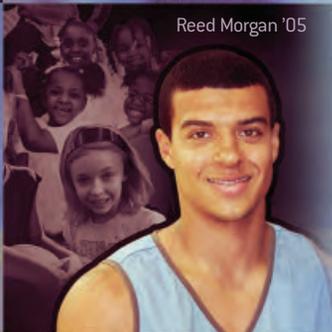


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World**

You'll see in the coming pages we have highlighted the careers of several alums who have taken up some of the various mantles associated with the medical professions—physician, nurse, public health professional. Their life's calling is exciting, to be sure, but it also begs the question: are doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professions born or shaped? Do they come to Berkeley Carroll (perhaps) as five year olds, with a nascent desire to grow up to help people or do they experience some sort of catalytic event (exciting science class? Inspiring guest speaker?) that sets them on this course?

One notable Berkeley Carroll graduate, Reed Morgan '05, cites Dr. Paul Farmer as his personal inspiration. Dr. Farmer, whom author Tracy Kidder calls "the man who would cure the world," is one of the founders of Partners in Health, a Boston-based nonprofit healthcare organization whose mission is to bring quality healthcare to the poor. Partners in Health is also Berkeley Carroll's designated charity for its schoolwide fundraising efforts to aid the victims of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. As we said to parents during the earthquake's aftermath, Partners in Health has been on the ground in Haiti for over 20 years and has a record of success. It's small enough to be directly involved with the people it serves and large enough to be effective in a time of crisis. Head of School Bob Vitalo took it one step further: "A major goal of the mission of our school is to help students become global citizens. While no individual should feel a burden, the prospect of aiding the growth of sustainable solutions is stimulating and rewarding."

That our current students are inspired to heal the world and that our alumni are inspired by heroes who have made global citizenship their life's calling and that generations of Berkeley Carroll graduates have gone on to serve in the medical professions is a legacy of which we can all be proud. It also evokes a sense of "pay it forward." Perhaps the generation following can point to Berkeley Carroll alums—or even current students—as the source of their inspiration. Nurture? Nature? Perhaps both.



Enjoy the issue.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

It is amazing how much can go on during a school day. This is my fourth year at Berkeley Carroll and I am still waiting for that “regular” day. A major reason why our program is so dynamic is the creative and inquiring spirit of our teachers. This is readily seen through some recent examples in our science program.

This year our Lower School science teacher Becky Blumenthal has focused on making connections between science and other disciplines, and between older and younger students. Our kindergarten has visited the Botanic Garden in Prospect Park and through the collaboration of our teachers the children studied art, science, and social studies in the context of this local natural resource. Students in first and sixth grade have been brought together to study bird migration. The sixth graders did an in-depth project on bird migration and then shared their findings with the Lower School. First graders who have questions on bird migration can now email their “pen pals” in the sixth grade to get their answers.

The sixth grade did their bird migration work under the direction of Middle School Science Chair Jen Kosnik. Our school was selected to work with the Wild Lab nature organization. Wild Lab trained our teachers and led classes in Prospect Park. All of our sixth graders were supplied with an iPhone with a GPS application that helped to identify different birds and allowed for tracking and recording. Real research being done in the field by our budding scientists!

This year Berkeley Carroll has part-



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BOB VITALO

nered with the World Leadership School to undertake two trips with science as a focus. A group of Upper School students will travel to Costa Rica over the spring break to study biodiversity in that country and look at how different localities are coping with the pressures of development. An especially hardy group of high schoolers will travel to Kenya in July to learn about climate change and conservation biology in the tribal territory of the Maasai people.

The real satisfaction of working in a school like Berkeley Carroll is that the faculty has the freedom to take on new initiatives. Planning is now underway to form a working relationship with a local university that will increase the opportunities for performing research by our students.

Our teachers feel the responsibility to make sure that we are preparing our students to take on the challenges of the future. Our future will be shaped, and possibly saved, by the creative and inquiring minds that our teachers develop.

Enjoy the profiles that are contained in this issue of our magazine. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Vitalo
Head of School



FALL THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

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he Upper School put on three outstanding performances of *The Miracle Worker*, a play that is based on the story of Helen Keller's courageous life, her relationship with her teacher, Annie Sullivan, and her triumphs over adversity.

The Parrot, the Middle School production, was a

new adaptation based on several variants of an Italian folktale, and combined all the elements that the young at heart love in a story: beauty, evil, magical transformations, and a just resolution. The story within a story was told using puppets designed and created by Middle School students. Carolyn Giles directed the play.

Montana Lampert Hoover '10 as Helen Keller in the Upper School production of *The Miracle Worker*.



The story within a story of *The Parrot* included puppets designed and created by Middle School students.

Upper School Speech and Debate Team

This year the Berkeley Carroll Upper School Speech and Debate Team is continuing to demonstrate why it ranks among the top high school programs in the nation. Students have placed among the top finishers in both local and nationwide competitions. At the Princeton University tournament in December, more than half of the 28 students who attended advanced to elimination rounds. Moreover, among dozens of high schools from across the country, Berkeley Carroll placed 2nd in the category of team sweepstakes. The students' hard work culminated in the best ever Berkeley Carroll performance at a national tournament

Chandler Rosenthal placed first in Dramatic Interpretation at the December 2009 Princeton University tournament.

Dylan Scher placed second in Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate at the December 2009 Princeton University tournament.



Dylan Scher



Chandler Rosenthal

Fore a Good Cause

More than 100 Berkeley Carroll supporters came out to the Mill River Club on Long Island on Monday, October 5, 2009, for a day of golfing, great food, and excellent company. Berkeley Carroll parents mingled with corporate sponsors on the greens and even more parents joined the group for cocktails and dinner. The fourth annual outing was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of these Berkeley Carroll parents: event chair Joe Polizzotto and committee members Rory Dineen, Mike Miller, and Tom Shpetner. All proceeds benefited Berkeley Carroll.



(l to r) Janet Aspen, Barbara Grossman, and Shirley Hedden



(l to r) Joe Wood, Bob Vitalo, and Joe Polizzotto



VISITING WRITER: EDWIDGE DANTICAT



Edwidge Danticat, award-winning short story writer, novelist, and recent recipient of a 2009 MacArthur “Genius Award” grant, spent much of the day on October 16, 2009 at Berkeley Carroll working with Upper School students as part of Berkeley Carroll’s Visiting Writer’s Program. She spoke about the craft of writing, why she loves writing nonfiction, and about the process of writing. She then workshopped the students’ writing, giving thoughtful and generous comments. Later, while meeting the editorial staff of *Reflections*, the Berkeley Carroll Upper School literary magazine, Ms. Danticat spoke about writing and editing as an art. The trick is that when writing about something that one loves—or hates—is to make people “want to read more about it.” A good writer can learn how to do that, she told them and a thoughtful editor can help his or her writers learn how to do that.



Members of the class of 2013 with advisor Lorne Swarthout aboard the Circle Line

Over the course of the year, 9th graders are discovering and experiencing the richness and cultural diversity that defines New York City. They are doing so under the auspices of the New York at Night program, a new, exciting, and rewarding program that takes students to a variety of iconic New York destinations over the course of the year, all on Friday nights. The program was launched with a Circle Line tour in September. The first evening excursion started off with a screening of *Monsoon Wedding*, a Bollywood film, followed by a subway ride to the bustling neighborhood of Jackson Heights, Queens, where the 9th graders observed the diversity of people and shops, heard many languages, and dined on *samosas*, chicken *tikka masala*, and *sag paneer*.

The destination for their next trip was the Apollo Theater in Harlem to see *Dreamgirls*. Prior to the trip, the

9th graders attended interactive workshops led by Apollo Theater choreographers, lighting designer, and producer, and then produced their own short version of *Dreamgirls*. February’s destination was the Metropolitan Opera where they saw the French comic opera, *Daughter of the Regiment*, took a backstage tour, and learned about this genre of opera.

April will bring a Mets game at CitiField, and the program will conclude in May at East New York Farms, an urban agricultural non-profit located in Brooklyn and run by Berkeley Carroll alum Deborah Grieg ’99. Here, the 9th graders will be giving back to their city as they get their hands dirty working on a variety of tasks, such as preparing the soil, turning compost, and planting.

Berkeley Carroll Hosts Nobel Laureate, **Torsten Wiesel**

On February 17, 2010, Nobel Laureate Torsten Wiesel taught the 12th grade Science and Ethics class. A co-recipient with David Hubel of the 1981 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their studies of how visual information is transmitted to and processed in the visual cortex of the brain, Dr. Wiesel is a past president of Rockefeller University and was named secretary general of the Human Frontier Science Program, which was established to support international, innovative, and interdisciplinary basic research in the life sciences.

