Class of 1962

Throughout their four-years, the Class of 1962 put the words of the Ephebic Oath into action. It was a time when public service was much talked about and encouraged, at City College and in the larger world generally. Student organizations throughout campus sponsored public service activities: Alpha Sigma Rho sponsored a drive for the American Cancer Society, Zeta Beta Tau helped to renovate a local community center, Alpha Mu Epsilon raised money for the Mental Health Association, and Phi Tau Alpha held a charity drive for the Blood Bank.

Like students across the nation, the Class of ’62 took part in the social and political movements that now define the sixties. In protest against segregation policies, four busloads of City College students (between 150-300 students) gathered with students from other schools in Washington, D.C. for the March for Integration. CCNY students also supported the Sit-In movement in the southern cities, led by Southern Negro students. In New York, over 300 students congregated at Woolworth’s on 34th Street to protest the segregation policies of Woolworth stores in Southern states. In addition to segregation, more than 300 students gathered on the South Campus Lawn to protest an air-raid drill and the Vietnam War.

Fun, social activities were also part of the experience of the Class of ’62. There was an unprecedented rise in social fraternities as defunct chapters were reactivated and new chapters of national fraternities were established. The Wright ’65 sorority held a successful ‘Twist ‘n Mambo’ floor show as part of the annual Mardi Gras. Shepard ’65 won Best House Award for its Mardi Gras booth, ‘Battle of the Sexes.’ House Plan celebrated its 25 years of existence with a Silver Anniversary Ball, and a very young Susan Sontag was a lecturer in the Philosophy department.

At the end of their senior year, the Class of ’62 saw the return of President Buell Gallagher, who briefly left his position at City College to head the California University system. He was a trusted and celebrated leader and his decision to return was celebrated by most students. The Class of 1962 also witnessed the opening of the Morris Raphael Cohen Library after years of planning and the creation of the Department of Architecture and Graphics.

In athletics, the Beaver cross-country squad established itself as one of the best athletic teams to compete for City College. The team brought the Collegiate Track Conference cross-country team championship back to CCNY after a lapse of seven years. The Lavender Mermen completed a highly successful season and broke CCNY records. The Rifle Team had their most successful season winning the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Rifle League title and finishing with an impressive 21-0 record. In fencing, Viro Manino reached all-American status.
The Class of 1962 graduated well-aware of the great responsibilities facing them and ready to make a valuable contribution. As the Downtown Class of 1962 stated in *Lexicon*: “In our new frontiers, our educational backgrounds will be put to full use. We know the values of right and wrong and need only the courage of our convictions to prevent us from falling into the temptation on unethical and expedient practices, as may be used by many of our fellow citizens. We will dedicate ourselves to a new frontier where the “what ought to be” becomes the reality of our world.

Many of these class notes are excerpted from the 1962 *Microcosm*, Editor-in-Chief Larry Karabaic and the Baruch School 1962 *Lexicon*, Editor-in-Chief Robert Solodow.
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Fondest CCNY Memories: “Graduation day: June, 1962; attending lectures presented by scholars and prominent individuals especially sociologists; the camaraderie between students dancing in CCNY; Martha Farmer, Dean Peace, and President Gallagher.”
Mr. John T. Benton served for three years in the Army during the Korean War and was able to attend CCNY thanks to the US government GI Bill. At City College, he majored in electrical engineering and served as president, vice-president and treasurer of Eta Kappa Nu, Beta Pi Chapter. He was also a member of Tau Beta Pi and House Plan on campus. John received Eta Kappa Nu’s Outstanding Sophomore Award for most outstanding sophomore electrical engineering student. On the Dean’s List several times, John graduated CCNY Summa Cum Laude, second in his class, and was honored with the Engineering Alumni Award in Electrical Engineering at graduation. After City, John attended the University of Southern California from 1962 through 1964 on the Hughes Aircraft Co. Masters Fellowship. He earned a Master’s degree in electrical engineering (microwaves). He went on to pursue a career as a member of the technical staff at Hughes Aircraft Co. John retired in 1990 from his position as senior scientist at Hughes (1962-1990). John published a chapter, “Latest Advances in Space Traveling-Wave Tubes” in the book Communication Satellites for the 70’s: Technology and co-authored a patent in 1979. Looking back, John ascertains that his best accomplishment was being married for 50 years to a wonderful woman, Laura, and having six sons and eleven grandchildren all of whom are doing well at present.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Having lunch in the lunchroom with my friends. Eta Kappa Nu was a great honor society and I spent many hours with friends socializing, doing work (like slide rule class), holding induction dinners and generating the yearly report to HQ. Unfortunately, I’ve lost touch with nearly everyone because of moving to California with my bride right after graduating.”
Ms. Judith Markowitz majored in advertising and was a member of Boosters and Student Council and the Yearbook at City College. She was awarded the Outstanding Service Key from Boosters. After City College, Judith took education courses at Hunter College to prepare for a career in teaching. Judith has served as a teacher, mentor, reading specialist and math specialist in New York City. She has also worked in market research, serving as department chair at Commercial Analyst (later renamed The Wagner Group). In addition to her professional experience, Judith is president of a local chapter of Women’s American ORT and a member of the organization’s region and district Board of Directors.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “The friends I made through Boosters—many of whom I still keep in touch with. The great service projects we did for Baruch as Boosters. The fundraising projects that prepared me for volunteer work”

