell

Marie Beier Roof
Bernadette Bellew Elchin
John Bellew
Kate Benzing Hooper
Michael Blasko
Jeffrey Bleier
Karen Bleier Minorics
Shawn Bohl
Thomas Bold
Kevin Brandstetter
Philip Braxmeier
Angela Breeswine
Lawrence "Ozzie" Breiner
Joseph Brenner

Mary Brown Gotzon
Amy Buchanan
Karen Bunsu Smith
William Burke
Linda Bush Knowling
Colleen Butryn Munion
Michael Byrnes
Lisa Calvo
Kimberly Carrodo Bowers
Kathleen Cengeri Gundy
Lina Cerqueira Johnson
Nicholas Ciccone
Ian Concilio
Kathleen Connell Willner

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Patricia Connelly Miller
Carol Cooper Richards
Edwin Cora
Jerome Coughlin
Robert Coughlin
James Coyle
Karen Culligan Zaun
Edward Cummings*
Michelle D'Ambrosio Meli
Peggyann Dancho Bressler
Joseph DaRe
Mark Davies
William Davies
Carmencita Davila Ferry
Chad Davis
Nancy Denise Downey
Lisa DiDonato Berke
Thomas Doddy
Nancy Dolak Spadt
Mark Doll
Roberta Donaghue Basilica
Michael Donnelly
Anne Dougherty Sandova
Regina Dugan
David Dymond
Donna Edwards Alfiero
Curtis Elliott
Peter Falco
Edward Feege
David Felker
Susan Fernandes Repsher
Roseann Fertal Santoro*
James Fiore
Kathleen Fischer Daugherty
Daniel Fox
Elizabeth Fox
Mary Fox
David Fradeneck
David Frumkin
David Gallagher
Theresa Gaughan Fink
Mark Gavura
Frank Gebec
Hugh Gehringer
Rita Genni Heffelfinger

Joanne Gentilcore Bohonyi
Peter Gettings
Lisa Gifford Green
Kathleen Glose Kunsman
Ed Godbolt
Maureen Godbolt Seier
Maryellen Golden Oroskey*
Louis Gombocz
Kathryn Green Hessenius
Daneen Griffin Pieper
Terese Guman Wignot
Lisa Hampsey Haggard
Roberta Haskell Trexler
Robert "Bob" Hayes
Denise Henritz Reese
Catherine Hlavinka Rimmer
Joseph Hlavinka
Maria Horn Cowen
Stephen Horvath
Edward Hudak
John Jablonski
Gregory Jaeger
Maria Jaeger
Ann Jaman Lowry
Barbara Jennings
Ann Johnston
David Kaercher
Patricia Kaercher Grunwald
Paul Kahler
Robert "Bob" Kametz
John Kaminski
Patrick Kane
Andrew "Drew" Karabin
Marianne Kardos
Joseph Kenney
Robert Kerecz
Kathleen Kirk*
Kimberly Kline
Roslyn Klinger Reese
Ronald Koach
George Kohutka
Anne Korves
Nancy Kostelnick Wiktor
David Kravatz
Susan Kubaritz Schemmel

Francis Kudla
John Kulhamer
Joseph Labdik
Wendy Laslo Smith
Sharon Lenner
Theresa Little Salasky
Robert "Bob" Lohr
Timothy Lynch
Deirdre MacLean Donehey*
David Malloy
Thomas Marchak
James Markovich
Suzanne Martin Scott
Colleen Matuczinski Giering
Frances Maurer
William Mayer
Catherine McCafferty
Richard McCarthy
Lynn McCauley Kollar
Kathleen McDonald Wood
Thomas McGeehan
Maureen McGinnis Kohler
Robert "Bob" McGovern
Nancy McHale Latimer
Thomas "Tom" Mello
Timothy Merwarth*
Karl Milkovits
Angela Minarik Doherty
Judy Mingora Murphy
Kimberly Miskevich
John Mulzet
Terrence Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Anne Nehilla Redding
Corrine Nemchick Doncsecz
Mike Nesfeder
William "Billy" Nicholson
Carol Novack
Jose Ocampo
Laura Ocampo Wisser
Paul Ornosky
James "Jim" Palangio
Melisa Palos Sylvain
Thomas Pavlo

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Jesse Pearl

Nancy Petko Winkler*

Edward Petruccelli

Susan Phelan Brown

Debra Piatkowski Martin

Greg Polentes

Joseph Prah*

Kenneth Ramonat

Teresa Puhan Hardenberg

Denise Reagan

William "Bill" Reiser

Robert Reiss

Deborah Rengel Laverty

Joan Renninger Bencsics

James "Jim" Rethore

Lisa Rich Schwalm

Raymond Roebock

Margaret "Margie" Roeder Murray

Gregory "Greg" Ryan

Jane Salvatori Gonzalez

Richard Santoro

Edward Saukulak

Ronald Semanick

Lisa Shelbo Loux

Peter Silbermann

Thomas Slowey

Joseph Spinosa

Corinne Starr Iannelli

Laurence "Larry" Steltz

Mark Stephan

Brian Sterner Michael Wagner

Michael Stockley

Louise "Louanne" Story Mooney

Donna Streletzky

Thomas Strohm

Lori Szabo Karaska

Jeffrey Szilagyi

Susan Thieme

Lisa Thoder Close

Joseph Tocci

James Toth

Mary Turnbach Silver

David Uliana

Christian Valentin

Jacqueline Valentin Shilling

Diane Verbos Smith

Mark Viola

Angela Vittorio Huertas

Kevin Walls

Marc Waltz

Ann Warnke Rash

Natalie Waas Matyas

Mary Watson Evans*

Theodore "Ted" White

Charles "Chad" Wilkins

Scott Wisser

Nancy Zapotocki Graves

Geoffrey Zelko

George Zick

Regina Zubia Bennett

Albert Zulli

* Deceased

Post graduation pursuits...

