

## Letter From The Principal

### Dear Alumni,

This has certainly been a year for the ages. I am even tempted to quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times," to describe this past school year. My feeling is that there were no worst of times; even the lowest of times have taught us so many things! We simply need to listen as God whispers his message of hope.

As a family and community of faith at BC, this past December we experienced a deeply sad time when we lost one of our own. Anthony Myers, a junior, passed away after a year-long courageous battle with cancer. We continue to remember Anthony and to pray for his family.

During the school year, many opportunities were presented to our students to be with God. Students attended Masses, reconciliation services, met with priests during Catholic Schools Week, prayed the rosary, attended Kairos and class retreats, and completed thousands of hours of service. During our quarantine, Father Isaac live streamed Masses and other prayer services for our students and the BC community.

Academically, we graduated 183 seniors. They are off to 66 different universities including some of the most selective schools in the country, among them American University, Boston College, Bucknell, William & Mary, Lafayette, Dickinson, Fordham University, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Lehigh, George Washington University, University of Richmond, Ursinus, and Villanova, and they earned tens of millions of dollars in scholarships. Eighteen of our students will be playing sports at the collegiate level.

We hosted many events throughout the year including our Fall play, "Clue" and our Spring musical, "Godspell." Our sports teams took to the fields and courts, continuing the great BC tradition of excellence. We held many inductions, Spirit Week, and Catholic Schools Week. We certainly had lots of fun!

....and then, March 12th was our last day of school in our building. The Administrators, faculty, and staff were presented with a herculean task: move all education online. Our teachers were exceptional in all that they did with no forewarning or preparation. I am so proud and honored to work with all the people at BC. They have been extraordinary!

During the Pandemic, we moved our education online, held our athletic and academic awards ceremonies on YouTube, held a "QuarenProm" on Facebook with a live DJ, and had a unique and memorable graduation event in our parking lot. Seniors decorated their cars and drove through the lot, walked across a stage to Pomp and Circumstances to receive their diplomas while their families and our faculty cheered them on.

This summer, we are working hard to prepare academically for whatever format we must follow. Academics and online learning are not mutually exclusive, and if necessary, we will be able to do both at the same time. The health and safety of our students, their families, and our staff is our biggest concern.



I would like to thank all of you, our alumni, for your support during the year, but most especially during these challenging times. Your support – your prayers, phone calls, visits, offers of assistance, guidance, advice, and donations of items required for us to open – speak so loudly to me about the BC family. We are so blessed!

I humbly thank all of you...and I pray that God will continue to bless each of you. **Go Saints!**

*Alice Enay*  
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# A Note From Betsy

Dear Fellow Alumni,

When the country shutdown due to a worldwide pandemic, Berks Catholic students, faculty and staff responded with resiliency as we moved to online learning, virtual awards ceremonies, and a drive-through graduation. What appeared to be seamless required a lot of work from administration, faculty, staff and students, and I would like to personally applaud them all.



Our seniors showed what they are made of by finishing strongly. Check out their many amazing accomplishments on page 14. I am especially proud of them and the tenacity and grit they showed during challenging times. I am equally excited to see what our newest alumni will do in the future.

Our Saints also excelled academically, athletically and in the arts and continued to give back to the community through their service to others. See pages 12-22. I am proud and grateful for their commitment to continue learning and moving forward.

During the early months of the pandemic and quarantine, we reached out to alumni from Berks Catholic, Central Catholic and Holy Name for both support and engagement and were incredibly pleased with the response: Alumni shared their own stories of being on the front lines of COVID-19, offered financial support in the form of both annual fund giving and scholarships to our families who were affected by the pandemic, and supported our seniors by volunteering to write letters of congratulations to them. Thank you to all who reached out, shared their stories and gave generously. I am proud to share a robust alumni news section (pages 4-6) that boasts of all the ways our alumni are responding to God's call across the country. Stories of your successes, growing

families, engagements and marriages give us all hope during these unprecedented times and remind me and other alumni that we are truly all in this together.

The upcoming school year may look a little different, but it continues to be a great time to be a Saint. And knowing we have your continued prayers and support gives us hope and faith that we will look back on this year, as always, with gratitude to God and to the Berks Catholic community.

Sincerely,

Betsy Woytovich  
HN 1988  
Director of Alumni Relations

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# Bob's Message

Alumni,

Summer is usually a time of transition but it seems as if we've been transitioning for months already – moving from what we knew as “normal” to the uncertainty of what normal is anymore. From classes on campus, to remote learning; from end-of-year traditions for students, especially our seniors, to virtually-distanced Academic Awards and Athletic Awards Ceremonies, to a drive through Graduation Ceremony. I am so proud of how our students and staff adjusted to the change. They demonstrated resiliency as they were challenged to learn in a whole new way.

And as if a worldwide pandemic wasn't enough, our nation is also in the midst of both social and economic unrest – unrest that touches the lives and hearts of everyone but will hopefully be the necessary catalyst to lead us to a more just world for all.

How we respond as individuals and as a community will be telling. I am not only inspired by the positive outlooks and adaptive mindset of our students and staff, but also the stories of our alumni, whether they are on the frontlines fighting the coronavirus or they are accomplishing

extraordinary things in every day life. This issue of the Trinity will highlight many of the accomplishments of our students and alumni. We do hope you enjoy reading this issue, please let us know if you have new stories, class news, or important information that we need to know!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Bob Birmingham  
HN 1983  
Director of Institutional Advancement

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# Distinguished Alumni

Congratulations to Berks Catholic's 2020-2021 Distinguished Alumnus, Stephen Banco. Steve is a 1984 graduate of Holy Name High School where he was the Most Outstanding Athlete in 1983 and 1984 and was inducted into Holy Name's Hall of Fame in 2011. A member of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Steve also attended St. Ignatius Loyola School. He graduated from Lehigh University with a BS in Finance and was a four-year letterman at two positions: Free Safety and Punter. At Lehigh, Steve was third all-time for interceptions in a career. He was ranked 10th in the nation in 1985 for punting average, and 7th in 1986 for interceptions. In 1987, Steve was named Football MVP.

He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1996 and was the Most Outstanding Resident in 2001 at Thomas Jefferson University where he did his Orthopaedic Surgery Residency. He completed his Spinal Surgery Fellowship at New England Baptist Hospital in 2002 and was a member of the Editorial Review Board at *Clinical Spine Surgery*. Steve started his own spinal surgery private practice in 2002, is President of Keystone Spine & Pain Management, a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, and partial owner of the Surgical Institute of Reading.

