

# The Trinity

## 2015 BERKS CATHOLIC VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Ellen Moser is the daughter of Robert and Clare Moser. Ellen has participated in both athletics and clubs during her time at Berks Catholic. She was the captain of the cross-country, swimming, and track and field teams. Ellen was a state qualifier in both cross-country and swimming, earned all-division and all-county titles, and broke three Reading High School records. Additionally, Ellen acted as a HOPE Peer Listener, a Student Ambassador, and was nominated for a 2015 Berks' Best in the science category. In the fall, Ellen will attend the Penn State University Schreyer Honors College where she intends to major in mathematics.



Ellen Moser, Valedictorian

*"Be the first to shake the other's hand, the first to arrive at your freshmen seminar, the first to laugh at the joke. We have to try to be bold, original, and gutsy in the small things so that we can be bold, original and gutsy in the greater things that are to come in our lives."*



Kyle is the son of Son Vu and Ann Dinh. During his time at Berks Catholic, Kyle participated in various clubs and groups; he co-founded the service club, Project Impact, and was a member of NHS, Spanish Club, and Saints Ambassadors. He was also a member of student government for two years, serving as the sophomore class president and as the Vice-President of the Executive Council. Kyle has twice placed in the top two of his division in the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair, earning first place in



Kyle Vu, Salutatorian



*"Only when I take in the unique, thought-provoking perspectives of others can I reach my greatest heights. I learned that our own egos are often our greatest obstacles to growth and fulfillment...My time at Berks Catholic has afforded me an opportunity to grow in faith, optimism, perspective, and open-mindedness, which are among the greatest blessings a person can receive."*







Dear Alumni,

We are truly blessed at Berks Catholic, where we are able to serve more and more Saints each year. This Fall, we will open our doors with more than 800 students, an over 11% increase in just four years. This growth is a testament to our faith, our students, our families, our faculty, our continued success, our academic rigor, and you, our dedicated alums.

We have sent the Saints of 2015 off into the world to join you in accomplishing great things. Let me share with you about these Great Saints:

- They will matriculate at some of the most competitive schools in the country, including Swarthmore College, Bryn Mawr College, William & Mary, Carnegie Mellon, Johns Hopkins, Boston College, Wake Forest, Bucknell, Lafayette, Lehigh, NYU, University of Rochester, Penn State University, St. Joseph's University, Virginia Tech, and Villanova, as well as our great local colleges, just to name a few.
- They have earned 10.5 million dollars in merit scholarships and grants, including top institutional academic awards, athletic scholarships, and full-ride and full-tuition scholarships.
- 17 members of this class will be varsity athletes at Division 1, 2, 3, Jr College, and Post-Graduate Levels in the following sports, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Women's Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming, and Women's Volleyball.
- Your now fellow alumni will continue their education in 77 different colleges in Pennsylvania and 19 other states such as Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington D.C. and the country of Germany.
- The Class of 2015 received a total of 502 offers of admission to 154 different colleges in 20 states. Students are also discerning the Priesthood and religious life; they will enter the workforce and pursue their passions.
- 97% of our 2015 Saints will continue their education at 2 or 4 Year Colleges & Universities.
- They have completed over 10,000 hours of service, in soup kitchens, food banks, tutoring and mentoring Olivet Boys and Girls club children, Habitat for Humanity outreach, John Paul II Fun Day, and dozens of other causes.

So yes, The Class of 2015 has much to be proud of! They are a special class, the first class to spend all four years at Berks Catholic, just as the Class of 1944 from Central Catholic and the Class of 1968 at Holy Name were before them. And in being the first, I believe there is a significant scriptural analogy that can be made. Matthew 19:30 says, “The first shall be last.” If you think about how this might apply to all of us, this would be a tremendous way to approach the world. If we always put others before ourselves and completely approach the world from an unselfish point of view, we will be truly blessed.

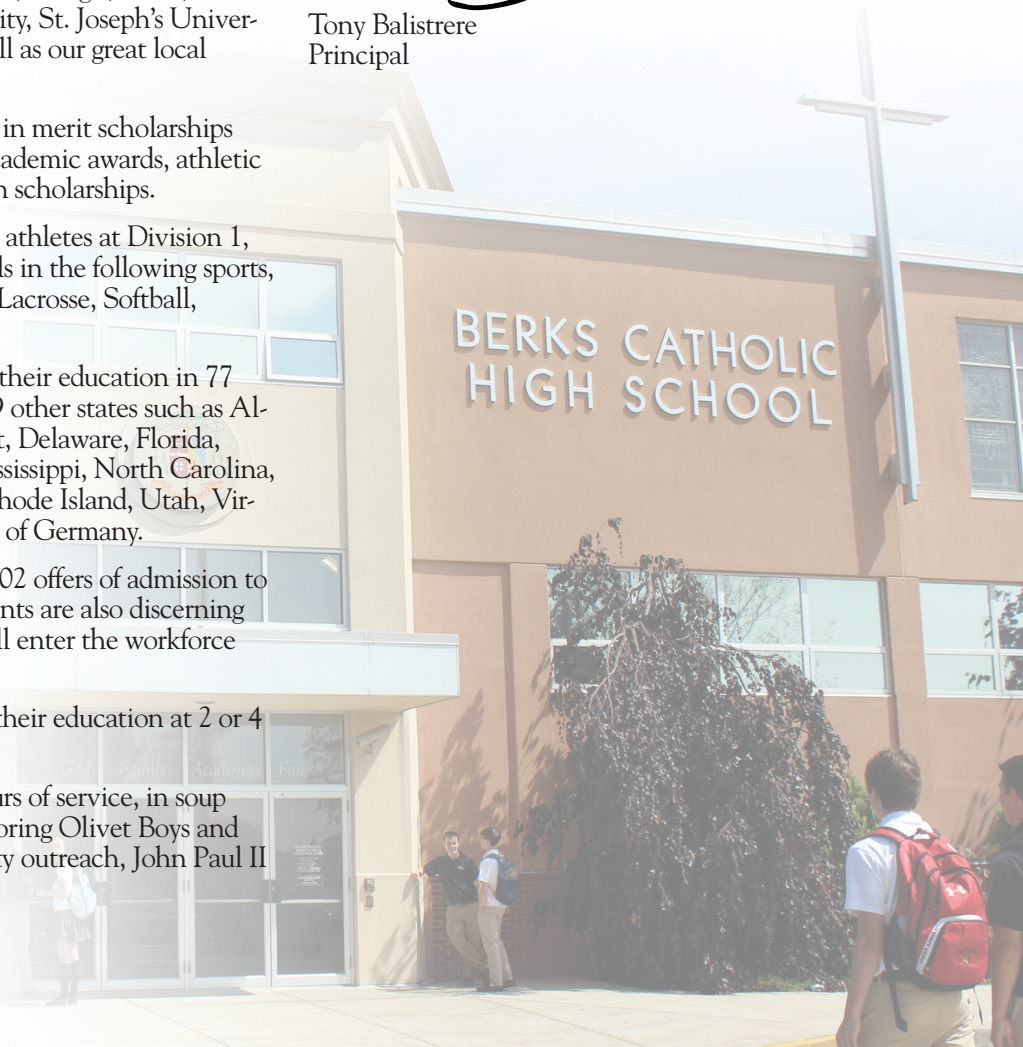
Each year my wish for our Saints is that in their time at Berks Catholic they have grown spiritually in their faith, formed relationships for a lifetime, expanded their minds, and had fun doing it.

