



A Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Berks Catholic,
Central Catholic, and Holy Name High Schools



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Alumni in the News:

Congratulations to Adelle Schade (HN 1989), who was recognized in *Women2Women Magazine* for her work at Albright College where she is the Dean of Pre-College and Summer Programs and the Founder of the Science Research Institute.

Click here to read Adelle's store on page 22.



Congratulations to Michaela Dungan (BC 2018) who will graduate from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in May and will be continuing her research career as a full-time research coordinator at The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Dr. Bryson Katona's Gastrointestinal Cancer Genetics Program. During her time at NJIT she played 4 years of Division I volleyball while studying neurobiology, received 3 grants for her undergraduate research in concussion protocol (over 6k in funding) and was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors student chapter.



Congratulations to Christi (Sychterz) Terefenko (CC 1987), Co-Founder & Executive Director of VOICE Up Berks, for being named the 38th Women2Women



Congratulations to Bob Birmingham (HN 1983) and Joe Linderman (CC 1996) on being inducted into the Berks County Basketball Hall of Fame!

Bob has compiled a 615-295 record in 33 years as the coach at HN and BC. He is the winningest girls basketball coach in Berks County history. His teams have won five Berks titles and four District 3 titles. He led HN to the state championship game in 1993 and guided the Saints to the state final in 2018. Bob is also a member of the HN and BC Athletic Halls of Fame, as well as the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Joe was a two-time All-Berks pick and scored 1,304 points in his career for the Cardinals. Selected to the All-Berks County team twice, his team won the Berks title, two District 3 championships and appeared in a state final during his career. Named the Pennsylvania Small School Player of the Year in 1996, Joe received the Dr. Richard Kleppinger and the Jack Flowers Awards as the county's top senior player. Joe also played in college at Drexel, where he earned America East Rookie of the Year honors and was a three-time all-conference selection. He finished as the fourth leading scorer in school history with 1,840 points. Currently Joe coaches the BC junior high girls team. He formerly served as an assistant at CC, Exeter, Fleetwood and Alvernia and was the head coach at Fleetwood for three years.



More Alumni News

Belle Bressler (BC 2019) was named to the 2022 U.S. U-21 Women's National Field Hockey Team and U.S. Women's National Development Team.

Keeley Suzenski (BC 2019) earned a personal best and broke her own school record at William & Mary in women's shot put, placing first overall with 15.52m. She previously set the record (15.37m) at the ECAC Championships in 2020.

Josh Bolton (BC 2018) passed his Private Pilot Checkride at Aero-Tech Services, Inc. in Lititz, PA.

Matt Hughes (BC 2018) is a 2022 Team Captain of Cabrini University's Men's Lacrosse Team.

DJ Katella (BC 2017 Student Body President), a District 3 Baseball and Football champion, spoke to the Saints baseball team about sports performance, setting goals, teamwork & mental toughness at the Baseball Spring Training Workshop. He discussed 3 types of smart goals -outcome goals, performance goals, & process goals that benefit the team as a whole.

Summer Rose Biros (BC 2016) accepted a position as the Social Media and Marketing Coordinator for the WCR Center for the Arts.

Lt. Grant Higinbotham (BC 2016) graduated from Technical Training and is now stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. He was commissioned into the Air Force in July of 2020.

Danielle Moore (BC 2014) has expanded her content consulting and producing work to include companies like NBC Universal Media and Ad week. On the creative side, she is currently developing *Audrey*, a musical about the life of actress and activist Audrey Hepburn, which will premiere Off-Broadway later this year.

Marcus Dawkins (CC 2011), Donovan Jack (BC 2012) and Marquis Marshall (BC 2012) are playing basketball for the Reading Rebels.

Ellie Malfaro (CC 2011) was named a semi-finalist for a grant from the US State Department Fulbright Student Grant Program, the US government's flagship international educational exchange program, which provides grants for individually designed research or arts projects, graduate degree programs, or for English Teaching Assistantships in participating countries outside the US. The program strives to facilitate "cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks." Ellie is a semi-finalist for Taiwan.

Angie Haupt (HN 2005) had her first byline for *TIME Magazine* when she joined the Entertainment/Culture Team while still contributing to Health at *TIME*.

Meg Nerino (HN 2004) started a new position as Assistant Federal Defender for the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Vermont after 6 years of private criminal defense.

Maryanne Post (HN 2002) has begun a three-year term as a board member of the Foundation for Reading Area Community College. Maryanne is the Controller of Post Precision Castings in Strausstown and serves on the board for St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Michael Ruane (HN 1985), University of Bridgeport's Head Men's Basketball Coach, earned his 400th career win.