Deeply committed to human rights, he spoke to the students about using science as an instrument for peace and communication. Scientists are interested in solving

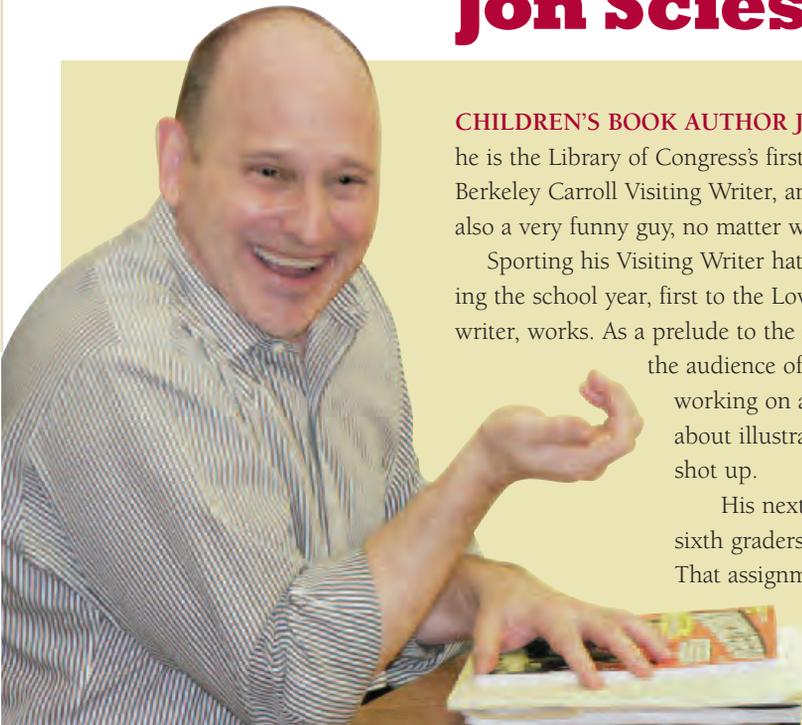


problems, he told the students. Turning one's attention to the problems caused by human rights violations is a logical extension of a scientist's process. Further, international contingents are an ideal coterie being that English is the lingua franca, if you will, of science.

The students gathered in the room peppered Dr. Wiesel with questions. "What is your response to people who are against genetically modifying

foods, one asked. "Do you see any merit in their opposing arguments?" Although a proponent of genetically modifying foods (as a ticket out of starvation), he indeed sees merit in the rhetoric of certain naysayers. "One has to listen to the opposition," he told the students, "in order to strengthen one's own arguments."

Jon Scieszka, Visiting Writer



CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR JON SCIESZKA WEARS MANY HATS —

he is the Library of Congress's first National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, a Berkeley Carroll Visiting Writer, and a Berkeley Carroll alum parent (twice over!). He is also a very funny guy, no matter which hat he wears.

Sporting his Visiting Writer hat, Mr. Scieszka has come to Berkeley Carroll twice during the school year, first to the Lower School to give an overview as to how he, as a writer, works. As a prelude to the explanation of his writing process, Mr. Scieszka asked the audience of PreK through 4th grade if any of them were currently working on a story. Three quarters of the hands shot up. How about illustrating a book, he asked? Three quarters of the hands shot up.

His next stop was at the Middle School where he met with sixth graders to discuss their English memoir-writing assignment. That assignment asks the students to "choose experiences that tell the reader who you are, where you come from and what makes you the person you are: the good, the bad, the ugly, the loopy, the peculiar,

THE SCIENCE OF MUSIC

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n a snowy day in February, a number of Middle and Upper School students, accompanied by MS/US music chair Peter

Holsberg and MS/US music teacher Claire Schlegel, traveled to the Lower School to demonstrate to the entire fourth grade how their various string instruments and woodwinds functioned. It was, however, much more than a demonstration. The fourth graders also learned about the science behind the music, especially how vibration creates musical sounds and the factors that determine pitch. Using a spectrum analyzer, fourth grade science teacher David Seebaugh showed the calibrated sound waves produced by each instrument as it was played.

The instrumentalists demonstrated the similarities and differences among their instruments, how each produced music, the materials that make up



All eyes, teachers' and students', are on the spectrum analyzer as it compares the highest note on the violin with the lowest note on the viola.

these instruments, and their respective roles in the orchestra. A casual bystander would have been impressed with the fourth graders' knowledge of music and the physics that define that music, especially as they applied that expertise to the instruments they heard that morning. The Middle and Upper School students, in turn, dis-

played a proficiency of their instruments—both in playing and explaining how the instrument worked. Everyone—old and young—was intrigued with the calibrated sound waves on the Smart Board, whether the waves were produced by the instruments or the hearty clapping of hands.

the wonderful. You'll use fiction writing techniques to reconstruct events and re-create dialogue, exaggerating, magnifying, and omitting elements to make the story come to life." The memoirs are also to be written in the informal tone and voice Jon Scieszka uses in his book, *Knucklehead*, an amusing memoir that details Scieszka's experiences growing up in a family where he was the second-oldest of six (!) boys.

Sixth graders had read the book and on March 1, they got to meet Mr. Scieszka in person. They showered him with questions and he readily handed out advice to the aspiring writers. Advice such as: there is no one correct way to write (some get up the same time each morning and write in the same spot with the same pen; others like me sleep late and write just about anywhere, including on the F train); read your work out loud ("if you put someone to sleep, you'll need to rewrite); make sure your personality shines through; and use plenty of visuals such as pictures, "random stuff, and art work (parents save all kinds of weird stuff)."

Fortified with Mr. Scieszka's wisdom, the students eagerly began to write.



Young readers at the Lower School are eager to meet Jon Scieszka.

College Connection Night

■ November 25, 2009

For the past several years Berkeley Carroll college alums have spoken to current students about their colleges, what the search and application process was like, what they might have done differently while studying at BC, and what they hope to do in the future based on their majors. Participating alumni included **Joanna Guest '06**, **Clarke Rosenthal '06**, **Reece Trevor '07**, **Max Goldberg Liu '07**, **Michael Bruffee '07**, **Matthew Cunningham '07**, and **Katie Cunningham '09**.



[l to r] Joanna Guest '06, Clarke Rosenthal '06, Michael Bruffee '07, Matt Cunningham '07, Katie Cunningham '09, Reece Trevor '07 and Max Goldberg Liu '07.

Thanksgiving Eve Alumni Party

■ November 25, 2009



Southpaw again was host to our annual Thanksgiving Eve alumni party which was attended by well over 50 people. The party lasted into the small hours of the night. Thanks to **Matt Roff '93**, **Mike Palms**, and **Kenan Juska '95** for knowing how to throw a great party.

1. [l to r] Nikara Warren '06, Nick Renzler '03, Sara Covey '02, Caitlin Cahill '02, Courtney Mocio '03
2. [l to r] Heather MacLeish '02, James Bruffee '99, Caroline Greig '03, Lily Nathan '04, Clarke Rosenthal '06, Anna Hymowitz '06
3. [l to r: men] Aaron Simons '99, David Kelley '99, Eric Naison-Phillips '99, Al Reyes '99.
[l to r: women] Deborah Greig '99, Rebecca Jones '99, Laura Rubin '99



Gracie Mansion ■ September 22, 2009

It isn't often that New Yorkers can visit Gracie Mansion, but a group of alumni, parents, and friends not only took a tour but also enjoyed the fabulous tea offered at Berkeley Carroll's exclusive tea and tour of the Mansion. After sandwiches, scones, and cakes (all made on the premises), docents from the Gracie Mansion Conservancy took group members through the home.

(l to r) Docent Amy Troyansky, Scott Brewster '90, Phillip Giaquinta, Ilene Dorfman Giaquinta '63, Linda Alster '59, Michelle Minovi, Brian Stanley, Janet McCauley Stark '60, Gloria Carbonell '43, Merri Rosenberg '75, Wendy Sowala '67, Andrea Farrington, Catherine Varous P '21, Patrice Hall '04, Kether Hayden





The upward trend of success has continued for the Lions' fall programs. It has been said that great players and teams, alike, are made in the off-season. Cutting short precious time at the beach or at a country house in order to attend summer workouts greatly benefited



Robert Paller

each program in the long run. With nearly thirty girls attending soccer practice, preseason competition for spots on the girls varsity soccer

AN UPWARD FALL

team forced the Lady Lions to hit the ground running in late August. Across the meadow, Athletic Director Joe Wood physically pushed the boys on the varsity soccer team, while continuously staying in their ears and reminding them of their potential. "We had our eye on the prize from the start," junior goalkeeper Daniel Schwartz said. At the Athletic Center, the girls' volleyball team began strengthening bonds of communication that would be essential to their success as a team moving forward.

BY ROBERT PALLER '11

Arguably the most talented team in the school, the girls' soccer program had high expectations for this past fall. Led by senior captains Lily Zimmerman, Hannah Safter, and Julie Polizzotto, the girls overwhelmed opponents with their tremendous offense throughout the season. In their

Portledge, and Dalton, down players in the regular season, set the Lions up for failure with a low seed in NYSAISAA. Defeat in states put a damper on an "unforgettable season filled with a rollercoaster of emotion," according to junior midfielder, Phoebe Miller. "Getting a chance to become

from legitimate game situations unmatched by sitting on the sidelines watching. As a freshman goalie, Amalya Schwartz was able to gain nearly a full schedule of experience through her time on JV. Looking back, "it was a great experience," she said. "Everyone benefited from being able



Boys' soccer takes on Packer Collegiate

first five games, the Lions were able to put the ball in the back of the net a whopping twenty times with powerhouse forwards sophomore Gilda Gross, freshman Anya Katz, and Lily Zimmerman. Zimmerman described the season as "up and down" with key victories over rivals Brooklyn Friends, Friends Seminary, and Beacon. However, losing to St. Ann's,

close with the other girls on the team made my first season extremely memorable. The games were that much more intense because we fought harder for one another," freshman rising star, Anya Katz, reminisced. Although graduating valuable components, the team will be right in the mix again next year. In having a junior varsity team, more girls were able to benefit

to play so much because it was a small team," Schwartz explained. Next year the girls hope to take home BC's first ever girl's state tournament championship.