I would like to wish you and your family a safe and blessed summer. God Bless you and your family and Go Saints!

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Tony Balistrere  
Principal



Dear Alumni, Parents  
and Friends of Berks Catholic,

On June 3, 2015, my oldest daughter graduated from Berks Catholic. Her class, the Class of 2015, became the first class

A head-and-shoulders portrait of a young woman with short, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a black top and a thin, light-colored necklace. The background is a plain, light gray.

to attend four years at Berks Catholic, joining the likes of the Central Catholic Class of 1944 and the Holy Name Class of 1968, each the first class to attend four years at their school. Berks Catholic's Valedictorian, Ellen Moser, spoke about being the first class and determined other ways that members of the Class of 2015 could be first: the first to approach a new friend in college, the first to raise their hand in class, the first to suggest attending Mass on the first Sunday away from home. And Kyle Vu, Salutatorian, begged the question of his classmates, "What will your legacy be?" Such thought-provoking addresses from our top students! Both topics reminded me of recent conversations I have had with alumni about what made their own class special, or "first."

The Berks Catholic Class of 2011, the Holy Name Class of 1965 and the Central Catholic Class of 1941 will always be each of their school's first graduating class. (Mary Gross Noll, CC 1941, is pictured with Mr. Balistrere on page 8.) There was the first class to walk on the marble stair case at Central Catholic or the first class to use the new auditorium at Holy Name. The Central Catholic Class of 1947 is special because they still get together each year on June 7th, the anniversary of their graduation. (See their photo at St. Paul's on page 8.) And Bob Bickford, HN 1967, said that his class was unique because when Holy Name was founded, juniors and seniors had the option of staying at Central Catholic or switching to Holy Name, so as sophomores, his class was the first class who made the switch based on zoning and not by choice. (See Bob's story on page 4-5.) I love how everyone can find a reason that their own class is special or unique, that each class has a legacy of its own. What makes your class special? Let me know, and I will print it in the next newsletter. (Send to [bwovtovich@berksatholic.org](mailto:bwovtovich@berksatholic.org)).

The Class of 2015 will always be special to me, not only because they were the first class to attend four years, but because my oldest daughter is a member of that Class. And the Class of 2014 was the first graduation ceremony that I processed in as a member of Berks Catholic Administration. I have another daughter graduating in 2016, and two more to follow. Every class is special in its own way and for many reasons. As Berks Catholic continues to build on the traditions that make us unique, the history of Catholic education in Berks County continues to be written.

Sincerely,

Betsy

# ALUMNI NEWS

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)

GRADUATE OF (CIRCLE ONE)

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

HOLY NAME

BERKS CATHOLIC

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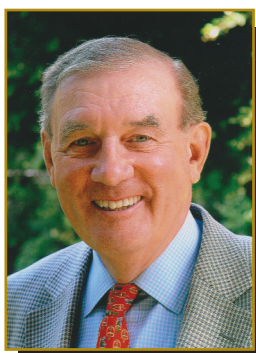
News and Notes to be published in The Trinity (pictures welcome)

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## Gregory F. Flemming (CC 1955) Named Berks Catholic Distinguished Alumnus of 2015



Greg Flemming

Berks Catholic High School was proud to recognize Greg as a Bishop's Distinguished Catholic Alumnus at the 2015 Bishop's Annual Awards Ceremony at Alvernia University in April. Mr. Flemming was an integral part of the inception of the IBM personal computer in 1979. In the early 1980's, he participated in forming the PC Company within IBM, which later launched the "Computers for the Masses" revolution that expanded throughout the world. In 1990, he served as IBM's lead negotiator to spin off the personal printer, typewriter, and supplies business that formed the now Lexmark Corp. He also helped form the IBM Printer Business Group, where he served as the Business Alliance and Business Development Executive. He is a lifetime member of three engineering honor societies: Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, and Pi Tau Sigma. In 1984, he received an IBM Outstanding Contribution Award, and in 2005 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Central Catholic. At Penn State, Mr. Flemming is a member of the Penn State Berks Advisory Board and the Industrial Advisory Board. Also, he is on the Penn State Berks Advisory Council for Entrepreneurship. He was instrumental in establishing the Learning Factory and the Engineering Entrepreneurship Minor at Penn State Berks, and in 2011, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Fellow award at Penn State. Mr. Flemming has also been instrumental in expanding our STEM opportunities at Berks Catholic with Penn State Berks as well as opening many educational doors at Penn State Berks for our students.

Flemming credits the morals and discipline he learned during his 12 years in Catholic school as contributing significantly to his success. Mr. Flemming has achieved noteworthy success in his life by working hard and remaining steadfast to the morals and discipline he learned in catholic school. He also continues to serve God and others and to support Berks Catholic in his retirement.



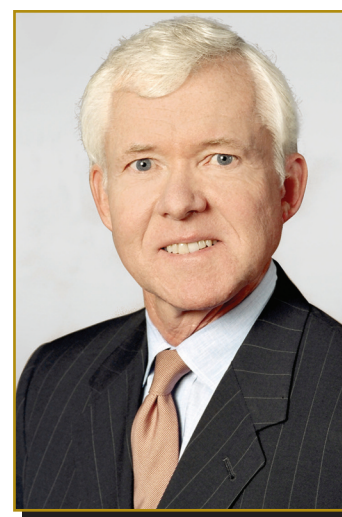
Greg Flemming with his siblings and Bishop Barres

## Alumni Spotlight

Bob Bickford is a 1967 Holy Name graduate who is currently a partner at the New York City based law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, where he handles commercial real estate transactions involving properties in New York City and throughout the U.S.

### Career Path

After graduating from HNHS, I went to Georgetown – and am proud of the fact that I was the first HNHS student admitted to Georgetown! There, I enjoyed four wonderful event-filled years in DC, a city I love to this day. Among other memories, those years included RFK and MLK assassinations and the Kent State massacre in the spring of 1970, with the resultant cancellation of finals that year. After Georgetown, I moved to New York City and became a first year student at Fordham Law School (you are right to pick up on the Jesuit training theme there). The approach I took to law school was "if I weren't doing this, I'd be working," so I set up an eight-hour-per-day regimen of classes and studying, and did well enough in finals that I made Dean's List and Law Review. I spent the summer after my first year working in a factory in Womelsdorf, making what seemed at the time the princely sum of \$125 / week. When I returned to law school for a second year, some upper classmen with whom I had become friends told me about summer associate positions at law firms in NYC, which paid \$300 / week! My reaction was "you can't spend that much money," so I took their advice, got a haircut, put on a suit and did the interviews. I got a few offers, chose Kelley Drye, and after spending 15 weeks of amazing learning-curve-experiences in the summer program, the firm offered me a job



Bob Bickford

when I graduated. As they say, the rest is history. I started full-time just before Labor Day in 1974, and, nearly 41 years later, am still proud to call the firm my professional home. I chaired the Real Estate Practice Group from 1992 – 2014, and served on the firm's Executive Committee for 21 years, among other highlights.