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My academic career after CCNY includes graduate degrees in meteorology from Penn State (MS, 1963) and the University of Wisconsin, Madison (PhD, 1972). I specialized in atmospheric turbulence and diffusion. For three years (1963–66), I worked as a research scientist for MRI, a private consulting company located in Altadena, CA. But, most of my working career (35 years) was spent as a faculty member in SUNY-Oneonta’s Earth Science Department. Being able to work with bright young minds year after year and seeing them advance in their careers has greatly enriched my life. During the summer months, I worked as a faculty consultant at various national labs, including Argonne National Laboratory and the Savannah River Laboratory. I have been married twice and have a daughter (Jane) and a son (Daniel). Each is married with two children of their own. I retired from college teaching in 2003 and now spend my leisure time visiting my children and grandchildren, traveling to Europe, ushering at Glimmerglass Opera, teaching English (ESL), and learning to play the recorder. I am forever grateful to the City of New York and CCNY, in particular, for giving me the opportunity of pursuing a college education tuition-free and helping launch me on my professional career. I doubt I would have achieved as much otherwise.
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Joel pursued a career in advertising, marketing and public relations. He retired in 2008 from his position as marketing/communications manager at UJA-Federation of New York (2002-2008). He also held the following positions: partner, Schein/Blattstein Advertising, Inc. (1971-1993); adjunct professor of communication arts, Iona College (1978-1983); and communications director, Cowles Business Media (1994-1998).

Joel is also a former member of the following professional organizations: Direct Marketing Association and Direct Marketing Club of New York. He was awarded seven Circulation Direct Marketing Awards from Folio magazine and has published material in Jane Maas’ Better Brochures, Catalogs and Mailing Pieces and the Direct Marketing Association Manual. In his community, Joel volunteers as a tutor with Literacy Volunteers of America (2010-present) and was also a member of the Rockland County Disability Advisory Council (1975-1980).

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Spring days in South campus lawn. Lunch get-togethers in the Finley Student Center Cafeteria. Greek letter social activities. Wonderful professors who made learning easy: Profs. Sonkin and Davidson, Speech Dept. and Prof. Rosalsky, Geology. A ‘grownup’ who was a friend and role-model, IFC advisor Irwin Brownstein. And a big thanks to Speech Dept. Chairman, Prof. Finkel, who let Norm Sider and me convince him to create communication arts as a new major so we could cherry-pick our favorite electives.”
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She retired from law in 2004. A year after retirement, Gloria returned to CCNY for an MA degree in creative writing, which she earned in 2007.

