



## Nativity BVM High School 30th Annual Raffle Winners List

### First Prize — \$20,000

#539 – Vince Zimerofsky '92 – Pottsville, PA

### Second Prize—\$100 each

#413 – David Miller, Pottsville, PA

#388 – Tumbler 246, Combola, PA

#016 – Dr. & Mrs. Wm. M. Gallagher,  
Valley View, PA

#045 – Michael D. Rutkowski, Reading, PA

#493 – Jay L. Newswanger, Pine Grove, PA

#307 – Joan Zawisza, Orwigsburg, PA

#467 – Sue Snyder, Schuylkill Haven, PA

#555 – Eckley 4, Pottsville, PA

#024 – Vince Wychunas, Pottsville, PA

#387 – Kristin Perhonitch, Pottsville, PA

#010 – Bernard L. Krzemien,  
West Hazelton, PA

#243 – Joseph Reichert, Pottsville, PA

#420 – Chloe Prezelski, Pottsville, PA

#170 – Patton, New Ringgold, PA

#497 – Syed G.M. Shah, Orwigsburg, PA

#252 – Joe & Gerri Lubinsky, New Phila., PA

#261 – Jane Baker/Tony Gaburick,  
Pottsville, PA

#403 – Sandy & Gary Hess, Sch. Haven, PA

#402 – Mike K., Brier City, PA

#163 – Scott Fellows, Pottsville, PA

#364 – Scott Schafer, Minersville, PA

#315 – John Oswald, Pottsville, PA

#235 – Charles Senkus, Port Carbon, PA

#453 – Raymond C. Dee, Naples, FL

#533 – M.D.B., Pottsville, PA

#135 – Jackie Modesto, Lebanon, PA

#393 – Ditzler and Kriner, Pottsville, PA

#433 – Judith P. Yanes, Tuscarora, PA

#270 – Carolyn Tobin, Branchdale, PA

#409 – Tracey Fenstermacher, Pottsville, PA

#373 – Mary Anne Woodward, Frackville, PA

**\$500 Nativity Scholarship –  
Lane Opolsky**

## Athletic Hall of Fame

Our sixth annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction took place in February of 2020. This year's inductees were: the 2000-2002 Girls Cross Country Championship teams, David Wixted '65 (Coach), Kiely Chaklos '11, Robert Herndon '02, Lindsey Williams Phillips '00, John M. Ryan '60, Danielle Kadingo Thompson '97 and John Toomey '74. Congratulations to our newest members of the Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame!



## TAILGATE PARTY 2020 Important Update

Unfortunately, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Homecoming Alumni Tailgate Party, which was scheduled for Friday, October 16th. As hard a decision as this is for our school, we feel it is in the best interest of the safety and well-being of the Nativity Community. This resolution is not what we had hoped for, but we are committed to moving forward. Our Homecoming 50/50 drawing is a huge fundraiser for the school, therefore, we will continue with this yearly tradition as our Homecoming Football Game is still scheduled to be held at this time. Your support of Nativity and our 50/50 drawing is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Go Nativity!

Homecoming Football Game Details:  
Nativity Green Wave vs. Mahanoy Area  
Friday, October 16, 2020  
St. Clair Memorial Stadium, 7pm

50-50 Drawing Details:  
Last year's winner, Julia Alves Pellish '60  
Profited over \$4211.00  
Tickets are enclosed  
Cost of ticket: \$2.00 each

For more information and additional tickets,  
please contact Jennifer Daubert in the Development  
office at 570-622-8110

## Message from the Principal and Development Director of Nativity BVM High School

### Value Then... Value Now... Values Forever...

Dear Alumni and Friends of Nativity,

These past few months have challenged the Nativity BVM High School family to continue providing the spiritual and academic education for which we are known, while also navigating the ever-changing waters of the pandemic. After months of online learning, our Class of 2020 graduated during their Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony held at the school on June 9, 2020. During the summer, we worked to devise a plan that will meet all the needs of our students and their families and still ensure our students with a quality education.