Steve was a member of the Board of Directors at Berks Catholic from our formation in 2011 until 2015 when his daughter became a freshman. Steve and his wife Lisa are committed supporters of Berks Catholic and Catholic education in Berks County and made a transformational gift to the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign in 2015. Steve was also a Kiss-A-Pig Candidate where he raised money for the Olivet's Boys and Girls Club of Reading. Steve has achieved noteworthy success in his life by working hard and remaining steadfast to the morals and disciplines he learned in Catholic school. Additionally, his commitment of time, talent and treasure to Berks Catholic and to other philanthropic efforts in the community set an example for our current students of the importance of giving back to your community.

In his own words, Steve credits the safe and nurturing learning environment as well as the expectations set for him at Holy Name for putting him on the path to success: “For me, there is an intangible quality to Catholic education that is difficult to describe, but has been the underlying current throughout my life. I felt it the moment I walked into the Holy Name for the first time as student. I still feel it today. There is a sense of something special, a bond to the school and a bond to your classmates. There is an expectation of not only how to act while in school but how to act in life. I was blessed to have a loving family with parents who cared about me, spectacular friends all driven to succeed, and a school that provided a safe and nurturing learning environment. This didn't guarantee success but certainly put me on its path.”



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# News From Our Alumni



20 faculty members (& seven not pictured) are also alumni.

**Gino Gaspari (BC 2019)** is a United States Marine stationed in NC.▼



**Logan Salas (BC 2019)** was accepted into the University of North Carolina School of Arts, specifically their School of Drama which is recognized as one of the top five drama programs in the world and has an admission rate of approximately 3%. Over 900 applicants auditioned for the School of Drama's class of 2024, 30 applicants were accepted.

**Kit Schroder (BC 2019)** created a little free library from 100% upcycled, repurposed material. It is located at the Wyomissing Stonehouse on the lower level.

**Keeley Suzenski (BC 2019)** broke her own freshman record in the shot put at William & Mary in February with a put of 13.78m (45-2.5), which was a full foot better than the mark she set in December and qualified her to the ECAC Championships for the first time. She now ranks seventh all-time among Tribe athletes.

**Michael McDowell (BC 2018)** was on the Model UN and Model Arab League at Colgate, earning the outstanding delegate award at Georgetown's National University

model UN conference, and verbal commendation at Harvard's world MUN in Madrid, Spain. He also received full funding to live and work in Washington DC last summer as an intern for the International Rescue Committee. He helped refugees get settled with finances, employment, schooling, transportation, housing, medical care and more during their first days and weeks in the US.

**Dejah Terrell (BC 2018)** broke the Albright single-season women's basketball record for points scored and blocked shots.▼



**Elizabeth Gaspari (BC 2017)**, Penn State swimmer, received the Jerome Weinstein Award, which is presented to a team member who is not only hardest working, but also the person that is sure to give 100% to his or her teammates emotionally and physically through joyous times and struggles.

**Alex Gundersen (BC 2017)** has an internship this summer at Last Chance Ranch assisting the Vet and Vet Tech in the care of animals.

**Justin Siberski (BC 2017)** is pursuing degrees in both Biology and Neuroscience at Ursinus College EMS unit. He has had the pleasure to work in three labs for research and the honor to receive a publication in Chemistry work for Dr. Mark Ellison. He also works as an EMT at Western Berks Ambulance in Sinking Spring as well as as an audio and visual event technician in the theatre program.

**Taylor Dimmerling (BC 2017)** reached 100 points during her lacrosse career at Cabrini.

**Gemini Cabrera (BC 2016)** became the 11th player at Cedar Crest College to reach 1000 points in her basketball career.

**Allison Sichler (BC 2016)** received the prestigious Salisbury Prize from Worcester Polytech Institute (WPI), the college's oldest award which honors less than 3 percent of graduating seniors who have made truly exceptional contributions inside and outside of WPI. Not only must a student have a perfect academic record, but they must also have taken on an extraordinarily challenging academic course load or degree path, demonstrate leadership roles at WPI and represent the school at notable off-campus venues.

**Jessica Bean (BC 2015)** is a Registered Nurse at the Reading Hospital.

**Emily Duong (BC 2015)** published her first e-book, "The Everyday Girl's Guide to Career Success."

**Gabby Geltz (BC 2015) and Alexis Roman (BC 2012)** from Miller-Keystone Blood Center helped the Pro Life Club with the annual blood drive.▼



**Bobby Noga (BC 2015)** was a 4-year member of the LaSalle University rowing team and was named Captain as well as MVP his Senior year and was awarded the Explorer Excellence Award from the athletic department in Spring 2019.

**Matt Whitmoyer (BC 2015)** traveled to Ecuador with the Peace Corps. Unfortunately, his trip was cut short due to COVID-19.

**Amanda Fowler (BC 2014)** is a Human Resources Professional with Pratt Industries, responsible for the entire Northeastern United States.

**Maurio McCoy (BC 2014)** is a member of the 2019/2020 USA Skateboarding National Team and an Olympic hopeful for Tokyo 2021.

**Rachel Lala (BC 2013)** is a Registered Nurse working as an emergency room nurse in Southern California.

**Evan Low (BC 2013)** is a Civil Engineer and a lecturer for California Polytechnic State University, teaching the up and coming engineers about groundwater engineering and sustainable pumping practices that helps to emphasize the impact that humans have on our groundwater table. As a civil engineer he works on multiple projects that help to maintain public infrastructure, mainly designing and overseeing construction of utilities that go unseen by everyday citizens but are the backbone of domestic life.▼



**Alexis Muir (BC 2013)** is a Critical Care Registered Nurse for Penn State/St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Lauren Spak (BC 2013)** is a Registered Nurse in an ICU.

**Maria Barreras Every (BC 2012)** is an Art Psychotherapist at a children's psychiatric hospital, providing care to at-risk youth, many of whom are particularly distressed by the pandemic.

**Erik Bjorken (BC 2012)** is an Engineer for a company that produces electrical wire harnesses and cable assemblies for a variety of industries including companies in the healthcare field.

**Marquis Marshall (BC 2012)** is making an impact as the Muhlenberg Boys Basketball JV coach.

**Erin Noga (BC 2012)** is a Traveling Nurse most recently at George Washington

University Medical Center in Washington, DC and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. She also tied the record for the number of digs in a 3 set volleyball match at LaSalle University & was inducted into the Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau.

**Brittany Setley (BC 2012)** is a Registered Med-Surg Nurse at Reading Hospital.

**Robert G. Neubert (HN 2010)** is an Emergency Medical Technician.

**Chelsea Zimmerman (CC 2010)** is a Speech Language Pathologist for a large teaching and research hospital that spearheaded treatment research and PPE guidelines/plans for fighting COVID-19, such as using UV light to clean our PPE.

**Amanda (Learned) Hunter (HN 2009)** is a therapist owner of Everlasting Wellness LLC, specializing in young and adult women's issues and working with pregnant and postpartum mothers with mental health concerns. She was recently interviewed by the Reading Eagle to continue to raise awareness for mental health especially during this time.