### Holy Name Education

While the class of '68 might argue otherwise (it being the first class that went to HNHS all 4 years), my class was the first "real" graduating class from HNHS. My classmates and I attended Central as freshman (notably being in class on the day that President Kennedy was shot), but, unlike the upper classmen, who were offered the choice to stay at Central or move to Holy Name, my class "had" to stay or move, depending on which side of the geographic dividing line you lived. While there were some worthwhile upperclassmen (Benjie Zintak and John Ciabatonni come to mind), the junior and senior classes were "thin," and I think that created a special connection among the members of my class, as we all embarked on a great new adventure together. Decades before diversity became a core value, our class was ethnically and racially diverse, which also added a

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specialness to our experience. Finally, the course offerings and devoted, caring teachers created a challenging and positive learning environment, which prepared me and my classmates well for life after high school.

### Advice to Current Berks Catholic Students

If I were to presume to offer advice to the current Berks Catholic students, it would be along the lines of "figure out what you like, and what you are good at, and go for that!" In my own career, having watched dozens of lawyer shows on TV, I entered law school and the practice of law assuming I wanted to be a courtroom lawyer, making arguments to the judge and charming and persuading the jury. Early in my career, I figured out

that I was better at, and more comfortable with, consensus than confrontation. Coupled with my flair for numbers and financial concepts (I was an economics major at Georgetown), I decided

that made me better suited to being a transactional lawyer, and I changed paths accordingly, which contributed not only to whatever success I have achieved, but also to the level of enjoyment that has come along with my practice.

### Outside of Work

I have four daughters (Lehigh, NYU, Loyola MD and URI, plus three masters degrees, Dad wrote proudly), and now

two granddaughters, who are the loves of my life. In 1989, I bought a beach house in Stone Harbor, where I spend most weekends in the summer, and as much off season time as I can (typically at least one weekend a month). I am an avid golfer, including as many "over the pond" trips as I can make happen (I am about to head off for my 21st visit to Ireland), and, my British last name notwithstanding, a devoted enthusiast of all things Irish, including having been named to the last five Irish Legal 100 lists. Other than that, I work at staying in shape, intending to fool Mother Nature long enough to allow me time to figure out what I want to be when I grow up.

I have enormously fond memories of my time at HNHS, was beyond delighted to get to catch up with Lloyd Wolf, who was a big help to me senior year at HNHS, at the recent alumni gathering at the Princeton in Avalon, and am flattered and honored to be selected for this alumni profile, for which my thanks goes to Tony and Betsy.



Bob with his four daughters, son-in-law and two granddaughters.





## Alumni Updates

**John D. Sauer (CC 1946)** worked as a produce manager for Acme Markets, at 4th & Penn Sts., until he was drafted in 1950. He attended Engineer "Survey Instrument" School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and after 17 months was promoted to Staff Sergeant. He met his wife, Erika, in Frankfurt, Germany, where they married before returning

**Matthew Levandowski (CC 1980)** was chosen to be the next President/CEO of Heritage Family Credit Union after an extensive national search. Matt was formerly the Senior Vice President of Retail and Marketing and brings over 21 years of leadership experience to his new position.

**Ann Brooks (HN 1980)** teaches seventh-grade CCD Confirmation class at Holy Rosary Church in the Cabrini Acad-

**Brian Menet (CC 1985)** and **Cheryl Babula (HN 1973)** were inducted into the 8th class of the Berks County Hall of Fame. The induction was held at the Santander Arena prior to the Boys' and Girls' County Championship basketball games.

**Brian** was an outstanding high school player who helped lead his team to a District 3 and State titles in 1985. He scored a career high and District 3 record of 35 points in a 1984 District 3 Championship game. His senior year he averaged 14 points, 16 rebounds, three assists and two blocks, receiving the Dr. Richard K. Klipping Award as the County's most outstanding male player. Brian was a four-year starter at Franklin & Marshall, where he scored 1,021 points; was named to the First Team All-Conference in 1988; had a career shooting percentage of .555; was F&M's fifth all-time rebounder (729), sixth all-time leader in assists (397), ninth all-time leader in games played (115), 17th all-time leader in steals (171); and helped F&M reach the NCAA Division III Sweet 16 all four years he played and reach the Elite 8 his senior year.

**Cheryl** was an outstanding high school player and member of the 1972 Suburban Catholic League (SCL) Championship team. In 1973, she was a member of the Suburban Athletic Conference (SAC) Championship and the Allentown Diocesan Championship team and was named to the First Team SAC Team. She attended the University of Scranton and was instrumental in starting their women's basketball program in 1974. She was the Middle Atlantic Conference MVP when the Lady Lions won the MAC in 1977, and the same year she was awarded the Student Athlete Award for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). She began officiating basketball in 1979, officiated both high school and colle-

giately in Division I, II, and III, and retired in 1995 after officiating the P.I.A.A. Quad-A State Championship game.

**Christian Sockel (HN 1989)** was named President of USTA Middle States, beginning his first term on January 1, 2015. Christian's story was featured in the Reading Eagle's "Sports" section on March 18, 2015.

**Katie (Pendleton) Smaglinski (HN 1992)** is a graphic designer and owns a floral business, The Rustic Bunch, with her husband, Jason Smaglinski (1993). Katie's story was featured in Berks County Living's The Get Inspired! Project, February 2015 edition.

**Dan Strock (HN 1992)** opened Pretzel Revolution, a Kutztown-based business best known for its creatively-stuffed pretzels, with locations at First Energy Stadium, Kutztown, PA, Renninger's Farmer Market, and Penn State University. Dan's story was featured in the Reading Eagle's "Business Weekly" section on April 28, 2015.

**Adam Deemer (HN 1996)** is owner of Urban Timber Fine Woodworking and designs Comic Cubes, nationally popular comic-book storage systems. Adam's story was featured in the Reading Eagle's "Business Weekly" section on June 9, 2015.

**Jamie Ford (HN 2007)** graduated from West Chester University in 2011 and from Villa Nova Law School on May 15, 2015.

**Peter Gass (HN 2010)** graduated Magda Cum Laude and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health, with a concentration in Health Service Administration from East Stroudsburg University. He is continuing his education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Health; Community Health Education.

**Liz Fisher (BC 2012)** plays Rugby for West Chester University and advanced to the USA National spring semifinals.

**Nana Foulland (BC 2014)** was named the Lids Team Sports Patriot League Rookie of the Week three times in his freshman year season playing basketball at Bucknell.



