

# Tidings

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84<sup>th</sup> Issue – 7 Year Anniversary Edition



What set out as a hobby at retirement, has turned into a labor of love each month, ... a way to give back to the school, my classmates, my teachers, all the people and families that shaped the future of this kid from Main Street. One of my favorite introductions to people I've met over the years was "I was born in the little town of Bethlehem."

Each month provides me an opportunity to share "the good news" and recognize those graduates who have accomplished much along their journey after graduation.

Think about it. We all walked the halls together as one at Fourth and Webster and Dewberry and Madison. Now we are living in all 50 states and multiple countries overseas. We have much for which to be thankful. Spread the good news.

**Spread the Good news!**

**July 19, 2025, kick off the Centennial at DeSales University**



**Attend One of the Next #BECABI100 Centennial Team Meetings either on Tues., February 25 or on Wed, February 26.**

*"We have had remarkable attendance in person and via Zoom at our Centennial Planning meetings with alumni from about every decade beginning in the 1950s. We have completed 85% of the planning and are hitting the execution stage. There is still plenty to do to make these Centennial Celebrations memorable, so please offer your help. The ticket costs for the Centennial Kickoff will be \$50 a person and \$30 for your +1 with \$25 going to the Centennial Scholarship Fund from both tickets. Call Tom Vresics at 302-985-7648 or email him at alumnievents@becahi.org if you can attend our next meeting or help in any way. With the online Zoom option, our meetings never take longer than one hour, and you can attend on whichever of the two nights work best for you." - Tom*

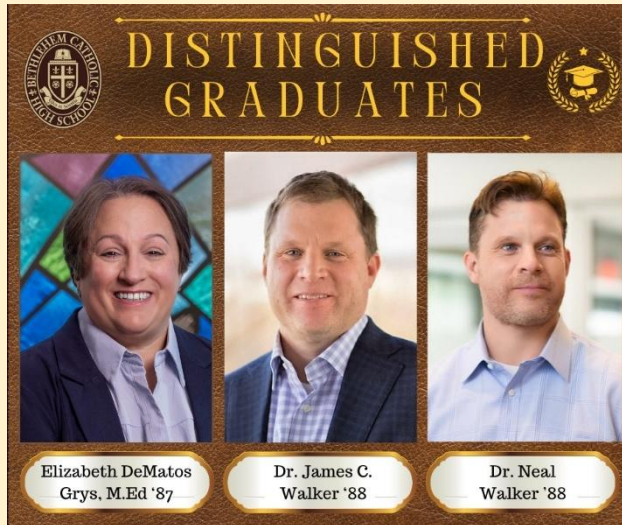
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## 2025 Distinguished Graduate Recipients Named Distinguished Graduates Induction Set for Thursday, April 24



Welcome to **Elizabeth DeMatos Grys, M.Ed. '87**, **Dr. James C. Walker '88**, and **Dr. Neal Walker '88** as our newest Golden Hawk Distinguished Graduate class.

People in the Lehigh Valley might recognize Beth Grys as the Principal of Mercy School for Special Learning. James Walker is the CEO of Zoomi, the first and AI-informed learning analytics company, and Neal Walker, the co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Aclaris, a biopharmaceutical company.

If you are a Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Grad and wish to attend their induction ceremony, [please contact Tom Vresics at alumnievents@becahi.org](mailto:alumnievents@becahi.org).

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## From the Advancement Office: The 2025 Golden Gala is March 22<sup>nd</sup>!



Tickets are now on sale for the 2025 Golden Gala honoring Dick and Anna Marie Culver! Get ready for a night of excitement, chance, and charitable giving! The stakes are high, but the cause is even greater- your participation will help support Bethlehem Catholic High School and make a lasting impact on our students!

Best of all, every dollar raised at this event supports Bethlehem Catholic.

Tickets are limited, so don't wait! **RSVP by March 5, 2025.**

Visit [GoldenGala25.givesmart.com](https://GoldenGala25.givesmart.com) to purchase your tickets.

### Highlights of the night:

- Casino games: Roulette and blackjack
- Incredible auction and raffle items
- Gourmet food and drinks
- Live music by **Dan Mies '96** on the Keys

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## 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 **860 grads from 95 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "5" and/or "0".

### Alums and Classes Mentioned in February Tidings

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending	20th Century >							21st Century >				74
0	1	2	6	20		6	3	4	3	5		
1	3	3	9	15	3	8	3	6	2	2		
2	1	2	16	12	2	5	4	7	1	4		
3	1	4	10	5	7	10	2	4	6			
4	1	2	27	4	5	45	2	3	4	1		
5	2	6	28	4	237	51	3	3	6			
6	1	2	16	1	10	31	4	2	3			
7	2	4	9	11	3	11	6	4	2	5		Classes:
8	1		7	9	3	11	8	2	3	5		95
9	2	2	6	14	4	13	5	4	1	4		Grads:
	5	16	43	146	71	299	175	31	35	39		860
	266 from Fourth and Webster					594 from Dewberry and Madison						

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

Here are some of those who checked in ...

... Sr. Regina Chassar '53, Harry Mitchell '57, George Hazler '58, Jean Korpics Lasover '58, Marie Posipanko Spisak '58, **Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Jim '60 and Joan (Reed '60) Posipanko**, Ed Angerman '61, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, John McGeehan '61, Mick Maroney '61, Lou Gerenser '62, Jack Vass '62, Steve Donches '63, Mike Kramer '63, Janey Letowt Halteman '64, Marie Zarinsky Jordan '64, Jon Seaman '65, Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, Phil McGlade '66, Tom Seidenberger '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, John Nolan '67, Pat Urello '67, Jo Ann Del Re Vanic '69, Jerry Kresge '69, Hugh Wilson '69, Mark Bacak '71, Jane Calvo '71, Karen Cauley '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Ron Davco '73, Ed Reybitz '73, Danny Sinnott '73, **Pete Willner '75**, Kevin Culligan '78, Margaret Ferry Picucci '78, Kelly Gillespie '78, Drew Karabin '79, Kelly Gallagher Boudreau '84, Jim Moroney '92, **Tiffany Bedics Gallis '95, Ryan McGeehan '96**

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Here are some from my Class (1970) who checked in...

... BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Dolores Alves Johns, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Marlene Anthony Howard, Joe Armatruda, Mike Audet, Tony Bauer, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Maki, Dave Cech, Jim Connell, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Bill Doncsecz, GI Jerry, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Bernie Guerra Misero, Mick Halbreiner, Mike Herczeg, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Rose Szczepanski, Carl, Linda talbot Keefe, Sue Willey

Please say a special prayer for our classmates, **Denny Andrew Karpy and Jeff Jennings**, this month.

Denny's father, Gilbert "Gib" Andrew passed away January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please also include Denny's brothers **Tom '76** and Gibby in your prayers.

<https://www.cantelmifuneralhome.com/obituary/Gilbert-Andrew>

Jeff's brother Bob Jennings passed away January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please also include Jeff's sister Judy in your prayers as well.

## Quick Notes Class of '70:

**Jim Connell '70** writes... *"2025 starts a new chapter in my life as I have resigned from the Public Defender's office as of 12/31/2024. After 44 years with Northampton County, serving as Assistant District Attorney, Solicitor to the Personnel Appeals Board and Assistant Public Defender, it's simply time. I will continue to practice law at my office in Bethlehem."* (No objection on our part, Jim. Congratulations.)

**Jessie Daniels Greenawald '70** writes... *"I would appreciate if you can mention that I'm in need of prayer. I have cancer again but this time it is in my lung and breast. I've been operated on but waiting for the treatments to start [soon]. I know that God is in charge, but I also know the power of prayer can increase my odds."* (Prayers are on the way for you and for your family, Jessie, and I am certain that your classmates and all Becahi alums will say a special prayer for you, too.)