Here's what I could find. I'm certain there are many more areas to fill out.

Eleven members served in the military.

Valerie Augello Carregal, U.S. Army Medical Corps

Mark Doll, U.S. Navy

John Jablonski, U.S. Army

Bob Kametz, U.S. Naval Academy, Navy

Bob Kerecz, Virginia Military Academy, U.S. Army

Brian Sterner, U.S. Army

Ed Feege, U.S. Naval Academy, Navy

Dave Kaercher, U.S. Army

Drew Karabin, U.S. Naval Academy, Navy

George Kohutka, U.S. Army

Geoff Zelko, U.S. Army

Ten members served as Education Professionals

Kathy Barron

Karen Bleier Minorics

Ozzie Breiner

Ed Cora

Regina Dugan

Maryellen Golden Oroskey

Terri Guman Wignot

Tim Lynch

Frances Maurer

Maureen McGinnis Kohler

Three members served as Legal Professionals.

Gerry Arth

Regina Dugan

Mike Nesfeder

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Eleven members served in the Medical Profession.

Valerie Augello Carregal, Physician
Kathy Fischer Daugherty, Nursing
Maryellen Golden Oroskey,
Catherine Hlavinka,
Tom Pavlo, Pharmacist
Lisa Thoder Close

Kathy Connel Willner, Nursing
Joanne Gentilcore Bohonyi, Nursing
Lisa Hampsey Haggard, Nursing
Patty Kaercher Grunwald, Nursing
Mark Stephan

There *were* seventeen Becahi “campus couples”.

Valerie Augello and **Joe Carregal '78** Bernie Bellew and **Dave Elchin '68**
Michael Byrnes and **Anna Marie Domyan '80**
Kathy Connell and **Pete Willner '75** Patrick Ferry and **Colette Gaughan '81**
Roseann Fertal and **Rich Santoro** Dave Fradeneck and **Judy Waldruff '80**
Theresa Gaughan and **Bob Fink '80** Lisa Gifford and **Tom Green '77**
Nancy Kostelnick and **Rich Wiktor '77** Judy Mingora and **Tom Murphy**
Anne Nehilla and **Mike Redding '74** Corrine Nemchick and **Charles Doncsecz '75**
Laura Ocampo and **Scott Wisser** Susan Phelan and **Pat Brown '77**
Jeff Szilagyi and **Susan Trapp '80** Christian Valentin and **Theresa Strunk '81**

Four class members had 6 children who graduated from Beca.

Colleen Butryn Munion is the parent of **Ryan '09**
Drew Karabin is the parent of **Nicholas '14**
Tim Lynch is the parent of **Katie '09**
Ed Saukulak is the parent of **Erin '07, Mike '08** and **Adam '09**

Two members were inducted into the Becahi Athletic Wall-of Fame

Terri Guman, for Basketball in 1997 Rich Santoro, for Wrestling in 2016

One class member, **Drew Karabin**, was recognized as a Becahi Distinguished Graduate in 2013.

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

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Tell us *your* story...

Oh, the stories you could tell!

Did you know?

In 1861, Holy Infancy Church was established as a parish in South Bethlehem and was the first Catholic church in Northampton County.

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John Nolan '67 wrote "... my father [Dan] graduated from Holy Infancy in 1918 [pre-Bethlehem Catholic High School days] and my two brothers, **Dan '62** and **Tom '64** and sister **Mary '61**, and I all graduated from BCBS.

Holy Infancy Parish built BCBS on the former grounds of the Temperance Hall. I think the Temperance Society donated the property to the parish for the construction of the high school which was run by Holy Infancy until the diocese took over in the 1950's. The Temperance Society began to fade away after the Prohibition act of 1920 and lingered on for a few years after the repeal of prohibition in 1933, before disappearing altogether. I am not sure of the exact dates for the end of the Temperance Society. But in its day, it played a significant role for the people of Bethlehem.

Last month I heard from or read about...

Allentown Diocese Announces New Assignments

Monsignor Edward Domin '80 becomes pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish in Easton.

Rev. Matthew Kuna '12 becomes parochial vicar at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sinking Springs, while remaining chaplain at Berks Catholic High School in Reading.

Rev. Bernard Ezaki is assigned as parochial vicar at Notre Dame Parish in Bethlehem.

Rev. Stephen Isaac is assigned chaplain, Newman Center, Lehigh University and Bethlehem Catholic High School, with residence at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Rectory.

Dave Ernhofer '60 wrote...My dad was **Emil '33** and my brother... **Robert '66** was salutatorian of his class. He served in the Navy from '67 to '71. He was stationed aboard the destroyer escort USS Talbot for 3/12 years as a radarman 2nd class. After discharge he attended Penn State on the GI Bill and in '75 earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree and in '78 a Master's Degree in chemistry from Pitt. He went on to work at Exxon-Mobil as a research chemist in the Lubes Division for 24 years and was awarded several patents during that time.

Did you know?

In 1924, 100 years ago, the Hill-to-Hill Bridge was opened.

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Moravian University Honor

Tom Ortwein '73, passed along this story about a classmate...

Jack Ferry '73 was recognized by Moravian University on April 19th, by accepting the Hauptert Humanitarian Award. It is presented each year by the Alumni Association to an alum who has rendered outstanding service in the cause of human welfare.