Conversely, the boys varsity soccer team lacked the confidence and swagger the girls had simply because they had never experienced being at the top of their league. One could argue

that this uncertainty encouraged the boys to leave everything out on the field, a mentality that captains junior Dan Schwartz, seniors Paul Bendernagel, and Mac Kelly passionately installed. Lacking some talent, a two win and seven loss regular season was not a particularly fair representation of their effort and ability to compete. With constant hustle there is

sophomore Cole Kitchen asserted. The boys began an upward trend that next year's team can hopefully ride.

Over at the Athletic Center on President Street, the varsity girls' volleyball team seized the opportunity to make a name for themselves in the state. Lone captain, senior Val Shafran, the face of the program, led the Lady Lions in the right direction when she

Brearley in two well-played sets. Despite their disappointment, the girls "are extremely excited for next year," freshman Elena Hirsch concluded. "We have a strong nucleus of starters returning, as well as some talented young players who are eager for an opportunity," she continued. Perhaps next year they will shock the state.

This fall, all three teams competed



The girls varsity volleyball team

always room for improvement. The Lions demonstrated outstanding progression, coming back and upsetting Dwight in the league semi-finals after losing to them twice during the regular season. In addition, they were heart broken in the finals, only losing by one goal to Staten Island Academy after being on the wrong side of an eight-goal margin in their regular season heat. "Paul, Dan, and Mac really stepped up for us at crunch time. Schwartz was a brick wall back there; he took pressure off the offense,"

was in the lineup. However, having missed time due to an ankle injury, junior superstar Danielle Regis took hold of the reins. With a stand out serve and a spike that can be missed with the blink of an eye, Regis was able to put the pressure on the opponent from all positions. Stepping up in the clutch, the girls took all six league contests in the minimum two sets, guaranteeing themselves a spot in NYSAISAA. Unfortunately, coming out of the seventh seed as an underdog is a real challenge. The girls lost to

at a very high level. "This fall seemed to be very successful," Joe Wood, Athletic Director, said. "Everyone made strides in the right direction and put in a great deal of effort," he persisted. Whether it was in the gym, bumping, setting, and spiking, or out on turf, passing, shooting, and tackling, the passion for soccer and volleyball was apparent this fall with the amount of time put in. Junior Lauren Malotra-Gaudet said it best: "It's more fun to win." And that's exactly what the Lions did this fall.



Inaugural members of the Heritage Society, 2009

The **Heritage Society**

Berkeley Carroll would not be the institution that it is today without the contributions of so many families and friends. To celebrate generations of generosity, the Heritage Society was created to honor those who have cumulatively given \$100,000 or more to the school. On April 14, 2009, 25 individuals and families were inducted into the newly founded society in a special ceremony at Berkeley Carroll's annual donor-appreciation evening. The school is very grateful to them for their years of dedication. In addition, special thanks go out to the Society's co-chairs Alisa Levin and Leslie Puth for their commitment to the school.

The next induction ceremony, to be held in April 2010, will honor new inductees and acknowledge two tireless Berkeley Carroll philanthropic leaders, Mark Friedman and Henry Trevor. Mark—a current parent and Trustee—and Henry—a current parent, alum parent, and past faculty

member—both founded the annual Golf Outing, which has been held every October since 2006. Over three years, this event has realized over \$100,000 in net proceeds.

Our deepest appreciation goes to them and to the generosity and dedication demonstrated by all members of the Heritage Society. ✚

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DR. DAWN ERICSSON PROVINE '88

BY JODIE CORNGOLD

THE RIGHT KIND OF GUIDANCE

DR. DAWN ERICSSON PROVINE HAS DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF LIFE. IT'S ONLY FITTING, SEEING AS THIS 1988 BERKELEY CARROLL GRADUATE IS A PHYSICIAN SPECIALIZING IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

AS A BERKELEY CARROLL MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOLER, DAWN IMMERSSED HERSELF IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ACTIVITY THE SCHOOL COULD OFFER. "LET'S SEE," SHE SAID DURING A CONVERSATION LAST NOVEMBER, WHILE DASHING THROUGH AN ARTS-AND-CRAFTS STORE, BUYING THE SUPPLIES TO DECORATE HER HOME FOR THANKSGIVING, "BLOTTER, MATH TEAM, AND EVERY SPORT. I WAS THE ONLY GIRL ON THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER TEAM," SHE SAID, CLEARLY STILL PROUD OF THAT STATUS.

When her other phone rang, she put this writer on hold. "It was the hospital," she said a moment later. It's difficult for an obstetrician to run errands during lunch when she has four patients in labor. Dawn is a partner at a medical practice in the greater Tampa, Florida area; the practice comprises four offices ("with a fifth on the way," Dawn said, laughing).

Dawn's secret? Having the ability to multitask. In addition to overseeing a bustling medical practice, Dawn oversees a bustling family. She and her husband, Colin, have three children, ages five, eight, and 12. She was the mother to these three even during her medical training. Three children during internship and residency? "I am the only doctor I know of who did that," she said. And she said it modestly, matter-of-factly, all the while taking it in stride. Yes, one definitely gets the impression that Dawn Ericsson can do anything.

Following her 1988 graduation from Berkeley Carroll, Dawn attended Yale University. Medical school at Stony Brook followed her Yale graduation. Dawn chose St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, New Jersey for her residency ("They do more deliveries than any other hospital in the state," she said. See, efficiency.)

She has clearly accomplished a lot in the 20 plus years since high school graduation but her legacy lingers, as evidenced by some of her teachers' recollections. Former teacher Sue Ely said, "Dawn made her teachers work hard because she

was not one to take either the easy way out or an easy answer to one of her questions. When I taught her, I prepared extra carefully because I did not want to disappoint her, or get myself in trouble!"

Sue Goldberg echoed Sue Ely's words ("I remember Dawn Ericsson as a serious, hard working student, one who asked a lot of questions during class discussions.") but she also volunteered another side of her former student.

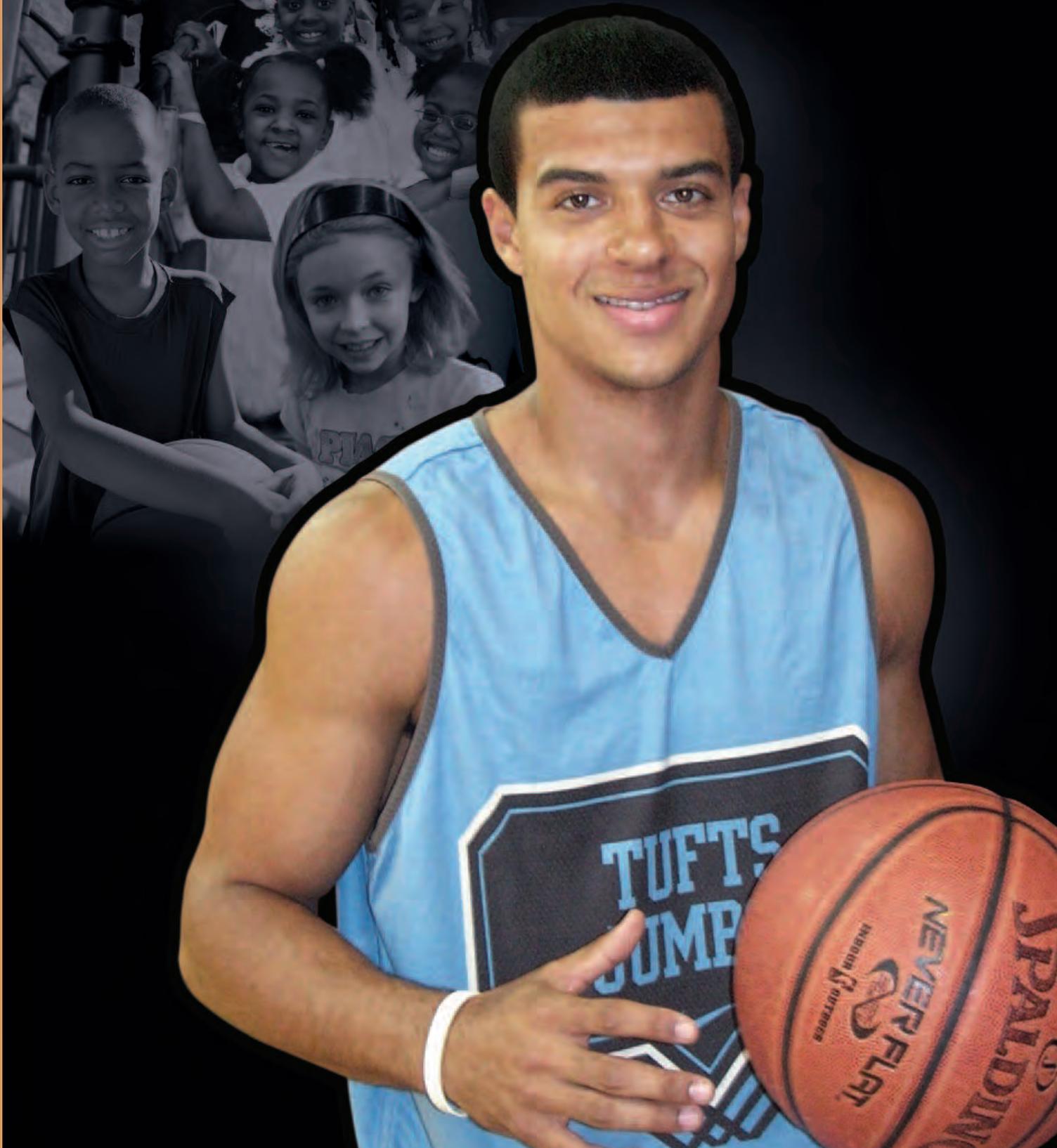
"(Dawn) had a wicked sense of humor which erupted both in class and during athletic competitions. She took her schooling seriously but also had a great group of friends who tempered her gravity. They were always walking around the halls, arm-in-arm, laughing a lot!"