## Reunion 55 for 70

### Save the Date

**George Kane** writes... *"I reserved the same Pavilion at Emmaus Community Park as we used in 2022. The date is Saturday, September 13th and, based on the feedback received, there will again be an all-day picnic style gathering with food and beverages provided. We'll arrange for a planning meeting to dole out the tasks sometime before summer. ...**please get in touch with classmates you would hope to see to help promote attendance.**"*

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## 2025 Fides et Scientia Award

**Sister Margaret Edmund, SSJ to Receive Award on behalf of all the Sisters of Saint Joseph Who Have Served at Bethlehem Catholic for 100 Years**



Bethlehem Catholic kicked off the celebration of Catholic Schools Week with a big announcement immediately following our Mass presided by the Most Reverend Bishop A. Schlert.

Sister Margaret Edmund, SSJ, who has taught at Becahi since 1982, will accept the Award on behalf of all the Sisters of Saint Joseph who served as educators and staff at Bethlehem Catholic.

*"I am sure you share our appreciation for the constant presence and charism of the Sisters of Saint Joseph since the founding of our alma mater in September 1926." - TV*

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## Creating Excitement for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Becahi!!!

Calling all Distinguished Grads, Athletic Wall of Famers, and Fides et Scientia Award Recipients, Sign the Centennial Banner.



Join **Tiffany Bedics '95**, **Bob Tarola '68**, **John O'Boyle '70**, and others who have already stopped by Bethlehem Catholic to sign the Centennial Banner in preparation for our Centennial Kickoff on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

In the months ahead, we will highlight other Distinguished Graduates, Wall of Fame members and Fides et Scientia! recipients.

Call **Tom Vresics '81** at 302-985-7648 to arrange a time to sign the Centennial Banner.

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## “Ancestry.Beca” (Part 1 of 2 for February 2025)

1954 - 1956

1954

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations



- Marie Conti Merring '54 is the child of Lucy Castiello '30
- Florence DeBellis Macasevich '54 is the parent of George '75, Jane '77 and Thomas '80
- Annette Dick Potkovac '54 is the parent of Donna '77
- Mary Dwyer Santoro '54 is the parent of Rich '79 and Pat '84
- Josephine Garza Perez '54 is the parent of Janet '75
- Irene Gecsek Skelly '54 is the parent of Patrick '74 and the grandparent of Kathleen Skelly '03
- Angela Horvath Glosan '54 is the parent of Greg '92 and Kathleen '93
- Margaret Kropp Stetz '54 is the child of Eileen Hoffert '31
- Maryalice McShane Szemenyei '54 is the child of Helen Powell '28
- Theresa Orosky Flecksteiner '54 is the parent of Joanne '75, Carol '77, Joseph '76 and John '88, and the grandparent of Ryan Flecksteiner '01, Beth Horveath Stone '02, and Jackie Horveath '03
- Dorothy Pavelko Molitorisz '54 and William '52 are the parents of Michael '86 and Jeff '87
- Mary Elizabeth Pavelko Chubbuck '54 and Charles '52 are the parents of Michelle '86
- Francis Posivak '54 is the parent of Brian '97, Kevin '00, Katie '02, Scott '01
- Francis '54 and Mary (Sandre '58) Reagan are the parents of Anthony '77, Denise '79, Ann '84 and Katie '88
- Louis Schuster '54 is the child of Louis '29
- Tom Tachovsky '54 is the parent of Barbara '82, Virginia '85, Deborah '87 and Laura '91, and the grandparent of Kayleigh Downey '13, James Downey '14, Regan Downey '17 and Grace Downey '20
- Mary Ann Valentin Kospiah '54 is the parent of Diane '81 and Donna '85

1955

- Rosemarie Bukics Hodrick '55 is the parent of Amy '88, and the grandparent of Grant Bishop '18
- Lucile Demyan Rich '55 is the parent of Karen '78, Lisa '79 and Rocco '85
- Theresa Dominko Smith '55 is the parent of Diane '83 and Deborah '85
- Kathleen Dugan Fischer-Hartigan '55 is the parent of Jill Fischer '76, Joan Fischer '78 and Kathleen Fischer '79
- Thomas Ellwanger '55 is the parent of Suzanne '83
- David Foley '55 is the parent of Kerry '84 and Erin '86

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- Helen Greenstein Jaeger '55 is the parent of Maria '79, Fitz '83, Sean '84 and Scott '85
- Dorothy Kalman Holzer '55 is the parent of Judith' 80
- Loretta Lucas Culligan '55 and Leo '52 are the parents of Kevin '78, Rich '78, Karen '79, Robert '82, Brian '85, Susan '85
- Mercedes Machain Moughan '55 is the parent of Christopher '83, Tara '84 and Marlee '91
- Phillip Mello '55 is the parent of Phillip '78, Tom '79 and Miriam '81
- Anna Marie Novak Fritz '55 is the parent of Richard Fritz '74
- Lucille Ortwein Bringenberg '55 and Carl '52 are the parents of Lawrence '84, John '85, Mark '87, Catherine '89
- Joseph "Jody" Silvester '55 is the parent of Karen '78
- Maryann Soltis '55 is the child of John '29
- Annette Sullivan Bicking '55 is the parent of Cynthia '77, Jamie '83 and James '85
- Gerladine Tocci Deak '55 is the child of Alfred '31

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

## 1956

- George Baba '56 is the parent of Jeff '81 and Eric '85
- Francis Boyle '56 is the parent of Francis III '83 and Matthew '87
- Mary Susan Cunningham '56 is the child of Madelein Keating '40
- Michael Demyan '56 is the child of Michael "Micky" '33, and with Dolores (Dougherty '59), the parents of Thomas '82, Mark '84 and Cindy '89
- Thomas Fodi '56 is the parent of Kristen '94
- Charles Kropp '56 is the child of Eileen Hoffert '31
- Mary Jane Lucas Kacsur '56 is the parent of Chris '82 and Dave '86
- James McShane '56 is the child of Helen Powell '28
- Suzanne "Sue" Molitorisz Egan '56 and Jack '57 are the parents of Chris '77, Matt '80 and John '84
- Kathleen Sopko Donchez '56 is the child of Isabel Reagan '31
- Francis Richard Turnbach '56 is the parent of Joseph '89 and the grandparent of Richard '18
- Joan Zelko Guranich '56 is the parent of John '77



### Next month: Ancestry 1957 - 1959

Spread the word...send me corrections and updates...I want to include as many ancestors and descendants as possible to support the Centennial Celebration. - JOB

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## Tidings Virtual Class Reunions Planned for 2025

This year Tidings plans to feature the following **reunion-year** classes...

**1975** – February, 50 years

**1980** – March, 45 years

**1985** – April, 40 years

**1990** – May, 35 years

**1995** – June, 30 years

**2000** – July, 25 years

**2005** – August, 20 years

**2010** – September, 15 years

**2015** – October, 10 years

**2020** – November, 5 years

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

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Gala, Blue Event Center, 5:00-9:00pm

Dick and Anna Marie Culver to be recognized

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, in the Auditorium, 7:00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and 3:00pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Class of 1984's 41<sup>st</sup> Reunion (see below)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 7:00pm

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – Centennial Celebration Kickoff Event, at DeSales University**

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Class of 1970's 55<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza Reunion Picnic (See below)

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Class of 1985's 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion River Cruise (See below)

## Reunion News...

- **Class of 1970's 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion!!!** will be held on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> in the same pavilion as our 22<sup>nd</sup> reunion, at Emmaus Community Park. Based on the feedback received it will again be an all-day picnic-style gathering with food and beverages provided. We'll arrange for a planning meeting to dole out the tasks sometime before summer.
- **Class of 1984's 41<sup>st</sup> Reunion** at the Wanderlust Beer Garden in the Barn, reserved section (1600 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township, Pennsylvania 18040) on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 6PM - 9PM. See: Bethlehem Catholic Class of 84 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30467242097/about>
- **Class of '85's 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion**
  - Saturday, 9/13/2025
  - Sunset river cruise - hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, drinks included, 5-10 PM aboard the River Queen. Private event.
  - Manasquan/Brielle NJ. \$190.00 PP.
  - Contacts: **Missy (Michelle) DaRe**. Beca40reunion@icloud.com, phone number (484) 358-4338, or **Sherri Hines** at [artteacherscsp@gmail.com](mailto:artteacherscsp@gmail.com).