After a decade of teaching, and a stint as a businessman, Jack found his true calling in the nonprofit world focusing on adults with intellectual disabilities. His labors were not just the usual fundraising and administrative work, but serious dedication as an advocate to provide these adults with an opportunity to know the pride of having a job, the joy of expressing oneself through performance, and the satisfaction that comes from helping others. He has also been recognized for his efforts by the communities he served, the Kiwanis Club Division 14, and now Moravian University.

BTW, **Jack '73** comes from quite the Becahi Ancestry... His mom and dad and three siblings graduated from Beca.

- **Jack Ferry '52** married **Mary Margaret Ortwein '52** and are the parents of **Jack '73**, **Kathleen '74**, **Karen '75** and **Margaret '78**.

Prime Suspects

Members of the Class of '70's Party Planning Committee are hard at "work" as they gather and catch up on the latest happenings at Prime Restaurant.

Next year will mark 55 years out (of school.) Let's see who's who...



< Sitting, Left>Right:

Ann Conahan, Tina Hudak, Diane Donches, Anne Gerber, and Betsy Horvath

Standing, L>R:

Trish Holly and Lisa DeAngelis

BTW, **Mary Jane Bartos** is holding the camera in each picture.



< Sitting, Left>Right:

Susan Sharkan, Tina Hudak (again), Karen Raykos, Patty Dunn, and Betsy Vreeland

Standing, L>R:

Diane Mroshinskie and Susan Sikora

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“Ancestry.Beca” (Part 2 of 2 for June 2024)

Let's look at 21st Century Graduate Ancestry.

I'll start with the early 2000s (2000 – 2003). Let's recognize those graduates and their ancestors, with some dating back to the 1930s! BTW, I'm certain the list isn't complete, but I'm hoping this issue will result in more graduates and alumni reaching out to update the listing.



Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

2000

- Garrett Benner '00 is the child of Claudia Derr '70
- Matthew Blonar '00 is the child of Francis '74
- **Nicholas Calvo '00 is the child of Al Calvo '70 and Susan Bartos '72 and the grandchild of Ethel Daday '42 and Anne Baca '44**
- Gail Crenko '00 is the child of Jean Rentzheimer '73
- Amy Fantasia '00 is the child of Louis '73
- Jason Fistner '00 is the grandchild of Mary Evrard '39
- Ralph Frey '00 is the child of Tina Altimare '69
- Russell Keim '00 is the child of Penelope Albenzi '72
- Thomas Koprivsek '00 is the child of Susan Haley '69
- Christopher Lang '00 is the child of Mary Ellen Bauer '66
- **Timothy Loch '00 is the child of Mary green '73, and the grandchild of Joan Culligan '49**
- Michael Michalgyk '00 is the child of Danette Martin '69
- **Thomas Neimeister '00 is the child of Thomas '65 and Rosemary (Derr '67) Neimeister and the grandchild of Maylan Ropos '37**
- **Edward Nickles '00 is the child of Mary Ann Seaman '69 and the grandchild of Margaret Ammend '39**
- Austin Perez '00 is the child of Rafe '78
- **Jessica Reese Meader '00 is the child of Judy Rodgers '67 and the grandchild of Dorothy Lucas '37**
- **Kimberly Reitz Baughman '00 is the child of Anne McGlade '71 and the grandchild of Harry '39 and Mary (Doyle '38) McGlade**
- Kiera Santly Lichtenwalner '00 is the child of Susan Nickel '70
- Beth Ann Scharle '00 is the child of Mary Beth Makoski '73
- Robert Sinnitz '00 is the child of Joan Petfield '71
- Robert Spirk '00 is the child of Bob '70
- **Mary Kathryn “Katie” Story '00 is the child of Bernie '76 and Peggy (Bartos '76) Story and the grandchild of Ethel Daday '42**

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2001

- Amy Alpag0 '01 is the child of Bob '70
- Michael Altimare '01 is the child of Tom '70
- Joseph Chanitz '01 is the child of John "Jay" '70
- Kaitlin Foley '01 is the child of Jim '75 and Donna (Guman '75) Foley and the grandchild of Joan Mangan '42
- Deanna Fontanez '01 is the child of Judy Pena '78
- Katelyn Grasso Kelly '01 is the child of Kathy Ripper '70 and the grandchild of Dorothy Brugger '45
- Geoffrey Howard '01 is the child of Peter '69
- Lindsey Kramer Nesci '01 is the child of Michael '63 and Donna (Soltysiak '69) Kramer
- Laura Majewski '01 is the child of John '75 and Mary (Shea '76) Majewski and the grandchild of Lawrence Shea '47
- Matthew Neveling '01 is the child of Eleanor Braxmeier '76 and the grandchild of Eleanor Antolic '52
- John Novatnack '01 is the child of Mary Ann Pullen '69
- Douglas Rothrock '01 is the child of Sue Willey '70
- Michael Story '01 is the child of Bernie '76 and Peggy (Bartos '76) Story and the grandchild of Ethel Daday '42
- Jenna Strobl Ziegler '01 is the child of Carl '70
- Jeffrey Wilson '01 is the child of Hugh '69 and Paula (Calvo '69) Wilson and the grandchild of Agnes Slaninka '46
- Mark Yundt '01 is the child of Mark '75 and Beverly (Sechney '75) Yundt

