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In the NYSAIS play-in game, Malotra-Gaudet confounded the Packets’ hitters with her signature rise ball (deemed “unhittable” by the Poly Prep coach), but the Lions bats could not back her up and Berkeley Carroll fell 3-0. Nevertheless, the season was a successful one, and the Lions look to return to the state tournament in 2010.

The boys, however, left no room for improvement. Even in team meetings as early as the fall, the players could sense that something special was within their reach. Longtime coach Walter Paller urged his players to keep things in perspective, but all the Lions could think about was bringing Berkeley Carroll in first ever athletic state championship. And why not? With a pitching staff loaded with fireballers James McDonough ’09 and Phil Seay ’09 and crafty southpaw Theo Guert ’09, and a lineup including slugger Robbie Paller ’11 followed by co-captains Giancarlo Hirsch ’09 and Walker Harrison ’10, the Lions surely had the talent.

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In short, the Yassky campaign provided Ben with a crash course in grassroots politics. It also introduced him to the people who helped him find his next job (working for Senator Ted Kennedy) because that’s the way it’s done in politics. The job for Senator Kennedy led the way to the next break, working on the Obama campaign.

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With his interest in politics and his background in political science, his role at the Our Courts project helping devise the tools through which young people learn about politics was a natural fit for Charlie. He characterizes his experiences at Berkeley Carroll as “fantastic” and one shaped by exceptional teachers. In particular, the history lessons he learned from Lorne Swarthout and Marvin Pollock still inform his worldview. But Charlie, whose sister Shawna graduated in 2000 and brother Oliver in 2008, doesn’t stop there, crediting his 1st grade teacher, Jennie Benipayo, with helping him become a student whose insights will help train the next generation of students. And for that ultimate goal, he’s already in practice: towards the end of the summer he was in Justice O’Connor’s chambers working with her clerk on one of Justice O’Connor’s speeches. For a break, Charlie and the clerk went up to the Supreme Court’s basketball court, located directly above the room where the Court holds oral arguments. Charlie says, “We shot hoops for a while in the ‘highest court in the land.’”
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With his interest in politics and his background in political science, his role at the Our Courts project helping devise the tools through which young people learn about politics was a natural fit for Charlie. He characterizes his experiences at Berkeley Carroll as “fantastic” and one shaped by exceptional teachers. In particular, the history lessons he learned from Lorne Swarthout and Marvin Pollock still inform his world view but Charlie, whose sister Shawna graduated in 2000 and brother Oliver in 2008, doesn’t stop there, crediting his 1st grade teacher, Jennie Benipayo, with helping him become a student whose insights will help train the next generation of students. After that? Charlie hopes to serve—not unlike the Justice for whom he worked during the summer—on one (if not ultimately both) sides of the Bench.

And for that ultimate goal, he’s already in practice: towards the end of the summer he was in Justice O’Connor’s chambers working with her clerk on one of Justice O’Connor’s speeches. For a break, Charlie and the clerk went up to the Supreme Court’s basketball court, located directly above the room where the Court holds oral arguments. Charlie says, “We shot hoops for a while in the ‘highest court in the land.’”
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At the start of the summer, during my first week of campaign work, I ran into a familiar face on Seventh Avenue in Park Slope. It was Daniel Abramson, my partner on that history project. He too wanted to be involved in local politics and was volunteering for Brad Lander’s campaign for City Council for Brooklyn’s 39th District, which includes the half of Park Slope not covered in the 33rd District.

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thing—“they didn’t pass me.”

Her father, believing that an uneducated woman would be nothing but, in his words, a “breeding machine,” was determined that she attend college. Accordingly, she was sent to the Cape School for Girls in Northampton, Massachusetts, “a starkly scholastic no-frills institution,” to prepare for college. With no distractions or entertainment of any kind, she passed her college entrance exams and headed off to Barnard College in 1920, no doubt chosen for its proximity to the theaters of Broadway. She spent two years at Barnard, and during those years she continued her interest in theater, appearing in many Barnard productions and, as was the case while at the Berkeley Institute, devoting little time and attention to her coursework. During her second year, she caught the attention of a Broadway producer who offered her the principal role in a Broadway play, Dreams for Sale. Against the wishes of her father, who firmly opposed her choice of profession, she signed a contract, made her Broadway debut, left Barnard, and never looked back.