The Didyoung sisters: Peggy (Didyoung) Giering, (CC 1960), Kitty (Didyoung) Wright (CC 1958), Pat (Didyoung) Wentling (CC 1953), Irene (Bukowski) Didyoung (CC 1948), and Betty (Didyoung) Hurleman (CC 1962)

to the United States in 1953. He went back to work at Acme Markets and eventually became Store Manager, managed the store for 19 years before retiring in 1986.

**John Miller (CC 1964)** had his 706th win as a head basketball coach in Philadelphia with 130 wins at Archbishop Ryan High School boys' team, 20 wins at Monsignor Bonner High School boys' team, 317 wins at La Salle University women's team (school record for men or women), and 239 wins at Mount St. Joseph's Academy (school record).

**Ann Chubb (HN 1976)** was named Reading Eagle's new Executive Director of Advertising and Marketing.

**Peter Gipprich (HN 1976)** was inducted into the 13th class of the Berks County Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

emy building. Ann's story was featured in the Reading Eagle's "Life" section on March 7, 2015.

**Stephanie (Rado) Taormina (HN 1983)** launched a new couture line, HSFT Couture, in honor of her late father, Joe Rado, and his personal motto, "Have Some Fun Today." Stephanie's story was featured in the Reading Eagle on March 13, 2015.



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## Class Reunions

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1965 50TH YEAR REUNION

Saturday, September 19, 2015, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Rd, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Further details such as the menu, entertainment, golfing, and other activities are still in the planning stages. Contact: Mary Anne (Gilbert) Fleckenstein, mgil712076@aol.com

### HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1995 20TH YEAR REUNION

Saturday, September 19, 2015, 6:00 pm. P.J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant, 1101 Rocky Road, Reading, PA 19609. Please contact Bree Hagan Koumparakis at bree.koump@gmail.com for more information or to offer help.

### HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1985 30TH YEAR REUNION

Friday, November 27, 2015  
Beverly Hills Tavern, Sinking Spring, PA Please contact Denise (Rogers) DeAntonio at holynome85@comcast.net for more information or to update your address/phone/email.

### HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1970 45TH REUNION

Saturday, November 28, 2015, Moselem Springs Golf Club, 684 Eagle Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522. Please contact John Wheels McLyn at 610-914-6410 for more information or to offer help.

### HOLY NAME CLASS OF 1980 35TH YEAR REUNION

Plans are in the works. Please contact Aldo Ciotti at aciotti@mtb.com or 717-480-9993 or Bill Grycon at william.grycon@comcast.net or 484-345-1054 for more information or to offer help

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.



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Members of the HN Class of 1975

## Alumni Updates



Members of the HN Class of 1968 with Mr. Tony Balistrere at BC 2015 Baccalaureate, where they were honored along with the Central Catholic Class of 1944. All three classes hold a special bond of being the first to go through all 4 years and graduate from their newly formed High School.



Members of the HN Class of 1975



Members of the Central Catholic Class of 1947 at St. Paul's, where they celebrate mass each year on June 8, the anniversary of their graduation



Mr. Tony Balistrere and Mrs. Mary Gross Noll (CC 1941), member of first graduating class of Central Catholic.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Christine (Ciesinski) Balthaser (CC 1979)  
Steven Weik (HN 1979)

Christine (Levandowski) Mazurie (HN 1973)  
Theresa Czartorynski (CC 1967)  
Stephanie (Straka) Kaczor (CC 1964)  
Donald Fry, Jr. (CC 1963)  
Helen Howlett (CC 1961)  
Virginia (Borst) Impink (CC 1960)

Patricia (Lysczek) Liss (CC 1960)  
Anthony Waldman (CC 1959)  
Joseph Bilger (CC 1955)  
David Wentling (CC 1952)  
Anthony Carobello (CC 1951)  
Nancy (Krug) Mertz (CC 1950)  
Joan (Young) Farrier-Essick (CC 1948)  
Josephine Kubeck (CC 1947)

Donald Loomis (CC 1946)  
Herman Hock (CC 1945)  
Mary (Dachowski) Kulak (CC 1945)  
Rita (Ermentrout) Franco (CC 1944)  
Mary (Lawlor) Hess (RC 1939)  
Joseph Gallen (RC 1945)  
Dolores (McHugh) O'Boyle (RC 1945)

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.

## SWING FOR the SAINTS... 5th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Friday, September 11, 2015**

**Golden Oaks Golf Club**

**8:00 am & 1:00 pm shotgun starts / 4-person scramble**

**\$125 per golfer incl. greens fees, cart, prizes, scoring & buffet dinner.**

**Join alumni, parents and friends of Berks Catholic for this fun event.**

Pre-registration is required. Payment must be received by Friday, September 4.  
All proceeds benefit Berks Catholic High School.

For more information, to register, or for sponsorship packet, please contact  
Betsy Woytovich 610-374-8361 ext 231 or [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).





## Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Class of 2015

**97% will continue formal education** at 4 year, 2 year, and post-graduated institutions immediately after graduation

Those not pursuing formal education immediately will enter the work-place, or return to their home country

Graduates will matriculate at **77 different colleges/universities** in 19 different states (including PA) and in Europe.

**502 offers of admission** received from 154 different colleges and universities in 25 different states and Europe.

Admission has been offered to some of the **most competitive institutions in the nation** such as: Swarthmore College, Bryn Mawr College, William & Mary, Carnegie Mellon, Johns Hopkins, Boston College, Wake Forest, Bucknell, Lafayette, Lehigh, NYU, Univ. of Rochester.

**\$10.58 million earned in merit scholarships and grants.** Included in this total are the top institutional academic awards, athletic scholarships, and full-ride and full tuition scholarships to Penn State University- Univ. Park Campus.

Will attend colleges and universities across the country in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia, Washington DC.

**18 Members of the Class of 2015 will be varsity athletes** at the NCAA DI, II, III, JR Coll and Post-Graduate levels in the following sports:

Baseball, M Basketball, Football, W Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming, W Volleyball. At the following institutions: Virginia Tech, Lafayette, Carnegie Mellon, Mount St Marys, Villanova, Flagler, Kent School, West Chester, Philadelphia Univ., Susquehanna, Stevenson Univ., Delaware Valley Univ., Bloomsburg Univ., York College.