2002

- Andrew Bartholomew '02 is the child of Jim '71 and Regina (Rea '72) Bartholomew and the grandchild of Loretta Quarry '35
- Jennifer Berdell '02 is the child of Terrence '75
- Matthew Bickert '02 is the child of Kathy Gaydos '70
- Mark Borda is the child of Geoff '69 and the grandchild of Esther Dougherty '29
- Emily Bova '02 is the child of Ann Eckenrode '73
- Alyssa Check Demko '02 is the child of Patricia Savitske '69
- Elizabeth Crenko '02 is the child of Jean Rentzheimer '73
- Eamon Cunningham '02 is the child of Mike '70 and Jean (Redding '70) Cunningham, and the grandchild of Edward Redding '33
- Daniel Fantasia '02 is the child of Louis '73
- Michael Farris '02 is the child of Francis '69
- Kathleen Fenner Stellerine '02 is the child of Elvira Horvath '68

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- Kate Glagola '02 is the child of Joan Redding '73
- Maria John Marzen '02 is the child of Annemarie Shea '78 and the grandchild of Lawrence Shea '47
- Leslie Keim '02 is the child of Penelope Albenzi '72
- Christopher Kelchner '02 is the child of Louise McCafferty '72
- John Koprivsek '02 is the child of Susan Haley '69
- Matthew Lynn '02 is the child of Marty '71
- John Maco III '02 is the child of John '68
- Colleen McGouldrick Decker '02 is the child of Tom '72, and the grandchild of Francis '48
- Margaret Nickles '02 is the child of Mary Ann Seaman '69 and the grandchild of Margaret Ammend '39
- Joseph Petfield '02 is the child of Larry '69
- Katie Reczek '02 is the child of Paul '75 and Ellen (Gilmartin '75) Reczek
- Jasmine Rivera '02 is the child of Francisco '65
- Stephanie Seaman Kennedy '02 is the child of Jonathan '65 and Ginny (Check '67) Seaman, and the grandchild of Margaret Ammend '39
- Kristin Spirk Hastie '02 is the child of Bob '70
- Stephanie Szulborski Bauer '02 is the child of Bill '70 and Mary Jane Bartos '70 and the grandchild of Ethel Daday '42 and Kathleen Hanley '47
- Eric Waas '02 is the child of Gene '78 and Mary Ellen (Bold '78) Waas, and the grandchild of Gloria Tulio '59
- Joshua Wilvert '02 is the child of Joan Sauer '74
- Brandon Zurick '02 is the child of Sharon Fox '72 and the grandchild of Joseph Fox '42

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2003

- Brandon Benner '03 is the child of Claudia Derr '70
- Michael Blonar '03 is the child of Francis '74
- John Connell '03 is the child of Jim '70 and Soozie (Moser '69) Connell, and the grandchild of Francis '47 and Gertrude (Hildenberger '36) Connell
- Laura Fistner '03 is the grandchild of Mary Evrard '39
- Adam Halteman '03 is the child of Jane Letowt '64
- George "Skip" John '03 is the child of Annemarie Shea '78 and the grandchild of Lawrence Shea '47
- Jill Kidulic Whiskeyman '03 is the child of Mike '69 and Donna (Takach '71) Kidulic
- Amy Markovic Solano '03 is the grandchild of Joanne Wenzel '58
- Julie Mauser '03 is the child of Patricia Alpago '69

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- Andrew Metzger '03 is the child of Richard '68 and Karen (Shamenek '68) Metzger, and the grandchild of Louis Shamenek '29, and Joseph '38 and Grace (McNally '38) Metzger
- Lauren Neveling Rouleau '03 is the child of Eleanor Braxmeier '76 and the grandchild of Eleanor Antolic '52
- Gregory Novatnack '03 is the child of Mary Ann Pullen '69
- Katherine O'Hare '03 is the child of Bernie '69 and Susan Sikora '70
- Matthew Sullivan '03 is the child of Gerard '70 and the grandchild of Rosemarie Taglang '44

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I know the list is probably not complete...so **help me!**

Next Month: 2004 – 2006!

Now I know it's not complete, but...

... here's what I have *so far and unofficially* as the **Legacy at Fourth & Webster Streets**

- 2,526 Graduates had
- 1,119 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who later graduated from Beca.
 - 1,119 descendants represent 44% of the total number of grads "on the South Side" (1,119 / 2,526)
 - 931 children
 - 179 grandchildren
 - 9 great grandchildren
- The first child of a graduate to wear the cap and gown was **Hugh McShane '49**. His mom was **Helen Powell '28**.



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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Roberta Burkit Haas	1958	4/19/2024	84
Carole Silvester Tulio	1960	4/14/2024	81
Mary Ann Cech	1966	05/15/2024	76

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Roberta Burkit Haas '58**, sister of the late **Marie Burkit Yeakel '54**, on 04/19
- † Deborah Carlson, stepmother of **Scott '00** and **Daniel '02**, on 05/19
- † **Mary Ann Cech '66**, sister of **Bill '71**, on 05/15
- † Joseph Hepp, father of **Mary Lou '68**, on 05/17
- † Luther Kemmerer, husband of **Mary Jane Napravnik '53**, on 05/20
- † Stephen Kucey, brother of the late **Mary Jane '69**, on 05/14
- † Joan McEnrue, mother of **Erin '87**, on 04/23
- † Catherine Seglets Mueller, sister of the late **Martin Seglets '66**, on 05/02
- † **Carole Silvester Tulio '60**, sister of **Jody '55**, and mother of Jeannine, Kevin, Chris, and Owen on 04/14
- † Mary Sinnott, mother of **Kathleen '71** and **Tim '75**, on 05/27
- † Kelly Vitale, daughter of **Billy Steirer '71** and Marie Cavote (SFA '70), on 04/19
- † Anna Walchonski, mother of **Charles (Stevens) '68**, **Diane '73**, **Carol '76**, **Joseph (Stevens) '80** and **Michael '84**, on 05/13
- † Eleanor Zick, wife of **George '57** and mother of **George '79** on 05/27
- † Joseph Zubia, father of **Joe '75**, **Gina '79** and the late **Mary Elizabeth '84**, on 05/08

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our '70 classmates who passed away in the month of June...