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Some people have a passion for sports, others for the arts, but for Lorne Swarthout, Upper School History Chair and creative force behind Berkeley Carroll’s World Affairs Breakfast Club, the overriding passion is politics. It is a passion that drives his love of history, from the presidency of Andrew Jackson to the organizing of Theodore Herzl to the constitution writing of Ito Hirobumi. And it is a passion that he seeks to pass on to his students, especially the early risers who come to the Breakfast Club daily to partake of Lorne’s wife Joan’s muffins and coffee cakes. This is the World Affairs Breakfast Club, providing in-depth discussions of salient current events facilitated by Berkeley Carroll teachers and outside experts, or as Lorne explains “assorted world travelers willing to share their expertise and insights.” Some of the topics discussed during the 2008-2009 school year included the war in Afghanistan, the search for Justice Souter’s replacement on the Supreme Court, the struggling economy, the closing of Guantanamo, and the H1N1 flu virus. The high point of the year, of course, was the 2009 presidential election, and discussions extended far beyond the dining room and the early morning time frame. Students would grab Lorne’s arm in the hallways, excited to talk about the election and its impact. Lorne, who received Berkeley Carroll’s esteemed Dexter D. Earle Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006, doesn’t necessarily dwell on the political questions raised by the event at hand as he facilitates WABC discussions. Instead, he urges participants to delve deeply into the people and forces that shape that event. The resulting story, or “pageant,” as Lorne likes to say, offers a worldview of the event and a viewpoint that goes beyond what he calls the “liberal, democratic sea people swim in now.” To supplement this far-reaching perspective, Lorne provides the students with a subscription to The Week, a magazine that serves as a weekly distillation of the best of US and foreign news. He would also like to think that the WABC has motivated students to read the newspaper on a daily basis.

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A native Minnesotan, Lorne grew up in the turbulent 1900s. Change was in the air, and he saw politics as the conduit for that change. He first got involved in student government in high school and then went on to study political science at Macalester College in St. Paul. It was there he met professor Theodore Mitau, a charismatic dynamo of a teacher (think five foot drill sergeant) who influenced the lives of many students, including Lorne. Mitau revered Western American democratic institutions as perhaps only a refugee from Nazi Germany could. Lorne uses notes from Mitau’s Constitutional Law class to teach about the Supreme Court today. In 1970 he moved (ill?) to New York. There in graduate school Lorne studied international relations with Hans Morgenthau and political philosophy with Hannah Arendt at the New School for Social Research. Morgenthau was an organizer and systems builder; Arendt was an intellectual high wire act. They were both mesmerizing teachers. Lorne’s take-away from their classes was that all political systems can be put on the lab table, dissected and categorized, while at the same time, political ideas can arouse the deepest emotions and the dearest dreams of mankind.

Discussions of major ideas and events can also be found at Berkeley Carroll, starting at 7:30 every Wednesday morning. Dozens of indefatigable Upper School students and teachers, searching for the latest news and critical issues, crowd the dining room at 181 Lincoln Place for 45 minutes of discussion. Full disclosure: some come primarily to partake of Lorne’s wife Joan’s muffins and coffee cakes. This is the World Affairs Breakfast Club, providing in-depth discussions of salient current events facilitated by Berkeley Carroll teachers and outside experts, or as Lorne explains “assorted world travelers willing to share their expertise and insights.” Some of the topics discussed during the 2008-2009 school year included the war in Afghanistan, the search for Justice Souter’s replacement on the Supreme Court, the struggling economy, the closing of Guantanamo, and the H1N1 flu virus. The high point of the year, of course, was the 2009 presidential election, and discussions extended far beyond the dining room and the early morning time frame. Students would grab Lorne’s arm in the hallways, excited to talk about the election and its impact. Lorne, who received Berkeley Carroll’s esteemed Dexter D. Earle Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006, doesn’t necessarily dwell on the political questions raised by the event at hand as he facilitates WABC discussions. Instead, he urges participants to delve deeply into the people and forces that shape that event. The resulting story, or “pageant,” as Lorne likes to say, offers a worldview of the event and a viewpoint that goes beyond what he calls the “liberal, democratic sea people swim in now.” To supplement this far-reaching perspective, Lorne provides the students with a subscription to The Week, a magazine that serves as a weekly distillation of the best of US and foreign news. He would also like to think that the WABC has motivated students to read the newspaper on a daily basis.