For her part, Dawn is grateful for the role her alma mater played. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing if it hadn't been for Berkeley Carroll," she said.

Raised in Prospect Heights, now practicing medicine in Florida, Dawn's path was somewhat circuitous. She attended four different schools before her family, looking for the right fit, finally settled on Berkeley Carroll. For her part, Dawn was looking for the right kind of guidance. "I always knew I had it in me but I needed direction. My teachers at Berkeley Carroll—Marvin Pollock, Shelly Adasko, Sue Goldberg, Sue Ely, and Peter Shakeshaft—helped me get on the path I needed to be on to achieve all this." ✦

REED MORGAN '05

BY ELIZABETH HOPPER



ENSURING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR KIDS



AS A SENIOR MAJORING IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY, IT IS PERHAPS NO SURPRISE THAT REED MORGAN '05 LEADS A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND, IN HIS WORDS, "LOVES WORKING WITH KIDS." INSPIRED BY PAUL FARMER, FOUNDER OF PARTNERS IN HEALTH, AN ORGANIZATION WORKING TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH OPTIONS IN POOR, UNDER-DEVELOPED AREA OF THE WORLD, REED HAS WHOLEHEARTEDLY PURSUED HIS INTERESTS, FIRST RUNNING A SUMMER ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND THEN, IN THE SUMMER OF 2009, INTERNING FOR THE ASTHMA BASICS FOR CHILDREN (ABC) PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

The ABC program, which collaborates with community organizations to help parents manage their children's asthma, emphasizes diet, exercise, and asthma prevention, because as Reed notes, "good health is more than just going to the doctor." As an intern, Reed walked throughout the streets of northern Manhattan, taking inventory of all the playgrounds in those neighborhoods. He put together a directory listing the playgrounds, which he also rated on cleanliness and safety, and then distributed those directories to parents, many of whom were unaware that safe playgrounds where their children could play were located near their homes. Reed also created an easily replicated exercise program for young children in underfunded child care programs. This program incorporates balls and hula-hoops – equipment that is portable, readily available, and inexpensive.

Children in northern Manhattan weren't the only beneficiaries of Reed's largesse. He also ventured to Africa, spending two weeks at an orphanage located in the mountains of Kenya. The orphanage, which is operated by his god-sister, serves street and urban children from Nairobi.

A lifer at Berkeley Carroll, Reed is an ardent supporter of the school. He admires the "incredible" teaching staff and equates the school community to a "team that becomes family"; a family of life-long friends of all ages.

Reed certainly knows what it's like to be a team member. At Berkeley Carroll, he was a varsity basketball player and played for four years, amassing one of the highest point totals for a male athlete in Berkeley Carroll's history. As a junior and senior, Reed also played in the state basketball tournament. Upon graduating from Berkeley Carroll, Reed took a gap year and attended the Peddie School in New Jersey. From there, he was recruited by Tufts University for their varsity basketball team. As a junior on the team, he was on the all-academic team because of his high cumulative GPA.

After Reed graduates from Tufts, he would like to continue working for the ABC program and eventually get his masters in public health. In the meantime, on school breaks you can find Reed at Berkeley Carroll's Athletic Center, either working out or working with a few faculty and staff members as a personal trainer—promoting a healthy lifestyle to all who will listen. ✚

EVE WALTER WALTERMAURER '86

✦ BY ELIZABETH HOPPER



REBEL WITH A CAUSE

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AS A STUDENT AT BERKELEY CARROLL, EVE WALTER WALTERMAURER '86 WAS INTELLIGENT AND QUICK-WITTED, YET SHE WAS ALSO INCLINED TO TEST AND CHALLENGE HER TEACHERS, SO MUCH SO THAT SHE WAS TOLD HER "ATTITUDE PROBLEM" PREVENTED HER FROM BEING VALEDICTORIAN OF HER CLASS. YET HER STORY IS NOT ONE OF YOUTHFUL DEFIANCE WITHOUT A CAUSE. IN THE YEARS SINCE GRADUATION FROM BERKELEY CARROLL, SHE HAS CHANNIELED HER TENACITY AND REFUSAL TO TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER TOWARDS HELPING OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MISTREATED OR LIVING ON THE FRINGE OF SOCIETY. SHE DOES SO AS A SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST WHO STUDIES VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN, ESPECIALLY INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND YOUTH RISK BEHAVIORS. SHE IS ALSO AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AT SUNY NEW PALTZ, TEACHING COURSES IN CRIMINOLOGY, RESEARCH, AND STATISTICS.

Social epidemiology is the study of social conditions and how those influence and determine the health and well being of individuals and populations. Epidemiologists are, in part, the number crunchers, the statistical authorities in the field of public health. Yet, not only do epidemiologists work with statistics and numbers they are also investigators, always searching for patterns and interesting trends. The role of epidemiologist suits Eve—she enjoys statistics and research, and her unending persistence ensures that she will find the information she needs.

That persistence did not go unnoticed while Eve was at Berkeley Carroll. Susan Goldberg, Eve's English teacher at the time, recalled that Eve was always pushing and challenging her, albeit never inappropriately. In fact, "she challenged me to be a better teacher," noted Susan. Susan was just one of many faculty members who gave her confidence and inspired her. Eve recalled that Marlene Clary, after watching her perform in a play as an 8th grader, told her that she wanted to cast Eve in all her plays for the next four years. "She believed in me," said Eve and adds, "at Berkeley Carroll, I found a real family."

The years following graduation from Berkeley Carroll and Ithaca College, found Eve working upstate, first helping children with emotional problems at a nonprofit organization, and later running a teen drop-in center.

She enjoyed working with these young adults, perhaps because she empathized with them. As she explained recently, "I could have been one of those kids who needed advice." Continuing this nascent interest in public health, Eve began conducting HIV prevention education in numerous high schools, including Berkeley Carroll, in the mid 1990's, and then obtained a masters degree in Community Health from Lehman College.

Eve was introduced to epidemiology at Lehman College where she was teaching statistics as an adjunct professor. A colleague approached her, inquiring whether she would like to be an adjunct professor for an epidemiology class. Eve, having only a vague idea as to what epidemiology was and ever curious, picked up an epidemiology text. She devoured the book and realized, as she puts it, "this is it—this is what I want to do!" Excited about furthering her interest epidemiology, she joined New York City's Department of Health as an epidemiologist.

While working for the Department of Health, Eve collected data on weapons related assaults from emergency room charts. The victims of such assaults were usually male. When her inquiry was expanded to include assaults without a weapon, a new set of victims was revealed—exclusively women, and these women were usually victims of intimate partner violence, the "more interesting stuff," notes Eve. This process of uncovering intriguing information that no one would other-



Eve with former Headmistress Bongsoon Zubay, circa 1986

wise have discovered constituted in her words, an “aha moment,” a pivotal point in her career, after which Eve turned to social epidemiology. She went on to earn her doctorate in social epidemiology at the University at Albany—SUNY, a concentration she had to create at the University, as social epidemiology was a relatively new subset of public health at the time.

Doctorate in hand, she applied for a position in the Sociology Department at SUNY New Paltz, a position that required a PhD in sociology. Eve, holding a doctorate in epidemiology didn't think they would hire her but applied anyway. Even when she was one of three final candidates, she didn't believe the school considered her a serious candidate. Only when she had an interview with the provost, did she understand that she had better decide whether she wanted the position or not. She realized that they wanted her *because* she was an epidemiologist.

Eve enjoys teaching at SUNY New Paltz. She likes the freedom she has as a professor, but more importantly she delights in teaching her students and watching their excitement as they acquire new knowledge. As a professor, she also gets to stay in school and

be “a really big college student who wants to keep learning.” She says of Berkeley Carroll, “that’s where I learned to love to learn.”

In 2008, having studied violence since the late 1990's, primarily intimate partner violence and delinquency, Eve decided to explore a more positive aspect of women's sexuality. Along with a friend, Hazel Gurland, she produced and directed *First*, a documentary film that explores women's sexuality through interviews with women ages 16 to 89. Eve notes that the film is an excellent tool for engaging audiences in a conversation about women's sexuality, a conversation that could favorably affect how people view sexuality. “If we want to do something about intimate partner violence, we should look to see what we as a society can do to effect change.”