Karen DeNunzio (HN 1984) from the Science Research Institute of Learning presented BC faculty with concepts of learning and establishing Student Agency to lead to innovation with education.

Mary (Losovsky) Hoffman (HN 1983) was voted teacher of the year at Lewistown Elementary School where she has been educating children for over 20 years.

Missy Orlando (HN 1980) accepted a new role with Alvernia University as their inaugural Executive Director for Business & Partnership Development.

Becky (Schuhwerk) Shemanski (CC 1977) has begun a three-year term as a board member of the Foundation for Reading Area Community College. Becky also serves on the board of the John Paull II Center for Special Learning and previously served as Director of Communications for Custom Processing Services in Exeter.

Martha (Bacile) Findlay (HN 1968) accepted a position as Trafficking in Persons (TiP) Senior Advisor to the Bangladesh National Police. She will advise and train police in TiP awareness and investigation techniques. She has advised and trained police since 2000, in Albania, Barbados, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon and Macedonia.

Bill and Betsy (Larue) Price (both HN 1967) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January.

Engagements

Jessica Bean to Ryan Emkey (Both BC 2015)
Ellie Malfaro (CC 2011) to Jon Figura (BC 2012)

Weddings

Emily Cebulski (BC 2017) to Clarke Stoltzfus
Emily Katella (HN 2011) to Daniel Brittian
Colleen Eliff (HN 2008) to Drew Rubright

Births

Daughter Aurelis Sofia to Yarelis (Nieves)
Rodriguez (BC 2013) and husband Alejandro

Daughter Lheia to Jashaydee Cruz (BC 2012) and
husband Baba Waples

Daughter Murphy Michele to Kevin and Allie
(Ceccola) Migliore (Both HN 2009)

Son Leo Michael to Anthony Guida (HN 2009) and
wife Elisha

Son Patrick Jr. to Patrick and Emily (Wunder)
Barrett (both CC 2008)

Son Liam Nolan to Meghan (Hudson) Gogluizza
(HN 2008) and husband Tyler

Son Cole to Gabriella (Russo) St. Clair (HN 2008)
and husband Tyler

Son Charles to Adam Firely (HN 2007) and wife
Allie

Daughter Mary Lisa to Emily (Ermentrout)
Corpora (CC 2007) and husband Vinny

Daughter Camille to Chris Napolitano (HN 2004)
and wife Emily

Son Harrison David to Andrew Rowan (HN 2004)
and wife Allison

Son Cavanaugh Mackay to Stephen Loose (HN
1999) and wife Sarah



Colleen (Eliff) (HN 2008) and Drew Rubright



**Jashaydee Cruz (BC 2012) with her daughter,
Future Saint Lheia**

Save the Date

Berks Catholic Grandparents Day

*Thursday, April 28 at 8:30 am in the Franco-Post Auditorium at BC
(for all Grandparents of BC students)*

Mass at 8:30 am in the Franco-Post Auditorium followed by light breakfast with your

grandchild(ren) in the Lloyd Wolf Gymnasium. Please RSVP by clicking:
<https://form.jotform.com/BetsyWoytovich/grandparents-day-form>

Berks Catholic is Proud to Honor the Following State Champs:

1953, 1954, 1955, 1960 Central Catholic Track & Field Team

1970, 1971, 1972 & 1973 Holy Name Track & Field Team

1972 Holy Name Cross Country Team

Wednesday, May 4 at Berks Catholic's Forino Sports Complex.

We will meet at the gate entrance at 3:00. Ceremony will begin promptly at 3:15 prior to the Berks Catholic vs. Twin Valley Track Meet. Reception to follow the ceremony in the McGlinn Commons of the John R. Post Learning Center. If you were a member of any of these teams, please RSVP with number of guests attending to Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext. 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Berks Catholic Homecoming

Friday, September 23 at Berks Catholic's Forino Sports Complex.

More information to follow.

Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing

Monday, September 26 at the Berkshire Country Club

For more information on registration and sponsorships, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext. 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Inductions

Friday, September 30 at Berks Catholic's Forino Sports Complex

More information to follow.

Berks Catholic Extravaganza

Saturday, October 8 in the Lloyd Wolf Gymnasium at BC

Thursday October 6 Donor and Family Night

For more information please contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or extravaganza@berkscatholic.org.