## SCHOOLS OFFERING ADMISSION - CLASS of 2015

Albright College  
American University  
Alvernia University  
Assumption College  
Arcadia University  
Boston College  
Arizona State University  
Bucknell University  
Bloomsburg University  
Cabrini College  
Bryn Mawr College  
California State University, Long Beach  
California University of Pennsylvania  
Catholic University of America  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Cedar Crest College  
College of the Holy Cross (Holy Cross)  
Chestnut Hill College  
College of William & Mary (William & Mary)  
Daytona State College  
Duquesne University  
Delaware Valley College  
East Carolina University  
DeSales University  
East Stroudsburg University  
Drexel University  
Eastern University  
Eckerd College  
Elizabethtown College  
Flager College  
Gannon University  
Florida Southern College  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Fordham University  
Hofstra University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Hofstra University Honors Program  
George Mason University  
Immaculata University  
George Washington University  
University Iona College  
Gettysburg College  
Ithaca College  
Glendale Community College  
James Madison University  
High Point University  
John Carroll University  
Indiana University of PA  
Johns Hopkins University  
Jacobs University  
Bremen Juniata College  
Johnson & Wales University  
LIM College

Kean University  
Lynchburg College  
King's College  
Marist College  
Kutztown University  
Marywood University  
Lafayette College  
Miami University of Ohio  
LaSalle University  
Michigan State University  
Lebanon Valley College  
Moravian College  
Lehigh University  
Neumann University  
Lock Haven University  
New York University  
Loyola University  
Maryland Nyack College  
Marymount University  
Pepperdine University  
Mercyhurst University  
Point Park University  
Millersville University  
Providence College  
Misericordia University  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Radford University  
Northampton Community College  
Rider University  
Penn State University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Penn State University Park  
Rosemont College  
Penn State University  
Schreyer Honors College  
Rutger's, The State University of New Jersey  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Saint Anselm College  
Philadelphia University  
Saint Francis University  
Pine Manor College  
Saint Leo University  
Reading Area Community College  
Saint Vincent College  
Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences  
Seton Hall University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Seton Hill University  
Shippensburg University  
Shippensburg University  
Slippery Rock University  
Syracuse University  
St. John's University

The Ohio State University  
Stevenson University  
The University of Arizona  
Susquehanna University  
The University of Scranton  
Swarthmore College  
The University of South Carolina  
Temple University  
Towson University  
The Kent School  
University of Buffalo  
The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College  
University of Central Florida  
The University of Scranton  
University of Colorado Boulder  
Tiffin University University of Delaware  
University of Alabama  
University of Florida  
University of California  
Irvine University of Hartford  
University of Connecticut  
University of New England  
University of Delaware  
University of New Haven  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh Greensburg  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh Johnstown  
University of the Sciences  
University of Rochester  
Utah Valley University  
Ursinus College  
Villanova University  
Washington & Jefferson College  
Villanova University Honors Program  
Washington College  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wake Forest University  
West Virginia University  
West Chester University  
Western Oregon University  
West Chester University Honors Program  
Widener University  
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Wilkes University  
York College






**Mardi Gras**  
*Laissez les bonne temps rouler*

**Extravaganza 2015**

**Save the Date**  
*Friday, October 9 2015*  
**BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR  
LONGTIME SUPPORTERS OF  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN BERKS COUNTY  
**DR. FRANK FRANCO**  
AND OUR 2015 BISHOPS  
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT  
**MR. GREGORY FLEMMING-CCHS '55**

*6pm - 12am*  
EVENT TICKETS: \$150.00/PERSON  
CASH RAFFLE TICKETS: \$100/TICKET

Save the Date: 2015 Homecoming Induction  
Friday, October 23, 2015 at 7 p.m., at Berks Catholic Stadium

**BERKS CATHOLIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**  
Hall of Fame Game, Saturday, October 10, 1:00 pm

NOMINEE	I would like to nominate this person because:
CLASS YEAR	
ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE ZIP
HOME PHONE	
EMAIL	

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.



## BISHOP'S AWARD



Erin Franey and Matt Whitmoyer (ends), recipients of Bishop's Catholic Scholar Awards, with Mr. Tony Balistrere, Principal, and Mr. Greg Flemming, Berks Catholic Distinguished Alumnus of 2015







## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2014 - 2015 SCHOOL YEAR



### CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to our cheerleaders who placed 1st at the 2014 Bulldog Cheer Classic and Placed 1st for Choreography for Berks County.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team who won the Division 2 title and advanced to the PIAA Final Four

And Congratulations to the following players who received special recognition:

- Devon Merritt: Player of the Year, All-County, and scored her 1000th point in her junior year (photo, right)
- Courtney Wensel: All Division
- Brooke Wensel: All Division
- Mikayla Lea: Honorable Mention
- Xiomara Toledo: Honorable Mention



Devon Merritt, Junior, scored her 1000th point.

And a special Congratulations to Bob Birmingham (HN 1983) on becoming the winningest girls' basketball coach in Berks County history with 474 wins.



2015 Ice Hockey Team

**ICE HOCKEY** Congratulations on winning the Catholic Cup!

### SWIMMING

Our Saints swimmers, who swim for the Reading High School Team, had an unprecedented season in the pool, including a record-breaking relay team and championship individual efforts. And congratulations to the following athletes for special recognition:

#### All County

- Elizabeth Gaspari: All County 100 Free, All Berks Second Team 50 Free
- Elizabeth Gaspari, Ellen Moser, Olivia Iswalt: All American, All County 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay
- Ellen Moser: All Berks Second Team 500 Free, All Berks Third Team 200 Free
- Cole McGrath, Junior Deschamps: All Berks Second Team 200 Medley Relay
- Olivia Iswalt: All Berks Third Team 50 Free
- Junior Deschamps, Leon Kim, Cole McGrath: 200 Free Relay



Mikayla Lantz, Ellen Moser, Elizabeth Gaspari, and Olivia Iswalt with their sixth place medals won at State Championship Swim Meet held at Bucknell University on March 13 for the 200 free relay. They broke Reading High's Team and Pool record last year and re-broke their own record again this year. The girls finished second at Districts in the 200 free relay with a winning time of 1:36.31 and third in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:33.14.

### WATER POLO

- Junior Deschamps, James Flynn, Elizabeth Gaspari, Charley Stricker: All Berks Second Team

### BOYS BASKETBALL

- Connor Jack: All County
- Isaac Lutz: All County
- Pop Lacey: All Division
- Tyrone Nesby: All Division

### WRESTLING

- Matt Reinhart: All County

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Noah Kidder: All Division II Team
- Connor Jack: All Division II Team
- Ross Pilliod: All Division II Team

### GIRLS LACROSSE

- Julia Dimmerling: All County
- Katherine Finneran: All County
- Mary Kroppe: All County
- Meredith Finneran: All Berks II Attack
- Abby Morelli: All Berks II Attack
- Taylor Dimmerling: All Berks II Midfield
- Sarah Hayes: All Berks II Midfield

- Taylor Spleen: All Berks II Midfield
- Izi Butto: Honorable Mention
- Jessica Rogers: Honorable Mention
- Abigail Bickings: Honorable Mention
- Helena Woytovich: Honorable Mention