Our Return to School (RTS) and Return to Play (RTP) plans were submitted and approved for our safe return to in classroom instruction. The safety of our students and faculty is of prime concern and we have taken steps to ensure that all students and staff are in a safe environment. That being said, we are looking for some volunteers, especially nurses, who might be able to volunteer some time during the school day. If you or a family member could volunteer some time, please contact the school.

Thanks to several grants and private donations we were able to upgrade our physical environment. Ongoing projects include: resurfacing the gym floor, maintenance and painting classrooms, updates and new equipment in some bathrooms and front lobby renovations.

More than ever, it is important that we focus on our loving God and ask Him for His guidance and support as we strive to continue the work that was begun so long ago. We ask Him to bless all of our Nativity BVM High School family, past and present, as we carry out His mission. We recognize that without the financial and physical support of so many of our alumni we would not be able to succeed.

May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Lechleitner Sabol '76  
Principal

Jennifer Forney Daubert '91  
Director of Development

Please note that all alumni news information published in the Alumni Newsletter is submitted to the school. Anyone wishing to submit alumni news information to the school for publication in our next edition of the alumni newsletter can do so by e-mailing [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) or mailing the information to Development Office, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901.

## Alumni Achievements

**Kevan Schaeffer '96** was the recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Coaching Award. This PSAHPERD Award recognizes leadership, dedication, professionalism and service to school and community.

**John J. Pogash '75** and his wife, Lori, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in June of 2019. John retired in May of 2019 from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement where he had served since its inception in 2003.

**Kevin Koscil '00** has joined the Barley Snyder Law Firm as a partner. He is a member of the firm's Trust & Estates and Tax Practice groups.

## Alumni Updates

**Rance Zawada '09** is currently living in NYC and is employed as a Sales Executive by HistoWiz, Inc.

## Beach Bonanza Winner for 2019-2020

**Kathleen Minarick Salem '86** was the Beach Bonanza winner this past school year and wrote of her great experience: "My family and friends had a truly wonderful week at the beautiful, spacious beach house in Bethany. Ocean views by day and starlit sky at night. Lots of room to spread out. Private beach in a lovely, quiet neighborhood, the beach house was so comfortable and had everything we could want for a fantastic week." Thank you to all of alumni for their support!

## Gift Cards and School Store

Our school store and gift card program continues to offer great ways to support NBVM. Our gift card program offers a wide variety of gift cards to meet all your needs. Get ready for the cooler weather with one of our many great sports sweatshirts or just school sweatshirts. Many other wonderful options can also be found in our store. Check us out!

To find out all the latest happenings from "The Hill", please check out Nativity High School on our website, [www.nativitybvm.net](http://www.nativitybvm.net), our Facebook page, Nativity BVM High School Athletics and Events, and on Twitter at [nativitybvm55](https://twitter.com/nativitybvm55).

**Please remember Nativity High School in your will and estate planning.**

## Faculty Wish List:

We are grateful to all those who have donated items that are needed in all of our academic departments. Any help that you can provide us is greatly appreciated. Past support has enabled us to purchase additional text books (student and teacher editions), DVDs, DVD players and art supplies. Thank you for your support of Nativity.

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| Religion  | English                   |
| Math      | Social Studies            |
| Sciences  | Language                  |
| Computers | Health/Physical Education |
| Business  | School Play               |