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## Fifty Years Ago Class of 1975's Virtual Reunion

The 237 scholars represent the fifth largest class to graduate from Beca. Their Becahi Ancestry, based on what I have found so far, includes

- 45 members (19%) who were a child of a Becahi graduate, and
- 2 members who were a [grandchild](#) of a Becahi grad

...and can trace their Becahi roots as far back as 1915!

- Eugene Barron '75 is the child of Eugene '53
- Roger Bohl '75 is the child of Elizabeth Burkit '57 and [the grandchild of Cornelius '27 and Rosemary \(Curry '34\) Burkit](#)
- Mary Bowe Mostek '75 is the child of Gertrude Blank '35
- Bernard Brandstetter '75 is the child of Mary Nemetz '47
- Michael Dalton '75 is the child of Michael '47
- Annette DeAngelis Cunerd '75 is the child of Elizabeth Madl '44
- Alexandra Donchez Casciato '75 is the child of Leonard '46 and Rita (Burke '46) Donchez
- William Downing '75 is the child of Charlie '51 and Jean (Gregor '51) Downing, and [the grandchild of Mary Kinney 1915](#)
- Robert Farris '75 is the child of Elaine Kisslan '48
- Karen Ferry Neglia '75 is the child of Jack '52 and Mary (Ortwein '52) Ferry
- Joanne Flecksteiner '75 is the child of Theresa Orosky '54
- James Foley '75 is the child of Joan Mangan '42
- Kevin Gallagher '75 is the child of James '37 and Rosemary '37 Gallagher
- Mark Gorski '75 is the child of Frank '44 and Helen (Miklos '43) Gorski
- Judith Green Nairn '75 is the child of Dorothy Demyan '47
- Patricia Ann Green Malone '75 is the child of Joan Culligan '49
- Lawrence Harris '75 is the child of Mary Concilio '40
- James Hartigan '75 is the child of Virginia Slafkosky '45
- Kathleen Horwath Richards '75 is the child of Kathleen O'Connell '47
- Gerald Johnson '75 is the child of Gervase '53 and Jane (Ryan '53) Johnson
- Susan Karaffa Leh '75 is the child of Matthew '51 and Joan (Fecko '51) Karaffa
- David Kostelnick '75 is the child of Dan '49 and Jacqueline (Tocci '49) Kostelnick
- Patricia Kostelnick Sinnott '75 is the child of Patricia Dwyer '48
- Martha Litsch Schumacher '75 is the child of Mary Louise MacLean '45
- Sean Lynch '75 is the child of Bernie '41
- George Macasevich '75 is the child of Florence DeBellis '54
- James Machain '75 is the child of [Guadalupe '45](#)
- Michelle McGouldrick Balog '75 is the child of Francis '48

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- Eileen Meder Szvetecz '75 is the child of Lucy Boyle '32
- Marcia Mesko '75 is the child of Eleanor Blonar '49
- Kevin Murphy '75 is the child of Joseph '39
- David Nehilla '75 is the child of Elizabeth Lynn '50
- Edward Niechwiadowicz '75 is the child of Mary McCarthy '45
- Robert Nonnemaker '75 is the child of Ann Marie Marcin '50
- Patricia Ortwein Donchez '75 is the child of Ann Stier '41
- Anthony Oswald '75 is the child of Ursula Miller '45
- Janet Perez Fetherolf '75 is the child of Josephine Garza '54
- Maryellen Roseman '75 is the child of Dorothy Maloney '50
- Martin Sabol '75 is the child of Elizabeth Schramko '43
- Michael Schadle '75 is the child of Rosemarie Kozo '53
- David Seidenberger '75 is the child of Mary Dugan '41
- Karen Sergi Orlemann '75 is the child of Barbara Ortwein '53
- Helen Sinnott Hartzell '75 is the child of Anne Adams '37
- Joanne Slivko Skrobak '75 is the child of Joseph '51 and Joan (Reybitz '50) Slivko
- Pete Willner '75 is the child of Joseph '45

**Bob Donovan** was the Valedictorian (BS Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University)

**Joe Zator** was the Salutatorian (BS Engineering, U.S. Military Academy, JD, Villanova University)

Members of the class included:

Thomas Ahern  
Mary Baba Livingston  
Maria Balogh Liddick  
Christine Baran Antoccia  
Eugene Barron  
Deborah Barta  
Deborah Becker Roeder  
Carmen Bellizzi  
Terrence Berdell  
Rosemary Blum Reiser  
Roger "Mike" Bohl  
Mary Bowe Mostek  
Paula Brady Haurie  
Bernard Brandstetter  
Mary Breiner Tarnock  
Bruce Brugger  
Teresa Bulcavage Walker  
Charles Burgermeister

Elizabeth Bush Daday  
Kathleen Cahill Van Anglen  
Jeffrey Chanitz \*  
Jeffrey Chladny  
Elizabeth "Betsy" Cichelli  
Carl Connors  
John Coughlin  
Richard Cummings  
Luke Cunningham  
William "Billy" Czar  
Thomas Dale  
Michael Dalton  
Judy Damhosi Kopy  
Jeanette Danko Warminsky  
Annette DeAngelis Cunerd  
Theresa DeFilippo Zoba  
Larry Deiter  
Angel DeJesus

Carmen DeJesus \*  
Kathryn Derr Trunk  
Charles "Charlie" DiDonato  
Thomas Donaghue  
Alexandra Donchez Casciato  
Charles Doncsecz  
Robert "Bob" Donovan  
William Downing  
Brian Duh  
Donna Emerick Vidumsky  
Andrew Estojak  
Robert Farris  
Deborah Fernandes Albright  
Karen Ferry Neglia  
Joanne Flecksteiner Murphy  
James Foley  
Peter Foley \*

\* Deceased

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Joseph Fritz  
Kevin Gallagher  
Paul Garbarini  
Thomas Garvey  
David Gaspar  
Marybeth Gaspar  
Laura Gaughan Pignotti  
David Gavura  
Nancy Giaquinto O'Donnell  
Ellen Gilmartin Reczek  
Philip Gimpert \*  
Charlene Glose Dunn  
Susan Glueck Hoffmeier  
Paul Golden  
Mark Gorski  
Susan Gorski Berkenstock  
Stanley Gorzelic  
Judith Green Nairn  
Patricia Ann Green Malone  
Donna Guman Foley  
Patrick "Pat" Haney \*  
Lawrence Harris  
James Hartigan \*  
Cathleen Hayes Valenty  
Mark Heimbach  
Keith Henritzky  
Lawrence Hilaire  
Judith Hogan Shive  
Joseph Holko  
Kathleen Horwath Richards  
Kevin Ingram  
Gerald Johnson  
Margaret Mary Kaercher Howland  
Robert Kammetler  
Susan Karaffa Leh  
Anne Karb Zelko  
John "Jack" Kardos  
John Kaspern  
Robert Keim  
Michael Kelly  
Gregory Kessler  
Kathleen King  
Nicholas Koch  
Diane Konya Mireles