### BOYS LACROSSE

- Olivier Hanley: All County
- Tanner Pajakinas: All County
- Tommy Ferguson: All County
- Bobby Cressman: All County
- Alex Gunderson: All Berks II Attack
- Jake Dugal: All Berks II Defense
- Matt Roussel: All Berks II Defense
- Justin Huntsman: All Berks II Goalie
- Reid Hirneisen: All Berks II Long Stick Middle
- Matt Hughes: Honorable Mention
- Jake Morocko: Honorable Mention
- Adam Nordhoy: Mention
- Kurt Small: Coach of the Year

### BOYS TENNIS

- Ross Pilliod: All County
- Kyle Zeller: All Berks II

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Noah Kidder: All Berks II
- Connor Jack: All Berks II
- Ross Pilliod: All Berks II

### SOFTBALL

- Hannah Miravich: All Berks II
- Brooke Wensel: All Berks II
- Courtney Wensel: All Berks II
- Linsey Hecker: Honorable Mention
- Alli Huddleson: Honorable Mention
- Maria Prinzo: Honorable Mention
- Lin Robertson: Honorable Mention

### BASEBALL

- Matthew Dekker: All County
- Patrick Causa: All Berks II
- Pop Lacey: All Berks II
- Franklin Ramirez: All Berks II
- Nick Perilli: Honorable Mention
- Ryan Schuettrumpf: Honorable Mention
- Gabe Witmer: Honorable Mention

### BOYS TRACK

- Matt Reinhart: District 3 – AA Silver Medal, All-State, All County, All District, Javelin
- Dalton Hoagland: All-State, All Division Field, Shot Put and Discus
- Christian Betancourt: All Division Field, Javelin
- Jake McGranaghan: Honorable Mention Mid-distance
- Breddy Vargas: Honorable Mention Sprints-hurdles

### GIRLS TRACK

- Olivia Iswalt: All Division 1600 and 3200

### Congratulations to the following Coaches of the Year:

Mike Spear – Golf, Matt Lubas – Swimming, Kurt Small – Boys' Lacrosse

And a special thanks to the following coaches who are retiring, each with 20 or more years of service: Head Girls Tennis Coach, Nancy Brandi, Offensive Coordinator and Past Head Coach, Jack Causa, Head Ice Hockey Coach, Rick Lanciano, Special Teams Coordinator, John Marabella

### Spirit of a Saint Award: Christian Betancourt

On April 28, during our home track meet vs Kutztown, a Kutztown athlete went down with a potential career ending injury. As the ambulance was taking the athlete to the hospital, Christian Betancourt asked his coaches if he could withdraw from the event in order to allow the Kutztown athlete to win Pole Vault in what would be his last meet of his career. Christian, giving up a sure win for himself, showed incredible character that day. This is the true meaning of "Spirit of A Saint."



Mr. Bill Hess, Athletic Director, with Christian Batancourt, recipient of Spirit of a Saint Award



2014-15 Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year: Patrick Causa  
2014-15 Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year: Brooke Wensel  
2014-15 Most Ideal Male Athlete of the Year: Thomas Ferguson and Ross Pilliod  
2014-15 Most Ideal Female Athlete of the Year: Ellen Moser (not shown)





## Super Saints

### 2015 DECA BUSINESS COMPETITION

The Berks Catholic Business Club competed in the DECA District Competition. DECA is an International Association of high school and college students and teachers who have an interest and passion for the business applications in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship. The Berks Catholic Business Club in coordination with DECA helps to prepare its members to be leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and other business areas.

Of 15 Berks Catholic students competing, 14 placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

#### Individual Events

Will English (BC 2017)  
1st place Principles of Finance

Thinh Nguyen (BC 2015)  
3rd place Accounting Applications

Thomas Joyce (BC 2015)  
3rd place Hotel and Lodging Management Services

Kevin Duncan (BC 2016)  
1st place Human Resources Management Services

Jake Stoltzfus (BC 2016)  
2nd place Marketing Management

Brian Kominick (BC 2016)  
1st place Retail Merchandising Services

#### Team Events

Charlie Simcik (BC 2015) and Emily Duong (BC 2015)  
1st place Business Law and Ethics Team

Jame McGranaghan (BC 2015) and Tim Smith (BC 2015)  
1st place Buying and Merchandising Team

Katherine Finneran (BC ) and Faith Powell (BC 2015)  
2nd place Hospitality Services Team

Matt Roussel (BC 2016) and Aiden Parisi (BC 2016)  
2nd place Financial Analyses

**Congratulations to Jeremy Earnest (2017)** who was selected for National Chorus to be held in Nashville, TN in October 2015 and to Cole Werley (BC 2015) for advancing to Regional Orchestra!

**Congratulations to Kyle Vu (BC 2015)** who was a finalist in Berks' Best in Mathematics.

**Congratulations to Erin Franey (BC 2015) and Matt Whitmoyer (BC 2015)** who were recipients of the Bishop's Catholic Scholar Awards and each received a \$500 scholarship for their post-secondary

education. Students are chosen based on their academics, school involvement, Catholic faith, and community.

**Congratulations to Emily Duong (BC 2015)** who was awarded Gold Level Status from the United States Figure Skating Headquarters in Colorado Springs Colorado after winning the Junior State Championships this year.

**Congratulations Jonathan Ewart (BC 2015)** on your Eagle Scout accomplishment!

### 2015 BERKS COUNTY SECONDARY ART EXHIBIT

Once again, Berks Catholic students swept the Tempera Painting Category

1st place: Amber Shi (BC 2015)  
2nd place: Himni Palacios (BC 2015)  
3rd place: Nichole Marciano (BC 2015)

And Amber Shi won a special award from the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen for fine arts with a prize of \$100.00!

Congratulations to all of our Saints who had artwork on display at the Goggle Works and to our winners!



Nichole Marciano (3rd place Tempera Painting) and Himni Palacios (2nd place) with Berks Catholic artwork on display at Goggle Works (not shown: Amber Shi, 1st place and special award) (2015 Berks County Secondary Art Exhibit-Saints in Service)

### 2015 THOMAS E. POWERS SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following student athletes who received the 2015 Thomas E. Powers Scholarship of Excellence, which include a partial scholarship to Berks Catholic:

Olivia Iswalt (BC 2016)  
Isaac Lutz (BC 2016)  
Devon Merritt (BC 2016)  
Du Lin Robertson (BC 2016)

During his high school career at Central Catholic, Tom Powers lettered in baseball, basketball, football, and track. He was also a member of Central's 1st swim team. As a junior & senior, Tom made the academic honor roll. He was on Student Council and as a senior, worked on the school newspaper. In 1947, he was offered a Class "A" contract with the Phillies after a Pendora tryout, but declined to enter Columbia University.

The Powers family strongly believes in the benefits of a well-rounded education that includes a connection to sports in conjunction with additional opportunities of school involvement, as well as a link to your faith in God. They have learned many of life's important lessons through that education and our parents. In addition, the Powers family wanted to find a way to help others have a similar opportunity. That is why The Thomas E. Powers Scholarship of Excellence was established.



