

The Trinity

2017 BERKS CATHOLIC VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Baotram Nguyen – Valedictorian



Emily Cibulski – Salutatorian



Emily Cebulski is the daughter of Melody Cebulski and the late Gregory Cebulski and a member of St. Ignatius Loyola parish. During her time at Berks Catholic, Emily was a member of the National Honor Society and an NHS tutor in Precalculus and Trigonometry. She was an AP Scholar, a member of the Math Team, HOPE Peer Listening Team, and a Saint Ambassador. She was a member of the Varsity Cross Country team for which she won a scholarship from the Pagoda Pacers. Emily was actively involved in volunteering for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Opportunity House, and the Olivet Boys and Girls Club of Reading, completing over 500 hours of community service during her four years at Berks Catholic. Emily attends Loyola University Maryland, where she majors in Actuarial Science and Applied Mathematics.

“When we are pushed to our absolute limits, it’s the faith that we’ve grown coupled with our sheer determination that will lead us to our hopes and dreams. We have been and will continue to be challenged in the times to come, but when we put our heart into our endeavors and give it all we’ve got, there is no way we can fail....Let your determination and perseverance lead you to new heights that you never imagined were possible.”



Baotram Nguyen is the daughter of Hai Nguyen and Trang Vu and is a member of both St. Paul and St. Catharine of Siena parishes. During her time at Berks Catholic she was the President of the National Honor Society and Founder of the Berks Catholic Math Team. She placed 3rd in Microbiology at the International Science and Engineering Fair and was the silver medalist in Science at the International Genius Olympiad. She won 1st place in the Chemistry Division at the Reading-Berks Science and Engineering Fair all four of her high school years and was the Reserve Champion in grade 11 and the Champion in grade 12. At the Pennsylvania Biogeneius Challenge, Baotram won Honorable Mention, and at the Berks County Interscholastic Math Championship, her team won first place and Baotram placed second individually. Baotram was a National AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and Winner, a United States Presidential Scholars Program Candidate, the Best of Berks Winner in Math and Finalist in Science. Baotram was also a starting setter on the Berks Catholic District Champion Volleyball Team where she received All-Division Honorable Mention, a member of the Berks Catholic STEM Team where she won second place in the Berks County STEM Competition. Baotram received third place for the Reading Musical Foundation’s Bruce T. Bengston Scholarship. She was a Saint Ambassador and a member of the Berks Catholic Mass and Select Chorus and Project Impact (service) Club. She was a Reading Eagle Newspaper, Voices Section Writer and Member of the Executive Board as well a member of the St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Vietnamese Choir. Also serving as a St. Catharine of Siena Tutor and Reading Hospital Volunteer, Baotram completed over 200 hours of service during her time at Berks Catholic. Baotram attends the University of Pennsylvania where she studies biochemistry.

“Right now, on graduation day, every single one of us is hopeful for the future. Maybe we’re a little naïve, but we all think we can change the world, even if we don’t know exactly how. But just by being here at Berks Catholic, just by interacting with those around us, we already have changed the world... We’ve made it here to high school graduation because we held nothing back, we did not lose heart, we did not stop fighting, we did not quit... Look up, graduates, we’re in the end zone!”



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The end of the school year is always filled with excitement, and this year ended on an extra special note on Sunday, May 21 with the groundbreaking of the John R. Post Learning Center. This learning center is the result of our ongoing Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign through which we have raised 5.6 million dollars. This project builds upon an already strong foundation of Catholic Education here in Berks

County and in the Diocese of Allentown. Beginning with Saint John Newman and until this day our schools have participated in the saving mission of the Church and have worked diligently to transmit the Gospel of Christ to every generation, imparting the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the Academic knowledge necessary for the life of virtue that calls us to be Saints.

I would like to acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. John Post, who once again have blessed us with the gift that anchored the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGlinn, whose gift will provide for the McGlinn Commons on the main floor of the John R. Post Learning Center. I am also enormously grateful to our many donors who provided transformational gifts which have allowed us to begin producing the tangible result of our innovative learning center. This addition, which will meet the needs of our surging enrollment, will include six new classrooms, a commons area, a collegiate-like cafeteria expansion and so much more. I would also like to thank the Posts for our newest sculpture that enhances the west lawn of our campus, the Cross, which represents our God pillar. Thank you again, John and Maryanne, for all you do. The summer marks the beginning of a new space that will impact our students and faculty alike as our 21st century learning environment is enhanced, expanded and improved to allow us, as the 21st century disciples of Christ, the Saints of Berks Catholic High School, to continue marching on toward the Kingdom of God.

All this would not be possible without the hard work of our Great Saints. We will send the class of 2017 off into the world to accomplish great things. They have been admitted and will matriculate into some of the most competitive schools in the country including American University, Auburn University, Boston College, Brown University, Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Dickinson College, Franklin & Marshall College, Emerson College, Fordham University, Gettysburg College, Holy Cross, Johns Hopkins-Peabody Institute, Michigan State University, MIT, NYU, Notre Dame, Oberlin College, Penn State University - Schreyer Honors

College, Providence College, Purdue University, St. Joseph's University, Syracuse University, United States Military Academy (West Point), University of Pennsylvania, University of Arizona, University of Colorado, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, University of Washington, Villanova University as well as our great local colleges including Alvernia University, just to name a few. The Class of 2017 has earned a record 13.2 million dollars in merit scholarships and grants, including top institutional academic awards, athletic scholarships, and full-ride and full-tuition scholarships. 18 members of the Class of 2017 will be varsity athletes at Division 1, 2, 3, and Junior College levels, in the following sports: Baseball, Field Hockey, Football, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Swimming, Women's Tennis, Men's Track & Field, Women's Volleyball and Wrestling. They will continue their education in 79 different colleges in 20 states and in England, Japan, and Spain. Additionally, they received a total of 478 offers of admission to 182 colleges and universities in 32 states and 3 foreign countries. Students are also discerning the priesthood, religious life, have joined the Military, will enter the work force, and embark on gap years involving service and pursuing their passions. 95% of them will continue their education at 2 or 4 year colleges and universities. They have completed over 10,000 hours of service in soup kitchens, food banks, tutoring and mentoring children at the Olivet Boy and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity outreach, John Paul II Fun Day, and dozens of other causes. Yes, the Class of 2017 has much to be proud of! Academically, they have won Science Fair Awards, STEM and Math Competitions, DECA business awards, competed Nationally in Forensics, put on a great rendition of Xanadu, and so much more.

Each year my wish for our Saints is that in their time at Berks Catholic, through our four pillars, they have grown spiritually in their faith, formed relationships for a lifetime, expanded their minds and had fun doing it. If we all carry our four pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun with us and keep them in order throughout our lives, we will all be on a great path, God's path. "God, Family, Academics, and Fun" is a roadmap to success, and at Berks Catholic, students are given a key and a compass to that map. As Father Ritz has often told us: We are Saints, and each day we should aspire to be the Saint that God made by utilizing all the unique talents and abilities that God has given us. Remember to be great every day and help yourself and others get to Heaven. God Bless you and your family, and Go Saints!