David Kostelnick  
Patricia Kostelnick Sinnott  
Ronald Kotash  
Debra Kozero Laform \*  
Michael Kreck  
John "Jack" Kristofik  
Charles Kroboth  
Eileen Kulbaba Dietz  
Andrew "Drew" Kuruc  
Francis "Fran" Lawrence  
Jayne Lawrence Cressman  
Susan Lilly Bianco  
Barbara Lipka McCauley  
Susan Lipko Gabrovsek  
Martha Litsch Schumacher  
David Loosbrock  
Mary Lucas Safranek  
Robert "Bob" Lund  
Sean Lynch  
George Macasevich  
James Machain  
Stephen Mackie  
John Majewski  
Gerald "Jerry" Makos  
Kathleen "Kay" Malloy McLane  
Marylou Marcelino  
Nancy Marchak Chrimer  
Deborah Martinuzzi Yeakel  
Debra Matyas Nugent  
Anne McCandless Rampolla  
Michelle McGouldrick Balog  
Susan McGouldrick  
Eileen Meder Szvetecz  
Susan Melley Turner  
Marcia Mesko Ulicny  
John Minarik  
David Mitchell  
Susan Mitchell Kish  
Patricia Mitko Terry  
Carlos Molina  
Kathleen Molnar Makl  
Elsie Montalvo Szablowski  
Christine Mroshinskie Easen

Cathy Mucka  
Kevin Murphy \*  
Mark Murphy  
David Nehilla  
Edward Niechwiadowicz \*  
James Nolan \*  
Robert Nonnemaker  
Theresa O'Hare Wenck  
Judith O'Leary Hefferan  
Susan Oravec Polak  
Patricia Ortwein Donchez \*  
Anthony Oswald  
Thomas Palangio  
Thomas Palenchar  
Deborah Palos Ruthrauff  
Suzanne Pardo Nehilla  
Julie Pastelyak White  
Janet Perez Fetherolf  
Joseph Peters  
David Pinter  
Joanne Posivak  
Joseph Ramos  
Paul Reczek  
Jeanne Rehrig  
Thomas Reidy  
Stephen Reisteter  
Constance Repash  
William Reppert  
Cheryl Rich  
James Rieger  
Dolores Righi Oldt \*  
Richard Ringhoffer  
Ilia "Lilly" Rivera Vazquez  
Maryellen Roseman  
Joseph Rutkowski  
Martin Sabol  
Donna Sabota Merwine  
Ronald Safko \*  
Nancy Sala Safko  
Paul Salabsky  
Joseph Saliba  
Dominic Santanasto \*

\* Deceased

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Joseph Santanasto \*  
James Savitske  
Patricia Schadl Malozzi \*  
Michael Schadle  
Julie Scheller  
Linda Schleppey Suswal  
Christopher Schmidt  
James Schnecker  
John Schwab  
Beverly Sechney Yundt  
David Seidenberger  
Karen Sergi Orlemann  
Mary Louise Serrao Britt  
Lawrence Silver  
Kathleen Simons Kinek  
Helen Sinnott Hartzell  
Timothy Sinnott  
Joanne Slivko Skrobak  
Bonnie Smith Reitbauer

John Spagnola  
Dennis Stangl  
David Stofanek  
Raymond Stofanek  
Deborah Strohl Haney  
Donna Swift  
Edward Szkudlapski  
Elizabeth Szvetcz Ameer  
Timothy Taglang  
Joseph Tallarico  
Robert Thieme  
Barry Thompson  
Jeffrey Traupman  
David Turek  
Andrew Vanic  
Olga Vazquez Eroh  
Laura Venanzi Partridge  
Kristine Volpinari Shields  
Mary Elizabeth Von Leer Pany

Francene Wagner McIntyre  
Robert "Bob" Wagner  
Annette Watsula Keck  
Karla Weinhofer  
Martha "Marty" Weiss  
Thomas Willey  
Peter Willner  
Peter Wilner  
Steven Wilson  
Victor Yanega  
Stephen Yob  
Michele Yuhás Sovia  
Mark Yundt  
Sharon Yurko Neders  
Joseph Zator  
Patrick Zelko  
Joseph Zubia

\* Deceased

Here are some of their post-graduate pursuits that I could find...

Eleven members serves our country in the Military:

Bruce Brugger, U.S. Navy  
Brian Duh, U.S. Air Force  
Kevin Gallagher, U.S. Army  
David Nehilla, U.S. Navy  
Dennis Stangl, U.S. Air Force  
Victor Yanega, U.S. Navy  
William Czar, U.S. Marines  
Michael Kelly, U.S. Navy  
Julie Scheller, Military Service  
Timothy Taglang, Military Service  
Joseph Zator, U.S. Army

Seven members served as Education Professionals:

Deborah Becker Roeder  
Anne McCandless Rampolla  
Karen Sergi Orlemann  
Mary Elizabeth Von Leer Pany  
Susan Gorski Berkenstock  
Susan McGouldrick  
Joanne Slivko Skrobak

Seven members served as Healthcare Professionals:

Thomas Ahearn, Physician  
Paula Brady Haurie, Respiratory Therapy  
Barbara Lipka McCauley, Nursing  
Peter Willner, Nursing  
Maria Balogh Liddick, Nursing  
Carl Connors, Physician  
Kristine Volpinari Shields, Nursing

Five members practice at the Bar:

Thomas Dale  
James Nolan  
Joseph Holko  
Joseph Zator  
Charles Kroboth

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Thirty members married another Becahi graduate:

**Charles Burgermeister** and **Janet Silberman '76**

**Elizabeth Bush** and **Jim Daday '72**

**Charles Doncsecz** and **Corrinne Nemchick '79**

**Ellen Gilmartin** and **Paul Reczek**

**Pat Haney** and **Deborah Strohl**

**Patricia Kostelnick** and **Tim Sinnott**

**John Majewski** and **Mary Shea '76**

**Michelle McGouldrick** and **John Balog '73**

**Kathleen Molnar** and **Paul Makl '74**

**Ron Safko** and **Nancy Sala**

**Beverly Sechney** and **Mark Yundt**

**Timothy Taglang** and **Ceceilia Gaughan '78**

**Larry Dieter** and **Kay Malloy**

**James Foley** and **Donna Guman**

**Stanley Gorzelic** and **Patricia Wagner '74**

**Anne Karb** and **Patrick Zelko**

**Mary Lucas** and **Tom Safranek '69**

**Nancy Marchak** and **Bob Chrismer '73**

**Eileen Meder** and **Stevie Szvetecz '73**

**Susan Pardo** and **David Nehilla**

**Paul Salabsky** and **Maryann Burriello '78**

**Dave Stofanek** and **Susan Krafty '73**

**Pete Willner** and **Kathy Connell '79**

19 members are parents of 25 children who graduated from Beca...

