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Heal the World
Graduates from Berkeley Carroll Help to Heal the World

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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. Nature? Nurture? Perhaps both.

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

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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 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, Portledge, and Dalton, down players in the regular season, set the Lions up for failure with a low seed in NYSAA. 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 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 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 to play so much because it was a small team,” Schwartz explained. Next year the girls hope to take home BC’s first ever girls 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...
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MY LIFE. MY SCHOOL.

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Cynthia’s work, it’s easy to imagine the privilege works both ways. 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 truth.’”

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“My Home, My School”

Childhood ambition  
To be in politics

Most deserved grade  
A+ in American History from Dr. Pollack. This is still my greatest accomplishment.

Favorite subject  
American History

Most memorable teacher  
Sue Ely, my homeroom teacher and mentor for all four years. Of course!

Favorite movie from High School  
Ferris Bueller’s Day Off

Favorite Teacher  
American History

Senior year soundtrack  
“Who’s That Girl” by Madonna and Janet Jackson’s “Control”

Reasoning challenge as a student  
Wearing so many different hats in school activities because there were only about 65 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 each other a great foundation. To see what the school has become over the years, I feel gives me a great sense of pride. 
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Irene Goetz Nelson ‘50 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 project.

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 was 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. 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 and place when other people were up, instead of what had been her usual time of 6am. What a change!

She was 93 years old. Mrs. Guistra was a very active member of the Berkeley community and served on the Board of Trustees. For more information, please contact Donna at Donna@femppell.com. Donna@femppell.com.

Elizabeth Catlin Whitehouse ‘36, BCS 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. Jane’s co-author is Julie Hungar, vice chancellor emeritus of the Seattle Community Colleges.

Wendy Lobe 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 Baliles, Suzy Freoquet ’48 passed away on October 5, 2009.

NOTES FROM HOLL!:

In addition to the MAGAZINE class notes are published in our electronic newsletter. At the beginning of the month during the school year, we e-mail 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 Kamper at hollyk@berkeleycarroll.org with your current email information. You can also submit class notes online at www.berkeleycarroll.org/alumni/alumni_classnotes.aspx or by mail to: Holly Kamper, Berkeley Carroll School 808 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215

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Levin Mustich, Denise, Judy Haus Whitlington, and I believe it was the biggest reunion for our class since we graduated. I have already received some follow-up emails, and it seems like many people really enjoyed catching up with former friends. Ellyn Baum Loeb who lives in Florida and June 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 information contact Wendy at wswalasal@gmail.com or Cassandra at cbhdsalaw@aol.com.

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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 has 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. Stay tuned!”

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Aisha McCluer-Fakhrri 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 Papoyan Janssos 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 have a very relaxing honeymoon in Barbados and continue to reside in Hamden, Connecticut.

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1990s

Congratulations to Sarah Marquez ’94 and Sam Chaitlin, former BC faculty member, on the birth of their first child, Leo, in August 2009.

Alex Harwitz ’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 in Baltimore where Abby has just begun a three year fellowship in pediatric medicine on the birth of their first child, Leo, in August 2009.

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/knowleopard.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://trueync.com/index.php. Lawline offers online continuing legal education courses and TrueNYC offers ideas and content for present and future entrepreneurs.

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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/

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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 studying Errol Morris ’00, Sasha Rosell ’06 and Justin Report ’06. Sign language club is my biggest extra-curricular 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 here. I’m still not getting as much sleep as I should but that’s because I’m doing work, not because I’m procrastinating.”

Margaret “Peppy” 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 CibaBank, meeting dignitaries and hosting parties.

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 from Skidmore College in 1992, 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 Weymouth, Massachusetts, Ronnie was a bridge player and an avid reader, with a vibrant life. She was a talented bridge player and an avid reader, especially of history. Ronnie passed away on April 22, 2009. Her last known address was in New York City.

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, 3833 Drive Creek Lane, Plano, Texas 75093.
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 of the issue. Gaby was designated chief investigator with the objective of compiling and analyzing the limited data available on the epidemiology of the issue.

Gaby, at right, with co-researchers

While in Australia, 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 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 ’99 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 Eimer-Duell '06, Sanda Huston '06 and Justin Bergat '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 indee. I'm still not getting as much sleep as I should but that's because I'm doing work, not because I'm procrastinatin'"

Margaret "Peggy" Preston Palmer ’46 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 Cunabank, meeting dignitaries and hosting parties.

Jeanne Torres 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 1935. 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 Ridge in Farrington Village, North Carolina. She graduated from Skidmore College in 1942. Two sons and one grandson survive her.

Carole Anne Bohn ’69 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, 3833 Dove Creek Lane, Plano, Texas 75093.

Maxine Supperman Silver ’56 died on April 22, 2009. Her last known address was in New York City.

Alanna Ognelodh ’99 died 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
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