First is an example as to how Eve is working to apply her work to benefit the needs of the community. She is not content with conducting research solely for an academic audience. “We ought to deliver the information to the people who actually need the information.” And no doubt, given her indefatigable nature and desire to help others, she will. She is a rebel with a cause. ✚

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CYNTHIA DEHEYMAN SPRY '58

Raising Practice Standards in Healthcare Arenas Around the World



HERE'S NO DISGUISED CYNTHIA SPRY'S PRIDE. "EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEDICAL WORLD IS INTERESTED IN INFECTION CONTROL," SHE SAYS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT MY CONTRIBUTION HAS HAD A GLOBAL IMPACT."

INDEED, THIS NURSE, EDUCATOR, AUTHOR, PUBLIC SPEAKER, CONSULTANT, AND MEMBER OF THE BERKELEY INSTITUTE CLASS OF 1958 HAS HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT.

As an international clinical consultant for Johnson & Johnson from 1995 to 2007,

✦ BY JODIE CORNGOLD





Cynthia (at left) travels extensively, educating healthcare workers about infection control

Cynthia traveled around the world working with nurses in developing countries, raising practice standards in the critical area of infection control. Working predominantly in China, Europe, and Southeast Asia, she brought a tool and knowledge to operating theaters desperately in need of both.

The tool, a hydrogen peroxide gas plasma sterilizer, represented a breakthrough for surgical teams that were still toiling under the yoke of 1950s technology. It is not an exaggeration to say this tool changed surgery and that Cynthia and her team introduced the notion of sterilization versus disinfection to areas desperately in need of advancement.

One might imagine that Cynthia's girlhood self, educated at the Berkeley Institute, was drawn to science, but this turns out to have been not the case. "Well, I liked dissecting frogs," she admits, but in general neither math nor science were her calling. "I loved French, English, and dramatics," she remembers. And athletics. "I was the captain of the Black team," she said, the pride unmistakable.

It's not a big leap to fast forward this high school team leader into a medical team leader. Following her Berkeley Institute graduation, Cynthia received a degree in education from Wagner College on Staten Island. She

was drawn to teaching but her timing was off. "It was hard to find teaching work in the early 60s," she remembers. She ultimately found a position working with a group of developmentally disabled individuals. It was this experience that introduced her to the field of patient care, which, in turn, led the way to nursing.

She earned a master's in education ultimately followed by a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing and nursing administration. She was armed with a very marketable skill set to be sure, but Cynthia also brought another strong ability to the world of nursing: leadership skills. She served first as the education coordinator at a major teaching hospital on Staten Island, later going on to fill the position of associate director of surgical services at the hospital of a nationally regarded medical school, SUNY Downstate.

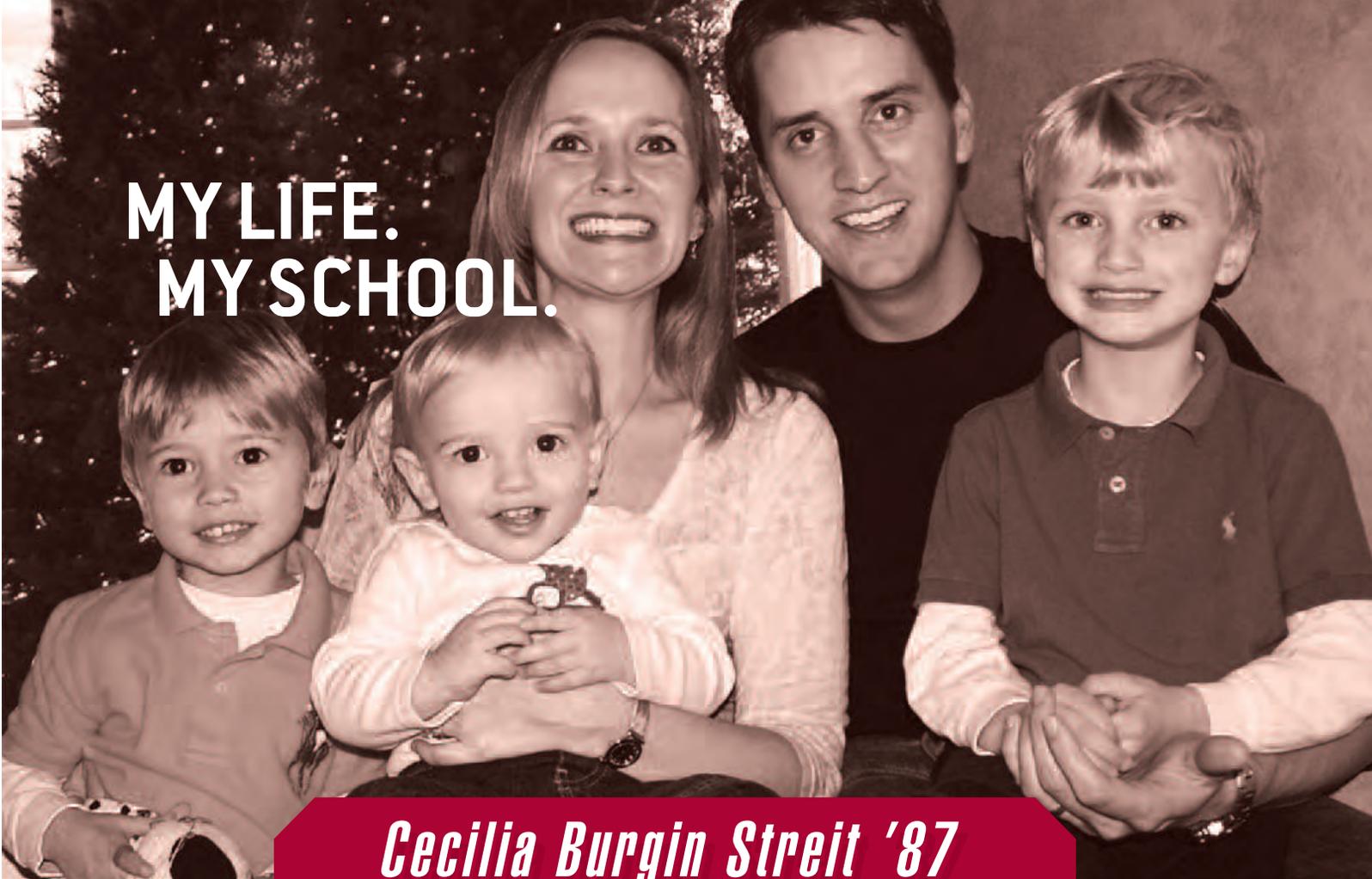
It was at SUNY Downstate that Cynthia's strengths came to the fore. Responsible for a staff of more than one hundred, she relied heavily on her leadership and nursing administration skills. Responsible for the daily operation of the cardiac catheter lab and several operating facilities, her clinical experience played an important role and put her in good stead when she went on to serve as the director of surgical services for a major private hospi-

tal in New Jersey, supervising nearly twice as many people and responsible for twice the budget she had been charged with at her previous position.

There's nothing like the daily responsibility of operations to drive home the need for state-of-the-art sterilization techniques. In addition to her clinical and administrative responsibilities, Cynthia serves as the chair of a committee that writes sterilization standards for the United States as well as serving on several other committees and serving as an officer for professional organizations that focus on both domestic and international arenas.

As a member of Johnson & Johnson's advanced sterilization products team and, later, as a consultant, Cynthia has traveled the world in order to educate groups about sterilization, disinfection, and infection control. How has she adapted to cultural differences? "I work hard at being flexible," she says, "because I have to be able to offer constructive criticism without stepping on local norms. I guess what I'm saying is that when I'm in a foreign country I'm conscious of the fact that I'm a guest in their home, a home in which there's no room for the 'ugly American.' I appreciate the cultures of the people I've been privileged to work with." Given the global impact of Cynthia's work, it's easy to imagine the privilege works both ways. ✚

MY LIFE. MY SCHOOL.