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A native Minnesotan, Lorne grew up in the turbulent 1960s. Change was in the air, and he saw politics as the conduit for that change. He first got involved in student government in high school and then went on to study political science at Macalester College in St. Paul. It was there he met professor Theodore Mitau, a charismatic dynamo of a teacher (think five foot drill sergeant) who influenced the lives of many students, including Lorne. Mitau revered Western American democratic institutions as perhaps only a refugee from Nazi Germany could. Lorne uses notes from Mitau’s Constitutional Law class to teach about the Supreme Court today. In 1970 he moved (fled?) to New York. There in graduate school, Lorne studied international relations with Hans Morgenthau and political philosophy with Hannah Arendt at the New School for Social Research. Morgenthau was an organizer and system builder, Arendt was an intellectual high wire act. They were both mesmerizing teachers. Lorne’s take-away from their classes was that all political systems can be put on the lab table, dissected and categorized, while at the same time, political ideas can arouse the deepest emotions and the dearest dreams of mankind.

Discussions of major ideas and events can also be found at Berkeley Carroll, starting at 7:30 every Wednesday morning. Dozens of indefatigable Upper School students and teachers, searching for the latest news and critical issues, crowd the dining room at 181 Lincoln Place for 45 minutes of discussion. Full disclosure: some come primarily to partake of Lorne’s wife Joan’s muffins and coffee cakes. This is the World Affairs Breakfast Club, providing in-depth discussions on salient current events facilitated by Berkeley Carroll teachers and outside experts, or as Lorne explains “assorted world travelers willing to share their expertise and insights.” Some of the topics discussed during the 2008-2009 school year included the war in Afghanistan, the search for Justice Souter’s replacement on the Supreme Court, the struggling economy, the closing of Guantanamo, and the H1N1 flu virus. The high point of the year, of course, was the 2009 presidential election, and discussions extended far beyond the dining room and the early morning time frame. Students would grab Lorne’s arm in the hallways, excited to talk about the election and its impact.

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The inspiration for a class of 1950 mini-reunion was the 2009 American Planning Association National Conference in Minneapolis, which was attended by Carla Linscheid Lerman ’50 in April of 2009. Ann Mackey Peters ’50 and her husband Ken hosted a gala weekend experience, including sightseeing, a symphony performance, trips down memory lane via Amtrak’s amazing scrapbooks and gourmet home cooking at the Peters’ lovely home in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. In attendance were Carla and Judy Acken Aylward. They shared the following news of other classmates: Bobbie Elliott Atkinson ’50 served as the chair of her class’ 55th reunion at Mount Holyoke College. Gladys Burkett Belief ’50 and her husband Marc have been enjoying more adventures on Elder Hostel trips. Norma Gajie Smith ’50 continues to win in Florida and summer in Michigan, and she creates with words and art as well. Steve, the husband of Nina Roblin Solarz ’50, has recovered well from a long bout with cancer, which is great news for all!
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- **Len Esta Kupferstein Lipton ’56** writes, “Fred and I are still in our Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey home where we have lived for 36 years. We have four grandchildren: eight-year-old twin girls who live near us in New Jersey and a ten-year-old grandson and seven-year-old granddaughter who live in Atlanta. In October 2008 we took a fabulous Mediterranean cruise to celebrate our 45th anniversary. I would like to hear what my classmates from 1956 are doing; please get in touch at travel@aoil.com.”