She is a former member of the NY State Bar Association and the American Anthropological Association. Currently, she is a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), and its International Committee. She has represented the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom at the United Nations. Among her published works are two articles in the journal Peace Review: “The Native Hawaiian Sovereignty Movement” and “Israel's Impunity Under International Law.” Her poetry will be included in an anthology which is pending publication. Gloria has been active politically on the progressive side, and participates in anti-war, anti-genocide, and human rights movements.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Anthropology courses with Dr. Anthony Leeds; courses in art history and ancient history; prom of 1959 (prior to attending); concerts at Lewisohn Stadium.

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After City College, Maurice attended New York University from 1962-1964 for a MME degree and Northwestern University from 1965-1967 for a PhD in biomedical engineering. Maurice, who retired in December 2008, had a rich and diverse career.
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Maurice is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (1962-1970; 1993-present) and Associate Member of the American Meteorological Society (2000-present). He is also a former member of the American Society for Engineering Education (1990-2009). Maurice has published over 30 scientific publications and a textbook, Heat Power and Thermodynamics with Irving Granet. He has received numerous teaching and research awards from IUPUI and is co-developer of the current wind-chill temperature chart (implemented in 2001). Maurice is married to Maris (CCNY ’63) and has three children.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “House Plan activities, writing Tech News editorials, and Professor Jiji.”

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Fondest CCNY Memories: “Tossing my student ID into a box out on the lawn in an anti-civil defense rally.”
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I grew up in the Bronx, where I attended the Bronx High School of Science ’58, and then City College. My parents raised three children in a crowded Bronx apartment. My parents knew that the only way their children could attend college was for us to remain eligible for one of the free city colleges. The three of us graduated from City, and went on to productive careers—two as PhD chemists and one as an economist. Without City College, we couldn’t have done it.

My opportunities and experiences at City College informed the rest of my life. First, I decided to major in chemistry. I wanted to be sure I could find a job when I graduated, and I enjoyed the subject. There were only four women chemistry majors in our class, among about 40 men. We even had two women chemistry professors, whereas the usual number in chemistry departments then was zero. The four of us were very good students and got along well with our professors. In contrast to the experiences of most women science students, the City College chemistry professors encouraged us to think of ourselves as professionals and to prepare for science careers, which we all did.

Second, I became a staff member of The Campus, one of two undergraduate newspapers in constant competition with each other. The juniors and seniors on the staff patiently taught us freshman newbies about journalism, and how to pursue and write stories. As a reporter, I discovered I enjoyed asking people to explain interesting things to me, and then sharing the information by writing about it.

After leaving City College, I studied Biochemistry, receiving a doctorate in 1969 from Brandeis University (Waltham, MA,) while my husband Jeff earned his PhD in Physics from Harvard University. We then moved from coast-to-coast for several temporary positions, eventually spending a few years back in Boston in the mid-1970s. I knew it was time for me to leave laboratory work and find a different career. After thinking hard about my skills and interests, I took a few courses in science writing at Boston University, and found the niche I was seeking.

By the late 1970s, science had become a newsworthy subject, but was still a subject few reporters understood or could cover. Seeing a need, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) set out to improve the quality of science reporting. It began an annual fellowship program that allowed twenty early-career scientists to spend a summer as science reporters for newspapers or television stations. I received one of these coveted fellowships in 1978, and was thrilled when I saw my by-line on the front page of The San Diego Union, the third largest newspaper in California.
I worked for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington DC from 1985 until 2006, while living in an apartment downtown. When Jeff and I retired to Seattle, WA in 2006, we bought a house with a view of Lake Washington, the Cascade Mountains, and Mt. Rainier (when it peeks out from the fog and clouds). As expected, we didn’t miss the hot and humid weather we’d left in DC. We also appreciated being 3000 miles away from George Bush instead of almost in his back yard.

Outside of work I took part in many activities. In particular, I’ve been an active member of AWIS (Association for Women in Science), a non-profit organization whose goal is to help women scientists achieve satisfying careers. AWIS was formed in 1971, when open and obvious discrimination against professional women was quite common. I soon joined the staff of the AWIS Magazine, and interviewed successful women scientists who served as role models for the next generation of women. I was a Co-editor/Editor of the publication for about ten years. I also chaired an AWIS Awards Committee for a few years.

