



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 Jake Schmeck (BC 2021)

who graduated Army Basic/AIT training on October 29, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri! Jake has begun his US Army career, MOS (military occupational specialty) Combat Engineer, in Fort Bliss, Texas.



Congratulations to Brandon George (BC 2019),
Linebacker for the University of Pittsburgh Football
Team, on winning the 2021 ACC Coastal
Championship!



Congratulations to Cooper Lutz (BC 2018) Team
Captain and Running Back of the 2021 Syracuse
University Football Team!



Congratulations to Caitlyn Miller (BC 2017), Staff Environmental Scientist for Isett's Southeast Region! A recent graduate of Susquehanna University, Caitlyn has been developing her new career at Isett by working on Phase I reports, completing site visits, and conducting fieldwork. During her student career she acquired field experience by participating in various projects, having most recently completed a research project funded by the Local Climate Action Program that focused on generating a climate action plan for Monessen City.



Congratulations to Vanessa Ioannidi (BC 2016), who accepted a position as Sales Coordinator for Special Markets Department at Simon and Schuster in NYC!



Congratulations to Tony Balistrere (First Principal of BC) and David Stahler (HN 1998/BC Teacher/Coach/Asst AD), BCIAA Class of 2021 Gold Leaf Members.



Congratulations to Bob Birmingham (HN 1983/BC Girls Basketball Coach) on his 600th win.



More Alumni News

Mark McFadden (BC 2021) and the 2021 Susquehanna University Football Team won the MAC Centennial Bowl when they defeated Widener 49-21.

Mary Banco (BC 2018) has started a podcast called “Bee-ing Human with Mary Bee” now on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

Chloe Hudzik (BC 2018) is a Social Media Marketing Intern at Temple University.

Elizabeth Gaspari (BC 2017) is a Financial Representative at Northwestern Mutual, recently named #10 in the company and earning herself a spot in Northwestern Mutual's 2022 Winter Camp.

Alexis (Lexi) Leddy (BC 2016) was named Girls Volleyball Coach of the year in her first season of coaching for Berks Catholic.

Drew Stanko (BC 2014) started a new position as Associate Attorney at Cozen O'Connor.

Michael Mina (BC 2013) directed and starred in award-winning independent short film entitled “The Boy Under the Magnolia Tree,” which was screened in Philadelphia.

Alex Sincavage (HN 2010) accepted his dream job with the USDA Forest Service as a Forestry Technician in Lake George, Colorado.

Ryan McFarland (HN 2008) is the Director and Head Trainer at Give 'N Grow Basketball, using basketball to elevate the physical and mental health of adolescents.

Danielle Covely (HN 2007) joined RKL, LLP as a senior consultant. In her new role, Danielle supports organizations and management teams in a wide range of industries with financial accounting and reporting solutions.

Jeremy (Bubba) Mills (CC 2001) is the District Business Manager at Exact Sciences.

Dan Strock (HN 1992) is a Recruiter at DV Trading LLC.

Stephanie (Breon) LaManna (CC 1989) started a new position as Director of Business Development for PharMerica.

Adelle Schade (HN 1989) and Karen (Zerbe) DeNunzio (HN 1984) of the Albright Science Research Institute spoke to BC faculty about the opportunities available to teachers to bring STEM initiatives into BC classrooms.

Rita (Danowski) Fairbrother (CC 1986) works at Access CNY with adults with developmental disabilities as a Program Manager in the Community Networks Day Habilitation Department.

Lynn Schofer (CC 1980) retired after 23 years working in Behavioral Health for Maryland Department of Health and is now working at Seaford High School in Seaford, DE as a paraeducator in the Comprehension Program. She is also a local news sports reporter/photographer.

Annmarie (Sullivan) Dallao (CC 1979) was nominated as a Berks Biz Hero for her time as a volunteer in Berks County. Annmarie promotes local business and through her business, ARCpoint Labs, she has hosted volunteer and community events, collected items for Opportunity House, Safe Berks and local food pantries. She also runs community blood drives and coordinates Bingo for Berks Heim residents through St. Joseph's Church.