- **Mary Hunter Lachi ’57** retired from her job as an elementary school teacher in 2001 and now enjoys living on the family farm in the Pocono Mountains region of Pennsylvania. “The management of that property, which includes the possibility of getting a conservation easement, keeps her busy. She also volunteers twice a week at a local middle school, Clear Run. In May, she works with at-risk teens—an activity that she enjoys tremendously. Mary is active in her church as well. She spends a part of each summer at the family’s summer home on Orrs Island, Maine where sister Jane Hunter Smith ’64 lives full time.”

- **Cornelia Mccenery ’58** retired in November 2008 from the New York City public school system where she worked as an Assistant Principal in a middle school (her favorite age group). She immediately started to travel, embarking on a three-month round-the-world cruise, a life-long goal.

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- **Valerie Haltenbeck Perrins ’63** sent us this note in December 2008: “I have a new job. In October 2007 I started with Unity House in Troy, New York (my home town) where I worked a number of years ago. I am a case manager in the transitional Apartment Services program for the mentally ill doing home visits and helping residents meet goals to become independent. It’s challenging and fun, and of course there is lots of paperwork. I sing in my church and take dulcimer lessons. My son Tim got married in June to his girlfriend...”
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Susan Hermann Ginsberg ’65 is a fashion consultant with a new line of business—“closet consultation.” She has always loved fashion, and her website bio states, “Over the years my eye for fashion and design took me to the not-for-profit world. I chaired and developed events, opened the first retail shop on the Promenade of Avery Fisher Hall for the New York Philharmonic and was always asked by friends and others to decide what to wear. I returned to the fashion business in the late 1980’s with an affiliation to Carlife and Per Se, a direct marketing company with a showroom in New York. Since I always loved helping people feel good about themselves, this provided a perfect arena. I advised, dressed and then started to redevelop relationships with fashion designers. The latest and most rewarding aspect of my business has been my ‘closet consultation.’ This was always something I did as an addendum. It is now a prority. Budgeting is key. Looking right for less money is essential. What better way to shop than in your own closet making old things look new again?” To find out more about Susan’s business or to get in touch, visit her website www.shopyourclosetwithsusan.com or contact Susan via email at susannginsberg@aol.com or by phone at 646-707-2551.

Jane Steinberg ’67 would love to hear from her classmates. She writes, “Email me if you get a chance so we can try to get together. Hope all is well—sounds like it. My email address is jsteinberg@charter.net.”

Colette Berkeley Bronstein ’68 sent this in info: “My hus- band, daughter, and I still live in Jupiter, Florida though our daughter Caitlin recent- ly moved into her own apart- ment. She is doing great. I am working full time in an OB/GYN practice and loving it, although I must admit that I am thinking about retiring more and more. We are thinking that when my husband retires in a couple of years I will too. WAHH! It just last year I graduated from Berkeley? It can’t possi- bly be 41 years ago. That’s all of the news from paradise.”

Lorrie Ader ’69 is now an event planner at Butterfield Market, a full service food market that has been in business since 1915 and which is located on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, www.butterfieldmarket.com.

Linda Berkeley ‘69 lives in Washington, DC, with her husband Will Peus, a partner at Strope and Johnson, and her two children Jack—nine years old, and Julia, seven years old. Linda is the president of National Geographic Enterprises and executive vice president of National Geographic. As president of Enterprises she is responsible for the National Geographic’s merchandising businesses. As executive vice president Linda is responsible for the National Geographic brand around the world.

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- **Since leaving Berkeley Carroll Michael Micalizzi ’03 has been building a successful career in theater and film. In spring 2009 he was chosen to be a member of The Bats, the resident acting company of The Flea Theater, www.theflea.org, located in New York City. Each year over a thousand actors audition to become a member of The Bats. Last spring Michael appeared in The Flea’s production of Love/Stories (or But You Will Get Used To It).
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He writes:
In 2006, I worked on Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill’s US Senate campaign. In February 2007, I traveled to Springfield, Illinois with the Washington University College Democrats to witness Obama formally announce his bid for the presidency. Later that year, I went door-to-door for St. Louis Alderwoman Kacie Starr Triplett. Aboard for my junior year, I did all I could for Obama money-wise, but my ground game was limited.