Al Calvo (6/30/11) **Kathy Gyorek Transue** (6/30/23) **Kenny Weierbach** (6/07/22)

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,
rest in peace.

Amen.

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Sports

From the "Archives" ...

The Brown and Gold... Becahi's First Alumni Newsletter, Winter 1980

Becahi: State Wrestling Champions
Iasiello's War-Hawks Unbeatable In 1979

There is no secret that Becahi has always had strong wrestling teams. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the coaching staffs in the CVO leagues of Bethlehem and the coordination between them and the coaching staff at Beca, there will continue to be a strong wrestling program at the school.

But perhaps nothing can compare to the feeling that everyone affiliated with Becahi wrestling felt after the 1979 War Hawks captured every award there was to be won at the state wrestling championships in Hershey last March.

Additional Titles :
East Penn League
District XI

The state championship was the culmination of an unprecedented season which saw the War Hawks go undefeated in 18 regular dual meets to capture the East Penn League crown, then go on to gain their second straight District XI Championship.

Tom Bold and Rich Santoro, now at Lehigh, scored impressive wins enroute to their state champion status. Rich's crown made him the first wrestler in the history of the school to win two state championships. Even

"Mr. Excitement", Coach Tony Iasiello was selected as the Pennsylvania Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to the entire War Hawk squad of 1979 on a year that many of us will never forget - the year that Becahi was once again a State Champ! JOB

Where Did We See Those Names Before

If you take a look at the roster of the boy's basketball team, you'll find the names of Howard, Egan, Moroney and Bukvics. So what? Well you trivia freaks, here's what.

John Howard is the grandson of John Howard, who coached Beca basketball in the late forties and early fifties. Matt Egan is the son of Jack Egan, who starred in the mid fifties. Kevin Moroney is the son of Jimmy Moroney who scored over 1,000 points during his career at Beca. Bob Bukvics is the Bob Bukvics who holds the all time scoring records at the school.

--Just thought you'd like to know.

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The initial issue of the 1927 Becahi yearbook was entitled "The Brown and Gold."

The pages were filled with the history of the "new" school, the words to the alma mater, the introduction of athletics, and the hope for the future. (The yearbook was later named Sceptre in 1951.)

It was in the tradition of telling the story of Becahi history, relating events of the present and plans for the future, that the first issue of the alumni news, *the Brown and Gold*, was born.

Guess: who was the editor?

Hint: A 1970 graduate, and the guidance counselor "out in the trailer in the parking lot."

Alumni Notables

Ed Cora '79, the 1977 "Ripper Rich" Award Winner as the top football player in Bethlehem, is an Educational Leadership Consultant in the Santa Monica, CA, area. Ed worked in education for 38 years. He proudly served as superintendent for the districts of Santa Paula Unified in Ventura County and Guadalupe Union School District in Santa Barbara County.

Phil Autrey '91, who led the York Catholic High School Girls Volleyball team to the finals of the PIAA 2A in 2023, has moved on from coaching. Phil tallied a 143-58 record over a 10-year span. - York Dispatch, 1/11/23 (See the "BlinkedIn Section of this month's Tidings.)

Jim Molinaro '99, former NFL Offensive Tackle Football Player for the Washington Commanders (nee Redskins) and for the Dalas Cowboys, who studied Economics, Sociology and Computer Application at the University of Notre Dame, is Managing Partner at Weyhill Properties, LLC, in Summerfield, NC.

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Patricia Muething '09, a Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Member for her tennis prowess, who studied Business and Economics at Lehigh University and then received a Master's Degree in Analytics from American University, is a Cancer Center Data Analyst at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

Coach of the Year

Arnold Alleyne, who served as first-year Head Coach of the 2023/24 Girls Basketball Team, has recently been named the [2024 lehighvalleylive.com Girls Basketball Coach of the Year](https://lehighvalleylive.com). Coach Arnold led his group of athletes to a 23-6 record including its 8th consecutive District XI title and a Final Four appearance in the PIAA Tournament.

Congratulations, Coach Arnold!

Boys Soccer Coach Named

Roberto Carrizo was recently named Head Boys Soccer Coach. Welcome Coach Roberto!

Summer Golf Tournaments... at Whitetail Golf Club, Bath, PA

Tony Iasiello Memorial Golf Tournament - Friday, June 14th, 8:00am – 1:00pm

The Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament - Friday, July 12th, 8:00am – 1:00pm

The Golden Hawk Golf Classic - Friday, September 6th, 8:00am

The image displays three vertical posters for golf tournaments, set against a scenic background of a golf course at sunset. The posters are:

- Left Poster:** The Tony Iasiello Memorial Golf Tournament. It features a photo of Tony Iasiello and a golf ball with the BC logo. Text: "The Tony Iasiello Memorial Golf Tournament", "Friday, June 16th", "8 AM to 1 PM", "Whitetail G.C."
- Middle Poster:** Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament. It features a photo of a football player and a golf ball with the BC logo. Text: "Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament", "Friday, July 12th", "8 AM to 1 PM", "Whitetail Golf G.C."
- Right Poster:** Golden Hawk Golf Classic. It features the BC logo and a golf ball. Text: "Golden Hawk Golf Classic", "Friday, September 6 2024", "Time: 8:00 AM", "Whitetail Golf Club", "2679 Klein Road • Bath, PA 18014"

Becahi Summer Golf Tournaments

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2024 Spring Sports Report

Baseball

Matt Corsi '99, Head Coach (4th Season)

District XI 4A Champions

Coach Corsi's 50th career win came against Liberty on April 22nd (1-0 victory)

The team's record through the District XI tournament is 19-7.