Cecilia Burgin Streit '87

Childhood ambition

- ▶ *To be in politics*

Fondest BC memory

- ▶ *Senior Class trip to Ocean City, Maryland*

Most memorable teacher

- ▶ *Sue Ely, my homeroom teacher and mentor for all four years. Of course!*

Most deserved grade

- ▶ *A- in American History from Dr. Pollock. This is still my greatest accomplishment.*

Favorite subject

- ▶ *American History*

Favorite movie from High School

- ▶ *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

Senior year soundtrack

- ▶ *"Who's That Girl" by Madonna and Janet Jackson's "Control"*

Greatest challenge as a student

- ▶ *Wearing so many different hats in school activities because there were only about 63 kids in the Upper School when I was a student.*

Proudest moment in school

- ▶ *Being selected Valedictorian a.k.a. Class Speaker*

Biggest surprise in college

- ▶ *I actually had no math ability whatsoever!*

Inspiration

- ▶ *Bongsoon Zubay*

First Job

- ▶ *Teaching English in Japan*

Current job

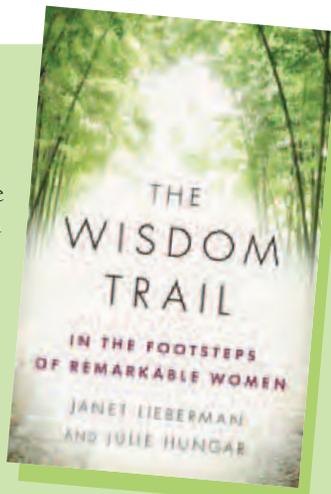
- ▶ *Salesperson for RR Donnelly, an American printing company. Mom to three children, ages 5, 3, and 1*

Reason for supporting BC

- ▶ *We had 17 students in our class and many of us have stayed close for 20 years. We may not have realized it at the time, but the foundations we built at BC have taken us all very far and given us great friends for many years. We were part of the school when it was really just building its foundation. To see what the school has become gives me a great sense of pride.*

1930s

■ **Janet Rubensohn Lieberman '39**, BC's 2008 Alumni Service Award recipient, has co-authored a new book, *The Wisdom Trail*, published by Thorndike Press. The book delves into the lives of a group of extraordinary women born before and during the Great Depression. At a time when the roles society prescribed for women were in the home, the women of *The Wisdom Trail* found ways to sidestep cultural restrictions and engage their talent and intellect in the wider world. Janet's co-author is Julie Hungar, vice chancellor emeritus of the Seattle Community Colleges.



ect which will focus on her family roots in Wellfleet. Since living there Irene found that her great, great, great grandmother was born in the town. Irene also sings in the Chatham (Massachusetts) Chorale and takes mah-jongg classes. She regrets that she cannot come to her 50th BC reunion because of a choral concert that weekend.

■ **Ellyn Baum Laub '67** writes an online humor column for *Examiner.com* about the unexpected happenings in our lives. Check out her column at www.examiner.com/examiner/x-7980-Life-Transitions-Examiner

■ Dorothy Giustra, mother of **Mary Lou Giustra Scardapane '60**, **Dorothy Giustra Fullerton '66** and **Donna Giustra Appel '68** passed away on October 5, 2009.

1940s

■ **Elizabeth Catlin Whitehouse '40** works once a week at her local food pantry in Sayville, New York writing thank you notes to donors and making sure that children who are part of their gift program receive age appropriate gifts. Betty recently had open heart surgery and is now feeling fine. She is glad to be back at her volunteer job!

2007 and flew radio controlled model fliers.

1960s

■ **Irene Goetz Nelson '60** lives in Wellfleet, Massachusetts with her husband, Roger Nelson. They moved full time

to Wellfleet about ten years ago and love living there. Irene is the proud grandmother of Nora who turned two in August 2009. Irene has been happily married to Roger for more than 44 years. she hopes to write her memoirs and is taking a writing class to help with this proj-

1950s

■ John Nicolaci, husband of **Ruth Hiller Nicolaci '57**, died on November 12, 2009 at home. John was co-owner and chief designer of Cliftex Corporation in New Bedford, Massachusetts, a manufacturer of men's suits and one of the largest employers in that city with over 2,000 employees. His genius lay in developing machinery and accessory tools for increased efficiency and ease of use without sacrificing quality. John's life-long passion was aviation. He was an active Cessna Cardinal pilot until



■ **Elizabeth "Bitsie" Root '51**, the 2009 recipient of Berkeley Carroll's Distinguished Alumni Award, was married in the summer of 2009 to William "Bill" Epperly. It is Bitsie's first marriage. Bill is a widower with three children and five grandchildren. After months of passing one another on their daily walks through their neighborhood, Bill stopped and introduced himself. Bitsie called him the music man because he always carried a radio playing music. They were married soon after that first introduction. Bitsie's sister **Patricia Root Fouquet '48** was the matron of honor. Bitsie and Bill now live in her home in Menlo Park, and they keep Bill's home which is close by as a guest house. Bitsie said that after she retired she could finally devote time to her social life and walk at a time when other people were up, instead of what had been her usual time of 6am. What a change!



On the couch [l to r]: Judy Hau Whittington, Denise DelNoce Razzano, Susan Levin Mashioff, Ann Bailinson Kleinman, Chris Sherman Irish. On the floor [l to r]: Madelyn Waxman Lesure, Carol Fritz, Wendy Sowala, Cassandra Bilotta.

■ **Wendy Lobo Sowala '67** took the initiative and helped get her classmates together for a mini reunion at her apartment in Jackson Heights, New York. Wendy had emailed her classmates and she says, "After I sent out that email to classmates, the emails began flying. **Denise Del Noce Razzano** who lives in Italy said that she would be in NYC in December and that she was interested in seeing classmates. So one thing led to another, and nine of us got together: **Cassandra Bilotta, Carol Fritz, Chris Sherman Irish, Ann Bailinson Kleinman, Madelyn Waxman Lesure, Susan**

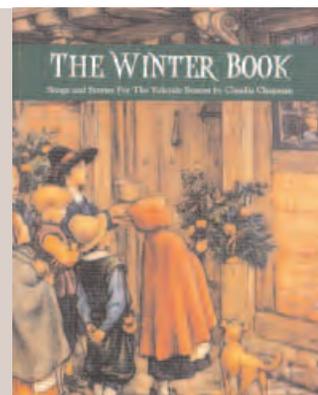
Levin Mashioff, Denise, Judy Hau Whittington, and I. I believe it was the biggest reunion for our class since we graduated. I have already received some follow-up emails, and it seems that everyone really enjoyed catching up with former friends. **Ellyn Baum Laub** who lives in Florida and **Jane Steinberg** who lives near Boston were unable to attend so our class is going to have a second reunion hosted by Cassandra at her home in June 2010, so that they can join us!" For more info contact Wendy at wsowala@gmail.com or Cassandra at cbkidslaw@aol.com.

She was 93 years old. Mrs. Giustra was a very active member of the Berkeley community and served on the Board of Trustees. For more information, please contact Donna at 5055 Shoreline Dr, Frisco, TX 75034, 214-952-5842, Donna@teamappel.net.

NOTE FROM HOLLY:

In addition to the *MAGAZINE*, class notes are published in our electronic newsletter. At the beginning of the month during the school year, we email the newsletter to all alumni whose email addresses are on file in our office. If you aren't receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact Holly Kempner at hkempner@berkeleycarroll.org with your current email information. You can also submit class notes online at www.berkeleycarroll.org/alumni/alumnin_classnotes.aspx or by mail to:

Holly Kempner, Berkeley Carroll School
808 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215



■ **Claudia Chapman '69** has a collection of songs and stories, *The Winter Book*, for the Yuletide season which is carried by John Langstaff's The Revelers. Claudia writes: "*The Winter Book* grew out of my annual ritual of creating an advent calendar for family and friends. Among the stories, poetry, and a mummies' play are ten new carols which express the spirit of waiting in darkness anticipating both the nativity of Christmas and the rebirth of light at the winter solstice. The book is arranged in the form of an advent calendar with a new entry to read each day." For more information about Claudia's book visit The Revelers website at <http://store.revels.org/winter-bookthesongschantsandstoriesoftheyuletidesession.aspx>

■ **Colette Berkeley Bronstein '68** writes: "After taking a few months off I have now taken a position teaching medical assisting. I am able to combine two of my favorite jobs, teaching and the medical office. I feel I have so much to offer my students, and they seem to like what I am sharing with them. I am currently teaching medical office

administration, insurance, and computers in the medical office. As for my family—our daughter is busy applying to law schools, and my husband continues to have heart-related problems. He is having small strokes, possibly from all of the hours he was on the heart-lung machine. I just hope he can live with this. Greetings from Florida!!”

1990s»

■ Congratulations to **Sarah Margon '94** and **Sam Chaltain**, former BC faculty member, on the birth of their first child, Leo, in August 2009.

■ **Alex Hurwitz '95** married his longtime girlfriend, Abigail (Abby) Donaldson in July 2009 in Lincoln, Massachusetts. They currently live in Baltimore where Abby has just begun a three year fellowship in pediatric medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

■ **Dan Hopard '98** writes, “On October 25, 2009 I ran the Niagara Falls International Marathon in 3:09:40.7 (7:14/mile), qualifying me for my first Boston Marathon next April.”



■ **David Schnurman '95** was interviewed for an online article on using Macs in a business environment for Inc.com. The article can be viewed at www.inc.com/news/articles/2009/08/snowleopard.html. David, who is president of Lawline.com and CEO of TrueNYC, was also interviewed in September 2009 on WOR 710 news talk radio in New York City. Check out some of David's interviews of entrepreneurs at TrueNYC's website <http://truenyc.com/index.php>. Lawline offers online continuing legal education courses and TrueNYC offers ideas and content for present and future entrepreneurs.