**Terrence Berdell** is the parent of **Terrence '99** and **Jennifer '02**

**Bernard Brandstetter** is the parent of **Robert '13**

**Judy Damhosl Kopy** is the parent of **Nina '13**

**Deborah Fernandes Albright** is the parent of **Jessica '98** and **Lauren '06**

**Joanne Flecksteiner** is the parent of **Beth Horveath '02** and **Jackie Horveath '03**

**James Foley** and **Donna Guman** are the parents of **Kaitlin '01** and **Meaghan '04**

**Ellen Gilmartin** and **Paul Reczek** are the parents of **Kathryn '02** and **Laura '04**

**Patrick Haney** and **Debbie Strohl** are the parents of **Megan '02**

**Deborah Martinuzzi** is the parent of **Lindsay Yeakel Lewis '05**

**Eileen Meder** and **Stevie Szvetecz '73** are the parents of **Jennifer '97** and **Doug '99**

**Patricia Ortwein Donchez** is the parent of **Trisha Bachman '96** and **Byron Bachman '99**

**Dominic Santanasto** is the parent of **Dominic '14** and **Vincent '16**

**Beverly Sechney** and **Mark Yundt '75** are the parents of **Laura '97** and **Mark '01**

**David Stofanek** and **Susan Krafty '73** are the parents of **David '07**

**Peter Willner** and **Kathy Connell '79** are the parents of **Kate '08** and **Anne '15**

**John Spagnola** and **Joe Zator** were selected as Becahi Distinguished Graduates.

**John Spagnola** was inducted into the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame

**Pete Willner** sent a message last month, reflecting... *"My high school days are indelibly marked by my time in the Becahi Band. That experience continues to resonate with me; I still actively play the trombone with both the Easton and Bethlehem municipal bands. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to music and the community. Interestingly, my connection to Becahi's musical life continues – I even had the opportunity to play in the pit band for the school's spring musical both during my high school years and again when my daughters [Kate '08 and Anne '15] were students. In fact, I'm scheduled to play again this year! It's a full circle moment and a testament to the lasting impact of those formative years."*

Did you know that **Tom Dale** and **Larry Dieter** were Morning Call Newspaper carriers?

(Just like this Editor of *Tidings*)

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## Who else of you were newspaper carriers “back in the day?”

Let me know and I'll include your names and newspaper, in a future edition of *Tidings*...in time for National Newspaper Carrier Day in September!

You'll be among the Newsies of Beca... like

**Pat '66** and **Joe '68 Sweeney**, Morning Call

**Eston “Barney” Becker '69**, Bethlehem Globe Times

**Mick '70** and **Bobby '71 Halbreiner**, Morning Call

**Michael Trapp '76**, Morning Call

**John Fiorentino '77**, Bethlehem Globe Times *and* Morning Call

**Dr. Libby Cerva '80**, Morning Call

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## About the Centennial Yearbook...

I'm working on including content from every decade. I'd also like to have a picture or two to compliment the years.

Problem is... The yearbooks for most of the classes in the 1930s and 1940s are hidden in scrapbooks and treasure chests in most of your parents and grandparents file cabinets, in the closets and basements, and under the beds.

If anyone has pictures of your ancestors from “back in the day”, and if you send them to me, I will do my best to include them in the yearbook and in future *Tidings*.

There are close to 800 graduates who can trace their Beca roots back to these decades, so my fingers are crossed that you can find some.

Just read the Ancestry's of this month's classes, both in the mid-1950s and mid-1980s, and you'll see what I mean...

## “Ancestry.Beca” (Part 2 of 2 for February 2025)

### 1984 - 1986

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

1984

- Lawrence Bringenberg '84 is the child of Carl '52 and Lucille (Ortwein '55) Bringenberg
- Kristen Brodt VanArsdale '84 is the child of Jeannette Michael '64
- Ann Marie Brown '84 is the child of Germaine Dick '51
- John Bugger-Blair '84 is the parent of Zachary '15
- Susan Chuss Sousa '84 is the child of Judith Cunningham '59
- Maria Concilio Barr '84 is the child of Gus '47 and Mary (Anderson '47) Concilio



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- Mark Demyan '84 is the child of Michael '56 and Dolores (Dougherty '59) Demyan, and the grandchild of Micky '33
- Charles Dick '84 is the grandchild of Charles '39
- Michelle Domchek Ferry '84 is the grandchild of Anne Adams '37
- Rosemary Domyan Mayr '84 is the child of Leonard '36
- John Egan '84 is the child of Jack '57 and Susan (Molitorisz '56) Egan
- James Ferenó '84 is the child of Jean Ritter '60
- Kerry Foley Seeger '84 is the child of David '55
- Gary Fondl '84 is the child of Lorraine McFadden '48
- Kelly Gallagher Boudreau '84 is the child of Angelina Albarelli Dorshimer '61
- Edward Godlewsky '84 is the child of Patricia Kelly '60
- Sean Jaeger '84 is the child of Helen Greenstein '55
- Larry Jani '84 is the child of Grace Scheller '52
- Maria Kalata Sullivan '84 is the child of Andrew '60
- John Laposky '84 is the child of John '59
- Gregory Lasover '84 is the child of Jean Korpics '58
- Sean '84 and Erin (McDonald '89) McIntyre are the parents of Teghan '20 and Abby '22
- John Mies '84 is the child of Catherine Dwyer '60 and the grandchild of Catherine Coyle '27
- Deborah Moroney Brown '84 is the child of John '61 and Agnes (McGowan '60) Moroney
- Tara Marie Moughan Nieto '84 is the child of Mercedes Machain '55
- Scott Moyer '84 is the child of MaryAnn Edwards '59 and the parent of Joseph '19 and Maribel '21
- Robert Ornosky '84 is the child of Ethel Fecko '49
- Michelle Ortwein Stout '84 is the child of Edward '59 and Nilce (Teles '49) Ortwein
- Ann Reagan '84 is the child of Francis '54 and Mary (Sandre '58) Reagan
- Dorothy Ronca Talago '84 is the child of Don '53 and Maryanne (Bilsak '53) Ronca
- Georgeanne Sabota Delpercio-O'Keefe '84 is the child of Rose Ruth '48
- Patrick Santoro '84 is the child of Mary Ann Dwyer '54
- Michele Spisak Fontana is the child of Marie Posipanko '58
- Patricia Strunk Weaver '84 is the child of Mary Lyons '60
- Richard Szulborski '84 is the parent of Jeremy '10 and Hannah '13
- James Zaun '84 is the child of Jacqueline Robell '51

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1985

- Eric Baba '85 is the child of George '56
- Joseph Balik '85 is the child of Joseph '57
- Lisa Balik Christy '85 is the child of Joseph '57
- James Bicking '85 is the child of Annette Sullivan '55
- Antoinette Blasko Altemose '85 is the parent of Brian '17 and Morgan '19
- Jane Bodor Schantz '85 is the parent of Branwen '22 and Aislinn '26
- John Bringenberg '85 is the child of Carl '52 and Lucille (Ortwein '52) Bringenberg
- Kerri Cole Spadaccia '85 is the child of Charlotte Ortwein '65
- Sharon Connell Hoole '85 is the child of William '52 and Mary (Silvoy '52) Connell
- Brian Culligan '85 is the child Leo '52 and Loretta (Lucas '55) Culligan
- Susan Culligan '85 is the child of Leo '52 and Loretta (Lucas '55) Culligan
- Kimberly Dittimore Orth '85 is the child of Katherine Serban '63
- Sherry Doyle Hart '85 is the Barbara Laposky '65
- Patrick Dundon '85 is the parent of Elizabeth '15 and Madelyn '16
- Roseann Grimmer Glover '85 is the child of Herman '47 and Rosalie (Shamenek '47) Grimmer
- Michael Hercik '85 is the child of Robert '60
- Scott Jaeger '85 is the child of Helen Greenstein '55
- Lisa Kissel Zelko '85 is the child of Michael '58
- Donna Kospiah Sabo '85 is the child of MaryAnn Valentin '54
- John Kozul '85 is the child of Mary Ruth '50
- Joseph Lawler '85 is the son of Regina Morrison '43
- Kathleen Mies Stamm '85 is the child of Catherine Dwyer '60 and the grandchild of Catherine Coyle '27
- Jennifer Mingora Wills '85 is the child of Elizabeth Polak '57
- Daniel Moroney '85 is the child of John '61 and Agnes (McGowan '60) Moroney
- Timothy Moroney '85 is the child of Jimmy '53
- Brian Morykan '85 is the child of Geri Jancosko '61
- Scott Olexa '85 is the child of Paula Ripper '65
- Michele Pavis Dahlgren '85 is the child of Charlotte Bartakovits '60
- Kathleen Petri Hahn '85 is the child of Ann Schwartz '59
- Eric Rander '85 is the child of Marianne Konrad '58
- Rocco Rich '85 is the child of Lucille Demyan '55
- Brett Rothrock '85 is the child of Anita Bianco '59
- Patrick Shea '85 is the child of Lawrence '47
- Deborah Smith Murphy '85 is the child of Theresa Dominko '55
- Cheryl Spisak Dorn '85 is the child of Marie Posipanko '58