The team scored 188 runs, averaging 7.2 runs/game.

The team allowed 116 runs, 4.5 runs per game.

Up next: PIAA tournament

Softball

Kayla Paszek, Head Coach, First Season

The team's record through the District XI Semifinals is 13-9.

The team scored 156 runs, averaging 7.1 runs/game.

The team allowed 122 runs, 5.5 runs per game.

Boys Lacrosse

Kody Rivera was the Head Coach, First Season

The team finished the 14-game season with 1 win.

The team scored 27 goals (13 more than 2023) and averaged 2 goals/game... another improvement over the past 2 years.

Boys Tennis

Dan Arkans, Head Coach, First Season

The team finished the year with a 7-9 record after a District XI Quarterfinal match.

They won 45% of their sets and averaged 3 winning sets/match.

Boys Volleyball

Tim Sledz, Head Coach (4th Season)

The team finished the 15-game season with 12 sets and 1 match won.

The average match score was 1-3.

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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... 431 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 68 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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1		1	1	1	1		
2		1	1	1	1		
3		1	1	1	1		
4	2	3	3	3	3		
5	1	1	1	1	1		
6	1	1	1	1	1		
7	1	1	1	1	1		Classes:
8	1	1	1	1	1		46
9	3	3	4	4	4		Grads:
	9	14	15	15	15	0	68

LinkedIn is an online platform that people use to build social networks with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds, or real-life connections. Many of our classmates have profiles on LinkedIn that are viewed by and shared with the public. In future newsletters, some of those profiles of Becahi grads will be posted so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and its alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it "BLinkedIn").

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David Brooks '74, who received a BA in Psychology from Muhlenberg College, is now “Retired to the Couch” after a career in Health Care, most recently at the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, MD.

Diane Sewald Kemper, '74's Valedictorian, who received an MS in Nursing Education from York College of Pennsylvania and an MSN in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from Drexel University, is an Acute Care NP-Nocturnist at Summit Health in the Gettysburg area.

Betsy Cichelli '75, who received a BA in Management from Kutztown University, is a Senior Sales Analyst for Lutron Electronics in Coopersburg.

Joe Flecksteiner '76, is now “Major Retired at home or on the road”, after 33 years of service for the Department of Public Welfare in Allentown.

Richard Steirer '77, who studied at Keystone Jr. College and received a BS in Management from Kutztown University, is a Logistics Manager at Akrion Technologies Inc., in Allentown.

Eileen Downing Schnalzer '78, is an Office Administrator for Inland Foundation Engineering, Inc. in San Jacinto, CA.

Steve Barbella '79, who studied Business Administration and Accounting at Bloomsburg University, is Account Executive LEAF Commercial Capital in the greater Philadelphia area.

Ed Cora '79, who received a BAsC in Elementary Education from East Stroudsburg University, an MEd in Educational Leadership from the University of La Verne, and an EdD in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University, is a Retired Superintendent of Schools after 38 years in public education, and is now an Educational Leadership Consultant in Santa Monica, CA.

Bob Hayes '79, a DeSales University graduate, is Senior Development Officer at Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Philadelphia.

Bob Seidenberger '80, who received a BS in Finance and Accounting from Penn State University, is Senior Vice president of Bridgeport Capital Services in Bethlehem.

Fred Brady '81, who received a BS in Physics from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida, is Sr. Director, Image Sensor Development, at Sony Semiconductor Solutions America in the Rochester, NY metropolitan area.

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Karen Bartholomew Unger '82, who received an ASS in Accounting from Northampton Community College, is a Finance Assistant at Northampton Community College.

David Guman '83, who received a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University, is VP - Premium Audit at Arch Insurance Group Inc. in Jersey City.

Georgeanne Sabota O'Keefe '84 is a Banking Officer, Relationship Liaison, in the Commercial Real Estate Department, at M&T Bank in Doylestown.

Michael Salabsky '84 is a Customer Support Specialist at Exclusive Transportation for Industry, Inc. in Allentown.

Joe Vidonya '84 is the Coordinator of Continuous Improvement at Reeb Millwork in the Lehigh Valley.

Nicholas Chaffier '85, who received a BS in Pharmacy from the University of the Sciences, is the President of Fountain Hill Pharmacy.

Anthony Barczynski '86, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received an Associate's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Dayton, is Marketing Manager at Banko Beverage Co.

Tricia Seybold Harr '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and English from Temple University, is Inside Sales Manager for DSI Southwest, one of the leading manufacturer representatives in the electrical industry, in Dallas.

Andy Soltys '88, who received a BS in English from the University of Richmond, served as Territory Manager for Plantronics, a global leader in business and consumer audio communications, in Warrington, PA.

Kevin Dugan '89, who received a BS in Business Management from the University of Delaware, is a Postal Support Employee (PSE) Clerk for the United States Postal Service in the Lehigh Valley.

Katina Sossiadis Bozikis '89 is a Film Professor at Penn State University - Lehigh Valley Campus.

Amy Zvitkovitz '89, who received a BSN from Penn State University and an MBA from DeSales University, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist - Field Sales Trainer at IQVIA, a leading global provider of advanced analytics, technology solutions, and clinical research services to the life sciences industry, in the Lehigh Valley.