Back at Washington University as a senior, I was selected to volunteer at the 2008 Vice Presidential Debate, hosted at WVU. I gave tours, provided security, and served as an usher on debate night. All volunteers received Secret Service-approved badges and met some of the luminaries who attended, including Howard Dean. The debate, particularly when seen live, was captivating.

I voted in my first presidential election at 5:45am and then campaigned throughout the day and later celebrated with friends when the results came in. A few months later, I found myself on my way to Obama’s inauguration and swearing-in ceremony. Luckily, I went with a student who had an extra purple ticket (reserved for campaign staff), but we still waited over four hours to get in. We ended up in front of the entire Washington Mall, but in back of the thousands of people who had tickets.

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Nicholas Renzler ’03

Nicholas Renzler ’03 graduated from the University of Massachusetts School of Law in 2008. He has worked as an appointed TA throughout Italy and also worked as an appointed TA to one of the faculty professors on the program. He is a first year student at Harvard Law School, and I am quite happy to have been invited to be part of an extended family that lives and works in Israel.

Isabelle McTwigan ’06

Isabelle McTwigan ’06 spent the year at Trinity College in the north, Patagonia, etc. Come summer, I want to be back in Buenos Aires, Argentina for about one year now and have started working from a city other than Buenos Aires because I absolutely love Argentina. It is a beautiful country with so much to offer: incredible waterfalls, beaches, stunning European-style architecture in Buenos Aires, wine country, Andes, deserts in the north, Patagonia, etc. Come summer, I want to spend the spring semester of her junior year in Paris. Despite not knowing about her host family before departing for France, Maryse was excited about spending the six months in Paris and France. She is majoring in history with a minor in dramatic/theatre at Washington University in St. Louis. In the fall of 2008, she campaigned for Obama at school.

Veronika Fernandez ’04

Veronika Fernandez ’04 wrote us, “I’ve been in Buenos Aires, Argentina for about one year now and have started a real estate agency, NivelBA, catering specifically to tourists and expats seeking temporary rentals in Buenos Aires. More information about the agency whose focus is to provide quality furnished apartments in the city can be found on my website, www.nivelba.com. I studied abroad here for five months while a student at Williams College, and I am quite happy to have been able to come back since I absolutely love Argentina. It is an amazing country with so much to offer: incredible waterfalls, beaches, stunning European-style architecture in Buenos Aires, wine country, Andes, deserts in the north, Patagonia, etc. Come summer, I want to start working from a city other than Buenos Aires because my work can be done mostly online. I am thinking of either the quaint beach town, Mendoza, which is the center of the wine country or Cordoba, a city surrounded by nature and ample outdoor activities.”

Anna Friemoth ’08

Anna Friemoth ’08 is a sophomore at MICA, the Maryland Institute College of Arts, and her work was recently highlighted in their admissions presentation to prospective students and their families.

David Meister ’09

David Meister ’09 who graduated in June 2009 from the Hill School was recently interviewed by the Pottstown, Pennsylvania newspaper, The Pottstown Mercury. Not only was he the executive producer of a short film about Ernest Hemingway, but he also has founded two businesses. The first is KnowHuddle.com, an informational website about professional football, and the second, which he runs with Jonathan Messina ’09, is Graf Limited, a clothing line featuring designer t-shirts. See the article at www.themall.org/home/news_items.asp?id=1295&news channel=home.

Maryse Pearce ’06

Maryse Pearce ’06 visited Berkeley Carroll during her January 2009 break to say hello before she headed off to spend the spring semester of her junior year in Paris. Despite not knowing about her host family before departing for France, Maryse was excited about spending the six months in Paris and France. She is majoring in history with a minor in dramatic/theatre at Washington University in St. Louis. In the fall of 2008, she campaigned for Obama at school.

Marysa McTwigan ’05

Marysa McTwigan ’05 participated in Emory University’s Italian Studies Summer Program 2009, which emphasizes Italian culture, classics, medical humanities and psychology. Nora traveled throughout Italy and also worked as an appointed TA to one of the faculty professors on the program. She visited many sites throughout the country and was invited to be part of an extended family that lives and works in Israel.