Sincerely,

Tony Balistrere,
Principal

Another year in the books, and my 4th completed year at Berks Catholic has certainly been an exciting one! Members of the Class of 2017 were freshman when I started my career at Berks Catholic. Their first day in the building was my first day as Development Director.

Watching them grow and prosper into young men and women beginning college and other exciting journeys has been such a joy. Additionally, the efforts behind our Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign have proven fruitful, and on May 21, we broke ground on the John R. Post Learning Center, an exciting day for alumni and parents of Berks Catholic students, and especially for parents of future Saints. Berks Catholic would not be what it is today if not for the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Post, who provided the anchor gift for the capital campaign, or of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McGlinn and many other donors who provided transformational gifts to this important capital project, which will meet the needs of our surging enrollment long into the future. (See more about the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign and groundbreaking on pages 12-15).

Once again our Saints excelled academically, athletically, and in the arts. (See Super Saints, page 23, Athletic Awards and Highlights, pages 18-22, and highlights from our spring musical, Xanadu, page 25). The Saints also shared their gifts and talents in service to others (See Saints in Service, pages 24 and 25). I am so proud of all of our Saints! And, of course, we couldn't do any of this without you, our legacy Saints. It is on your successes at Central Catholic, Holy Name, and Reading Catholic, that Berks Catholic has been built. And we are especially proud of the successes of our young Berks Catholic alumni, many of whom are now graduating from college and entering the work force. Thank you for sharing your stories with us (See Alumni Updates pages 4-6). We are both proud and grateful to our alumni and friends of Berks Catholic, who were inducted into the Berks Catholic Hall of Fame (See page 6) and to Dr. Natalie Parisi, who received the Bishop's Distinguished Alumni Award (page 4). Your successes are our successes and we are honored to share them with you.

As a Holy Name alumnus, daughter of a Central Catholic and Reading Catholic alumni, parent of two Berks Catholic alumni, one current Saint, and one future Saint, I couldn't be prouder or more excited about the future of Berks Catholic, which looks brighter than ever.

Sincerely,

Betsy

Whether you're a Cardinal Saint, a Blue Jay Saint, or a BC Saint, we would love to know what you are doing. Send us a few sentences to keep us up to date on marriages, children, graduations, and other accomplishments. If you know of a graduate who is not receiving a copy of The Trinity, please send their name and address below or call Betsy Woytovich at 610.374.8361, ext 231.

PARENTS: *If your graduate is no longer living at home, please forward their current mailing address.*

NAME (FIRST/MAIDEN/LAST)

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News and Notes to be published in *The Trinity* (pictures welcome)

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Return to Betsy Woytovich, Director of Development,
Berks Catholic High School, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611
or email bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Alumni Spotlight



Dr. Natalie Parisi (HN 1985) Named Berks Catholic's Distinguished Alumnus of 2017

Berks Catholic High School was proud to recognize Dr. Natalie Parisi as a Bishop's Distinguished Catholic Alumnus at the 2017 Bishop's Annual Awards Ceremony held for the first time at Berks Catholic in April. Natalie is a Partner and Orthodontist at ROG Orthodontics with offices in Wyomissing, Douglassville, and Pottstown.

Natalie was the first female dental specialist in Berks County when she started practicing at ROG Orthodontics. She is an international speaker and published author on the specialty of Orthodontics as well as an Adjunct professor of Orthodontics at Temple University. Natalie is a member of the American Dental Association, the American Association of Orthodontists, where she served on many committees including the Strategic Planning Committee; the Mid-Atlantic Society of Orthodontics, where she served as Director of the MASO board and President; the Pennsylvania Dental Association; the Berks County Dental Society, where she served as President; the Pottstown Dental Study Club; and the Pro-Ortho Study Club. She was the 2016 honoree of the Girl Scouts of South Eastern PA Take the Lead Award, given each year to local women whose leadership and achievements have made the world a better place and set an example for young women. She is also the 2016 recipient of the Gerard A. Devlin Award, which is presented annually by the Mid-Atlantic Society of Orthodontics. The Devlin Award is a lifetime achievement award given for service and contribution to the field of orthodontics and Natalie is only the 2nd woman and the youngest recipient to ever receive this prestigious award.

In Natalie's own words, "Catholic education was a reinforcement and expansion of values that were taught and lived in our home. Constantly being reminded to have gratitude for all God's gifts by including prayer in daily activities has allowed me to humbly know that successes are not mine. I truly believe that one cannot obtain happiness without gratitude. Catholic Education at Sacred Heart, Holy Name and Villanova engrained in me an attitude of teamwork, sharing successes and failures, and most of all being grateful for the journey."

Natalie has achieved great success through her work as an orthodontist and partner at ROG Orthodontic Group. She remains steadfast in support of Catholic Education in Berks County, particularly of her alma maters, Sacred Heart School and Berks Catholic High School, where she has served on the Board of Directors since 2011. Through her hard work, dedication and financial support, she continues to give back to the schools where she and her seven siblings attended.

Natalie will also be recognized as Berks Catholic's Distinguished Alumnus at Extravaganza on October 7.



Alumni Updates



John R. Post and Principal Tony Balistrere with cross sculpture created and donated by John.

John R. Post (CC 1956) graciously created and donated a second sculpture to the campus of Berks Catholic. The sculpture of a cross represents Berks Catholic's first pillar, God, and reminds students that God always comes first in our lives and is present always.

Rick Aulenbach (CC 1969), President and CEO of RPA Engineering, was featured in the Reading Eagle in February.

Jim Wenrich (HN 1973) was reelected President of the West Lawn Quoting Assn. Also reelected were Tom Lutz (HN 1999), Treasurer, and Amy Brungart Johnson (HN 1988), Financial Secretary. John Carl (CC 1960) serves as director.

Peggy Dugan (HN 1976) was inducted into the 2017 Reading Berks Basketball Hall of Fame posthumously. Peggy became the first Berks female in modern era to top 1,000 career points and earned a scholarship to play at the University of Pittsburgh. Named to the Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League first team, she averaged 22 points per game as a senior in 1976. Peggy was named Holy Name's Most Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1976. She coached on the University of Connecticut staff from 1980-85.

Reading Chief of Police

Andres Dominguez (HN 1978) was the keynote speaker for Berks Catholic's 2017 Career Day. He told students "You have the potential to do whatever you want to do."

Dion Crupi (CC 1979) received the Award of Distinction at the PA Sports Hall of Fame Awards.

Gene Dobrzyn (HN 1980) is the Senior Vice President at Universal Creative, the team that conceptualizes and deploys large-scale projects at Universal and recently opened the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, an intricate recreation of the universe created in Harry Potter novels.

Jim Tobolski (CC 1982) has retired from the military at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant following 34 years of military service with the US Marine Corps and US Air Force. He and his wife Jan Glaser Tobolski (CC 1982) have two sons, Jared who is

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performing his residency in internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, and Kyle who is pursuing his physical therapy career in Philadelphia. They currently reside in Lancaster County in their (almost) restored 230 year old farm house.

Meg (McGlinn) Shields (HN 1983) and her husband Pat were presented with Champion of Youth Award for their support of Olivet's Boys and Girls Club.