Thanksgiving Basketball Alumni Get Together

Thursday, November 24 in the Lloyd Wolf Gymnasium at BC

Invites mailed to all BC, CC and HN Basketball Alumni. If you would like an invitation please update your contact info at <https://form.jotform.com/BetsyWoytovich/alumni-update-form-for-BC>.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext. 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Class Reunions and Gatherings



HN Class of 1968 Luncheon



HN 1969 Luncheon

Upcoming Reunions

Holy Name Class of 1968 "I Hear It's Your Birthday"

BELATED 70th Birthday Party

Saturday, June 4, 2022 from Noon - 6 pm Buffet at 1:30

Victor Emmanuel's Pavilion, 311 Hazel St, Reading, PA

Cost: \$25 per person (significant others welcome)

Please RSVP by May 1

Please mail name(s) including address, phone, email changes and any special dietary needs to:

Barbara (Hess) Hagan

317 Bartlett St, Reading, PA 19611

Checks Payable to Barbara Hagan

Central Catholic Class of 1947 - 75th Reunion

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

St. Paul's Church, Reading, PA

Mass at Noon followed by light lunch in parish center

For more information please contact Trudy (Erlacher) Ritter at trudyritt@aol.com 734-255-1288.

Central Catholic Class of 1970 - Rescheduled 50th Reunion

Central Catholic Class of 1970 Turns 70

Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 5 - 11 pm

YR Club, Wyomissing

Questions can be sent to Dave Weber (davidaweber3@gmail.com) or Becky Horyczko (bhoryczk@verizon.net)

Holy Name Class of 1972 - 50th Reunion

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Beverly Hills Tavern, Sinking Spring, PA

Please SAVE THE DATE and plan on attending! Other details will follow.

For More information, please contact Maria Gentile DiBiase at mariafalco@aol.com.

If you are planning a Berks Catholic, Central Catholic or Holy Name reunion and would like to list more information about the reunion here for your classmates to find, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Also, see below for guidelines and a checklist to help plan your next reunion.



Dear Fellow Alum:

As fellow legacy alumni of Berks Catholic High School and members of the Berks Catholic Board of Directors, we wanted to reach out to you regarding your upcoming Class Reunion. We work closely with Bob Birmingham, the Director of Institutional Advancement, and Betsy Woytovich, the Director of Alumni Relations, and wanted to offer you the following opportunities for your class reunion:

Class List. Betsy would be happy to print out the latest class list to help you reach your former classmates. Updating the alumni database is a constant work in progress so we only ask in return that you also share any new contact information for classmates that you discover during the planning of your reunion.

Mass in the chapel at Berks Catholic. Celebrating Mass together as a class and school was one of many mores that made our Catholic education so unique and special. Doing so in the Mary Queen of All Saints Chapel at Berks Catholic, with either Father Stephan Isaac, BC Chaplain, or perhaps a priest who was a teacher

or administrator during your time at Holy Name or Central Catholic, can be a wonderful shared tradition prior to your class reunion. Remembering deceased members of your class with a candle ceremony during Mass would also be a beautiful tribute to classmates who have passed away.

Tour of Berks Catholic. Whether you walked down the marble staircase as a senior at Central Catholic or walked the halls of Holy Name, Catholic education has come a long way in Berks County, and a tour with your classmates is a fun way to see all of the new additions at Berks Catholic while reminiscing about the way things used to be. Come and see the state-of-the-art auditorium where the entire student body celebrates Mass twice a month and the Performing Arts Department holds two different shows each year, as well as the library; the updated art room; and of course the brand new John R. Post Learning Center, a 25,000 square foot addition that was completed in 2018 and contains six classrooms, the McGlinn Commons, a Career and College Suite, a STEM lab and an expanded cafeteria space.



Reunion in McGlinn Commons or at Shemanski Stadium.

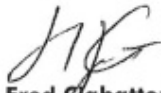
Whether you would like an indoor venue in our new space with plenty of seating and a view of Berks Catholic's new turf field and track, or an outdoor nostalgic venue at the stadium which once was home field to both Central Catholic and Holy Name football as well as, more recently, to Berks Catholic lacrosse and soccer, we would be happy to host your class reunion at one of our spaces.

Class News. Do you know someone in your class who would be interested in being a Class News Agent for our alumni department? This person would simply be a gatherer of facts and news about your classmates: new jobs, marriages, children, grandchildren and other exciting things they would like to share in the Trinity, Berks Catholic's alumni newsletter.

Class Gift. Lastly, please consider a class gift to Berks Catholic. Catholic education cannot exist without the support of our benefactors, and tuition alone does not fully fund the cost to educate each student. The future of Berks Catholic is dependent in part upon its legacy schools and their alumni. Our reunions are a great opportunity to come together and choose a project to fund at Berks Catholic. Please feel free to contact one of us listed below to discuss the many ways you and your classmates can make a significant impact for Berks Catholic as you honor the legacy of Catholic Education in Berks County.

Thank you for your consideration; enjoy your upcoming reunion; and please feel free to call one of us.