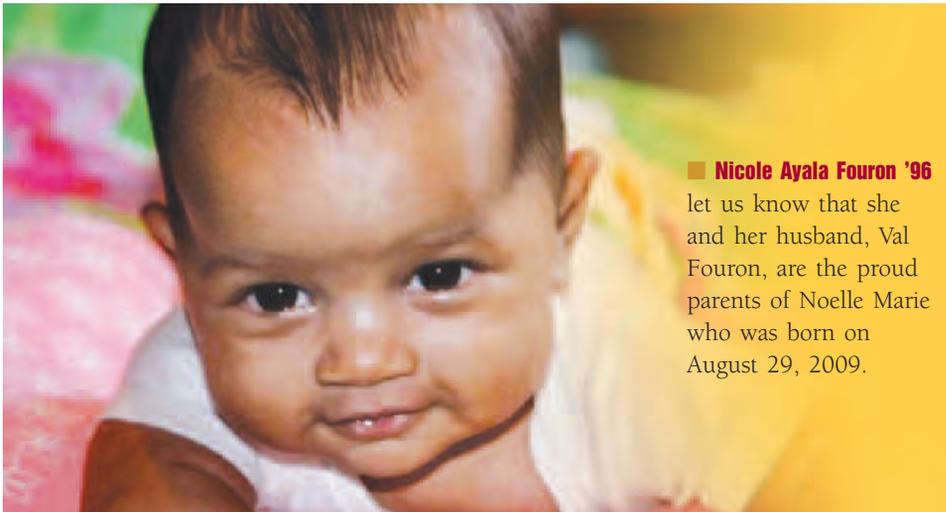
Pets on the Move

■ **Khalid Rahmaan '95** has launched a new full-service pet care company, Pets on the Move. Khalid writes: “Greetings fellow Lions! I hope this note finds you healthy, happy, and in good spirits. It's been a pretty exciting few months for me, and I'm very pleased to announce my new company, Pets on the Move, dedicated to taking great care of your pets and making your life easier. Things are coming along and we're really starting to grow. Swing by our website, www.petsonthemovenyc.com, and get in touch with me if you want to know about our services at krahmaan1@yahoo.com!”



Lauren Arana and Jesse Weinraub

■ **Lauren Arana '97** and Jesse Nicholas Weinraub, an associate manager for documentary programming at HBO, were married November 14, 2009 at the Metropolitan Building in Long Island City, Queens. Lauren is the manager of planning and board relations for Jazz at Lincoln Center in Manhattan. She graduated *cum laude* from Vassar and received a master's degree in nonprofit and non-governmental organization leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. Her mother, **Ellen Arana**, is the Educational Director of the PreK-1 program at Berkeley Carroll.



■ **Nicole Ayala Furon '96** let us know that she and her husband, Val Furon, are the proud parents of Noelle Marie who was born on August 29, 2009.



Aisha McCluer-Fakhari Roche and husband David

■ **Aisha A. McCluer-Fakhari Roche '98** is happy to announce her marriage to David A. Roche on August 28, 2009 at Castle Hill Inn and Resort in Newport, Rhode Island. While it rained on their wedding day, the sun came out just in time for the celebration! The couple met over six years ago during their first year of law school at Quinnipiac University School of Law. Dave is a senior associate trial attorney for Papsy Janosov Trial Lawyers, a firm that specializes in personal injury and criminal defense cases and is located in Norwalk, Connecticut. Aisha continues to work as a staff attorney for The Children's Law Center, an organization that represents low-income children in family court matters. CLC is based in Hartford, but Aisha recently expanded their services to the New Haven judicial district. Aisha and Dave had a very relaxing honeymoon in Barbados and continue to reside in Hamden, Connecticut.

■ **Zachary Braziller '99** is a sports writer and currently reports on high school sports for the *New York Post*. He has been a freelancer for the *New York Times* and the *Houston Chronicle* and writes about all the major sports including football, soccer, baseball, and tennis. For one of his more recent articles for the *Post* about lopsided and poorly matched opponents, he included his memories of blow-outs when he was a member of the Berkeley Carroll varsity baseball team. "When I was in high school at Berkeley Carroll, I played on the baseball team, a powerhouse program, and we often mercied our opposition. My last two years, we had four Division I players—as a right-handed pitcher, I wasn't one of them—and the games were often over before they would begin." Zachary is a co-founder of FiveBoro Sports.com and if you search for "Zachary Braziller" on line, you can pull up many of his articles.

■ **Steve Sullivan '99** is the new director of the afterschool program at Berkeley Carroll.

2000s»

■ **Zoe Lister-Jones '00** has recently reconnected with Berkeley Carroll. After attending BC, she graduated from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts in 2004. She has since established herself as a prominent New York City actress and recently wrote, produced, and starred in the feature film, *Breaking Upwards*, which

IFC plans to release in April 2010. Other film credits include *The Other Guys* starring Will Ferrell, *Salt* starring Angelina Jolie, *All Good Things* starring Ryan Gosling, *In Praise of Shadows* starring James Franco, *State of Play* starring Russell Crowe, *Arranged*, *Turn the River*, *The Wedding Bros*, and *Goyband*. Television credits include *The Good Wife* (CBS), *Bored to Death* (HBO), *Washingtonienne* (HBO), *Kidnapped* (NBC), and *The Class* (CBS). She is the youngest female to ever guest star on all four *Law and Order* programs. She can be seen in the Adult Swim live-action series *Delocated*, in



Zoe Lister-Jones

which she co-stars with Jon Glaser, currently in its second season. She made her Broadway debut in 2007 with the Tony-Award winning, *The Little Dog Laughed*, in a role that she originated off-Broadway at Second Stage and reprised at the Kirk Douglas Theater in Los Angeles. Other theater credits include *The Accomplices* (The New Group), *The Marriage of Bette and Boo* (Roundabout), and *Codependence is a Four Letter Word: A One Woman Show* (P.S. 122), which she wrote and produced.

■ **Jane Gambill Brown '01** has moved with her husband, Ben, to Michigan's Upper Peninsula where Ben works as a rescue swimmer for the Coast Guard. The past year had them bouncing all over the country. First, Ben was stationed in North Carolina for training while Jane stayed with his family in Maine, then Atlantic City, New Jersey for a few months, and now Michigan where they hope to stay for a while. Jane is excited to be located closer to friends and family in the Great Lakes region and keeps herself busy spinning and knitting warm socks for Ben.

■ **Alexandra Lamb '03**, along with two other authors, has had an article, "The Other September 11: Teaching About the 1973 Overthrow of Chilean President Salvadore Allende," published in a recent edition of *Social Education* magazine. The piece provides a detailed review of Allende's overthrow and the US government's involvement in the coup, and is designed to help high school students understand the complexities and contradictions in United States foreign policy. Alex attended Bowdoin College as an undergraduate and received her master's degree in social studies education from New York University. She currently teaches ninth grade social studies in New York City.

■ **Julia Loonin '03** works for the Girls Leadership Institute; last fall the group conducted workshops at BC's Middle School to teach girls and their parents



■ **Laurie Lee-Georgescu '05** exhibited her paintings in a group show at the Cooper Union in New York City in January 2010. Follow her work and where she is showing her art at her website: <http://lauraleegeorgescu.weebly.com/>



(l-r) Chloe Kroeter, Alex Dean, Maxim Pinkovskiy, Shelly Adasko

■ **Shelly Adasko**, the Upper School Math Chair, had a lovely dinner and mini-reunion at Aunt Suzie's restaurant in Park Slope in mid-January 2010 with **Chloe Kroeter '04**, **Alex Dean '04** and **Maxim Pinkovskiy '04**.

skills that lead to productive resolutions of conflicts. Julia remembers how much she valued the peer leadership program at Berkeley Carroll and how she felt appreciated as a student at the school. In fact, the peer leadership program has impacted her career choice at the GLI.

■ As of fall 2009 **Edward Trigg '05** wrote us that he was teaching English in Kathmandu.

■ **Elizabeth Semmens '06** was named the 2009 Ivy League

Player of the Year playing volleyball for the University of Pennsylvania Quakers. Elizabeth earned Player of the Year honors after having a career season in 2009. She was also one of three unanimous selections to the All-Ivy first team. Elizabeth is the first Quaker since 2003 to earn Player of the Year honors. She led the team with 388 kills, good for the second highest single season total in school history. She was second on the team in digs and had seven matches on the season with 20 or more kills

and also recorded a team-high 18 double-doubles.

■ **Gaby Schechter '06** will be graduating from Georgetown University in May 2010 with a major in international health and a minor in women's studies. This unique major has allowed Gaby to pursue, at the undergraduate level, her interests which include the health disparities that impact maternal and child health and sexual health issues.

In the fall of 2009 Gaby joined a small team of



Elizabeth Semmens

■ **Samantha Dannenberg '06** writes: "Since graduating from Berkeley Carroll, I have worked in a variety of chemistry internships. These positions spanned from Dr. Rosa Ortuño at Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona, to Dr. Joseph Dannenberg at Hunter College, CUNY. I am currently working in Dr. Cheryl Harding's chemical toxicology lab in the psychology department at Hunter College, testing the effects of *stachybotrys* mold (toxic mold) on mice with regard to learning and memory.

My interest in chemical toxicology began last year while I was at Reed College. Until I took a psychopharmacology class my junior year, I had been pursuing a degree in chemistry. That one class made me realize that I was fascinated in how environmental toxins can affect the development of a child's brain.

This desire to go through psychology to study chemical toxicology is what brought me to Hunter this year. Once I get back to Reed, I plan on exploring the effects of second-hand smoke on the young developing rat for my



Samantha Dannenberg

thesis work in my senior year. I realized that I could offer a unique way of looking at toxicology given my chemistry background. Most psychological experiments will analyze their data starting from a biological level but I plan on exploring these effects starting from a chemical level, then a biological level, and then a psychological level. Hopefully this will prove to give a more rounded result regarding my studies in the future.