David Gilmore (CC 1984) was inducted into the Berks County Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. David set Berks season and career records for touchdowns, points and rushing yards while leading Central Catholic to Berks' first District 3 football title in 1983. He was named Berks Offensive Back of the Year, Inter-County League Player of the Year, All-State first team and to the Big 33 Game, and is a Member of Berks Football Hall of Fame. David played on the 1984 Taft College (Calif) team that won the national junior college championship.

Natalie Parisi (HN 1985) and ROG Orthodontics were featured in the Reading Eagle as ROG celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Adelle Schade (HN 1989) was inducted into the 2017 Reading Berks Basketball Hall of Fame. Adelle scored more than 1,100 points and led Holy Name to the PIAA quarterfinals in 1987. She was named All-Berks and Holy Name's Most Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1989 and went on to a standout career at West Chester, where she twice led her team in assists and minutes played, was captain as a senior in 1993 and ranks fourth in career assists. Adelle is President and founding member of 3 Point Goal Organization.

Teresa Messineo (CC 1991) has received critical acclaim for her book, "The Fire by Night," a fictional narrative based on the heroics of World War II female nurses.

Keith Uhrig (CC 1992) was inducted into the Berks Catholic Hall of Fame posthumously during a basketball game in January. Keith was a fierce competitor for the Cardinals from 1989 until 1992. During his career at Central Catholic, Keith scored 1225 points, led the Cardinals in rebounding his junior and senior seasons, was ranked 8th in Berks County as a junior and 2nd in Berks County scoring as a Senior, scoring 21.3 points per game. Keith was rewarded for his play by being named 1st team All Berks County as a Junior and Senior, All State as a Junior and Senior, and Berks County Player of the Year

in 1992. Keith went on to play at Alvernia College, where he teamed up with another former Cardinal, David Voelker. Keith Uhrig had a zest for life that was admired by his teammates, coaches, teachers, family and most importantly his parents.

Roberto Campitelli (CC 1992) was listed as Berks County's Face of Medical Equipment in Berks County Living Magazine.

Dan Brandt (CC 1995) is working as U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's Chief of Staff where he oversees a staff of 50 people as well as the Senator's activities and constituent service operations around the state of PA.

Our very own, Josh Ditsky (HN 1986), BC Director of Career and College Counseling, was awarded two prestigious awards: The CTCL (Counselors that change lives) award and the William R. McClintick Award which recognizes outstanding service to college bound students.

Judge Eleni (Dimitriou) Geishauser (HN 1988) gave BC Civics students the opportunity to spend a morning sitting in on several miscellaneous proceedings, including ARD placements and guilty pleas. She also explained the criminal justice system, answered questions, gave them a tour of the county row offices, and allowed them to sit in on a bench trial.

Alicia Seltzer Kline (HN 1988) is a prevention specialist for the Council of Chemical Abuse and has founded "Time to Talk" a traveling program that walks parents through how to lead by example and how best to talk to their children about addiction at different ages.

Chris Lis (CC 1989), a detective with the Cumru Township Police Department, was named Officer of the Year by the Berks Fraternal Order of Police.

Robert Farina (CC 1998) is principal of Brandywine Heights Intermediate and Middle School.

Josh Blair (CC 2003) is the co-founder of Brandthumb, a Tampa-based brand-building company.

George Ortiz (HN 2003), was one of 15 business owners who made the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry list. His business, American Barber Academy, provides a dual purpose for his community by training students to learn a marketable skill while providing inexpensive, professional haircuts to the public.

Marquis Marshall (BC 2012), who plays basketball for Alvernia University, was named Men's Basketball MAC Commonwealth Player of the Year.

Donovan Jack (BC 2012) signed a one-year contract to play in Australia for the Rockingham Blazers in the State Basketball League.

Ife Benjamin (BC 2013), who was featured in Marist College's "For the Record" graduated Magna Cum Laude and is attending law school. Ife interned with the US House of Representatives during the summer of 2016, working with Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, representative for New York's 18th district.

Nana Foulland (BC 2014), who plays basketball for Bucknell University, was named Men's Basketball Patriot League Player of the Year.

Mary Kate Duncan (BC 2014), who throws javelin for Moravian College, won the NCAA Division III Collegiate National Title, giving the Greyhounds their third women's javelin championship in program history, their first since 2003. Mary Kate threw a personal-best 151 feet, 9 inches on the fifth of her six throws.



Mary Kate Duncan

Robert Beitz (BC 2015) became an FAA Licensed Pilot in November 2016. He works for Channel 69 News as a Quadcopter Pilot and also does private aerial filming, videography, photography, and inspections.

Pop Lacey (BC 2015) is a defensive back at the University of New Hampshire where he was named to the HERO Sports FCS Freshman All-America team.

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Luke Miller (BC 2016) was promoted to the rank of Crew-Chief with the Muhlenberg College EMS. A Crew-Chief is a high-ranking member who has demonstrated leadership and skill proficiency to manage the scene of an emergency. Luke also serves as Treasurer for the Muhlenberg College EMS.

Reggie Weiss (CC Coach) was inducted into the 2017 Reading Berks Basketball Hall of Fame. Reggie won 566 games, a state championship, a district title, four Berks Conference championships and 13 division titles over 33 seasons coaching the Wilson, Central Catholic and Muhlenberg boys and

Muhlenberg girls. His 458 wins as a boys coach rank fourth in Berks history. Reggie was an outstanding player at Bishop McDevitt and at Shippensburg University, where he was a two-time all-conference pick and set eight scoring records, including the points-per-game mark (27.2) that still stands.

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to all of our inductees!



Mike Kuhn 1988
Erin Voelker 1990
Tom McFadden 1987
Kristin Yeasted 2001



Donovon Jack 2012
Philip Fromuth (CC 1976)
Tony Balistrere



Marybeth Cotter Olree 2000
Al Lubas 1969
Mike Raskiewicz 1961
Tony Concordia 1985

Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I would like to nominate this person because:

NOMINEE

CLASS YEAR

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Email this completed form to Bill Hess, Athletic Director, at bhess@berkscatholic.org or mail to Bill Hess at Berks Catholic High School, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.



EXTRAVAGANZA 2017 ROCK OF AGES
PEACE | LOVE | ROCK & ROLL

FAMILY & DONOR NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 | 6-8pm
This is a complimentary night, all are welcome. If you have never been to Extravaganza, it's a great way to check it out!

EXTRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 7, 2017 | 6PM
(Yes, it is on a Saturday this year - it is not a typo!!)
Tickets for this event are \$150 per person

Look for your invitation to be mailed in early September.



2017 Homecoming Festivities

Friday, October 27, 2017
at Forino Sports Complex

Mass 4 p.m. | Big Tailgate 5 p.m.
Game Time 7 p.m. | Homecoming at Halftime

All Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name alumni are invited to sing the National Anthem at the 2017 Homecoming Football Game Friday, October 27th. Rehearsal will be prior to the game in the Franco-Post Auditorium at 6:00 P. M. Show your Berks Catholic spirit by wearing gold and black!

Alumni Choir is open to all former graduates. Please contact Kate Bobb at KBobb@berkscatholic.org for more information.