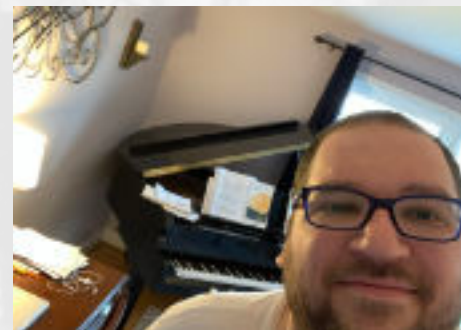
**Lauren Noga (HN 2009)** was a 2-year captain for the LaSalle University volleyball team and was awarded the Explorer Award which was voted on by the team. She was inducted into the Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau.

**Lindsay Conrad (HN 2008)** is a Nike Trainer and a certified Personal Trainer.

**Megan (Centeno) Dietrich (HN 2008)** is a Registered Nurse in the operating room.

**Colleen Eliff (HN 2008)** is a Speech Language Pathologist for Fox Rehabilitation working in Assisted Living facilities and providing in home care to geriatric clients.

**Michael Adams (HN 2007)** is a Director of Choral Studies, teaching e-learning music theory and choirs.▼



**Lauren Boone (HN 2007)** is a Bank Teller, currently working in a local community bank.

**Sam Hess (HN 2007)** was part of the creative team for Planters 2019 & 2020 Super Bowl Crunch Time Campaign, a 30-second commercial airing on Fox just before the Super Bowl.

**Kelly Magrann (HN 2006)** is an inpatient physical therapist at Temple University hospital.

**Megan (Hoover) Williams (HN 2006)** is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA/L) providing occupational therapy to short term and long-term residents in a skilled nursing facility.

**Carmen Bloom (CC 2005)** is an Assistant County Solicitor assigned to Berks County Children & Youth Services, representing the Agency in court to protect children, the community's most vulnerable population.

**Stephanie (Falencki) Bracke (HN 2005)** is an Engineering Manager, keeping the lights on for the greater Philadelphia area by continuing the safe and reliable operation of Limerick Generating station.

**Mallory (Neubert) Kercher (HN 2005)** is an OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner at The Women's Health Center at Reading Hospital, providing direct patient care for underserved obstetric, gynecologic, and high risk gestational diabetic patients.

**Dr. Felicia (Gonzalez) Ulsh (HN 2004)** is an Assistant Principal in the Muhlenberg School District.

**Dawn (Kula) Cortes (HN 2002)** is a Registered Nurse working in acute rehab.

**Viviana Urueta (HN 2002)** is a Pediatric Nurse at Reading Pediatrics in four of their locations.

**Katie (Distasio) Bennethum (HN 1999)** is a Registered Nurse working as a triage nurse in a Tower Heath doctor's office.

**Carmen Bochenek (HN 1999)** has three children, has been married 17 years, and bought a new house three years ago.

**Stefanie DeSantis (CC 1997)** is a Radiology Secretary at Penn state Health St. Joseph's.

**Jennifer (Przydzial) Sears (HN 1996)** was named Chief Information Officer of The Coordinating Center, a nonprofit organization in Maryland, that provides care coordination to individuals with disabilities and complex medical needs.

**Lisa (Pompiano) Baker (HN 1995)** is a Registered Nurse at Penn State Health St. Joseph in OISU.

**Richard Tornielli (HN 1995)** is the new Police Chief for the city of Reading.

**Jeremy Searfoss (HN 1994)** is the City Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator for the city of Reading.

**Melissa (Boyer) Kretz (HN 1992)** is an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, providing care to cardiac patients at Ephrata Community Hospital and video patient visits for folks at home.

**Donna (Bukowski) Shiery (HN 1992)** has a daughter Molly Shiery who is in the BC Class of 2021 and a son Ian Shiery in the BC Class of 2023.

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**Dr. Yamil Sanchez (HN 1991)**, CEO of the Reading School District, led dozens of people in helping quake victims in Puerto Rico, packing supplies at the Reading Hispanic Center and organizing a team to hand deliver the care packages to at least 1,000 families affected by the earthquakes.

**Rosa (Attinello) Avram (HN 1990)** is married to Joel and has a sophomore at Berks Catholic (Christopher) and a future Saint (Ryan) who attends HGA.

**Deana (Siwik) Cortez (CC 1990)** is a full-time Nurse in a long-term care facility.

**Stephanie (Breon) LaManna (CC 1989)** is the Director of Business Development at Behavioral Health Hospital in Roxborough, PA.

**Michelle (Kenderdine) Panyik (HN 1988)** has been working as an outpatient Physical Therapist for PennMedicine/Lancaster General Health for 20 years. Mom to a Class of 2020 graduate as well as a high school junior, Michelle is also a 5-year breast cancer survivor!

**Josie (Oliver) Waldman (CC 1985)** (pictured with her husband **Steve Waldman CC 1988**) is opening a Ducklings Early Learning Center franchise in Spring City, PA this summer. Josie worked for almost 30 years as an Actuary for various insurance companies before embarking on this adventure. She is looking forward to caring for and educating our youngest children with a newfound passion.▼



**Chrissy (McGlenn) Auman (HN 1987)** and her husband Tod opened a whole-animal butcher-shop, called Dundore & Heister, six years ago and operate it in Wyomissing.

**Tina (Oliver) Talbert (CC 1987)** is a Physical Therapist working in Lancaster, PA in Home Health services. She has 3 daughters: Morgan who was married in Sept 2019, Roslyn who will be a senior at Kennesaw State and Jordan who will be a sophomore at Old Dominion and a son Nick who attends Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster, PA.

**Beth Ann (Kleeman) Buck (HN 1983)** is a Registered Nurse working in the asthma, allergy and immunological specialty, giving immunobiologics and treating patients with lung issues related to asthma and allergies.

**Lorraine (Bodner) Cunningham (HN 1983)** is a Staff Pharmacist in the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital.

**Michael Gallagher (HN 1983)** is a Teacher at both Wyomissing High School and Penn State/Berks Campus.

**Sue (Konopelski) Hulme (HN 1983)** has a son is in the army in El Paso, TX.

**Barbara Levan (HN 1983)** is a Registered Public Health Nurse/Nurse Home Visitor with Nurse Family Partnership, serving first time, at risk families from pregnancy until the child is 2 years old, improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development outcomes and economic self-efficacy. She is also a care giver for a 97-year-old man in a retirement community.

**Dominic Macrina (HN 1983)** is a Registered Nurse currently working for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as an Ambulatory Nurse for Urology.

**James Pollock (HN 1983)** is a Police Officer and Volunteer Firefighter patrolling in Muhlenberg Township for the past 32 years. He also volunteers at Shillington Fire Co.▼



**Stephanie Rado Taormina (HN 1983)** developed a brand, Have Some Fun Today, inspired by her late Father Joe Rado's favorite quote, which has been featured on QVC.