Among other interests, my husband and I are birders, and often used that interest to help us decide where to vacation. We’ve birded in Australia and New Zealand, Costa Rica and Belize, the Galapagos and China, as well as many birding hot spots on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States. As for musical tastes, we prefer Renaissance and Baroque music, and often attend the biennial Boston Early Music Festival. I was a jogger for many years, and finished two marathons: New York (1983), and Marine Corps (1984, Washington, DC). As happens to many joggers, my knees let me know that the 1984 marathon would be my last. Now I mainly walk, hike, Nordic ski, and visit a gym three days a week.
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The City College of New York provided Paul with the tools and the opportunities to successfully pursue a lengthy career in education and community service. After earning a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from City, Paul served in the New York City public school system for nine years. He then received an appointment to the faculty of Medgar Evers College/CUNY as one of its founding members. In 1986, Paul received a faculty appointment to City College, where he remained until his retirement in 2003. In all, his career spanned more than forty years. Most notable, however, was his tenure at City, where he distinguished himself as the Director of Athletics and later as an associate dean in the Office of Student Services. Paul takes pride in many contributions at City that included his active participation in the development of the Herman Goldman Center for Outdoor Sports and Recreation and his years of service as the project administrator for the NCAA National Youth Sports Program, a federally funded program for economically disadvantaged youth. In addition, Paul came out of retirement in 2009 to accept a one year appointment as the Interim Director of Athletics at the College of Staten Island. Throughout his years of service, Paul has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Harlem Network’s Ed Carpenter Education Award, the Eastern College Athletic Conference Service Award and induction into the City College Athletics Hall of Fame. Paul has two sons, Ronald and Paul Jr., and a grandson, Nehemiah. And even though he currently spends much of his time in Florida with his wife, Barbara, Paul enjoys returning to New York each spring to serve as the announcer for the CCNY commencement exercises. He continues to serve on the boards of the CCNY Alumni Varsity Association and the Black Alumni Association. There is little doubt that City College was – and continues to be – a very important part of Paul's life.

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I was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and lived there until age 15, when I immigrated to the US in July of 1955. During that summer I studied the English language by listening to the radio and reading jokes and stories in the Reader’s Digest magazine. That fall I attended Erasmus Hall High School (along with Barbra Streisand), graduating in 1956. Because of the European education, I was able to start college at age 16. Columbia University was a possibility, but at CCNY my parents only had to pay for books and lab fees, quite a bargain.
In my senior year I joined the Tau Beta Pi honor society and became its representative to the inter-fraternity council.

One of my favorite teachers was Dr. Stein, an excellent teacher of a series of EE courses I took. Another was Dr. Froehlich (we nicknamed her “Mama”) who taught Maxwell’s equations. She was shown teaching our class in a TV special.

I also remember a teacher of social studies who acted out plays all by himself.

Then there was the speech instructor who could imitate any accent in the world. He was featured on one of the first issues of the New York magazine.

We used to escape from a boring two-hour civil engineering course on Friday afternoon by crossing Amsterdam Avenue to a deli where we could get a beer and potato knishes.

One of the EE professors helped invent colored television, but he said it was no big deal because it had not gone anywhere circa 1960.

I remember working out problems with fellow students on paper napkins in the cafeteria, and realizing that people around the table were from all over the world.

Starting in 1997, I took some courses at George Mason University, but changed focus to managing my own portfolio after being disappointed with the performance of investment firms.

I joined the Ski Club of Washington DC in 2000 and became chair of its cultural program soon thereafter. More recently, I was the SCWDC President for two years, and currently I am the Vice President. I mainly participate in skiing activities, but the club also has extensive tennis and hiking programs.

Because I also enjoy classical music, I joined the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, where I currently hold the position of Executive Vice President. The orchestra offers several major concerts each year, with as many as forty musicians on stage at a time.