Berkeley Carroll gave me the tools and basic understanding of chemistry and the sciences that is allowing me to pursue this desire in college. Berkeley Carroll also taught me how to write, which comes in very handy when your all-Spanish speaking lab group submits and publishes an article in English. The article I am referring to can be found at www.rsc.org. All in all, Berkeley Carroll definitely gave me the basic building blocks of learning that I needed in order to achieve all I have, and all the things I hope to achieve in the future.



Gaby, at right, with co-researchers

researchers from the Indigenous Health Unit at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia, and in that capacity she contributed to the country's first major report on adolescent pregnancy among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. Gaby was designated chief investigator with the objective of compiling and analyzing the limited data available on the epidemiology, health outcomes, and socioeconomic associations of a critical health issue that disproportionately impacts indigenous groups. Her

research activities took her throughout Northern Queensland and to the mining town of Mount Isa, in the heart of the Australian Outback for two weeks, where she interviewed key informants and was immersed in the local culture. Gaby found that teen pregnancy rates among this vulnerable population are four times higher than their non-indigenous counterparts, in part due to longstanding racism, oppression and lack of access to health care, education, secure housing and job opportunities. Recognizing

the vast inequalities as well as the complex social, political and culture dynamic in Australia, Gaby posed the question: "Who benefits, and at whose expense, from the ignorance or the gaining of knowledge regarding adolescent pregnancy in indigenous Australia?"

While in Australia, Gaby grew to really like the landscape and lifestyle. She enjoyed traveling and took advantage of Townsville's proximity to the Great Barrier Reef to go camping, hiking, sailing, and snorkeling with her American and

Aussie friends. After graduation, Gaby hopes to gain some more practical experience in the public health field and to continue for an advanced degree.

■ **Ada Santiago '09** is a freshman at Middlebury College and gave us a view into her first semester there. "The campus is breathtakingly gorgeous. The air here is really clean, but there are cows everywhere so sometimes it doesn't smell so pleasant. People here in Vermont, like drivers, stop for you. I keep on saying I'm going to get run over when I get back to NYC because I don't even look when I cross the street anymore. But, I do miss NYC. I miss the cars, the noise, the pollution, the lack of grass, the pathetic trees, the loud people walking through the street at night, bodegas, streetlights, stores that stay open past 5pm and people on the streets past 6pm. I have seen fellow BC'ers and Middlebury students **Molly Elmer-DeWitt '06**, **Sasha Hirsch '06** and **Justin Bogart '06**. Sign language club is my biggest extracurricular so far. I've become fascinated by the deaf community, and I can sign now much better than I could before. I'm one of the "active members" of Middlebury's Open Queer Alliance; we attend meetings every Sunday, and it's cool. Life rocks. I'm still not getting as much sleep as I should but that's because I'm doing work, not because I'm procrastinating."

DEATHS IN THE BERKELEY CARROLL FAMILY

■ **Margaret “Peggy” Preston Palmer '34**

of Mill Neck, New York passed away on June 19, 2009. Peggy graduated from Pembroke College in 1938. She and her husband, Ed, moved to Glen Cove, New York in 1947, built a house in Brookville in 1953 and relocated to Mill Neck in 1963. Peggy volunteered at Glen Cove Community Hospital, participated annually at the St. John's of Lattingtown fair and loved her weekly tennis games. She raised two wonderful children and was a loving partner to Ed for 66 years until he died in 2006. Much of her time was spent traveling world-wide with Ed, an executive of Citibank, meeting dignitaries and hosting parties.

■ **Jeanne Toors Stewart '37** passed away on October 14, 2009, in her apartment at Las Fuentes Assisted Living in Prescott, Arizona at the age of 90. She met her husband, Cecil, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Manhattan, New York and was married there in 1951. She lived in Chappaqua, New York, Greenwich, Connecticut, Omaha, Nebraska and Northbrook, Illinois before they retired to Prescott. Jeanne was PTA president, Brownie troop leader, and Cub Scout Den Mother. She enjoyed breeding, showing, and training pugs. She also enjoyed hiking, gardening, and traveled extensively to foreign countries. Jeanne is survived by her husband, Cecil; daughters Cindi and Cecily and son Charles, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

■ **Virginia Fowler Gurney '38** died on November 6, 2009 at Galloway



Carol Anne Behn

Ridge in Ferrington Village, North Carolina. She graduated from Skidmore College in 1942. Two sons and one grandson survive her.

■ **Muriel “Ronnie” Wronwick Doyle '47** of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina died on December 25, 2009. After graduating from Berkeley Carroll, she attended Jackson College for Women (Tufts University) where she met and married her husband, Lawrence, in 1951. Prior to putting down roots in Westport, Connecticut, Ronnie and Lawrence lived in Augsburg, West Germany. On their return to the United States they raised three children, Jeffrey, Allison, and Nancy. In the mid-eighties, Ronnie and Lawrence retired to Hilton Head where they were active in the community. Though her husband's death preceded hers by almost two decades, Ronnie continued to live a vibrant life. She was a talented bridge player and an avid reader, especially of history. Ronnie sated her thirst for knowledge through her travels to over twenty countries.

■ **Carol Anne Behn '59** passed away in New York City on October 10, 2009 of cancer. She stayed in contact with her classmates and attended her 50th high school reunion this past April. She is survived by several nephews and nieces including Evelyn Simmons, 5833 Dove Creek Lane, Plano, Texas 75093.

She is survived by her three children and four grandchildren.

■ **Maxine Sugarman Sklover '55** died on April 22, 2009. Her last known address was in New York City.

■ **Alanna Ognelodh '99** passed away on October 6, 2009 after a long struggle with lupus. The cause of death was heart failure. Transferring to the school in seventh grade, Alanna considered her Berkeley Carroll education one of the highlights of her life. After graduating



Alanna (left) with her friend Rebecca Jones

from BC, Alanna entered Tufts University and then transferred to the engineering program at Howard University where she could be closer to her family. In 2003 before she could graduate, she moved back to Brooklyn so that she could better manage her illness. Berkeley Carroll was a second family for Alanna, and later when her illness became acute, many of her BC classmates came back together to give her support and emotional sustenance during her frequent and lengthy stays in the hospital. Alanna will be remembered as a wonderful and loyal friend who touched many people during her life with her strength, optimism, and courage. She was a survivor who focused on the future and was convinced that she would win the battle with her disease. She is survived by her father, Harold Ognelodh. Condolences can be sent to the

family at 110 Livingston Street, Apartment 16K, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

■ **Rena “Rusty” Kanokogi**, our longtime judo teacher, passed away on November 21, 2009, following a three-year battle with leukemia. She was a real standout in the world of women’s judo and taught judo to generations of Berkeley Carroll students, beginning in the late 1970s.

Considered the mother of women’s judo, Rusty dedicated her life to ensuring that women could compete in judo competitions, and she is widely credited with making judo an Olympic sport. She also left a lasting impression on the Berkeley Carroll community. Rusty “had a big heart, and was generous, giving, and very kind,” noted former headmistress Bongsoon Zubay; a sentiment shared by many at Berkeley Carroll. Rusty will be missed.



■ **Marlene Clary**, beloved Berkeley Carroll teacher for nearly 35 years, passed away on December 23, 2009, following a long illness. During her years at the school, Marlene taught Lower, Middle, and Upper School children, created and ran the Creative Arts Program for 25 years, directed the Middle and Upper School chorus and choir, directed dozens of plays and musicals, ran the peer leadership program, and left her mark in countless other ways. On January 7, 2010, Berkeley Carroll held an assembly to honor Marlene and hundreds of students, teachers, alumni, and friends gathered to honor her. Marvin Pollock, Director of Studies, attributed the dramatic growth of the school’s Upper School enrollment to the energy, talent, and vision that master teachers like Marlene brought to the school. Many current and former students spoke of Marlene’s passion for teaching and her extremely high standards. Alum Steve Sullivan ’99, perhaps speaking for everyone who was ever touched by Marlene said, “To meet Marlene’s expectations is one of the most satisfying experiences I’ve ever had.” At the close of the assembly, Bob Vitalo asked everyone to give Marlene a final round of applause, a round that quickly became a standing ovation for this teacher whose inestimable contributions will be long remembered by generations of devoted students, colleagues, and friends. ❖



Rusty Kanokogi (back left) with a Berkeley Carroll judo team

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Susan Goldberg Liu, mother of Max '07 and Emma '10, past faculty member and current parent volunteer has discovered the benefits of giving wisely to Berkeley Carroll.

Why did I remember Berkeley Carroll forever in my will?

- Berkeley Carroll has been a second family for my husband, Simon Liu, my children, and me.
- My children have grown up being excited about school with a deep love of learning because of BC. Living with that joy has been indescribable.
- I have been associated with the school since soon after the school merged in 1982. Seeing how the school has grown and prospered gives me enormous satisfaction and pride.
- Giving back not only seems like the right thing to do, but it has become an imperative in my life.

How can you remember Berkeley Carroll forever?

- A gift of a bequest
- A gift of life insurance
- A gift of real estate
- A gift from which you receive income such as a Charitable Remainder Trust, Pooled Income Fund or an Annuity
- A Charitable Lead Trust

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