John Coble (HN 1978) retired from the Diocese of Allentown after 38 years at St. Francis Academy, Bally. He is currently a Commissioner for Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and a Visiting Team Leader.

John Machuzick (CC 1974) retired after a 35 year career with General Mills and relocated with his wife Cindi from Minnesota to San Clemente, CA. They are enjoying the beach life, traveling and being active in the community.

David Wiechecki (CC 1972), after a 30 year career in the plastics and chemical industries, retired from teaching high school chemistry and math at Pittsfield HS and East Longmeadow HS.

John Stofko (CC 1963) retired from 3M Company after 33 years in the research labs. John Joined 3M in 1976 after doing Post-doctoral research at The University of Warwick in Coventry, UK and at The California Institute of Technology.

Engagements

Casey Jack (BC 2019) to Caitlin Crespo (BC 2017)
(pictured right)

Melanie Marcano (BC 2016) to Alex Leal

Katrina Balatgek (BC 2014) to Christopher Thompson

Blake Lutz (BC 2014) to Heidi Torregroza

Maura Robinson (BC 2014) to Greg Gianacopoulos

Zachary Kozlowski (BC 2012) to Gianna Megaro

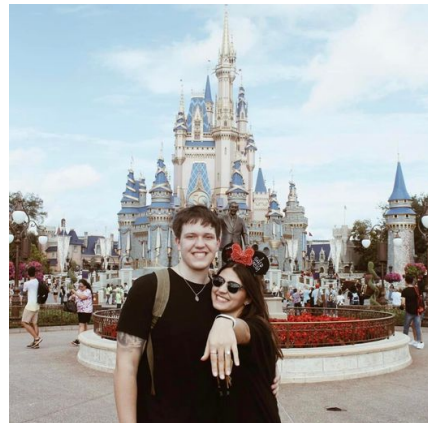
Nick Nawa (HN 2011) to Jackie Silva

Kevin Moore, Jr. (HN 2010) to Nicole Witte

Courtney Smith (HN 2010) to David Barrientos

Ben Sterner (HN 2010) to Jillian Swineford

Nina Cammarano (HN 2004) to John Fura
(HN 2006)



Casey Jack (BC 2019) and Caitlin Crespo (BC 2017)

Weddings

Sophia Pienta (BC 2017) to Logan Misiti

Laura Riebe (BC 2014) to Lucas Wollschlager

Emily Reedy (BC 2013) to Ben Grant

Lauren Skorupski (BC 2013) to Eric Linderman

Angela Miller (BC 2012) to James Weir

Sarah Moulton (BC 2012) to Darren Wright

Margaret Ermentrout (CC 2011) to Dr. Thomas Paniak (CC 2011)

Rachel Bigos (HN 2011) to David Fetts

Molly Ouchis (HN 2011) to Joel Kankiewicz

Emily Mengle (HN 2010) to Frank Diaferio

Alex LaManna (HN 2010) to Lauren Eckel (HN 2010) (*pictured right*)

Dan Ciabattone (HN 2009) to Felicia Devine

Maggie Kennedy (HN 2008) to Nick Battista

Nicole Viskovich (HN 2008) to Ivan Lazovic

Mark Yost (HN 2008) to Kayla Grunn

Samantha DePaul (HN 2007) to Mark Allen

Brittany Pacella (HN 2005) to Joffrey Reynolds

Brian Arty (CC 2004) to Devyn Zachary



Alex LaManna and Lauren Eckel (both HN 2010)

Births

Daughter, Charlotte Alejandra, to Anabel Duverge (BC 2014) and Jacob Kandah

Son, Golden Jay, to Blake Lutz (BC 2014) and fiancée, Heidi Torregroza (*pictured right*)

Son, Wesley Caden, to Billy and Shanalyn (Cruz) Morgan (both BC 2012)

Son, Ignatios Lee, to Stelios Koutroulelis (HN 2010) and wife, Kaylee

Son, Shea Karl, to Kelsey (Little) Johansson (HN 2010) and husband, Erik

Son, Charles Thomas to Nicollette Biscanti (HN 2010) and fiancé, Sean Kissane

Daughter, Harley, to Patrick Shields (HN 2010) and wife, Mary Kate

Son, Wyatt Robert, to Collin Hecker (HN 2010) and wife, Brielle

Son, Miles Bernard, to Savannah (Rentschler) Butler (HN 2009) and husband, Kevin.