CCNY had a job placement service. It helped me find tutoring jobs at $3 an hour, and also got me interviews for full-time employment. That is how I joined IBM after I obtained an EE degree. Soon after I started at IBM, I calculated how many main frames would be needed to stay in touch with astronauts in the Apollo program. The formal solution involved inversion of a large matrix. That was a big deal then, until the APL language reduced it to a single keystroke later on. I was able to come up with an alternate approach that avoided matrix inversion. It was the first time IBM guaranteed reliability in writing.
I returned to CCNY in 1963 to complete the requirements for a MSEE degree, while working part time at IBM in New York City.

A major project there was programming methods to facilitate requirements analysis of large data processing systems. The most dramatic application was at the New York City Police Department. There were over 100 forms in use in the early 70’s to report various kinds of events. The analysis reduced that number to a single one, with appropriate sub-sections.

While at IBM, I published a series of papers on vector processing, simulation, and database design.

In 1996, I moved from the Hudson Valley to Virginia and joined Lockheed Martin. There I worked as a contractor in the intelligence arena, with focus on measuring reliability and performance of computer systems and communication networks. I retired from Lockheed Martin in October of last year.

I was married for about 30 years, but it ended in divorce. We have two sons. Both of them became engineers (one chemical and one mechanical). The older one and his wife produced four grandchildren: one girl and three boys.

Hobbies include biking, swimming, skiing, reading, and yoga. After about 30 years of practicing yoga, I became a professional yoga instructor a few years ago.

I remain grateful for the opportunities that an excellent CCNY education provided for me.
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I was born into, imprinted by, developed in, matured in, and remain very much a part of BROOKLYN. It was wonderful and exciting to be a kid growing up in Coney Island. I attended Lincoln High School and was Co-captain of the rifle team. I got into a lot of arguments being a Yankee fan (and still am) when the Dodgers were still in Brooklyn. My parents owned a children’s wear store so it was not unusual that I wanted to be a wholesale clothing salesman. I enjoyed dealing with people and liked to drive, the two main requisites for that kind of career. However I was eligible to attend the city colleges for free and I did not think one goes to Baruch School of Business to learn to be a salesman. My mother advised me to go to Brooklyn College but I declared that “I am
going out of town,” and applied to C.C.N.Y. I would take the D train all the way from Coney Island to 145th Street, all for 15 cents a ride. I was thrilled to attend the classes of Professors Hennion (Humanities) and Hamalian (English Composition). After deciding on a career in Biology, I enjoyed the sharp wit and professionalism of Drs. Kendall (Histology), D. Cooper and Farquar (Comparative Anatomy), Tavolga (General Biology) Etkin (Endocrinology) and Johnson and Erica Casler (Embryology), little realizing that in a short while I would become one of their colleagues. Most of my fellow Biology majors belonged either to the Biology Club or the Caduceus society so I joined the latter and really enjoyed the group. I am still in touch with Irv Butterman and Arnold Melman. After graduating I became an Inspector Trainee for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration but to my surprise I received a call from Dr. Sayles, the Chairman of the Biology Department, at the end of the summer. He asked if I would be interested in teaching at the College. 

I agreed and that was the beginning of my life-long career. I taught at City from September of 1962 to August of 1967. I had close relationships with Drs. David Miller (biology), Dennis Weiss (Geology) and still retain contact with Dr. Robert Goode with whom I taught Embryology. I attended N.Y.U. at the University Heights Campus for my Master’s degree in Biology and N.Y.U. Medical School for the Ph. D. in the Anatomy Department studying hormonal control of regeneration for the former and hormonal control of postnatal testicular development for the latter. My work history is as follows: 1962-1967 CCNY, 1967-1969 N.Y.U. School of Medicine, 1969-1985, and part time 1990 - present Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1985-2006 New York College of Podiatric Medicine, 2006 – present Touro College where I am the Chairman of Undergraduate Biology Programs and Pre-professional Advisor. I still retrain faculty appointments at Mount Sinai as a Professorial Lecturer and at the Podiatry College as a Professor Emeritus. Even after moving on I still came back to City College from time to time to teach as an Adjunct in the Biology Department or in the Sophie Davis Biomedical Program. Professional Societies I belong to include the American Association of Anatomists, Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, American Society of Andrology, and the Society for the Study of Reproduction. Most of my scientific publications are concerned with the hormonal control of testicular development and function, a representative sample of which appeared in Biology of Reproduction 6:148-159 (1972).