## Saints in Service



In May, 6 teams competed in "Volleying for a Cure" tournament, which included 55 BC students, parents and alumni playing volleyball, having fun, and raising money for the American Cancer Society



Forty members of the BC team walked through the night at Exeter High School on June 13-14. This year's team, through fundraising events and donations, surpassed their goal by raising over \$3000 towards the fight for this disease. The team also helped with the actual event by helping with advertising and taking part in the luminaria ceremony.





# TheTrinity

## Saints in Service - 2015 West Virginia Service Trip

Somewhere between Reading and Morgantown WV, the Berks Catholic van became a traveling concert hall. Out came guitars, mandolin, and even a tin-whistle! Then, the excited chatter became the melodic singing of BC Seniors Nichole Marcano, Christian Betancourt, Max James, Thomas Joyce, Eddie Suriel, and Matt Whitmoyer. For over two hours, the van was filled with the sounds of classic rock, country, folk and the perennial BCWVH4H theme- "Take Me Home Country Roads"!

Once again, Pastor Dan and the good people of Goshen Baptist Church



*Traditional Pre Trip / Post Palm Sunday Mass. About to hit the road for WV!*



*Half-way to Morgantown WV...a concert broke out*

welcomed not only the small band from Berks Catholic, but also 20 students from Dominican College in Blauvelt, NY, with whom we made fast friends! The group from DC took the BC Saints under their collective wing almost like younger siblings and generously invited us to their evening reflections and meditations.

This group was put immediately to work on Day 1, filling and hauling wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of stone to fill and fortify the foundation of a newly-constructed H4H home. We poured, shoveled, raked and hauled almost 100 tons of stone, set wall moldings, pumped out flooded foundations and poured concrete footers.

In addition to our new friends from Dominican, Mademoiselle Gulling's dad, Bill, joined us for a few days, adding much needed construction expertise and a helping hand!



*Whole Lotta Supervisors...very few laborers*

# TheTrinity



*Dump the gravel...pick up a chaperone!*

We also reunited with old friends Gary and Lynn, Pastor Dan, the food folk of St. Mary's Polish Catholic Church (who fed us fantastic homemade pierogies), and living legends and Morgantown rock stars Larry Boland (HNHS '67) and Hans (no last name needed)!!

The H4H 2015 participants eagerly continued the traditions of exploring Morgantown and WVU (Mr. Hess and Mr. Stahler waited excitedly for campus pix!), Pierogi Supper at St. Mary's, and Holy Thursday Mass at the impressive St. Francis DeSales Church!

There was a great dynamic amongst the entire group, who worked and played equally hard, and had a great week!



*BC Crew and Dominican College Crew prep to pour concrete. Thomas Joyce beckons....come...join us.*



## Saints in Service

*National Honor Society cooking at Opportunity House over summer break.*



## Saints In Service - John Paul II Fun Day

Berks Catholic students were blessed with another beautiful sunny day for the annual John Paul II Fun Day, which was held on Tuesday, May 19th. As part of the ongoing partnership with the John Paul II Special Learning Center, a committee composed of seniors Jake Banta, Katherine Finneran, Max James, and Morgan Kolakowski planned the events for the day. More than sixty Berks Catholic students greeted the John Paul II students as they descended from their school bus. After the students met their buddies for the day, they posed for pictures, ran three-legged races, designed picture frames for their buddy pictures, completed an obstacle course, and most importantly, took turns at dunking the Berks Catholic seniors at the dunk tanks. This always turns out to be the highlight of the day. After the field events were completed, the JP II students enjoyed a picnic lunch with their buddies. It never fails; this day is filled with fun and powered by lots of love!



Griffin Henry, Miranda Reedy and Lucy Ha enjoying time with their new friend



Dalton Hoagland relaxing with his buddy from John Paul II



Nick Perilli with his buddy



Thomas Joyce helps his buddy with her shoe



Eddie Suiel teaches his buddy a few new dance moves

## Aladdin Trip

Thanks to the Berks Catholic Performing Arts Parents Association, on Saturday, May 9, 54 students and parent chaperones went on a bus trip to New York City's New Amsterdam Theater to see Broadway's Number One show, "Aladdin." For a number of us, it was our first time to the Big Apple to see a Broadway show.

We had a wonderful time! The show featured amazing actors and excellent singing and dancing. The production value was Broadway at its best, with trick trapdoors and a remarkable flying carpet that swooped over the stage. Some of us met cast members at the stage door after the show.

Before the show we explored nearby Times Square's sights and sounds. Our students did Berks Catholic proud. They earned thanks from the New Amsterdam theater staff in the lobby when they helped open a path through the crowd for a person in a wheelchair. After the performance we went around the corner and enjoyed dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

The Berks Catholic group included many students from the cast of our recent terrific production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie." Thank you for all the parents who chaperoned.

We appreciate all the work by Jane Ferriera, Michelle Apsokardu, Jenn Pascuzzi, Vicky Boyer, Stephanie Giles, Eileen Tarquinio, Betsy Aguilar, Marianne O'Neill and Angel Biros who planned the trip. Additional parents included Mary Gray, Michelle Mulherin, Sarah Boyer, Rachel Gambone, Muriel Shotwell & Pat Tarquinino.



Nino Sedito, Kaylin Wittmeyer, Ross Aguilar, Mrs. Betsy Aguilar, Millie Amilcar, and Soleil Torres enjoy the show Aladdin and some time in New York City.



## Grandparents Day



In April, Berks Catholic celebrated Grandparent's Day by inviting grandparents of Berks Catholic students to join us for a prayer service followed by breakfast and tours of the school. Over 150 grandparents joined us for this special morning. The tremendous response is a testament to the importance of both God and Family in the lives of our Berks Catholic Saints.

Each year, the presence of grandparents who are also alumni is very apparent and another testament to the value of a Berks Catholic education, as it is passed down from generation to generation. It was touching to hear stories of how Catholic Education in Berks County has evolved and grown over the years. Thanks to all of the grandparents who joined with us for Grandparent's Day!



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**5th Annual  
Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing**  
Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood  
8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
Shotgun starts/4-person scramble

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**Hall of Fame Game**

For more information, contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext. 231 or [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Berks Catholic Extravaganza 2015**

Preview Party Thursday evening, October 8

For more information or to make a donation contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or [extravaganza@berkscatholic.org](mailto:extravaganza@berkscatholic.org)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 7:00 p.m.**