**Susan Farrier (CC 1981)** is a Paramedic for the Critical CareTech Emergency Department at Penn State St. Joseph's Hospital.

**John Nawa (HN 1981)** is a Radiologist at WellSpan Ephrata Hospital.

**Donna (Cichowicz) O'Brien (CC 1981)** is a Special Education clerk.

**Missy Orlando (HN 1980)** is the Senior Director of Foundation Development at Penn State Health St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Janet (Loeper) Scull (CC 1978)** was a speech therapist at Schuylkill Valley School District for 34 years, retiring in June.

**Mike Miller (HN 1976)**, Alvernia Boys Basketball Coach, is in his 16th season and inspires others with his own personal story about beating colon cancer in 2007.

**Stan Kosmoski (HN 1973)** has 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren, and 1 dog.

**John Troy Urbaitis (HN 1972)** has lived in San Antonio, TX since 1996 and still enjoys keeping in touch with Holy Name Classmates back in the Reading area as well as college friends across the world.

**Suzanne Lintz (HN 1968) and Harry Lintz (HN 1967)** are enjoying life day by day.

**Mary Grace (Hess) Rugh (CC 1965)** is a Public Health Hygienist with 3 married children and 8 grandchildren, the oldest a 2020 graduate of Berks Catholic.

**Joseph Kozik (CC 1964)** is living the good life in God's country and feeling blessed.

**Mike Kozlay (CC 1960)** is retired and has been doing a lot of traveling around the world.

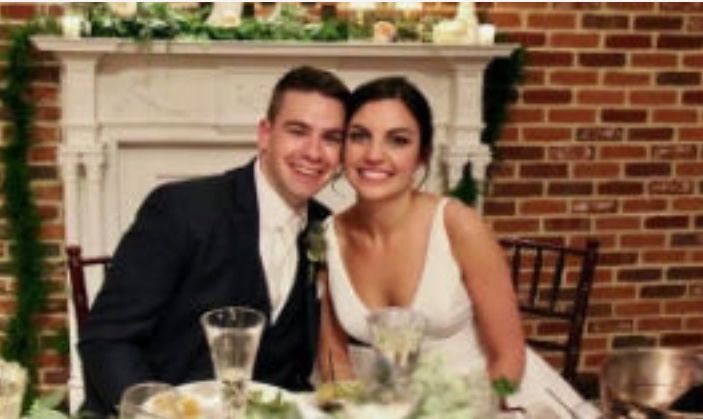
# Engagements

**Taylor Hirneisen (BC 2015)** to Nick Witkowski  
**Megan Donahue (BC 2014)** to Nicholas Wilker (below) ▼  
**Brian Eliff (BC 2014)** to Reed Caffey  
**Emily Reedy (BC 2013)** to Ben Grant  
**John Foster (BC 2012)** to Julianna Twigg  
**Maria Mastromarino (BC 2012)** to Zach Bell  
**Brianna Donahue (BC 2012)** to **Matt Napolitano (BC 2012)**  
**Dan Ciabattoni (HN 2009)** to Felicia Devine  
**Michael Nawa (HN 2008)** to Rachel Koller  
**Kathleen McGee (HN 1985)** to **Lee Riegel (HN 1988)**  
**Sarah Moulton (BC 2012)** to Darren Wright



# Weddings

**Morgan DeAntonio (BC 2014)** to Ryan Gutshall  
**Madison Reagan (BC 2014)** to **Nana Foulland (BC 2014)**  
**Juliana Wright (BC 2014)** to Sean Coleman  
**Macy Bosshard (BC 2012)** to Kerem Demirci  
**Alexa DiCerchio (BC 2012)** to **Peter Budock (BC 2012)** ▼



# New Babies



A baby girl Kennedy to **Alexa Aron (BC 2013)**  
A baby girl Ava Jane to **Alex and Nicole (DiCerchio) Swavely (CC 2009/2008)**  
A baby girl Remi to **Ryan McFarland (HN 2008)** and wife Brittainy  
A baby girl Hannah to **Mark Keeley (HN 2006)** and wife Kait  
A baby boy Henry to **Brittany Parisi (HN 2006)** and husband  
A baby girl Ann Marie to **Matt Raquet (HN 2005)** and wife Laura  
A baby boy Max to **Joseph Bonanno (HN 2004)** and Lauren Keeney  
A baby boy Connor to **Matt Batdorf (HN 2003)** and wife  
A baby boy Harrison Samuel to **Adam Krick (HN 2002)** and wife Teresa  
A baby boy Colby to **Nick Lanciano (HN 2001)** and wife Melissa  
A baby boy James to **Kristin (Kramer) Gehris (HN 1996)** and husband Wayne  
A baby girl Sterling and adopted baby boy Jaden to **Kimberly (Reimels) Lewis (HN 1994)** and husband Brian

# Thank You

to all alumni who have been doing God's work on the front lines of COVID-19!

► 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 contact Betsy Woytovich, Director of Alumni Relations, [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org) or 610-374.8361, ext. 231, or Bob Birmingham, Director of Institutional Advancement, at [rbirmingham@berkscatholic.org](mailto:rbirmingham@berkscatholic.org) or 610-374-8361 ext 224.



# << Class Reunions



Alumni Basketball Turkey Shoot



Holy Name 1965 Tour



Holy Name 1970 State Champs



Central Catholic High School Class of 1969, 50 Year Reunion



Holy Name Class of 1978



BC Ice Hockey Alumni Game

## Upcoming >> Reunions

**Central Catholic Class of 1965 - 55th Reunion (Actually 56th!)**

**Date:** Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Doubletree Hotel, 701 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19601

This will be an evening event with dinner buffet. Specific details will be sent with the invitation at a later date.

Please be sure that we have any updates on contact information. Information and questions can be emailed to committee members:

- ▶ Joseph Rutolo  
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- ▶ Mary Anne (Fleckenstein) Gilbert  
610-334-6466  
mgil712076@aol.com

**Holy Name Class of 1970 - 50th Reunion (Actually 51st!)**

**Date:** Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 5:00 - 9:30  
Moselem Springs Golf Club  
More information to follow.

Marianne (Pantano) Rutter will compile a book of memories for our class. Please send any personal/family information, accomplishments, memories, photos, etc. to [mariannerutter@yahoo.com](mailto:mariannerutter@yahoo.com).