Class Reunions

Central Catholic Class of 1977 - 40th reunion

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at PJ Whelihans, Sinking Spring, PA at 6 PM | Please save the date & spread the word!
Contact: Craig Rozycki at craigrozycki@gmail.com, Dave Szablowski, dszab@comcast.net or Becky Shemanski, beci@setkiproperties.com, no later than Sept. 15th
Cost: \$25.00 per person includes wing bar, slider bar (chicken, cheeseburger and pulled pork), bruschetta bar, and assorted veggie, fruit, and cheese tray as well as \$5.00 in drink tickets, tax, tip and bartender fee. Checks can be made out to Dave Szablowski and sent to 101 Grande Blvd Sinking Spring, PA 19608.

Holy Name Class of 1972 - 45th reunion

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Beverly Hills Tavern
Please save the date & spread the word! Please send current contact info for yourself and classmates, especially current email addresses. Contact: Maria (Gentile) DiBiase, mkmaria95@aol.com

Holy Name Class of 1997 - 20th reunion

Friday, November 24, 2017 at Canal St Pub from 7:00-10:00pm
Please save the date & spread the word!
Contact: Dominic Gallo, dominicgallo@hotmail.com



Phil Gallen presents Lloyd Wolf with a plaque on behalf of HN Class of 1976 honoring and recognizing his 50 years of teaching and coaching excellence at Holy Name and Berks Catholic.



Central Catholic Class of 1947 meets every year on June 9, the date of their graduation, and this year celebrated their 70th Class Reunion. About 20 classmates gathered with additional spouses and family members at St. Paul's in Reading for Mass before reminiscing over lunch.



Holy Name Class of 1976 – 40th Reunion held at Third & Spruce October 1, 2016



The Central Catholic and Holy Name high schools Class of 1966 held a combined reunion at the Fish Pond West in Lower Heidelberg Township. Central Catholic graduates Greg Albrecht of and Joanne (Andrejewski) Heintz and Holy Name graduates Lucy (Hoppe) Tschop and Candy (Bocchichio) Smith.



Great Turnout at Berks Catholic's Fourth Annual Alumni Get-Together at the Princeton in Avalon, NJ



Central Catholic Class of 1956 met at Victor Emmanuel's on November 5, 2016 to celebrate their 60th class reunion.

UPCOMING REUNION?

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.



Central Catholic Class of 1961 held reunion at Chef Alan's Restaurant on October 9, 2016 to celebrate their 55th reunion. The class hopes to meet every 2-1/2 years.

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IN MEMORIAM

Aileen (O'Brien) O'Connor (HN 1984)
Ward Badinger (HN 1983)
Marie Grim (CC 1980)
Marguerite (McDevitt) Cambria (HN 1978)
Richard Rotondo (HN 1978)
Frederick Koenig (CC 1976)
Bruce Winters (CC 1976)
Father Francis Straka (CC 1974)
Jody Weidel (CC 1974)
David Eltz (CC 1973)
Christine Heebner (HN 1973)
Mary Perini (HN 1971)
Geraldine (Ciesielski) Capps (CC 1969)
Judy Iannucci (CC 1969)
Thomas DiCecco (CC 1968)
Barry Kozik (CC 1968)
Rosemary Donahue-Conley (HN 1967)
Paul Ganter (CC 1966)
Maureen Ludwig (CC 1966)
Mark Smith (CC 1966)
Nancy Arael (HN 1965)
Phyllis Palm (CC 1965)
Lawrence Englert (CC 1963)
Paul Bross (CC 1962)
Michaelene Rackiewicz (CC 1962)
Lawrence Tranovich (CC 1962)
William Simcik (CC 1961)
Theresa (Klimko) Roeder (CC 1960)
Patrick Duddy (RC 1959)
Walter Kroenig (RC 1959)
Daniel Harrer (CC 1958)

Thomas Lenich (CC 1958)
Monica (Paul) Miller (CC 1958)
Judith (Detterline) Bowman (CC 1957)
Kathleen Jurasinski (CC 1957)
Walter Kozlowski (CC 1957)
Theresa Carrozza (RC 1956)
Kathleen (Merian) Moyer (CC 1956)
John Ross (RC 1956)
Joseph Gdowik (CC 1955)
Lawrence Norman (CC 1955)
Doris Straka (CC 1955)
Ruth (Siegel) Bridgers (CC 1954)
Louis Konopelski (RC 1954)
Patricia Weiss (CC 1954)
John Wendell (CC 1954)
Marietta (DiBlasi) Bicknell (CC 1953)
Franklin Glass (CC 1953)
Eleanor (Kahlert) Jupp (CC 1953)
Leona (Zerbe) Murphy (RC 1953)
Joan (Heckman) Baker (CC 1952)
Donald Chelius (CC 1952)
Christine (Latshaw) Maslar (CC 1952)
Anna (Linette) Sullivan (CC 1952)
Joyce (Boaman) Burkhart (CC 1951)
Geraldine Didyoung (CC 1951)
Stanley Gensemer (CC 1951)
Vince McDevitt (CC 1951)
William Boyer (RC 1950)
Gloria (Rolind) Weiser (CC 1950)
Mary Anne (Wixon) Webber (CC 1949)
Doris Wentzel (CC 1949)

Elizabeth Krick (CC 1948)
Dorothy Lakatos (CC 1948)
John McGlinn (CC 1948)
Bernard Miller (CC 1948)
Geraldine (Meshinsk) Sockel (CC 1948)
Joan Zimmerman (CC 1948)
Eleanor (Parslar) Rissmiller (CC 1947)
Loretta (Scheider) Shifflett (CC 1947)
Leonard Coleman (CC 1946)
Marguerite Mazza (CC 1946)
Geraldine Miller (CC 1946)
John Sheaffer (RC 1946)
Elizabeth (Patrick) Lendacki (CC 1944)
Dolores (Loeper) Spanier (CC 1944)
George Spanier (CC 1944)
James Born (CC 1943)
Adelaide (Kreisher) Parks (CC 1943)
Claire (Klein) Kline (RC 1940)
Sharon (Eisenhauer) Bright (CC)
Donald Broskey (RC)
Dorothy (Boas) Buser (RC)
John Didyoung (RC)
David Dugan (CC)
Angelina Endy (RC)
William Garvie (CC 1959)
Florence Glowacki (RC)
Michael Grab (HN)
John Kalin (CC)

If you would like to make a gift in memory of a deceased classmate, please send to Betsy Woytovich at Berks Catholic, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 15

**27th Annual Swing Fore the Saints
Golf Outing**

Golden Oaks Golf Club

For a registration or sponsorship form,
please contact Betsy Woytovich
at 610.374.8361 ext 231
or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org