This year I will not only celebrate the 50th Anniversary of my graduation but will also mark the completion of 50 years of teaching and research and the 50th Anniversary of my wedding to my wife Erma, the same good-looking woman who accompanied me to Caduceus Society events. Together we raised three daughters and are enjoying our two grandchildren. I tell my medical students that the best prescription to make people feel better is grandchildren. Even though I still play in the same choose-up softball game for the last 60 years I don’t run the bases anymore, so my 5 year-old grandson runs for me (and does much better). Although we still have an apartment in Brooklyn our main
residence is in Ancramdale N.Y., the location that I have spent every summer at since I was born.

The absolute highlights of my life are my wife, children and grandchildren (the dog is nice too). I never dated any of the girls I met at CCNY. They all lived in the Bronx and it meant extending my already burdensome subway odyssey to the week-ends as well. Besides, there were plenty of beautiful girls in Brooklyn, as evidenced by my wife (who is still the most beautiful woman in the world). The highlight of my professional career is running into former students who still remember me and comment about my teaching helping them with their lives. Since I have taught over ten thousand students, these occasions are not infrequent. Also of note was being invited to World Congresses to present my research findings. That was quite a kick for a kid who never got to travel much.

I am a life-member of the CCNY Alumni Association and cherish all memories of my student and teaching days here. We were so fortunate to have a professional, competent and dedicated faculty to help us get started on our way in life, and for free. I remember how outraged I was that my brother was paying $27.50 per credit at NYU. I get angry when I meet CCNY grads that tell me they don’t belong to the Alumni Association and support the College. We all owe CCNY a great deal. I can’t single out any “fondest memories,” they are ALL wonderful, both as a student and faculty member.

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Frank was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1939 and lived in various parts of the city but mostly in Manhattan. From 1944-1948 he lived in Miami Beach. He came to the City College Engineering School, Electrical Engineering Dept., in the Fall of 1957 after graduating from the Bronx High School of Science where he obtained a Regents Scholarship for City College.

Although the engineering syllabus was 4 ½ years, Frank took extra courses in the Liberal Arts School to make it a 5 year program to obtain the BSEE degree in 1962. During the City College years he was a member of a House Plan and was inducted into the Tau Beta Pei and Eta Kappa Nu engineering honor fraternities.
Following City College he continued his education at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn with a National Defense Graduate Fellowship. He received his MSEE degree in 1964. Becoming tired of school he did not go on for a doctorate and left Brooklyn Poly to work for the Sperry Gyroscope Co. in Lake Success on Long Island. There he was involved in radio navigation systems. After five years there he decided to leave the military industrial complex and return to school for a doctorate. He thought it would be interesting to do that in a foreign country and finally went to a research group in the Communications Institute at the Technical University in Braunschweig, Germany (West Germany at that time) in 1970. This was a turning point in his life.

Previously in 1968 in New York Frank married his girlfriend Annemarie who was German. Her knowledge of the language was a big help in getting settled in the new surroundings. There was nevertheless culture shock in adapting to an environment which was very different from that in New York. The 1970’s were the tail end of the postwar period for Germany. It was also the most exciting time politically (even up to this day) in the German Federal Republic where the Willy Brandt government was locked into a hard fought struggle with the opposition to carry out its Ost Politik.

In 1972 his first son was born and in 1973 his daughter, in Braunschweig. Frank received the Doctor Engineer degree in 1975 from the University. Enjoying the European environment with its many different cultures and languages, Frank decided to stay in Europe. He found a position in Geneva, Switzerland at the International Telecommunication Union, a specialized agency in the United Nations family of organizations, where he started in January of 1976. He made a career there until retirement in 2000, rising in the hierarchy to becoming a Study Group Counselor which gave him diplomatic status. That position entailed managing study groups composed of Engineers from the member countries who came to meetings in Geneva to create international telecommunication standards.