# Hall of Fame



## In Memoriam

Anthony Myers (BC 2021)  
Matthew Groncki (HN 2005)  
Tammy Jane (Swavely) Scrobe (CC 1989)  
David Orlando (HN 1982)  
Anthony Paradiso (CC 1980)  
Sharon (Rohrbach) Blessing (HN 1977)  
Peter Fabrizioani (CC 1976)  
Warren Haggerty (CC 1973)  
David Liss (CC 1973)  
Linda Jean (Richutti) Gowombeck (CC 1972)  
Geoffrey Lucas (CC 1970)  
Dennis Rearden (CC 1970)  
Stephen Domsicz (HN 1969)  
Eileen (Kelly) Glennon (HN 1968)  
Robert Heizmann (CC 1967)  
Joseph Cavanna (CC 1967)  
April (Kerns) Rosenbaum (CC 1966)  
Daniel Vespico (CC 1966)  
Dennis Keltz (CC 1965)  
George Tomaszewski (CC 1965)  
Richard Spangler (CC 1964)  
Mary Anne Piscitelli (CC 1964)  
Barbara (Kozik) Grebloskie (CC 1964)  
David Schmieder (CC 1964)  
Brian Carr (CC 1963)  
Jo Ann Pendleton (CC 1963)  
Patricia Chlebowski-Eroh (CC 1962)  
Charles Williams (CC 1962)  
Rita (Mull) Ketter (CC 1961)  
Kathleen (Arentz) Zoga (CC 1961)  
Margaret (Kissinger) Greely (CC 1960)  
James Simpson (CC 1960)  
JoAnn (Bombinski) Potteiger (CC 1959)  
John Hartgen (CC 1958)  
Lucille Miller (CC 1958)  
Mary (Milco) Gallagher (CC 1957)  
George Kowal (CC 1956)  
Joanna (Watycha) Goodman (CC 1955)

Albert Lellig (CC 1955)  
Albert Kruszewski (CC 1955)  
Carol (Dease) Shea (CC 1955)  
Robert Wright (CC 1955)  
Sonja Chamides (CC 1954)  
Alice (Foley) Konopelski (CC 1954)  
Patricia (Becker) Barnhard (CC 1953)  
Kathleen (Kase) Kuczala (CC 1953)  
Claire Flemming (CC 1952)  
Margaret (Kane) Rogosky (CC 1952)  
Dr. James Kase (CC 1950)  
Rose Kowalczyk (CC 1950)  
Margaret (Spohn) Snyder (CC 1950)  
William Sockel (CC 1950)  
Margaret (Malick) Swope (CC 1950)  
William Bennis (CC 1950)  
Rita (Loeper) Sroka (CC 1949)  
Dolores (Dombrowski) Bowers (CC 1949)  
Philip Ciofalo (RC 1948)  
Marie (Wood) McElwee (CC 1948)  
Maryanne (Slapikas) Gieringer (CC 1947)  
Theresa Nowotarski (CC 1947)  
Rose Tucci (CC 1947)  
Philomena Loeper (RC 1946)  
John Sauer (CC 1946)  
Richard Buehrer (CC 1944)  
Marie (Dell) Ciotti (CC 1944)  
Virginia (Loeper) Arentz (CC 1943)  
Anna Shustack (CC 1943)  
Edward Ziemba (CC 1943)  
Dorothy Ahrensfield (RC 1932)  
Agnes Evans (CC)  
Dorothy (Uliasz) Moyer (CC)  
Kathleen Henrich (CC)  
Philomena DeMarco (RC)  
Carol Hacker (RC)  
Arlene (Wishneski) Reiver (RC)

## Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to nominate this person because: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER**



**EXTRAVAGANZA 2020**

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**  
*Family & Donor Night*

**Saturday, November 14, 2020**  
*Extravaganza*





Thientrinh Nguyen | Valedictorian

Thientrinh Nguyen is the daughter of Hai Nguyen and Trang Vu and is a member of St. Catharine of Siena and St. Paul Parish. She is in the Honors Program and McNulty Program at Saint Joseph's University, majoring in Chemical Biology. Thientrinh is a Distinguished Honors Student as well as an American Association of University Women Honor and AP Scholar. She was a first- and third-place finisher at the Berks County Science and Engineering Fair and a member of the third-place team at the Berks County Interscholastic Math Championship. During her time at Berks Catholic, Thientrinh was also a member of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Girls' Volleyball Team, a Kairos leader, member of the Math Team, Chemistry Club and Mass Choir. She was also a member of the Vietnamese Choir at St. Paul's and a tutor at St. Catharine of Siena School.

"We could've been remembered as 'the quarantined class'...but our past four years here at Berks Catholic are not defined by that. We are defined by our journey to get here...It's now time for us to end this book, but it's not the end of our journey...We'll have more struggles and difficulties to overcome. But we just need to listen to the words of St. Catharine of Siena: *'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'*"

Christian Nguyen | Salutatorian

Christian Nguyen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Romario Hien Nguyen and a member of St. Catharine of Siena Parish. He is attending the University of Florida, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Christian is an Eagle Scout, a National Merit Scholar with distinction, an AP Scholar with Honor and was nominated as a Berks Best student in Science. At Berks Catholic, Christian was the Chief Financial Officer of the DECA Business Club and a member of National Honors Society and the Mathematics Club. He founded the ACS Chemistry Club, served as an advisor for the St. Catharine of Siena School's You Be the Chemist Club, and organized and led a project to plan and build picnic tables and benches for the residents of the Children's Home of Reading. He also was a member of the track and field team and a Saint Ambassador.

"Face masks cannot hide our strength, and isolation cannot subdue our spirit...But remember my friends, this is a time of discovery, an opportunity for innovation, and a test of courage... Although we may not be together during these troubling times, we will always be *"One in Christ."*

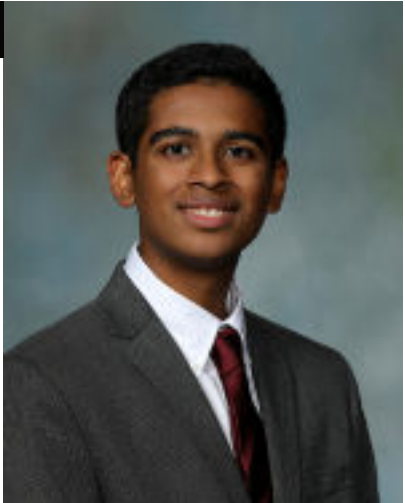


Rahul Mannepuli | Salutatorian

Rahul Mannepuli is the son of Dr. Giri Mannepuli and Mrs. Sudha Mannepuli and a member of St. John's Baptist de La Salle Parish. He is attending the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Biology. Rahul was nominated as a Berks Best student in Math and had the highest average at Berks Catholic in AP Calculus, AP

Chemistry, and AP US History. During his time at Berks Catholic, Rahul was a member of the National Honor Society, the Mathematics Club, the tennis team, and a Saint Ambassador.

"We are going to climb and conquer these next hills in the same way we did in the past. However, what lies beyond those hills is anyone's guess. That unpredictability to see what comes next, well, that is all the more reason to keep moving. However, let's stop for a moment. Rather than moving on, let's just stay at the top of this hill for this moment remembering our past, enjoying the present, and looking forward to the future that lies beyond those hills."