Thursday, October 5

Extravaganza Preview Night 6-8 pm
Wolf Gymnasium

Saturday, October 7

**Berks Catholic Extravaganza 2017
beginning at 6 pm**

Wolf Gymnasium | \$150 per person | Rock of Ages

Friday, October 27

017 Homecoming Festivities

Forino Sports Complex | Mass 4 pm | Big Tailgate 5 pm

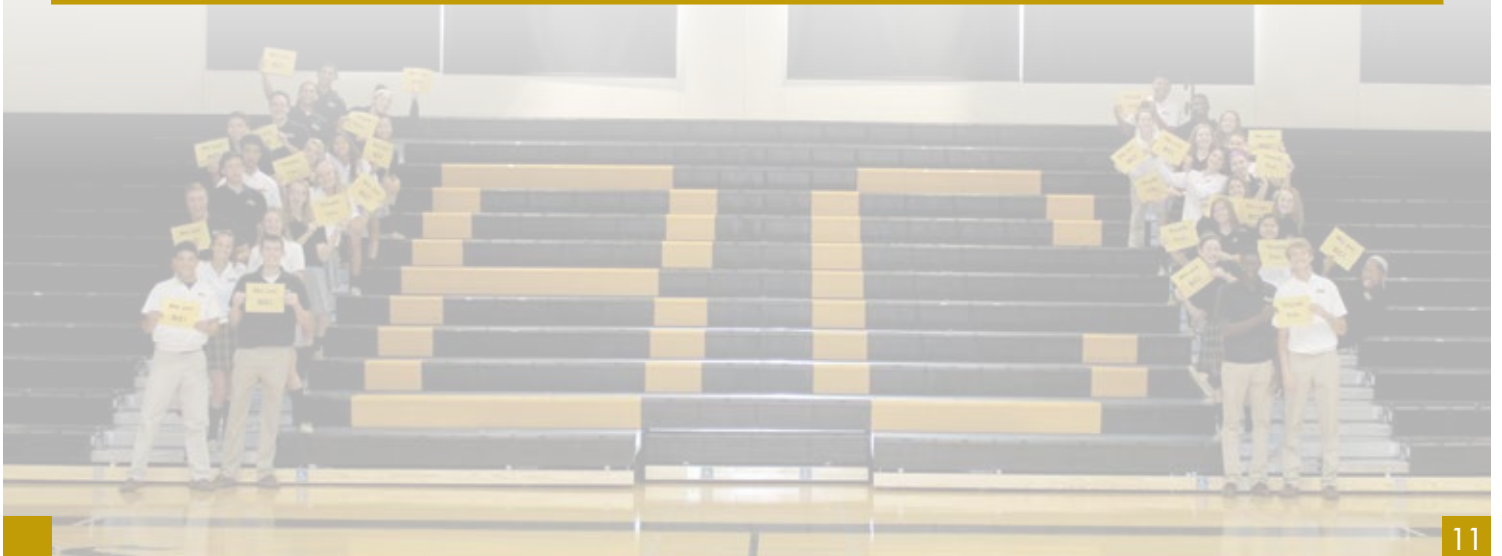
BC Alumni Choir Rehearsal 6 pm

Alumni Choir to Sing National Anthem

Game Time 7 pm | Homecoming, Halftime

*For more information or to make a donation contact Danielle Fowler at 610.374.1695 or
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The Trinity will now be available electronically on a quarterly basis. To subscribe and receive updates from Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name alumni as well as the latest news happening at Berks Catholic please send your email to Betsy Woytovich at bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org. Please also send Betsy any alumni updates that you would like to share.





On May 21, 2017, Berks Catholic broke ground on the John R. Post Learning Center, which will help to meet the needs of our surging enrollment. The new addition will include six additional classrooms, a learning commons area, a STEM lab and an expanded cafeteria space and will stand three stories and span 25,000 square feet.

The addition was made possible thanks largely to its namesake, John R. Post, a 1956 graduate of Central Catholic High School, and his wife, Maryanne, who were the largest donors to the project with a gift of \$2 million. A special thank you to the Posts and to Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGlinn, whose gift will provide for the McGlinn Commons on the main level, and to all of our benefactors who contributed to the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign and made this special day and necessary addition possible. Berks Catholic has raised over \$5.6 million and continues to raise money toward this capital project.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$2 million to also turf the stadium field in the Forino Sports Complex and add a balcony to the Franco-Post auditorium. For more information or to donate to the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign please contact Betsy at 610-374-8361 ext 231.



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Saints



Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Class of 2017

95% will continue their education at four- and two-year institutions in 20 different states and 3 foreign countries. They will matriculate at 79 different 4 and 2 year institutions in 20 different states and in England, Japan, and Spain.

The Class of 2017 was awarded a record \$13.22 million in merit-based scholarships and grants. Counted among the 2017 total are at **least 2 full-tuition scholarships for academic excellence.**

The Class of 2017 received 478 offers of admission to 182 four- and two-year colleges and universities, in 32 different states and 3 foreign countries. Of these, 461 offers were to 175 different 4-year institutions.

18 members of the Class of 2017 will continue their athletic careers at NCAA Division I, II, III institutions as recruited, student-athletes in the following sports: Baseball, Field Hockey, Football, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Swimming, Women's Tennis, Men's Track & Field, Women's Volleyball, and Wrestling

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Schools Offering Admission – BC Class of 2017

Albright College, PA*
 Alvernia University, PA*
 American University, Wash DC*
 Arcadia University, PA*
 Art Institute of Philadelphia, PA
 Arizona State University, AZ
 Assumption College, MA
 Auburn University, AL
 Bard College- Conservatory of Music, NY
 Barry University, FL
 Bloomsburg University, PA*
 Boston College, MA
 Boston Conservatory at Berklee, MA
 Brown University, RI
 Cabrini University, PA
 Cairn University, PA
 Carnegie Mellon University, PA
 Catholic University of America, Wash DC
 Cedar Crest College, PA*
 Central Michigan University, MI
 Chestnut Hill University, PA
 Coastal Carolina University, SC
 College of the Holy Cross, MA
 Concordia University, OR
 Cornell University, NY
 Dartmouth College, NH
 Delaware Valley University, PA*
 DeSales University, PA*
 Dickinson College, PA
 Dominican University of California, CA
 Drexel University, PA*
 Duquesne University, PA*
 East Stroudsburg University, PA
 Eastern University, PA*
 Elizabethtown College, PA
 Emerson College, MA
 Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY, NY
 Fordham University, NY*
 Franklin & Marshall College, PA
 Full Sail University, FL*
 Gannon University, PA
 George Mason University, VA*
 Gettysburg College, PA*
 Goucher College, MD*
 Grinnell College, IA
 Gwynedd-Mercy University, PA*
 Hawaii Pacific University, HI
 Hillsborough Community College, FL
 Hofstra University, NY*
 Holy Family University, PA
 The Hun School, NJ
 Immaculata University, PA
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA*
 Indiana University- Bloomington, IN
 Jacksonville University, FL
 James Madison University, VA*
 Johns Hopkins University-Peabody
 Institute, MD
 Johnson & Wales University, RI
 Juniata College, PA