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- Virginia “Ginny” Tachovsky Downey '85 is the child of Thomas '54 and the parent of Kayleigh '13, James '14, Regan '17 and Grace '20
- Kathleen Uhl '85 is the child of Mary Keating '60
- Ellen Waldron Braun '85 is the child of Mary Kathleen Egan '59

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1986

- Michael Barron '86 is the child of Eugene '53
- Kevin Boucher '86 is the child of Rosalie Toth '62
- Christopher Brown '86 is the child of Germaine Dick '51
- Kristin Brugger Dremock '86 is the child of Mary Lou Eddinger '60
- Jennifer Bukvics Ouellette '86 is the child of Bob '60
- Daniel Chiles '86 is the child of Anne Concilio '43
- Michelle Chubbuck Cawley '86 is the child of Charles '52 and Mary Elizabeth (Pavelko '54) Chubbuck
- Tracey Chuss Silfies '86 is the child of Judith Cunningham '59
- Susan Domchek '86 is the grandchild of Anne Adams '37
- William Egan '86 is the child of William '58
- Erin Foley '86 is the child of David '55
- William Gillen '86 is the child of Thomas '35
- Carolyn Godlewsky Gelhard '86 is the child of Patricia Kelly '60
- David Kacsur '86 is the child of Mary Jane Lucas '56
- Elizabeth Kalata Ethridge '86 is the child of Andrew '60
- Kevin '86 and Jacqueline (Tavares '88) Kilgour are the parents of Spencer '11 and Joshua '18
- Patrice Maloney Callahan '86 is the child of Thomas '57 and Ann (Kervin '57) Maloney
- Christine Milkovitz Gentilcore '86 is the child of Mary Danko '60
- Michael Molitorisz '86 is the child of William '52 and Dorothy (Pavelko '54) Molitorisz
- Jeffrey Ortwein '86 is the child of Edward '59 and Nilce (Teles '59) Ortwein
- John Pavis '86 is the child of Charlotte Bartakovits '60 and the parent of Henry '19, Charlie '22 and George '24
- Anthony Rapp '86 is the child of Janice Lipsky '63
- Philip Sabota '86 is the child of Rose Ruth '48
- Paul Schnalzer '86 is the child of Joan Ryan '48
- Andrew Waldron '86 is the child of Mary Kathleen Egan '59

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**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*.

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## Advancement Office News: Make a Joyful Noise

Make a Joyful Noise is an online fundraising competition that celebrates Catholic school spirit within the Allentown Diocese. Sing and dance along with our Golden Hawks as they share with you their encore performance of Make a Joyful Noise! Show your support for Becahi and help make our school a winner!



All proceeds from the Make a Joyful Noise competition go directly to Bethlehem Catholic.

Check out the talent, energy, and creativity bursting from these videos that our schools have put together to showcase their SCHOOL SPIRIT...

**VOTE NOW!**      <https://www.weloveourcatholicschools.com>

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## Saint Joseph – Stay with Us

The Society of St. Joseph of Bethlehem, a nonprofit group created by former parishioners of the church at 413 E. Fifth Street, says it will take \$100,000 to fix the roof of the building that served generations of the city's Windish community, **including over 300 Becahi graduates and their families.** Many have been baptized there.



**Society of St Joseph  
of Bethlehem**

PO Box 1367  
Bethlehem, PA 18016

Many have been married there. Many have been laid to rest there. It's part of our heritage. It's part of who we all are.

The society developed a budget of \$225,000 to bring the church building up to code. That budget includes the amount for the roof. So far, \$70,00 has been raised.

The church had remained open to allow Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph, along with parishioner funerals. In 2023 the diocese could no longer afford the building's upkeep and sold it. Hence the birth of the Society.

The Society's mission is to restore and preserve St. Joseph's Church as a sacred place of worship and a testament to the history and cultural heritage of Southside Bethlehem.

Donations to help keep the heritage alive may be made to the address in the banner above or <https://ssjb.charityproud.org/Donate> - Morning Call 1/9/25

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
<b>Merle Louise Letowt Simon</b>	1951	01/11/2025	90
<b>Edward Scheidler</b>	1974	01/15/2025	68
<b>Joseph Anthony</b>	1980	12/18/2024	62
<b>Jennifer Rutkowski Sopak</b>	2000	12/06/2024	42

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Gilbert "Gib" Andrew, father of **Denise "Denny" '70, Tom '76** and Gibby, on 01/05
- † **Joseph Anthony '80**, brother of **Anne '77, Bill '79**, Michael, Mary, and John, on 12/18/24
- † Thomas Coughlin, brother of **Carolann '76**, on 01/07
- † Agnes Gombosi, mother of **Kathleen '61, Rosemary '69, Maryann '73** and Robert, on 01/07 at the age of 107. ♥
- † **Merle Louise Letowt Simon '51**, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, was the sister of **Alvin "Butch" '54, Jane '64**, and the late **Catherine '60**, on 01/11
- † George Lindenmuth, husband of **Barbara Floyd '57**, father of **Donna '81, Tammy and George**, and brother of **Sandra '57 and Roberta '62**, on 01/17
- † Rosemarie McGouldrick, mother of **Susan '75, Stephen '81, Mary '83, John '86, Rosemary '88** and William, on 01/03
- † Richard Pany, husband of **MaryAnn Petrocelli '83**, on 01/25
- † **Jennifer Rutkowski Sopak '00**, child of **James '77**, on 12/06
- † **Ed Scheidler '74**, child of **Gloria Kagel '50**, and brother of **Bill '72 and Carol '76, on 01/15**
- † John Silva, husband of **Kathleen Snyder Adolt-Silva '83**, on 01/20
- † Johann Szautner, husband of **Kathleen Marshang '59**, and father of **Christian '90 and Tanja '92**, on 01/18
- † Pam Urello, wife of **H. Patrick '67**, sister-in-law of **Susan '68**, and daughter-in-law of the late **Genevieve Taglang Urello '42**, on 12/23
- † William Venanzi, father of **Lee '71, Laura '75**, Michael, Willie and Joseph, on 12/28

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

**Marilyn Ackerman Geiger (2/04/22) Bernie Gillen (2/19/24) Ed Hartigan (2/12/16)**

*In All That We Do, We Remember Them*

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## Sports

### Alumni Notables

#### The 1960 & 1962 PCIAA State Championship Basketball Teams Honored



**Bob Bukvics '60, Jim Posipanko '60, Ed Angerman '61, John McGeehan '61, Mick Moroney '61, Jack Vass '62, and Steve Donches '63**, members of the 1960 and 1962 PCIAA State Championship Basketball Teams, were honored at Bethlehem Catholic before our game against Liberty HS.

Other members of these phenomenal teams (from the yearbook) were (from the 1960 team), **Dennis Johns '60, Andy Kalata '60, Bob Molitorisz '60, Al Mucksavage '60, Jim Monek '61, Dennis Votral '61, George Yellak '61, and Fran Fenerty '62. Bill Gresho '60**

was the manager, **John Shupp '61** was assistant manager and **Charles Terry '61** was scorekeeper.