**2015 Homecoming Induction**

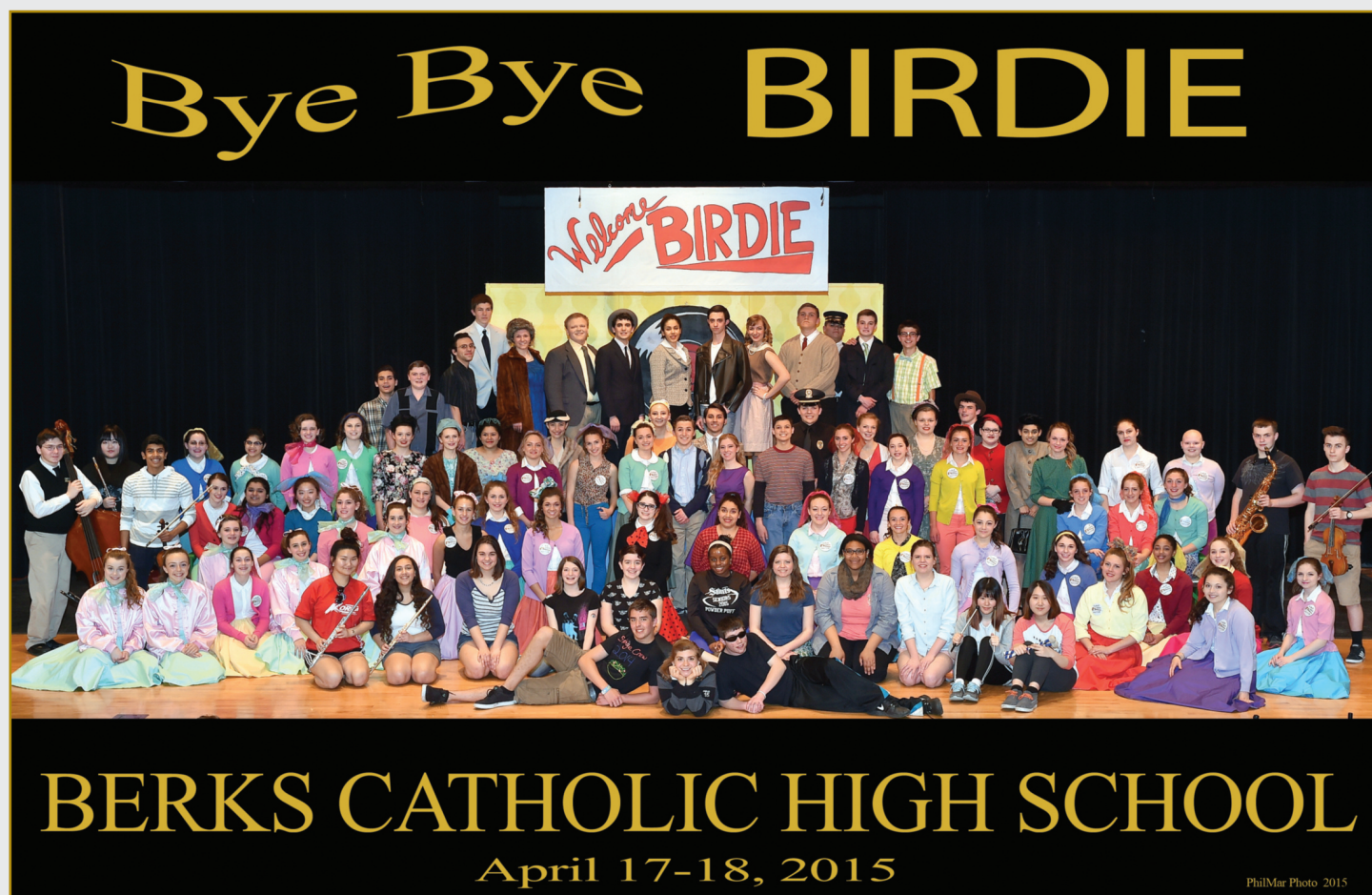
Saturday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.  
Hall of Fame Game

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF BYE BYE, BIRDIE! FOR TWO SOLD-OUT AND EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES!



Kaylin Wittmeyer, DJ Katella and Gabi Taormina as Mr. and Mrs. McAfee and Kim McAfee



Erin Apsokardu as Ursula

Matt Whitmoyer steals all the girls' hearts as Conrad Birdie.



Libby Tarquinio as Mrs. Mae Peterson



Aidan Giles and Xio Toledo as Albert and Rosie.





## 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, 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) or [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.

### 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.

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Freshman Class of 2018  
May, 2015 - ..... What Have I Learned?

... that high school isn't a place that is scary  
... that God is the first pillar in my life, always  
... to respect everyone's opinions ... that one person can make a big difference in someone's life and we shouldn't take others for granted  
... having a variety of friends is good and fun  
... to write sentences in Latin  
... that hard work pays off  
... how to open combination locks  
... how well you do on a biology test does not define how smart, athletic, kind or generous you are  
... to never give up trying, even when it is hard  
... from geography to economics, a broad spectrum was covered in a perfect amount of time  
... to be OK with myself and accept who I am  
... how to work under pressure  
... to appreciate teachers  
... don't walk slowly in the hallways  
... socialization skills!  
... I've improved at all sorts of things, such as drawing, writing and much more  
... how to write different types of essays  
... about cells, taxonomy, classification  
... to try new things and to participate in as many school activities as possible  
... the past eight months have turned my life around completely  
... I have gained more confidence in myself by being involved in my first play  
... the importance of balancing my social life with my schoolwork  
... to keep God in mind with every choice that I make  
... that taco salads are actually pretty good  
... the most important thing in a person's life is her self-value  
... how to properly read Scripture  
... you can't have enemies if you don't label people as enemies  
... external friends come and go, but you'll always be with yourself  
... not to procrastinate  
... always greet upperclassmen and treat them well  
... you can never study too much for a test because the more information you know, the better  
... being in the "in-crowd" doesn't matter as long as you are surrounded by people who make you feel included, happy and wanted  
... some of the friendships from last year have faded while others are as strong as ever  
... more studying is required in high school than in previous grades  
... I love languages  
... at Berks Catholic people are kind, generous and fun  
... it's OK to be yourself  
... the strength I have and the forgiveness I have to show others  
... BC has made me a better person and allowed me to step out of my comfort zone  
... that time management skills are necessary for high school  
... that what may not be for some may be for others, and we should accept them regardless  
... I cannot always come in first place  
... the art of self-confidence  
... as long as I try my hardest, my best is good enough  
... to buy more loose leaf next year so I don't run out  
... it's OK to speak up and defend yourself  
... that we have to tolerate certain things  
... with volunteering, it feels really good to know that I am helping others  
... that girls are not the most complicated thing in the world  
... it is OK to not be good in some subjects and all people have different strengths  
... how to solve an equation with two variables  
... that I actually do enjoy Romeo & Juliet  
... about the Presidents and The Constitution  
... everything from comma splices to how to dissect a frog  
... each day in French class was like arriving in France!  
... always stay faithful to the people you know the most  
... high school is where you have to make tough decisions on what you believe is right  
... how to speak up about injustices in life  
... the football games are always a blast  
... I appreciate the opportunities I have because the people who gave me them have worked hard for it  
... not to carry every single one of my books at the same time  
... I learned to smile at strangers  
... to study and always hand assignments in on time  
... BC is where you will find your second family  
... I'm truly blessed to be a part of Berks Catholic  
... I truly look forward to another amazing three years of high school thanks to all of my teachers and everything I learned

... Honestly, I love this place



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