Jordan Yerger | Salutatorian

Jordan Yerger is the daughter of Patrick and Cheryl Yerger and is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Jordan is attending Penn State University Park, Schreyer Honors College. At Berks Catholic she was the recipient of the Senator's Good Citizenship Award, Thomas E. Powers Scholarship, Sylvia Kane Memorial Award, Healthy Living Award, Sister Joanne Leccese Award for Excellence in Biology and received Top Excellence for 13 classes as well as Distinguished Honors each year. She was the President of the Habitat for Humanity Club, a Captain for the Relay for Life team, Secretary of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Cross Country team, and a member of the track team. She completed over 200 hours of service including time as a volunteer for the Olivet Boys & Girls Club, a Peer Listener, and a Saint Ambassador. Jordan also was a member of the Ski Club, Baking Club, ICC Youth Group, and an Altar Server.

"With each day we live, we add meaning to our lives; we collect memories, deep thoughts, accomplishments, knowledge, emotions, relationships... take it all with you, the good and the bad. Let the difficult experiences remind you of your ability to overcome, and use the good memories and a positive mindset to smile."





# Class of 2020

## Outcomes & Overview

► Economic and societal impacts of the Corona Pandemic have caused some colleges to extend enrollment deadlines and families to re-assess college plans. This has caused a delay in getting complete, accurate college data. This report will be updated as information continues to be submitted.

### Overview

The Class of 2020 received 559 offers of admission to 169 different colleges and universities in 24 different states, Washington DC, and the United Kingdom.

90% + of the Class of 2020 will matriculate at 68 different 4- and 2-year institutions in 15 different states, Washington DC and the United Kingdom.

The Class of 2020 was awarded \$19.3 million in the form of scholarship monies for academic, athletic, and other talent-based merits as well as for service to community. Included in this count are full-tuition scholarships and/or the maximum award offered by the institution.

The Class of 2020 will serve in the Army, Navy, National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol, take Gap Year's to work in computer software development, enter the workforce, return to their home countries to continue education, and pursue training to acquire commercial pilot licensure.

### A Closer Look

Members of the Class of 2020 have been invited to and will continue their studies in Honors Colleges and Honors Programs at a variety of different institutions: Catholic Univ. of America, Drexel Univ., Duquesne Univ., Elizabethtown Coll., Marist Coll., Nova Southeastern Univ., St. Joseph's Univ., Univ. of Delaware, Univ. of Central Florida, Univ. of Tampa

40% of those schools offering admission to the C' 2020 Saints also awarded merit-based scholarships and grants.

Among the many majors and areas of study they will pursue are Allied Health & Rehabilitative Sciences, Athletic Training, Aviation Management, Business, Culinary Arts, Economics, Education, Engineering, Fashion Design and Management, Fire-Science Technology, Hospitality & Sports Management, Humanities & Social Sciences, Music Performance, Natural & Physical Sciences, Public Health, Visual & Performing Arts, Wildlife Conservation & Biology.

Members of the Class of 2020 will continue as collegiate student-athletes at 15 different NCAA Division II, III, and NJCAA institutions in the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

# Colleges Offering Admission to the Class of 2020:

- Schools of Matriculation in **bold**  
\* multiple admits  
# multiple matriculations  
^ honors program admission  
*m* Admission/Scholarship Guarantee for qualifying Berks Catholic Students

Adelphi University  
**Albright College** \* #  
**Alvernia University** \* # *m*  
**American Airlines Cadet Flight School**  
Arcadia University \*  
**Atlantic Cape Community College**  
Augusta University  
**Averett University**  
Belmont University  
Binghamton University- SUNY  
Bloomsburg University \*  
**Boston College**  
Boston University  
**Cabrini University** \*  
Carelton University  
**Carlow University** \* *m*  
Case- Western Reserve University  
**Catholic Univ. of America** \* ^  
**Cedar Crest College**  
Chatham University  
**Chestnut Hill College**  
**Coastal Carolina University** \*  
College of Charleston \*  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado State University  
**Culinary Institute of America (CIA)**  
**Delaware Valley University** \*  
**DeSales University** \* #  
Dickinson College  
**Drexel University** \* # ^  
Duquesne University \* ^  
East Carolina University \*  
East Stroudsburg University  
Eckerd College \*  
Edinboro University  
**Elizabethtown College** \* # ^  
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metro  
**Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY**  
Florida Institute of Technology \*  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Florida State University - Panama City  
Fordham University \*  
**Franciscan University - Steubenville**  
**Franklin & Marshall College**  
Gannon University  
**George Washington University** \* #  
Georgia Southern University  
**Georgia State University**  
Gettysburg College \*  
Goucher College  
Grove City College  
**Gwynedd Mercy University** \*  
Hartwick College  
**Harrisburg Area Community College**

Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University \*  
Hofstra University  
Holy Family University  
**Hood College** \*  
Immaculata University \*  
**Indiana University of PA** \* #  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University \*  
Jefferson University - East Falls \*  
**Juniata College** \*  
Kent State University  
Keystone College \*  
**King's College** \*  
**Kutztown University** \* #  
Lafayette College \*  
LaSalle University \*  
Lebanon Valley College \*  
**Lehigh University** \* #  
Lehigh-Carbon Community College  
LeMoyne College  
Lock Haven University \*  
Loyola University- Maryland \*  
Lynn University  
Marist College \* ^  
**Marymount Manhattan College**  
**Marymount University** \*  
Marywood University \*  
McDaniel College \*  
**Mercyhurst University** \*  
Miami University of Ohio  
**Millersville University** \* #  
**Misericordia University** \*  
Mississippi State University  
**Monmouth University** \*  
Montgomery County Community College  
Moravian College  
**Mount St. Mary's University** \* *m*  
**Neumann University** \* *m*  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
**Newberry College**  
North Carolina State University \*  
Northampton Community College  
Northeastern University  
**Nova Southeastern University** ^  
**Ohio State University - Columbus** \* #  
**Penn State University** \* #  
**Penn State University - Univ. Park** \* #  
**Pennsylvania College of Technology**  
**Point Park University**  
**Portland Community College**  
**Reading Area Community College** \*  
Rider University \*  
Robert Morris University \*  
**Rochester Institute of Technology** \*