From the 1962 team, there was co-captain **Joe Martin '62**, co-captain **Fran Fenerty '62, Lou Gerenser '62, William "Fred" Alexander '62, James Jancosko '62, Ron Silvoy '62, Joe Talian '62, Tom Cope '63, Charles "Whitey" Anderko '64 and Phil Panarelli '64**. Maureen Fenerty, Fran's daughter, joined in the celebration. Before the pre-game ceremony, we prayed for the legendary Coach Paul Calvo and the players who could not make the game.

We look forward to seeing the members of all our state championship teams and all the rest of our Golden Hawk alumni and families at our Centennial Kickoff on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at DeSales University.

#### Basketball in Februarys Passed...

2/01/30	BCHS 25 - Mauch Chunk Catholic 10
2/22/30	BCHS 24 - Malvern Prep 43
2/12/35	BCHS 57 - Allentown Catholic 40
2/19/35	BCHS 26 - Allentown Central Catholic 31
2/11/40	BCHS 32 - Phillipsburg Catholic 19
2/13/40	BCHS 27 - Hellertown 23
2/12/45	BCHS 40 - Phillipsburg Catholic 17... Francis Fenton has 242 points this season
2/20/45	BCHS 49 - Conshohocken Catholic 37... Francis Fenton, captain, with 15 points

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**Tiffany Bedics Gallis '95**, a Becahi Wall of Fame Member, is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the all-time girl's scorer's list with 1,804 points. She also scored 1,467 points at Lafayette College and is a member of the Lehigh Valley Hall of Fame. Tiffany is District Business Manager at Pfizer based in New York. (LinkedIn)

**Cydney Stanton '22**, leads her Mansfield University's women's basketball team in rebounding this season with 6.3 a game, and is second in team scoring with a 14.2 average through 19 games. – Morning Call 1/30/25

## Currently in Sports

### Tyler Ward Resigns as Becahi's Head Football Coach

Coach Ward, whose two-season record is 13 – 13, lead the Golden Hawks to the 2023 District XI 4A championship in his first season and was the 2023 Morning Call's co-East Penn Conference coach of the year. Tyler has taken another head coaching position out of state. During his tenure, *“Coach Ward led the Golden Hawks with passion, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to developing young men of character”* says Becahi's Athletic Director, **Steve Tomaszewski '01**.

On behalf of the alumni, thank you and continue good fortune to you and your family, Tyler. Remember Tyler, “Once a Hawk, always a Hawk!”

## Winter Sports Snapshot

### Boys Basketball

Scott McClary, Coach (7<sup>th</sup> season)  
Record: 107 – 65  
Season record as of 1/30/25  
Won 8 – Lost 13  
Average Point/Game Differential: (2)  
Up next: Easton 02/03

### Wrestling

Mike Cole, Coach (2<sup>nd</sup> season)  
Record: 26-1  
Season record as of 1/31/25  
Won 10  
Up next: District XI Duals 02/01  
1<sup>st</sup> up: Quarterfinal vs Parkland

### Girls Basketball

Arnold Alleyne, Coach (2<sup>nd</sup> season)  
Record: 37 - 15  
Season record as of 1/29/25  
Won 11 – Lost 9  
Average Point/Game Differential: 14  
Up next: Northampton

### Girls Wrestling

**Jared Papcsy '18**, Coach (1<sup>st</sup> season)  
Season record as of 1/31/25  
Lost 7  
Won 25 (38%) bouts wrestled  
Up next: District XI Tournament 02/16

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## Bethlehem Catholic High School on LinkedIn

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

**Get (re)connected.**

**Take advantage of the Becahi Alumni network!**

Profiles of Becahi grads are posted each month in *Tidings* so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it "BLinkedIn").

### "BLinkedIn" Profiles

**Potential Mentors and Colleagues...**

**Get Connected to your Classmates...** This year, **113 graduates from 47 classes were recognized so far.** Check it out at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>.

This edition of *Tidings* contains the names of 57 graduates from 47 classes.

**Here are some graduates who deserve recognition this month...**

**Paula Brady Haurie '75** is now Retired after serving in the Healthcare Profession for over 34 years. She is presently an ArtsQuest Ambassador and Executive Board Secretary at Traditions of America at Hanover Condominium Association in Bethlehem.

**Joe Zubia '75**, who received a BA in Political Science from Gettysburg College and an MBA from DeSales University, is Vice President, Small Business Lending, at First Northern Bank & Trust in Bethlehem.

**Randi Ann Balik Bennett '76**, who studied at Allentown Business School, is a Legal Secretary for John Nolan, Sr, Attorney at Law in Madeira, OH.

**Carol Dancho O'Neill '77**, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Penn State University, serves as a Special Education Professional at the Monroe Woodbury (NY) Central School District.

**Susan Menalis McCaughin '78**, who received a BS in Nutrition Science and an MEd in Workforce Education from Penn State University, served as a Culinary Arts Instructor at Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School for almost 30 years.

**Regina Dugan '79**, who received a BA from Muhlenberg College, an MBA from the University of Connecticut, and a JD from Suffolk University, serves as Counsel for the Office of General Counsel at MIT in Cambridge, MA.

**Toni Campanella Erceg '80** is a Facilities Specialist at The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America in Allentown.

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**Janice Kachmar Miller '80**, who received a BSN from DeSales University and an MSN - Nurse Educator from Mount Mercy University, is a Lecturer at the University of Iowa College of Nursing in Iowa City.

**Lora Cunningham Fondl '81** is Executive Administrator at West Side Hammer Electric in Bethlehem.

**Ellen Cunningham Schmid '82**, who received a BS in Marketing from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from Lehigh University and an MPH in Public Health Policy from Emory University, is a Business Systems Analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Center Valley.

**Cindy Corrigan Smichowski '83**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Mansfield University, is Sales Director, Cybersecurity, at OpenText, a world leader in Information Management, helping companies securely capture, govern and exchange information on a global scale, in the Charlotte, NC metropolitan area.

**Susan Chuss Szilagyi '84** is a Business Manager at Lehigh University.

**Jane Bodor Schantz '85**, who received a BS in Marketing from Kutztown University, is Plan Sponsor Liaison at Aetna in Bethlehem.

**Rachel Bold DiCarlo '85**, a graduate of Penn State University, is Vice President of Public Relations at American Eagle Outfitters, Inc, in the greater New York City area.

**Christine Fagan-Mannarino '86**, who received a Doctor of Chiropractic from Northeast College of Health Sciences, is the Owner/ Chiropractor at Fagan Chiropractic in Newtown Grant, PA.

**Kimberly Riss Wetherhold '87**, who received a BA in Social Work from Bloomsburg University, is Assistant Community Office Administrator at The Muncy Bank and Trust Company in Muncy, PA.

**Miguel Rivera '88**, who received a BS in Business Management and Economics from East Stroudsburg University, is Director of Development & Communications for the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem.

**Kristina Bortz Kolumber '89**, who received an AAS in Advertising Illustration from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Illustration from Moore College of Art & Design, is a Revenue Cycle Data Analyst at St. Luke's University Hospital Network.

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**Jeff Gross '90**, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and took graduated studies at Rochester Institute of Technology, is Principal Software Engineer at MITRE, working to solve some of the nation's biggest challenges in defense, cybersecurity, healthcare, homeland security, the judiciary and transportation, in Bedford, MA.

**Thomas McLaughlin '90**, who studied Graphic Arts and Design at Temple University's Tyler School of Art, is an Environmental Graphic Design Consultant at NYU Langone Health, a world-class, patient-centered, integrated academic medical center, with a culture rooted in excellence in patient care, education, and research.

**Anjie Curzi Oberholzer '91**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Gettysburg College, is Senior Public Relations Manager at SRW, an independent, full-service agency with a penchant for growing natural health and wellness brands, in Bethlehem.