James Morgan ’06

James Morgan ’06 worked on the campaign of Evan Thies, who ran for New York City Council for the 33rd district, representing sections of northern Brooklyn. Read more about James in this issue’s feature about him and why he is working on the campaign trail.

He writes:

In 2008, I worked on Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill’s US Senate campaign. In February 2007, I traveled to Springfield, Illinois with the Washington University College Democrats to witness Obama formally announce his bid for the presidency. Later that year, I went door-to-door for St. Louis Alderman Kacie Straw Trillo. At Fordham University, I did all I could for Obama money-wise, but my ground game was limited.

Back at Washington University as a senior, I was selected to volunteer at the 2008 Vice Presidential Debate, hosted at WU. I gave tours, provided security, and served as an usher on debate night. All volunteers received Secret Service-approved badges and met some of the luminaries who attended, including Howard Dean. The debate, particularly when seen live, was captivating. I voted in my first presidential election at 5:45am and then campaigned throughout the day and later celebrated with friends when the results came in. A few months later, I found myself on my way to Obama’s inauguration and swearing-in ceremony. Luckily, I went with a student who had an extra purple ticket (reserved for campaign staff) but we still waited over four hours to get in. We ended up in front of the entire Washington Mall, but in back of the thousands of people who had tickets.

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During his four years at Washington University, David Shapiro ’05 devoted a great deal of time to politics.
Mary Anderson Seymour ’34 died in August 2008 at Kimball Farms in Lenox, Massachusetts. She graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Mount Holyoke College in 1938. From 1939 to 1941 Mary was the assistant secretary to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. From 1941 to 1945 she was the personal secretary to Laurance Rockefeller as well as to Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. from 1943 to 1945. Mary was active in public health areas including child abuse, the Humane Society, cancer and polio crusades. Two sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive her.

Ruth Fitch Wallace II ’41 died on July 5, 2009 at the age of 85. Born in Brooklyn in 1924, Ruth lived all her life in the family home on Garfield Place in Park Slope where her grandparents were the original occupants, purchasing the home from the builder in 1892. Ruth attended the Berkeley Institute from kindergarten until 12th grade and graduated in 1941. After Berkeley, Ruth attended Dickinson College in Pennsylvania where she earned her undergraduate degree in 1945. Ruth spent her career at Pfizer, becoming part of the groundbreaking post World War II research on antibiotics, working on teams that studied streptomycin, tetracyclin, erythromycin, and similar drugs. Ruth was a tireless supporter of Berkeley Carroll serving on the Berkeley Carroll Alumni Council for over four years and was inaugurated this past spring into the Founders Society—those alumni who have contributed over $25,000 to the school. Because of her work at Pfizer and her contributions to the life of Berkeley Carroll, Ruth was given the Alumni Service Award in 2003.

Edward Martin died on June 15, 2009 at the age of 59. He was a longtime and gifted Upper School English teacher who taught at Berkeley Carroll for 23 years. A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Ed received his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and received his master’s degree from Fordham University. Prior to his arrival at Berkeley Carroll in 1986, he taught at Friends Seminary in Manhattan, Gill/St. Bernard’s School in Gladstone, New Jersey, and St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City. During his time at Berkeley Carroll, Ed served in every possible role from department chair to college counselor to advisor for award-winning publications. Ed was a scholar, and it was generally accepted among faculty and students alike that he knew everything. Fifteen years ago, Ed pioneered the teacher mentoring program at Berkeley Carroll, which is considered a model in professional support. In 2004 Ed was selected for the Dexter Earle Award, Berkeley Carroll’s highest recognition of teaching excellence.
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Miriam Stella

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Eleni Theodosiadis

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Joanna Mackin
Matthew Maloney
Larissa Yehckel Nachum

Class of 2000
Shalenta Hardison
Jamine LaBralla
Douglas Laim
HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS ’20 DURING HER RUN FOR THE SENATE IN 1950

The Berkeley Carroll chorus at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford during their England tour, June 2009

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