Daughter, Petra Dean, to Jourdan (Rentschler) Howe (HN 2008) and husband, Alexander

Son, David Joseph (DJ), to Briana (Promutico) McMichael (HN 2008) and husband, Ben

Twins, Robert Anthony and Siena Mae, to Katie (Gallo) Graham (CC 2007) and husband, Rob

Son, Miles Joseph, to Danielle (Belfanti) Miller (HN 2006) and husband, Eric



Future Saint Golden Jay Lutz

Daughter, Belle Dorothy, to Kevin and Lauren (Reddy) Urban (both HN 2006)

Son, Michael Stanley, to Ryan Cannon (HN 2005) and wife, Sophie

Son, Jackson Patrick, to Andrea (Lis) Uniacke (HN 2004) and husband, Kyle

Son, Matisse Rab, to Michele (Simmons) Chowdhury (HN 2003) and husband, Imran

Twins, Giannis Giuseppe and Romualdo Evangelos, to Juliet (Di Biase) Sophias (HN 2003) and husband, Kostas

Son, Robert Wesley, to Adrian (Schaeffer) Traficanti (HN 2003) and husband, Joe

Daughter, Ayla Rose to Damaris Rodriguez (HN 2002) and fiancé, Angel

Daughter, Liana Elizabeth to Liz (O'Connor) Rosado (HN 2002) and husband, Lucas

Daughter, Margo Colleen, to Dr. Lisa Ciabattoni (HN 1998) and husband, Dr. AJ Giesa (*pictured right*)

Son, Charles Henry, to David and Jessica (Sobotka) Stahler (HN 1998/1999) (*pictured right*)



Future Saint Margo Colleen Giesa



Future Saint Charles Henry Stahler

Save the Date

Berks Catholic Spring Alumni Networking Reception

(for all Saints, Cardinals and Blue Jays 21 and over)

Friday, April 8 from 4-6 pm at Mimmo's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

After 2 years off, we will gather at a new location: 290 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA.

Please join fellow alumni from Berks Catholic, Central Catholic and Holy Name to Relax, Reconnect and Network. Beer, wine and appetizers will be provided.
Please RSVP for reception at bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org by Friday, April 1st.

Class Reunions



Holy Name Class of 1986 - 35th Class Reunion at the Third & Spruce Drafthaus



Holy Name Class of 1981 - 40th Class Reunion at PJ Whelihan's



5 Year Reunion
in the McGlinn Commons
at Berks Catholic



Proud Alumni Sporting Their New Hats!



Helena Woytovich
(BC 2015)



John Gallen
(CC 1948)



Karen (Nelson) Jozwiak
(HN 1988)

Celebrating 40th Anniversary of HN Field Hockey State Championship!



HOLY NAME coach Angie Stiklaitis holds the Class AA state field hockey championship trophy aloft as her players signify where the Blue Jays finished in the state tournament Saturday at Shippensburg State College. Story and other photos on Page 69. — Eagle Photo by Ronald B. Romanski.

1981 State Champion Field Hockey Team



2021 Celebration of State Championship

Celebrating 5th Anniversary of BC Girls Volleyball State Championship!



2016 State Champion Girls Volleyball Team



2021 Celebration of State Championship

Other Alumni Gatherings



2021 Annual BC Turkey Shoot with current BC players and Alumni from BC, CC, and HN



Mike Murphy (CC 1988), coaching Perkiomen Valley, reunited with former Cardinal teammates, Joe Miller (CC 1986) and Jason Linderman (CC 1993), and Snip Esterly, their former CC coach and BC's current coach at the boys' basketball scrimmage

Upcoming Reunions

Central Catholic Class of 1970 - Rescheduled 50th Reunion

Central Catholic Class of 1970 Turns 70

Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 5 - 11 pm

YR Club, Wyomissing

Memorial Mass for Deceased Classmates on Saturday, April 30th, 2022 at 8AM in St. Catharine's Chapel.

More details to follow by end of year.

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

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.

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
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