**Bill Bamber '92**, who received an AA in General Studies from Northampton Community College, is a Network Technical Specialist for AT&T in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Danielle Gulick '93**, who received a BA in Graphic Design from Moravian University, is Digital Print and Prepress Director at Strata Company, an advertising services company, in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

**Michael Katz '94**, who received a BA in Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Mass Media from Temple University, and a Master's Degree in Adult Education and Training, is an Academic Advisor for Graduate Education Programs at the University of Southern Maine.

**Brian Behler '95**, a U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduate, who received a BS in Human Resources Management and an MBA in Operations Management from Old Dominion University, is an Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard, Delaware Bay Sector, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Michael Strechay '95**, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University and an MBA from Rider University, is Senior General Adjuster - Property Claims, at Farmers Insurance in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Jessica Copes McElroy '96**, who received a BS in Health Administration from the University of Scranton, is Senior Director, Provider Recruitment, at Penn Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Health System, in Philadelphia.

**Jonathan Gerber '97**, whose undergraduate studies were at Moravian University and graduate studies at Lehigh University, is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones.



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**Sarah Gomes '98**, who received a BS in Electronic Media from Kutztown University and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Easton.

**Iris Martinez '99**, who received a BA in Criminal Justice from DeSales University and an MS in Addictions Counseling from Grand Canyon University, is an HIV Case Manager / Housing Coordinator at St. Luke's University Health Network.

**Melissa Hennis '00**, who received a BS in Political Science from Alvernia University, is an EMT for the Emmaus Ambulance Corps. She served as manager of the Bethlehem Health Bureau's Twitter and Instagram accounts and member of the Social Media / Outreach & Promotion team; creating and producing pamphlets, brochures and flyers for BHB program areas and events.

**Anthony Iannetta '00**, who received a BS in Sociology from Moravian University, is Senior Account Executive & Real Estate/Lease Manager at Lamar Advertising Company in Allentown.

**Tanya Alicea '01** serves as the Production Lead Operator for Niagara Bottling in Allentown.

**Jeff Feist '02**, who received a BS in Computer Science from Moravian University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Associate Director - Cloud Architect at Merck, in Easton.

**Alison Dancho '03**, who studied at the Baum School of Art, Northampton Community College and the international Academy of Design and technology – Tampa, is the Owner and CEO of Famous Talent Management & Development in New York.

**Lauren Ballard '04**, who received a BS in Biology from St. John's University and a DMD in Dentistry from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, is Dentist and Owner at Ballard Dentistry in Queens, NY.

**Mackenzie Collins '05**, who received a BS in Marketing from Lehigh University, is Associate Media Director at Spark Foundry, a global media agency brand, in the New York City metropolitan area.

**Travis Ihle '05**, a U.S. Marine Veteran, who received a BA in Business Management from DeSales University, served as a Safety & Quality Manager at Pratt Industries in East Greenville, PA, and is **open for new opportunities**.

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**Chad Doncsecz '06**, who studied at Northampton Community College and later received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University, is Sales Automation and Incentive Compensation Analyst at B. Braun Medical Inc. in Bethlehem.

**Christopher McFarland '07**, who received a BS in Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management from DeSales University, is a Residential Rooftop Solar Specialist/Territory Manager (Eastern PA), for IGS Energy, in Bethlehem.

**Hager Kidane '08**, who received a BA in Journalism from Rutgers University, is Trade Marketing Manager for Reckitt, in the metropolitan New York City area.

**Samantha Lohr Trachtman '09**, who received a BS in Psychology from DeSales University and an MEd in School Counseling from West Chester University, is a High School Counselor in the Southern Lehigh School District.

**Courtney Campbell '10**, who received a BFA in Communication Design from Kutztown University, is a Web Designer at Bethlehem Shared Services (Cigars International) in Bethlehem.

**Amy Jugan Cobb '10**, who received a BS from Lock Haven University, is Director of Strategic Operations at Account4, a financial services company, in Philadelphia.

**Lindsay Doscher '11**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Marketing from Tempel University, is Director of Operations at Hogarth, an advertising services company, in New York city.

**Kevin Wood '12**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from St. John's University's the Peter J. Tobin College of Business, is Account Manager at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

**Ian Chanitz '13**, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Penn State University, is an Interconnection and Transmission Specialist at Ormat Technologies, Inc., a leading renewable energy provider.

**Alexa Innarella '14**, who received an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from the County College of Morris, is Director of Operations at Golden Steps ABA, a highly experienced therapy group that provides individualized consultation and intervention services for individuals who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), in Parsippany, NJ.

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**Joshua Soares '15**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and a Master of Architecture from Catholic University, is an Architecture Associate at Historical Concepts, a multi-disciplinary firm offering architecture and planning services to quality-minded clients, in New York.

**Alexander Vorsa '15**, who received a BS in Health Sciences and a Doctor of Physical Therapy, DPT, from the University of the Sciences, is an Outpatient Physical Therapist at Christus Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana in Lake Charles, LA.

**Julien Spigner '16**, who received a BA in Government and Law from Lafayette College, is an Account Executive at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

**Neila Luma '17**, who received a BA in Criminal Justice from George Washington University and an MS in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida, is a Mitigation Specialist at Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

**Marissa Linsky '18**, who received a BA in Secondary Education from Cabrini University and is pursuing an MEd in Special Education from West Chester University, is a Social Studies Teacher at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Broomall, PA.

**Jordan Judd '19** who studied and received a PA-C (Certified Physician Assistant), from DeSales University is a Pediatric Physician Assistant at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

**Daniel DeLuca '20**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Logistics, Materials and Supply Chain Management from DeSales University, and who is pursuing a Master's Degree in Project Management from DeSales University, is Logistics Coordinator at ABEC, Inc., in Bethlehem.

**Tony Matthew '20**, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is a Mechanical Engineer at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD), supporting the research, development, engineering, test, evaluation and sustainment of all Navy and Marine Corps aircraft, headquartered in Patuxent River, Maryland.

**Charlotte Ahner '21**, who received a BS in Accounting from the University of Rhode Island last December, posts... *"I am currently on track to fulfill the 150-credit hour requirement for the CPA exam through the Master's program at Northeastern University, where I will also be participating in PwC's "While You Work" program in Philadelphia in August 2025. In addition to my academic pursuits, I am excited to begin an upcoming Internal Audit internship at Air Products in the Spring of 2025."*  
Congratulations, Charlotte!

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## Reflection

Give a listen...



### **Dream Away, Frank Sinatra** from O! Blue Eyes Is Back

Dream away, child; let your dreams run wild  
Or a lifetime of worries might claim you.  
Dream away, child; let your dreams run wild  
Or the years and the tears shed might claim you.

For the last time we have tasted love's sweet tears by the fire's glow.  
If our hearts are strong there'll be no long good-byes when it's time to go.  
But the strongest torch is sometimes broken  
As the deepest vows aren't always spoken,  
And the greatest wounds, we hide inside ourselves where they never show.

Dream away, child, let your dreams run wild.  
Or a lifetime of worries might claim you.  
Dream away, child; let your dreams run wild  
Or the years and the tears shed might claim you.

When the Winter weds the Northern Wind, the child they bear is snow.  
And the branches bow like worried bridesmaids, but the trees will grow.  
Sun and Earth in time will come together,  
God will give us back our summer weather.  
But the mem'ries of that first sweet taste of love pass away so slow.

Dream away, child; let your dreams run wild  
Or a lifetime of worries might claim you.  
Dream away, child; let your dreams run wild  
Or the years and the tears shed might claim you.

When there's no room left to live inside ourselves do we dream away.

## 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 know.

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Sincerely,  
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