King's College, PA*
 Kutztown University, PA*
 Kyoto Institute of Language
 and Culture, Japan
 LaSalle University, PA*
 Lebanon Valley College, PA*
 Laboratory Institute of Management
 College (LIM), NY
 Lincoln Technical Institute, PA
 Lock Haven University, PA*
 The Los Angeles Film School, CA
 Loyola University-Maryland, MD*
 Lycoming College, PA*
 Manhattanville College, NY
 Marymount Manhattan College, NY*
 Marymount University, VA*
 McDaniel College, MD*
 Merrimack College, MA
 Michigan State University, MI*
 Millersville University, PA*
 Milwaukee School of Engineering, WI
 Missouri State University, MO
 MIT (Massachusetts Institute of
 Technology), MA
 Monmouth University, NJ*
 Moravian College, PA
 Mount St. Mary's University, MD*
 Neumann University, PA
 New Jersey Institute of Technology, NJ
 New York University, NY
 Newcastle University, England
 Northeastern University, MA
 Notre Dame, University of, IN
 Notre Dame University of Maryland, MD
 Oberlin College, OH
 Pace University, NY*
 Parsons School of Design, NY
 Pasadena City College, CA
 Penn State University, PA*
 Penn State University Park, PA*
 Pennsylvania College of Technology, PA
 Philadelphia University, PA*
 Point Park University, PA
 Providence College, RI
 Purdue University, IN
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY*
 Reading Area Community College, PA*
 Rider University, Westminster College
 of Arts, NJ
 Robert Morris University, PA*
 Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
 Rosemont College, PA*
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick, NJ
 Saint Anselm College, NH*
 School for the Visual Arts, NY
 Seton Hall University, NJ*
 Seton Hill University, PA*
 Shippensburg University, PA*
 Southern New Hampshire University, NH
 St. Bonaventure University, NY

St. Francis College, NY
 St. Francis University, PA*
 St. John's University, NY*
 St. Joseph's University, PA*
 St. Vincent College, PA
 Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ
 Stevenson University, MD
 Susquehanna University, PA
 Syracuse University, NY
 Temple University, PA*
 Towson University, MD
 United States Military Academy
 (West Point), NY
 Universitet Pompeu Fabra, Spain
 University of Akron, OH University
 of Arizona, AZ
 University of California-Davis, CA
 University of California-Irvine, CA
 University of California- Merced, CA
 University of California- San Diego, CA
 University of Cincinnati, OH
 University of Colorado- Boulder, CO
 University of Connecticut, CT
 University of Delaware, DE*
 University of Essex, England
 University of Iowa, IA
 University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, TX
 University of Maryland, MD
 University of Mary Washington, VA
 University of Massachusetts-Lowell, MA*
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN
 University of Mount Union, OH
 University of Nebraska- Lincoln, NE
 University of Nottingham, England
 University of Pennsylvania (Penn), PA
 University of Pittsburgh, PA*
 University of Richmond, VA*
 University of Rochester, NY
 University of Scranton, PA*
 University of Sheffield, England
 University of South Carolina, SC*
 University of Tampa, FL*
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville, TN*
 University of Utah, UT
 University of Washington, WA*
 University of York, England
 University of the Arts, PA
 Ursinus College, PA*
 Villanova University, PA*
 Wartburg College, IA
 Wesley College, DE
 West Chester University, PA*
 West Virginia University, WV
 Widener University, PA*
 Wilkes University, PA*
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA
 York College, PA*

* indicates multiple admits

2016-2017 Athletic Highlights



Football District, Division and League Champions

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Football Team who won the District, Division and League titles this year and to the following players for special recognition:

Berks Scholastic All-Academic

- Terrance Derr
- Owen Dubble
- Luis Garcia
- Brandon George
- Alex Gundersen
- Matt Hagelbarger

- Matt Hughes
- David Jones
- D.J. Katella
- Trevor Leamer
- Cooper Lutz
- Luke Painton
- John Paulik
- Jamin Smith
- Ben Wild
- Marcus Wilson

All-Berks

- Ryan Glanski
- Brandon George

Second-Team Offense

- Terrance Derr
- Matt Hughes
- Marcus Wilson
- Ben Wild

Second-Team Defense

- Tre Dabney
- Marco Ramos
- David Jones
- Michael Reinhart
- D.J. Katella
- John Carlos Blanco
- Owen Dubble
- Marcus Wilson
- Trevor Leamer
- Tom Molten
- Luke Painton
- Luis Garcia
- Matt Hagelbarger
- Jamin Smith

Congratulations to Ryan Glanski, Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Congratulations Coach Rick Keeley who was inducted into the Berks County Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Keeley compiled a 227-131-3 record in 31 seasons as head football coach at Holy Name, Hamburg and Berks Catholic. He was the First Berks coach to coach for 31 seasons and the second to reach 200 wins. His teams have won four District 3 and three Berks League titles and he was named Berks Coach of the Year five times.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team who won the District and Division titles this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Caitlin Crespo

All-Berks II

- Courtney Vu
- Michaela Dungan

Honorable Mention

- Baotram Nguyen

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks II

- Hilary Good, sophomore



Girls Volleyball District and Division Champions

GOLF

Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team who won the Division title this year and to the following members of the boys team for special recognition:

All Berks

- Vince Burke

Best of the Rest

- Alex Cloak
- Andrew Schreffler

Honorable mention

- Mike Duddy
- Jake Morocco
- Henry Pilliod



Golf Team (Girls won division title)

BOYS SOCCER

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Evan Slifer
- Justin Schuetz

Honorable Mention

- Alex Gundersen
- Aden Slifer
- Nic Gaspari

GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks Honorable Mention

- Lauren Hughes
- Melissa Medina
- Jamie Kissinger
- Koryn Reinhart

GIRLS TENNIS

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Catherine Maher

Best of the Rest

- Laura Covely

FIELD HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-State Honorable Mention

- Allison Huddleson

All-Division

- Allison Huddleson
- Kennedy Kutz
- Molly Duncan



Boys Basketball Division Champions

All-Division Second Team

- Madeline Iswalt
- Ayanna Park

ICE HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks First Team

- Reed Himeisen
- Dalton Hirneisen

All-Berks Second Team

- Alex Gundersen

BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team who won the Division title this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-County

- Casey Jack

All-Division

- Bryce Calloway
- Luis Garcia
- Keba Mitchell

Honorable Mention

- Marcus Wilson

2016-2017 Athletic Highlights

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team who won the Division and League (County) titles this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-County

- Dejah Terrell

All-Division

- Taylor Blunt
- Taylor Keys

Honorable Mention

- Meghan Leininger
- Taylor Dimmerling

Coach of the Year

- Bob Birmingham



Girls Basketball, Division and League Champions

WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Division

- Owen Dubble

GIRLS BOWLING

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Division

- Haley Buser

GIRLS SWIMMING

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gaspari who won the 100-yard freestyle at the District Tournament and to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Elizabeth Gaspari

All-Division 3rd Team

- Annie Moser
- **Relay Team:** Annie Moser, Arianna Cammarano, Charley Stricker, Elizabeth Gaspari

GIRLS WATER POLO

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gaspari, who was named All-Berks Player of the Year and PA Player of the Year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-County

- Elizabeth Gaspari
- Charlie Stricker



Baseball, Division Champions



Congratulations to Elizabeth Gaspari, who was named All-Berks Player of the Year and PA Player of the Year

BASEBALL

Congratulations to the Baseball Team who won the Division title this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Sean Guilbe

All Division

- Tre Dabney
- Matt DeMarco
- Trevor Leamer
- German Vasquez-Martinez

Honorable Mention

- David Jones
- Nick Kosenske

BOYS LACROSSE

Congratulations to the Boys Lacrosse Team who won the Division title this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Reed Hirneisen
- Garrett Heidecker