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Meg DeKeukelaere '90, who received a BA in Communication Arts from Villanova, and a JD from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, serves as the Leader of Organizational Development and Culture at NetEase Games, one of the world's largest gaming companies in the greater New York metro area.

Phillip Autrey, '91's Co-Salutatorian, who received a BS in Mathematics from Duke University and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, is Managing Director, Course Operation of Noodle, a company that helps colleges develop online programs and courses, in York, PA.

Dave Iannetta, '92's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Business, is Principal Owner of DI BioMed Consulting in Cambridge, MA. Dave is an accomplished marketing executive with expertise in pharma, orphan drug and medical device launch, market access, product development, and corporate strategy.

Thomas Sosinski '93, who received a BS in Computer Science from DeSales University, is a Senior Software Engineer at Lungpacer Medical Inc. in Exton, PA.

Amy Lawrence '94, who received a BS in Dance from Radford University, is a Dance Teacher at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for Performing Arts.

Jennifer Shannon Sandt '94, is Operations and Grant Program Manager at Star Community Health in Bethlehem.

John Siekonic '94, who received a BA in History from Wilkes University, is Renewal Executive at Mutual of Omaha in the greater Philadelphia area. He is responsible for partnering-up with Sales Mgr/Reps and managing the inforce book of business for the Sales office.

Erin Evans '95, who received a BA in Psychology from Elizabethtown College and an MA in Counseling Psychology from Boston College, is Director of Human Resources at Prudential Financial/PGIM in Bethlehem.

Richard Haas '96, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and an MBA from Lehigh University, is the Assistant Athletics Director – Sales and Marketing, at Lehigh University.

Matthew Behme '97, who received a BS in Molecular Biology from Marist College and an MD from Rutgers' Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is Chairman, General Internal Medicine—Einstein Healthcare Network, in the greater Philadelphia area.

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Jonathan Bauer '98, who studied at Northampton Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Bloomsburg University, is Technical Support Supervisor at Service Electric Cable TV and Communications.

Tara Pinkowski '99, is the Billing Administrator for the City of Tifton, GA.

Shawn Silvoy '99, who received an Associates Degree in Manufacturing Technology from Lehigh Carbon Community College, and both a BAsC and Master's Degree in Technical Leadership from Bloomsburg University, is Manager EMS Liaison Program at The Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Jenna Spirk Camasta '99, a DeSales University graduate, is Childcare Director at the YMCA of Bethlehem.

Steven Hunsberger '00, who studied Network Administration and Computer Science at Northampton Community College, is Physical Plant and IT Director for Bethlehem Township.

Brendan Laughna '01, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and an MBA from Georgetown University, is Sr. Business Unit Financial Analyst at Navy Federal Credit Union in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Brandon Zurick '02 is a Project Manager for Erwin Forrest Builders in Bethlehem.

Holly Canally '03, who studied Biology and Bioethics at Penn State University, is State Program Monitor at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the greater Philadelphia area.

Keith Brotzman '04, who received a BS in Historical Studies, Secondary Education from Moravian University, is an 8th Grade Math Teacher in the Wicomico County Schools in Maryland.

Dana Cantelmi '04, who received a BA in Human Services from the University of Delaware and an MSW from Bryn Mawr College, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

Casey Herstich '04, who received a BA in Communications from LaSalle University, is Regional Sales Manager for Turning Point Brands, Inc., a leading manufacturer, marketer, and distributor of branded consumer products with active ingredients, in Nazareth.

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John Lucente '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Pittsburgh's College of Business Administration, is Vice President, Financial Reporting & Analysis at Clark Associates, leading the food service industry in equipment, supplies, and service, in Lancaster.

Lucia Riotto Fedele '06, who received a BS in Business Administration and an MBA from Monmouth University, is Assistant Director of Graduate Admission at Monmouth University.

Caitlin Dalton-Coyle '07, who received an RN, BSN from DeSales University, is an RN – Urogynecology, at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Colin Mickey '08, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, who studied Criminal Justice at the Community College of the Air Force, Project Manager at Spectrum of Floors, LLC, in Easton.

Paul Kallen '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Media & Communication from Muhlenberg College, is a Freelance Video Editor, Blog Writer, and Social Media Consultant for YouTubers, Twitch streamers, Etsy artists, and small businesses, in Ocean City, NJ.

Andrew Vasko '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from George Washington University, is a P.E., Senior Engineer at Schnabel Engineering in Chadds Ford, PA.

Ellyn Wertman '09, a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran, who studied at Northampton Community College and received a BBA in Health Care Administration from Cedar Crest College, supports Order Entry and Customer Service for Phoenix Contract in Bethlehem.

Alyssa Yost '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Criminal Justice from DeSales University, is Quality Assurance Specialist at Legend Biotech in Raritan, NJ.

Cody Abrams '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems from Mount St. Mary's University, is Enterprise Account Executive, State and Local Government, at Qualtrics in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area.

Vinny Hanig '12, who received a BA in Economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Vice President, Financial Advisor, S&T Financial Services, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services LLC, in Indiana, PA.

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Conor Ryan '13, who received a BS in Environmental Business Economics from Rutgers University, is a Senior Associate, Commercial Real Estate Advisory, ay MRH Real Estate Services in the metropolitan NY/NJ area.

Gina Kokosky '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language from Saint Joseph's University, and taught English as a Second Language in South Korea, is now a Photographer at Christmas City Studio in Bethlehem.

Shaina Roselle '14, who received a BS in Small Animal Science and an MBA in Logistics from Delaware Valley University, is a Project Management Sr. Specialist at Merck.