Rosemont College *m*  
**San Diego State University**  
**Savannah College of Art & Design**  
Seton Hall University \*  
**Shippensburg University** \* #  
St. Francis University \*  
St. John's University \*  
**St. Joseph's University** \* # ^  
St. Leo College  
St. Vincent College  
Stevenson University  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
Susquehanna University \*  
**Temple University** \* #  
Towson University \*  
Unity College  
Univ. of Akron  
**Univ. of Alabama** \*  
Univ. of California - Irvine  
Univ. of California - San Diego \*  
Univ. of Central Florida \* ^  
Univ. of Cincinnati  
Univ. of Connecticut  
Univ. of Delaware \* ^  
**Univ. of Florida**  
Univ. of Kentucky  
Univ. of Maine  
Univ. of Maryland  
Univ. of North Carolina - Charlotte  
Univ. of North Carolina - Greensboro  
Univ. of Oklahoma  
Univ. of Pittsburgh \*  
**Univ. of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh** \*  
Univ. of Richmond  
**Univ. of Scranton** \*  
**Univ. of South Carolina** \*  
Univ. of Tampa \* ^  
Univ. of Tennessee  
Univ. of Tennessee - Knoxville \*  
Univ. of Texas at Dallas  
**Univ. of the Arts**  
Univ. of West Florida  
Ursinus College \*  
**Villanova University** \* #  
**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VA Tech)  
**Washington & Jefferson College**  
**Wesley University**  
**West Chester University** \* #  
**West Virginia University** \*  
**Widener University** \* *m*  
Wilkes University \*  
**York College of PA** \* #



## Clue

Congratulations to Mrs. Kate Bobb and the Cast and Crew of BC's Fall Production Clue



## Godspell

Congratulations to Mrs. Kate Bobb and the Cast and Crew of BC's Spring Production Godspell



# Athletic Awards

**Congratulations to the following Berks Catholic teams who won their Division Championship!**

- Field Hockey
- Girls Volleyball
- Golf
- Boys Basketball



Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Golf team who won their League Championship.  
Congratulations to the BC Field Hockey Team who received the PA Field Hockey Coaches' Association All-State Academic Award.  
Congratulations to Brianna Gonzalez who set the Berks Catholic school record in Pole Vault with a jump of 9 feet.  
Congratulations to Michaela Rosenberger who set the Triple Jump record at 34 feet, 2 inches.  
Congratulations to Kaylie Vu who had over 1000 digs over her 4 year volleyball career.  
Congratulations to Raphael Parisi for being selected to the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of American, Inc. All American Team.





# the Spirit of a Saint Award



We have many athletes who go above and beyond to make their team and school a better place for everyone, always ready and willing to lend a hand to an injured teammate, help a coach clean up after practice, or lend support to anyone who needs it. These athletes embrace our four pillars: God, Family, Academics, and Fun.

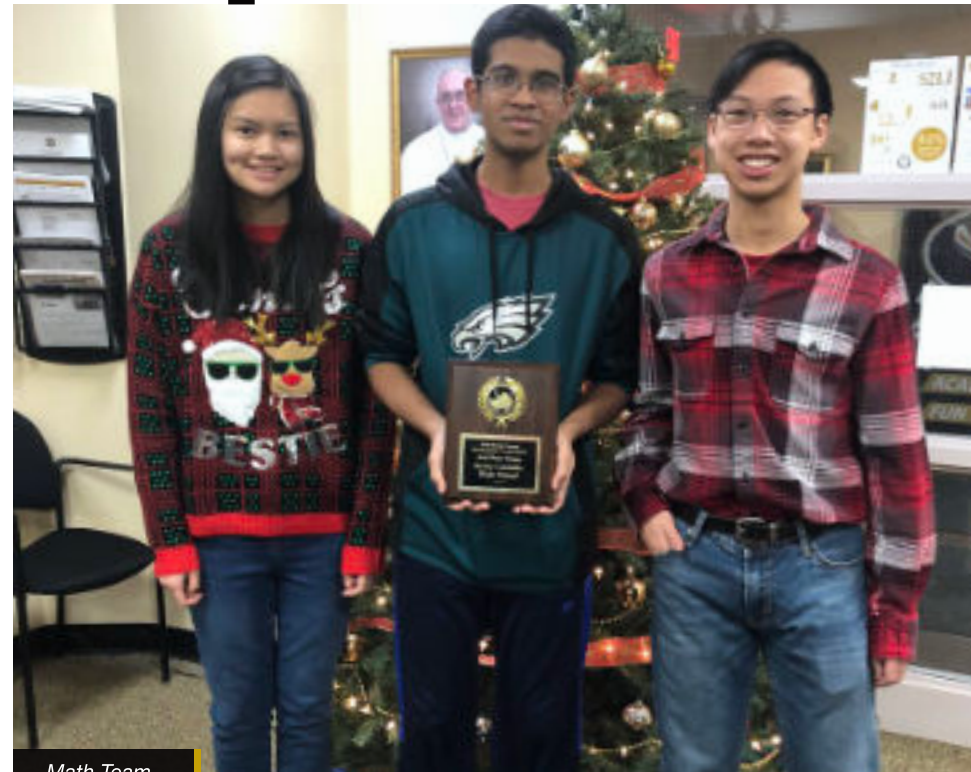
This year's recipient, Anthony Myers, stood out as a role model for our current and future Saints, proving that he is worthy of being selected as the 2019-2020 Spirit of the Saint recipient. Anthony, the perfect example of positive encouragement and positivity to others, taught all of us truly how to be a living and breathing Saint. Anthony's family was presented his Spirit of a Saint plaque in his memory.

Thank you for showing us how to live Anthony!

*"I lived my life the way I wanted to. Doing what I love, trying to be positive."*  
-Anthony Myers

In Memory of Anthony Myers

# SuperSaints



Math Team

Veronica Botch (BC 2020) was the winner of the Champions for Children Youth Award.

Christian Nguyen (BC 2020) was a National Merit Scholar with Distinction. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for recognition and scholarships that is open to all U.S High School students who meet published entry requirements. Finalists named in each year's Merit Scholarship competition show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies and represent less than 1% of each state's high school seniors. They will be considered for one of over 2500 scholarships.

Brigham Kobularcik (BC 2020) became an Eagle Scout in February 2020.

Joyce Chan (BC 2022) was accepted into the All-State band.