Second Team

- Nate McNight
- Michael Duddy
- Isaac Nawa

All Berks 2

- Jake Morocko
- Matthew Hughes
- Luke Painton



Boys Lacrosse Division Champions

GIRLS LACROSSE

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Meredith Finneran

All-Berks II

- Taylor Dimmerling
- Annie Moser

Honorable Mention

- Gia Duddy
- Aubrey Hanley
- Hunter Hirneisen



Boys Volleyball Division Champions

GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks Honorable Mention

- Lauren Hughes
- Melissa Medina
- Jamie Kissinger
- Koryn Reinhart

GIRLS TENNIS

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Catherine Maher

Best of the Rest

- Laura Covely

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Boys Volleyball Team who won the Division title this year and to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Jack Hagelbarger

All-Berks II

- Wes Burton
- Quinn Tulley
- Brian Tanis

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks II

- Maria Prinzo
- Alison Huddleson
- Alyssa Johnson

Honorable Mention

- Angela Xavios
- Anne Baney
- Mia Corbacio

BOYS TRACK

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Evan Slifer (400 relay)

GIRLS TRACK

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks County Champion

- Keeley Suzenski (shot put)

Berks II

- Valencia Lea (Discus)
- Anna Reedy (Javelin)

BOYS TENNIS

Congratulations to the following players for special recognition:

All-Berks

- Justin Schuetz

Congratulations to BC 2017 Most Outstanding and Ideal Athletes



From Left to Right:

Most Ideal Female Athlete of the Year: Allison Huddleson

Most Ideal Male Athletes of the Year: Alex Gundersen and John Paulik

Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year: Elizabeth Gaspari

Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year: Marcus Wilson

2017 Thomas E. Powers Scholarship of Excellence

Congratulations to Abigail Gaffney and Justin Schuetz (both BC 2018), who received the 2017 Thomas E. Powers Scholarship of Excellence Award, which includes a partial scholarship to Berks Catholic.

Spirit of a Saint Award: Julian Smith

During a Basketball game at Fleetwood, Julian Smith showed outstanding character, leadership, sportsmanship and compassion when he helped a Fleetwood Senior realize his dream to play and score in a varsity basketball game. Unscripted, Julian made it possible for Fleetwood's senior, who has special needs, to shine in the final moments of the basketball game. This is the true meaning of "Spirit of a Saint."



Julian Smith

2016-2017 Super Saints



Congratulations to the 2016/2017 Berks Catholic Homecoming Court: Erin, Apsokardu, Taylor Dimmerling, Sophia Promutico, Meredith Finneran, Jacqueline Scoboria, Jeremy Earnest, Isaac Nawa, Jordan Long, Evan Slifer, and Nathan McKnight. And a special Congratulations the 2016/2017 Homecoming Queen, Sophia Promutico, and Homecoming King, Jordan Long.



Congratulations to Baotram Nguyen (BC 2017) Berks Best Math Winner



Congratulations to Jeremy Earnest (BC 2017) Berks Best Performing Arts Winner

Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Math Team for winning first place in the Berks County Interscholastic Mathematics Competition held at Albright College on November 9th. The competition included 17 teams, each comprised of 3 seniors, representing the high schools in Berks County. This was the second consecutive year that BC won this competition. Team members Vince Burke, HyunSeok Jung, and Baotram Nguyen (All BC 2017) brought the traveling trophy back to BC. Hyun Seok Jung also won the first place individual trophy and prize of \$100, while Baotram Nguyen won the 2nd place individual trophy and award of \$75.

Congratulations to Michaela Dungan (BC 2018) and Jeremy Earnest (BC 2017) who earned coveted spots in the 2017 PMEA District 10 Festival, which was held at Bangor Area High School on January 12-14, 2017.

Congratulations to Jeremy Earnest (BC 2017) who earned a coveted singing spot in the NAFME All-National Honor Choir. The NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles (ANHE) represents the most

elite performing high school musicians in the United States, who met at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas on November 10-13, 2016 under the batons of leaders in the field of music education. The NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles are represented in the following components: Concert Band, Mixed-Choir, Symphony Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. Jeremy was the only singer selected to participate in the NAFME All-National Honor Choir from Berks County, one of three singers selected from PA District 10, and one of 30 singers selected from the entire state. This is the second year Jeremy has performed at the National level.

Congratulations to Julian Smith (BC 2017) Olivet Boys & Girls Club's 2017 Youth of the Year.

Congratulations to Baotram Nguyen who won third place in microbiology at the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair.

Congratulations to Mark Neidert (BC 2017) who earned the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Mark landscaped a portion of the St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School's outer wall, planting over 100 plants, including a young oak tree. He is a member of Troop 430, sponsored by St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church, Spring Township, where he has been senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and troop guide. He has earned 43 merit badges.

Congratulations to Rilex Marx (BC 2017) who won Miss Berks County title as well as a \$1000 scholarship.

Congratulations to Ryan Wentzel (BC 2017) on his Honorable Mention prize at the Goggle Works art show in the Collage category.

Congratulations, Baotram Nguyen, Michael Gambone and Kaylin Wittmeyer (all BC 2017). Baotram and Michael were finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program and Kaylin is a Commended Scholar. This ranks them among the highest SAT takers in the nation.

Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Business Club (DECA) who had a strong showing at their third DECA District 6 competition with six 1st place individual performances from Will English, Matt Hughes, Francesca Logozzo, Shae Himmelberger, Sophia Promutico and Jake Coralnick. They also had two 1st Place Team Event Performances by Ethan Stoney and Cade Stultzman and Luke Andreyo and Justin Schuetz as well as five 2nd place individual performances from Anna McElderry, Adam Sichler, Isaac Nawa, Vince Burke, and Niko Silfies and one 3rd place individual performance by Christ Straub.

2016-2017 Saints in Service



The Berks Catholic National Honor Society Canned Food Drive

The Berks Catholic National Honor Society organized a canned food drive in conjunction with the Notre Dame Club of Reading, with the Saints donating in excess of 1500 cans of food.



Congratulations to Carlos Torres (BC 2017) who was recognized by the Reading Public Museum for making a difference at the Museum through his volunteer services. Carlos has volunteered there as various mascots and also with setting up for events, particularly kids' events including Pokemon Go Day, birthday parties and RPM's Discovery Camp.

The Berks Catholic National Honor Society raised \$2800 through their annual Christmas Drive. Proceeds were donated to The Nurse Partnership and to local families in need.

John Paul II Center for Special Learning Field and Fun Day

John Paul II Center for Special Learning: On Tuesday, May 16th, several members of BC Classes of 2017 and 2018 hosted Field and Fun Day for the students of John Paul II Center for Special Learning. The young students arrived bright and early at Berks Catholic wearing their light blue t-shirts, specifically designed by the senior committee members. The event began with an Olympic march around the track, which led to a day of field and fun events. The students competed in relay races, ran an obstacle course, played corn hole and made picture frames to hold the photos that were taken with their BC buddies. After the JP II students ate lunch with their buddies, they filed into the auditorium and were musically entertained by Jeremy Earnst, Katie Frederick, Katelyn Laskosky and Roman Ciervo. When asked what was the highlight of their day, several students replied, "The dunk tank!" The John Paul II students loved taking turns dunking the BC boys who volunteered to sit in the tank on a rather cold morning.



Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Relay for Life Team who raised over \$3,600 for the American Cancer Society through a dress down day, the Kickin' in Summer by Kickin' out Cancer Dance and other individual efforts by captains, Megan Kane, Katie Morelli, Annie Moser, Lia Santoni and committee members Jacob Arquisola, Cooper Lutz, Matt Hagelbarger and Jack Hagelbarger.



Nothing could dampen the spirits of the John Paul II students on Field and Fun Day; it's an annual event that is loved by all!

Members of the National Honor Society donated and served lunch to 150 people at the Kennedy House on a Saturday in March.

Mrs. Heather Burt, BC Art Teacher, and a team of Saints ended Catholic Schools Week making blessing bags and blankets for the homeless that were donated to places in need around the county.

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2016-2017 Saints in Service



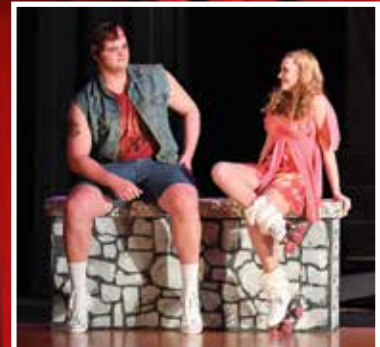
On Earth Day, Berks Catholic Students joined executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Tim Daley (HN 1972), volunteering at the ReStore.

Congratulations

to the Cast and Crew of "Xanadu" for exceptional performances!



Danny serenades Kira in the old Xanadu Theater.



Kira inspires Sonny to "Believe in Magic" and helps him to follow his dreams.



The Muse sisters magically come "Alive" and jump out of the street chalk painting made Sony Malone.



The Greek gods and goddesses urge Zeus to be "Mellow".

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2017

FAMILY | FUN | TRADITION | ALUMNI

Thank you to over 200 grandparents who attended this special Mass followed by breakfast! A great time was had by all!



Ways to Give

There are several different ways to support Berks Catholic High School. Below are the different methods you can use to make a donation to Berks Catholic, and any of these gifts can be designated for the Annual Fund, Angel Scholarships, Extravaganza, Scholarship Endowment Fund, or the program of your choice.

Check

Make checks payable to Berks Catholic High School and indicate where you would like your donation to go, and mail to:

Berks Catholic High School
Attn: Office of Development
955 E. Wyomissing Boulevard
Reading, PA 19611

Credit Card

Credit card payments can be made at www.BerksCatholic.org/annualfund or by phone at 610.374.8361 with Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Angel Scholarship Fund

Through the Angel Scholarship Fund, Angel donors can contribute toward the tuition of a specific student or to the general tuition assistance fund in which case donations are dispersed to students with the greatest financial need.

Capital Campaign

Through the dedicated and committed efforts of the BCHS internal and external communities, we can continue to provide the very best for our students. By securing \$9 million, the *Faith Excellence Future* campaign will provide the facilities and resources necessary to complement the curriculum to meet our strategic goals.

These resources include:

- Additional classrooms
- Auditorium expansion
- Multi-media learning commons
- Additional seating and upgraded cafeteria
- Stadium field turf and new track

Support from our stakeholders speaks strongly to the confidence that they have in our mission. Your commitment to the *Faith Excellence Future* campaign will allow us to further this mission, which is centered on four pillars of God, Family, Academics, and Fun.



EITC/OSTC

Businesses can reallocate PA state tax dollars to help provide scholarships and financial aid to Berks Catholic students through EITC and OSTC. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs allow businesses to receive a 90% tax credit (if donating for two consecutive years), for a donation which provides tuition assistance for families at Berks Catholic. You can also view information online at www.newpa.com/eitc or www.newpa.com/ostc.

Endowment Fund

The Berks Catholic Scholarship Endowment Fund provides 5% of principal each year for scholarships. It is broadly diversified and actively managed. Gifts can be accepted at anytime into the Endowment Fund through cash or stock contributions.

Extravaganza

Extravaganza is the annual major fundraiser for Berks Catholic. The first Extravaganza was such a success that 30+ years later, we are still enjoying this fun-filled event, which is worked on year round and on average raises \$150,000 to \$200,000 each year. Extravaganza is a silent and oral auction with a sit-down dinner, hundreds of silent and live auction items, and much more. Over the past 30+ years, Extravaganza has raised over \$4 million for our catholic high school. For more information about Extravaganza to make a monetary donation, or to donate an item for auction, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610.374.8361, ext 239 or extravaganza@berkscatholic.org.

Gifts of Stock

If you have owned a stock for more than 12 months and it has appreciated in value during that time, you would incur a capital gains tax by selling it. However, if you give that stock to Berks Catholic as a gift, you avoid the capital gains tax and can also claim an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the gift up to an amount equal to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any unused deduction may be carried forward for up to five years. Electronic Transfers of Shares of Publicly Traded Stock and Mutual Funds Shares of publicly traded companies and mutual funds may be transferred electronically to Berks Catholic.

In Memoriam

Gifts can be made in memory of a deceased loved one who has designated Berks Catholic as the recipient of gifts upon his or her death. Donations can also be made in memory of any deceased Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, or Holy Name classmate.

Matching Gifts

Matching gifts are a very important source of support. Thousands of companies and corporate foundations match gifts to non-profit institutions such as Berks Catholic. Also, matching gifts are a great way to increase support of Berks Catholic without additional out-of-pocket expense. You can double or even triple the value of your donation and enhance your total for giving society membership by simply notifying your employer of your gift to Berks Catholic.

You may be eligible to submit matching gift claims from both your own and your spouse's employer for the same gift. Contact the human resources office at your employer, your spouse's employer, or even your former employer if you are retired to inquire about their matching gift program.

Planned Gifts/St. Nicholas Society

Leave your mark on Berks Catholic! A planned gift is a "forever gift," one that will live on for generations. It doesn't affect your current cash flow of assets and it is easy to change if your circumstances change. Plus, it may save you estate taxes later. You can make a planned gift in a number of ways:

- Bequest
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Life Estate Reserve
- Insurance Policy Beneficiary

If you have already included Berks Catholic in your estate plans, please let us know.

Saints Annual Fund

The Saints Fund is the cornerstone of philanthropic giving at Berks Catholic High School. The Saints Fund is a dependable source of unrestricted gifts that can be applied to the areas of greatest need. Student scholarships and financial aid, curriculum enhancement, athletics, and arts and music resources are just some examples of support provided by the fund. It is vital that the Saints Fund continues to grow in order for Berks Catholic to be able to provide an excellent education in a Christ-centered environment to students in Berks County.

Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing

The Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing is a day of camaraderie, fun, and golf for alumni and friends of Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name, all in the name of supporting Berks Catholic High School. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$100. All proceeds from the golf outing go toward financial aid at Berks Catholic.

United Way

Gifts to United Way can be designated to Berks Catholic High School.

Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities

Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities include the Gym Banners, the Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing, the Fall Program Book, Extravaganza, and the Spring Musical.

For more information about any of these ways to support Berks Catholic High School, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610.374.8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.



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