Jacquelyn Vanic '14, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from Moravian University, is President of Kowabunga Pools, LLC in Saucon Valley.

Christian Brill '15, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Software Engineer for the Naval Nuclear Laboratory, Fluor Marine Propulsion, LLC, in West Mifflin, PA.

Massimo Marchiano '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Media Studies and Production from Temple University, is a Freelance Writer/Editor for ClutchPoints, "changing how you follow sports," in the greater Philadelphia area.

Jaylene Fernandez '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management from Penn State University, has served as a Staff Performance Manager, an On-Premises Recruiter and a Human Resource Consultant. She is a Logistics Specialist, currently **open to new opportunities**.

Victoria Bensinger '18, who received a BS from Lock Haven University, is in her final year as a graduate student for a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Widener University.

Trea Lovell '19, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is an Inside sales Associate at ADP in Allentown.

Allesandro Noto '19, who received an Associate's Degree in Biotechnology from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology from East Stroudsburg University, is a molecular technologist at Principle Diagnostics Laboratory in Bethlehem.

Dorothy Simon '19, who received a BA in International Relations and Affairs; Criminology from Howard University, is a Litigation Assistant at Kobre & Kim, a conflict-free global law firm focused exclusively on disputes and investigations, in Miami, FL.

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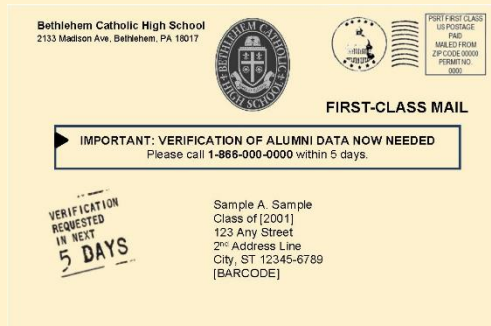
Jenna Thomas '19, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Retail Management from Syracuse University, is Customer Service Representative for Edrington, crafting exceptional ultra-premium spirit brands, including The Macallan, in New York City.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

#Becahi100 Centennial Alumni Directory

"Be on the lookout in early June for a postcard as well as an email asking for you to call



PCI to confirm your current contact, family, and professional information for our Centennial Alumni Directory to be published in May of 2025. Besides providing you a practical way of reaching out to long lost friends, this directory will help us create honor rolls in our Centennial Yearbook for a variety of careers and professions like the Armed Services, Nursing, Law, Medical, Engineering, Entertainment, etc. Please provide PCI with your information as soon as you are able." - TV

Save the Dates

"We have decided to go with a large everyone all together format for both the Centennial Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, July 19, 2025, and the Centennial Finale on Saturday, June 27, 2026." - TV

Exclusive Cocktail Hour at the Centennial Finale on June 27, 2026, for All EITC Donors.

"To emphasize the importance of the EITC Program to support the future of Bethlehem Catholic, any EITC Donor will be invited to a special cocktail and hors d'oeuvres hour just before the Centennial Finale along with other major donors and special guests. If you have any interest in becoming an EITC donor, please contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org. You will get a 90% PA State Income Tax Credit and send 100% of the State Income Tax you are already paying to Becahi rather than to Harrisburg." -TV

Join the #Becahi 100 Centennial Celebration Team

"We still want alumni from every decade and year to get involved. Our summer meetings will be held via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. At some point during the summer, we will meet to look at some venues we are considering for both the Kickoff and Finale Centennial Celebrations. Contact Regan Downey at rdowney@becahi.org if you are interested in joining us." -TV

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A Standing Ovation for Our Incredible Alumni!

"We are so thankful to our alumni near and far for supporting Bethlehem Catholic's first-ever "Make a Joyful Noise" entry! Our Golden Hawk family came together to raise over \$20,000 to help support our school. Becahi students were proud to showcase their talent and school spirit through this project. There were alumni from the 1950s to the 2020s who voted for Becahi. Be on the



lookout in July's Tidings for a complete breakdown of our alumni voters by decade. Although we did not capture the gold, we are thrilled with our strong showing in our first year participating. Be on the lookout for our encore, as we will participate in the 3rd Annual "Make a Joyful Noise" Competition - coming May 2025!

If you missed the chance to donate to "Make a Joyful Noise" but would like to give to Bethlehem Catholic, contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org to learn about our Sprint to the Finish Challenge." - Regan Downey '17

Some Bethlehem History

Street Names (Source: Jason Rehm, Bethlehem Press, 7/14/20)

Nitschman Street – Bishop David Nitschman (1696-1772), founder of Bethlehem, purchased 500 acres of land on the confluence of the Monocacy Creek and Lehigh River. His uncle, Father (David) Nitschman (1676-1758) cut the first tree for the First House of Bethlehem.

Garrison Street – This street bears the name of Nicholas Garrison (1701-1781), the famous captain of the Moravian ships "The Little Strength" and "The Irene", on whose voyages brought hundreds of Moravians to the new world.

Ettwein Street – Named in honor of Bishop John Ettwein (1721-1802), whose strong leadership and non-combative beliefs were essential to Bethlehem during the trying times of the Revolutionary War. Ettwein was the representative of the Moravian Church before the Continental Congress, and with his strong command of English, he was able to preach to troops and minister to the wounded in the hospital.

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Reflection

Another favorite of mine, that's not heard too often...

- ♪ Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
- ♪ And in our hearts take up thy rest.

- ♪ Come with thy grace and heavenly aid,
- ♪ To fill the hearts which thou hast made,

- ♪ To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

And now...

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

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

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,
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