## JUNE 2020 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

|         |       |  |
|---------|-------|--|
| June 1  | \$100 | Bea Hancock, Pottsville, PA                      |
| June 2  | \$100 | Marcy Coleman, Hegins, PA                        |
| June 3  | \$100 | John Brixius, Harrisburg, PA                     |
| June 4  | \$100 | Tina Souchak, Pottsville, PA                     |
| June 5  | \$100 | Patricia Wigley, Windsor, CO                     |
| June 6  | \$150 | Kay Anne and Tom Barber, Minersville, PA         |
| June 7  | \$150 | Joan Florida, Pottsville, PA                     |
| June 8  | \$100 | Marie Miller, Mt. Savage, MO                     |
| June 9  | \$100 | Paul and Kathleen Schaeffer Bercher, Garland, TX |
| June 10 | \$100 | Kerry McCaffrey, Schuylkill Haven, PA            |
| June 11 | \$100 | Katherine Cartwright, Pottsville, PA             |
| June 12 | \$100 | Grace Ann Sabados, Trenton, NJ                   |
| June 13 | \$150 | Pat Boran, Orwigsburg, PA                        |
| June 14 | \$150 | Mary Miller, Reading, PA                         |
| June 15 | \$100 | Michelle Lewandowski, Pottsville, PA             |
| June 16 | \$100 | VJMJ, Pottsville, PA                             |
| June 17 | \$100 | Sister Patricia Ash, Baltimore, MD               |
| June 18 | \$100 | Kevin Koscil, Havertown, PA                      |
| June 19 | \$100 | Judy Schroding, North Wales, PA                  |
| June 20 | \$300 | Nancy Whitaker, Pottsville, PA                   |
| June 21 | \$300 | Marilyn Haffey, Westminster, CO                  |
| June 22 | \$100 | Joanne Johns, Ashland, PA                        |
| June 23 | \$100 | June Koch, Pottsville, PA                        |
| June 24 | \$100 | Dennis and Patsy Cresina, Pottsville, PA         |
| June 25 | \$100 | Carl Hughes, Pottsville, PA                      |
| June 26 | \$100 | Regina Kleeman, Minersville, PA                  |
| June 27 | \$150 | Sasha Birozik, Schuylkill Haven, PA              |
| June 28 | \$150 | Elizabeth Lechleitner, Minersville, PA           |
| June 29 | \$100 | George Trabosh, Norristown, PA                   |
| June 30 | \$100 | Charlane Frantz                                  |

## Class Reunions

**The Class of 1969** recently celebrated their 50th reunion, beginning with a mass celebrated by classmate Rev. William Campion.

**The Class of 1989** recently celebrated their 30th reunion together at Roma in Pottsville.

## 2020 Century Benefit: Important Update

Unfortunately, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Century Benefit, which was re-scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020. As hard a decision as this was for our school, we feel it was in the best interest of the safety and well-being of the Nativity Community. This resolution is not what we had hoped for, but we are looking forward to Century Benefit 2021! Thank you for your consideration and understanding. God Bless!



*Congratulations to the 47 graduates of the Nativity BVM Class of 2020 who were offered a total of \$3,981,884 in scholarships, grants and awards to further their education and accepted \$1,462,036 of this money! Approximately 90 % of the Class of 2020 will be attending a 4 year or 2 year university/college, trade school or the military.*

## ATTENTION ALUMNI

Please provide us with your current e-mail address, phone number and address so we can update our database. Any additions, corrections or updates can be sent to [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) Thank you for your assistance.

## IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST:

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| Joseph Thomas "Hap" Anthony-1968         | William Meyers-1969   |
| Joseph J. "Dewey" Ballat, Jr.-1965       | Thomas F. McDonald, Jr.-NBVM Band Director                                    |
| William F. Balulis-1964                  | Lawrence "Chuck" McGovern-PCHS 1950   |
| Eileen Welki Berger-1980                 | Howard E. McLaughlin-PCHS 1951  |
| Agnes Blickley-St. Stephen HS            | William Moran-1959  |
| Brian D. Boran-1972                      | William Moser-PCHS 1954   |
| Edward V. Boris-PCHS 1950                | Diana Slapkus Mulligan-1960   |
| Lorrie Christine Cunningham Botella-1994 | Lucky Mulqueen-1961   |
| Joseph A. Brahler-PCHS 1953              | Jane Frances O'Brien NBVM   |
| Ronald Brehony-1959                      | Robert A. Oettl, Sr.-PCHS 1951  |
| John Patrick (Reiley) Brennan-1961       | Thomas Oliva-1966   |
| Gerard Anthony Burke-1962                | Sandra Lavinskas Olsen-1957   |
| Paul E. Burns-1965                       | Anna Mae Papsos-1961  |
| Michael Dennis Butz-1981                 | Margaret Whitaker Peron-1962  |
| James E. Campion, Sr.-PCHS 1946          | Marie Pomian Powanda-St. Stephen HS   |
| Maryanne Cantwell-1956                   | Margaret Zackus Rausch-1974   |
| Eileen Travis Chernosky-PCHS 1955        | Joseph W. Rehnert-attended NBVM before entering St. Charles Borromeo Seminary |
| Sally (Reilly) Christian-PCHS 1954       | Susan Elizabeth Jackson Renninger-1963  |
| Theresa M. Grabowsky Citrullo-PCHS 1952  | Catherine "Jane" Curran Riley-1963  |
| Joseph J. Conway, Sr. PCHS 1950          | Carol Wachter Rockford-1959   |
| Bruna DiNunzio Crishock-1957             | Ann Marie Edwards Rowan-PCHS 1955   |
| Andrew F. Curry-1959                     | Rev. Richard J. Ryscavage, SJ-1963  |
| Paul Darosh-1964                         | Rosalie Messina Schneck-1966  |
| Sister Barbara Mary Deitrich-1965        | Anthony F. Shandis-Kathleen Byrnes Shebakis-1966                              |
| Francis Blix Donnelly-1957               | William J. Smith-1964   |
| Heather Ann Nowak Dunnigan-1989          | Joan Marie LaScala Snyder-PCHS  |
| Mary "Sandy" Sohosky Ericsson-1963       | Marian M. Heckman Stranko-PCHS  |
| Daniel Peter Flanigan-1956               | James N. Sullivan-1963  |
| Michael E. Foley-1965                    | Bridget Ann Toomey Troutman-1965  |
| Mary T. Liptok Gudinas-1975              | Elizabeth Ann Shirey Troy-St. Stephen HS 1946                                 |
| Leo F. Haley-PCHS 1952                   | Richard Twigg-1969  |
| Angela McDermott Hardy-PCHS 1950         | Thomas J. Valentine-1986  |
| Dr. Joseph E. Hennessey-1958             | Catherine Bernice Gemmill Gozensky Volkman-1960                               |
| Joan M. Schneider Homa-PCHS 1951         | Patricia H. Wagner-1971   |
| Anthony Horney, Jr.-NBVM Baseball Coach  | Anna J. "Micki" Micklasavage Williams-1965                                    |
| Thomas J. Hughes-PCHS 1949               | Timothy J. Wixted-St. Stephen HS 1947   |
| Melanie Frank Jacoby-1962                | Anne "Mary Anne" O'Reilly Wolfe-1958  |
| Isabel M. Lewis Kelly-PCHS               | Eileen Zula Wolfe-PCHS 1952   |
| Anna P. "Nancy" King-PCHS 1951           | Clair G. "Fetter" Yeasted-PCHS 1943   |
| Ann Marie Murphy Koch-1964               |   |
| William Komorosky-1970                   |   |
| Jean Christine Maste Kosmari-1967        |   |
| Theresa Murphy Kozluskus-1960            |   |
| Ronald Charles Kriston-PCHS 1952         |   |
| Dolores Ponter Land-PCHS 1952            |   |
| Gerald F. Laughlin-1958                  |   |
| Dorothy Legutko-St. Stephen HS 1937      |   |
| Thomas "Sam" Liptock, Sr.-1956           |   |
| Joan Hearn Loose-1959                    |   |
| Dorothy Agnes Burns Lotz-PCHS 1942       |   |
| Donald Michael Lubinsky -1968            |   |
| Lois Lynch-1966                          |   |
| John Malley-1963                         |   |