Sincerely,



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ATTENTION ALL BERKS CATHOLIC, CENTRAL CATHOLIC, AND HOLY NAME GRADS FOR YEARS ENDING IN 00 AND 05. LET BERKS CATHOLIC HELP YOU PLAN YOUR UPCOMING REUNION.

CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Form a class reunion committee and solicit volunteers to help.
- ☐ Request class list from Berks Catholic.
- ☐ Create a Facebook page for your class to help spread the word and locate lost class members.
- ☐ Create a class reunion budget. Decide how much you want each attendee to pay and whether or not drinks will be included.
- ☐ Choose a venue that meets your budget and pay deposit.
- ☐ Set up a pay site such as WePay or PayPal so that people can pay online.
- ☐ Share reunion information with Berks Catholic, and we will post on our website.
- ☐ Send "Save The Date" postcards or emails at least 6 months prior.
- ☐ Print and mail formal invitations or flyers.
- ☐ Collect any class reunion memorabilia and yearbooks for display.
- ☐ Research and develop deceased classmate tribute.
- ☐ Create nametags (Yearbook pictures are a fun addition to nametags).
- ☐ Decide on decorations/flowers.
- ☐ Create photo slideshow.
- ☐ Finalize agenda with a set schedule (when food will be served/when bar will be open/will anyone speak?).
- ☐ Finalize headcount and report to venue or caterer.
- ☐ Collect contact information from attendees as well as classmates that can't attend.
- ☐ Designate someone to take photographs and please share with Berks Catholic for newsletter and website.
- ☐ Finalize class reunion budget/consider a class gift with any surplus.
- ☐ Update alumni office on any new contact information for your classmates and return any memorabilia.

WHAT BERKS CATHOLIC CAN PROVIDE FOR YOU:

- Class list
- Plastic BC, CC, or HN cups and notepads for your attendees
- Memorabilia or yearbooks for display
- Suggestions for venues and printer for your invitations
- Print flyers, Class Surveys, and/or yearbook photos for nametags

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Berks Catholic's Office of College & Career Counseling works diligently to guide every Saint to find the right fit after high school and is proud to share our
10 Year Retrospective of College Accept Overview.

OVERVIEW: Since 2012, Berks Catholic has graduated **1,863 Saints**, 94% of whom pursued higher education immediately after high school.

Those Saints:

- Earned \$143.65 million in academic, athletic, and artistic, merit-based scholarships and grants
- Served / Are serving as enlisted and officers in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
- Honed their craft as artists at places like Berklee College of Music, MICA, Peabody Conservatory, SCAD
- 183 of Saints have continued their athletic careers at NCAA Division I, II, III, JuCo's, and NAIA institutions including: Bucknell, Clemson, Columbia, Kutztown, James Madison, Lafayette, Moravian, Mount St. Mary's, Penn State, Pitt, Richmond, Syracuse, and Villanova.... among many others.
- Were admitted to / matriculated at colleges and universities across the United States and internationally to...

THE NATION'S MOST SELECTIVE SCHOOLS SUCH AS:

American University, Boston College, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Bucknell, Cal-Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, Colgate, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Dickinson, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Lehigh, MIT, Notre Dame, NYU, Tufts, Penn, Univ. of Richmond, Swarthmore, UCLA, Univ. of Texas-Austin, Villanova, Wake Forest, William & Mary

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

INCLUDING:

Auburn, Arizona State, Boston Univ., Culinary Institute of America, Drexel, Michigan State, North Carolina State University, Ohio State, Penn State, Pitt, Purdue, Fashion Institute of Technology, Purdue University, San Diego State, Syracuse University, Temple, Texas A&M, Univ. of Brighton (UK), Univ. of Florida, Univ. of Georgia, Univ. Of Kentucky, Univ. of Nebraska, Univ. of Oregon, Univ. of Vermont, Univ. of Washington, West Virginia University

LOCAL, REGIONAL and TRADE / TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

INCLUDING:

Albright, Alvernia, Cabrini, DeSales, Elizabethtown, Kutztown, Penn State Berks, West Chester, LaSalle, Lebanon Valley College, Millersville, Montgomery Co. Community College, Penn College of Technology, Reading Area Community College, St. Joseph's University, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, West Chester, York College

Just to name a few.



Did we miss you or someone you know?

Stories about alumni as well as reunion announcements and pictures for The Trinity come from alumni like you. If you would like to include any information in the next newsletter

or share a contact for a friend or family member, please click here and tell us about it:
Alumni News Submission

Are you or an alumni you know making a difference in your community?

If you would like to be featured in our Alumni Saint Spotlight, please click here:
Alumni Saint Spotlight Form

Regarding any of the above, please also feel free to contact
Betsy Woytovich, Director of Alumni Relations,
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