## Deca States Career Development Conference

Berks Catholic students were recognized at the DECA States Career Development Conference (SCDC) in Hershey with the following awards:

## Medallion Winners

Jack Burke - QSRM Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing

Christian Nguyen - ACT Accounting Applications Series

Chet DePue - AAM Apparel and Accessories Marketing

Emily Heck - ASM Automotive Services Marketing

Evelyn Nguyen - LOG Logistics

Emmanuela Alaimo - BSM Business Service Marketing

Ethan Kraycick - SEM Sports Entertainment Marketing

Paige Reali - PHT Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

Brigham Kobularcik - CBE Chapter Banner Contest

Andrew Gordos - PFL Personal Financial Literacy

Henry Pilliod ENT Entrepreneurship

## State Only Events

Sidney Wolf - PSPK Public Speaking

Francesca Logozzo - Job Interview

Merci Tesfaye - DAE Written Event

## International Career Development Conference

Christian Nguyen - ACT Accounting Applications Series

Andrew Chiarelli, Greg Bohrmann, Steve Brennan, Eliza Fry - DQE DECA Quiz Bowl Event - 1st Place

Alexa Junikiewicz - MCS Marketing Communications Services

Maddy Femino, Mariella Frisina - PMBS Business Solutions Project Written Event

Emily Heck - ASM Automotive Services Marketing - 1st Place

Jack Burke - QSRM Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing - Finalist

Paige Reali - PHT Principles of Hospitality and Tourism - 2nd Place

Andrew Gordos - PFL Personal Financial Literacy - 4th Place

Henry Pilliod - ENT Entrepreneurship - 3rd Place

## Berks County Science and Engineering Fair Winners

The following BC students were winners at the Berks County Science and Engineering Fair:

Andrew Kurtas (4<sup>th</sup> place Botany)

Bryleigh Reddy (Honorable Mention Botany)

Marjorie Romero (2<sup>nd</sup> place Engineering)

Gianna Ohlinger (Honorable Mention Earth & Environmental Science)

Sabrina Knipe (Honorable Mention Earth & Environmental Science)

Katie Gabriel (1<sup>st</sup> place Math & Computers)

Megan Hatcher (Honorable Mention Medicine & Health Sciences)

Avery Fulmer (2<sup>nd</sup> place Physics & Astronomy)

Evelyn Nguyen (3<sup>rd</sup> place Physics & Astronomy)

Maurenis Batista (4<sup>th</sup> place Physics & Astronomy)

Rebecca Adams (Honorable Mention Physics & Astronomy)

Sean Reilly (Honorable Mention Physics & Astronomy)

Robert Silver (Honorable Mention Physics & Astronomy)





**Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing**  
**Monday, September 28, 2020 at the Berkshire Country Club**

*Hosted by TJ and Kristin (Emkey) McGlinn (HN 1992/1991)  
in memory of Coach Lloyd Wolf*

**1:00 pm Shotgun start/Four-person scramble format**  
**11:30 am lunch/dinner and awards to follow golf**

Alumni, parents and friends of Berks Catholic and their guests are invited to play!

**\$150 per golfer**

Cost includes expenses of greens fee, cart, prizes, scoring, lunch and dinner.

**Pre-registration is required!**

All proceeds will support the financial aid efforts of Berks Catholic High School.

**With room for 30 foursomes, registration will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other golfers you would like to play with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am unable to golf but would like to attend the dinner for \$50.00.

Payment: ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AmEx) (if paying by credit card please fill in info below)

Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact Betsy Woytovich 610-374-8361 ext 231 or [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).  
Make checks payable to Berks Catholic High School.  
Mail to 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611 Attn: Golf Outing



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**Saints Sponsor \$1,500**

- Foursome (4 golfers, lunch and dinner)
- Sign at Tee or Green
- Full Page Ad in Event Program

**Hole-In-One Sponsor \$500**

- Sign at Designated Hole
- Half Page Ad in Event Program

**Putting Green Sponsor \$500**

- Sign at Putting Green
- Half Page Ad in Event Program

**Black & Gold Sponsor \$750**

- Two golfers (includes lunch and dinner)
- Sign at Tee or Green
- Half Page Ad in Event Program

**Tee or Green Sponsor \$150**

- Sign at Tee or Green
- Acknowledgement in Event Program

**Sponsorship Deadline: September 18, 2020**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: ☐ Saints ☐ Black & Gold ☐ Hole-In-One ☐ Putting Green ☐ Tee & Green

Payment: ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AmEx)  
(if paying by credit card please fill in info below)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Logo for sign and program advertisement—email pdf or jpeg to [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).  
Make checks payable to Berks Catholic High School.  
Mail to 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, PA 19611 Attn: Golf Outing



# Saints in Service

The BC Pro Life Club under the direction of Mrs. Kim Staub held BC's annual blood drive. Great to have Gabby Geltz (BC 2015) and Alexis Roman (BC 2012) from Miller-Keystone Blood Center back in the building to help faculty moderator, Mrs. Kim Staub.

The Berks Catholic Recycling Club (or BC Green Team) continued to serve the school with its weekly pick up of classroom recycling. Boxes were placed in each classroom, and Friday afternoons were dedicated to the pickup from classroom and offices.

In the fall, the club hosted a Clothing Reuse drive. Students brought to school gently used articles from their own closets, and at the same time they chose "new" items to refresh their own wardrobes.

The Green team Officers were invited in the fall to the Berks Nature Yearly State of the County Breakfast. Here, the team learned of the importance of being outdoors as a key to better health and well-being. The officers took this back to the club, hopefully inspiring more outdoor time.

The BC Saints Who Serve Club strives to provide service locally, nationally, and globally. This spring several members served at the Souper Bowl at the Crown Plaza in Reading. Proceeds from this event were directed to Opportunity House in Reading. Also in the spring a team of student provided after-school companionship at a game "night" at a local Daysprings Home. Monthly, students

visited the residents of the Wyomissing Health and Rehab Center after school to provide companionship. On a global level, a fundraiser was held to aid the victims of the Australian wildfires. Tickets were sold to win a stuffed koala bear, and a sizable check was delivered to a service group through our connections with Father Isaac's family, some of whom reside in Australia. The Saints Who Serve also worked with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), to provide awareness of global needs, particularly with immigrants. The Rice Bowl project was introduced just prior to school closings. And during the stay-at-home - months, the group wrote letters of thanks to health care providers at Tower Health and cards of encouragement to residents of the Highlands, a local Nursing Home.

Student Government sponsored many different activities for all the BC students throughout the year. These events extended to our partner school students this year with free face painting at all the home football games and a Trunk-or-Treat event at Halloween. Student Government also helped collect money for The Anthony Myers Movement with a dress down day and worked with Father Isaac to select the new Saint portraits to be painted in the Chapel at BC.

BC students were introduced to an organization called Change for Haiti. John & Michelle White spoke to students during science classes about the crisis in Haiti and their mission to supply the people of Haiti with ceramic water filters to promote

health and avoid illnesses from contaminated water.

Saints Ambassadors served as representatives of Berks Catholic and helped with Partner School bonding and other Berks Catholic-sponsored events including Information Night Sessions, Homecoming, Open House, and Back to School Night.

Under the direction of Mrs. Noelle Vilardo, during the quarantine Senior Saints held JPPII Fun Day virtually with students from John Paul II Center for Special Learning. The event began as it always does with BC's Mascot running the torch around the track and passing it along virtually to the senior Saints. Then the senior Saints shared with the JPPII students signs that they had created with positive messages as they all danced on their screens. Although they couldn't be together the Saints were happy to share this time with the JPPII students. ▼



# 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](http://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.

## 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](http://www.newpa.com/eitc)  
[www.newpa.com/ostc](http://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](mailto: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

Please check with your local United Way to see if your gift to the 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](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).



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