In 1983 Frank's second son was born. All three children are trilingual (English, German and French). At the present time his oldest son lives in Berlin after being in Asia for many years, his daughter lives near London and his youngest son recently moved from London to New York City.

In the 1980's Frank became interested in square dancing again. He had met his wife square dancing in New York in the 1960s. That led him to become a square dance caller where he called for a Geneva club twice a week for about 7 years. When he finally had to let that go because of work commitments his wife took over and she is still the caller today.

After retirement Frank took up the saxophone and drums. Today he plays the saxophone in a jazz group and the drums in a blues group. Since the beginning of his residence in the Geneva area he has been living in neighboring France.
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I was born and lived in Brooklyn, New York and attended Erasmus Hall High School and graduated in 1957. Coming from a family with limited income I focused on attending a public college. Fortunately, my entrance qualifications were sufficient to be admitted to Brooklyn College, which was near my home, in a Pre-Engineering curriculum. However, after one of my friends showed me the challenging textbooks used at City College, it prompted me to transfer the following year.

At City, I joined the Newman Club where I participated and enjoyed the friendships and met my future wife Marjorie, who was studying to be a nurse at Bellevue Hospital.

Soon after graduation I joined General Electric (GE) where I designed and supported the manufacture of various types of tube and transistor radios; then in 1965 I left GE and attended Syracuse University full time to pursue a Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering which was finally completed in 1969.

In 1966 I joined IBM’s Poughkeepsie Laboratory, designing high performance circuits and memories (SRAM’s) for high end mainframes. From 1981 to 1986 I was the design manager of the Low Cost Memory Products Department which focused on mid-range systems.

In 1987 I returned to designing memories for high end systems using leading edge semiconductor technologies. I received numerous company awards including those for being an instructor in “Array Circuit Design” and obtained patents and published disclosures.

After 40 years of designing electronic circuits and products, I retired from IBM as a Senior Engineer in 2002.

One aspect of my career was witnessing the rapid technical changes that have taken place since 1962, such as the end of the Vacuum Tube technology era and the new era of semiconductor technology together with all the latest supporting technologies such as cooling, packaging and computer aided design, which have brought us not only high speed computers but other products as well that only a few minds may have envisioned in 1962. To me the past 50 years has been the Golden Age of computer design and I enjoyed having a small part being in it.
My wife Marjorie and I live in Poughkeepsie New York. We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, May 5th 2012. We have 3 children and 5 grandchildren; 2 are deceased due to a rare genetic disease called ataxia-telangiectasia. I am a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus and a Life Member of the IEEE and enjoy being outside walking, bicycling and vacationing in Cape Cod. I can be reached at (845) 297 5586.

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I grew up in the Bronx and, until my senior year in high school, attended religious school. I graduated from Roosevelt HS and received the English regents scholarship. I was delighted to be accepted at CCNY, as we could not afford to pay for college. I entered CCNY when I was 16-1/2 and, coming as I did from years of very small girls classes, was overwhelmed by the diversity of the student body and by the size of the campus. I quickly learned to enjoy all of the extra-curricular offerings and, for my first semester, I probably spent more time in the snack bar, where there was music and dancing, then any other place on campus.

That quickly changed when my parents received my first cards with my grades on them. When my father saw my “D” in math, he incorrectly concluded that there must have been a mistake. (I had been an A student all through school.) I had to confess to having “earned” that less than stellar grade. Realizing that I had better buckle down, I did just that, and engrossed myself in my studies, which I found to be quite rewarding. As an English major, I had many wonderful professors – I particularly remember Dr. Arthur Zeiger, Dr. Morton Cohen and Dr. Arthur Waldhorn. Dr. Waldhorn served as my advisor when I went on to earn my MA from CUNY in 1966.

After I earned my MA, I enrolled in the PhD program at NYU and spent one semester there before my husband was transferred to Maryland – and I continued my studies for my PhD at the University of Maryland. My advisor there was the poet, Reed Whittemore, and I have very fond memories of our conversations and am grateful to him for his guidance.

Along the way to earning my PhD, I had two children – my son, Rafi, and my daughter, Simone – both of whom now have children of their own. My husband spent his career with the National Weather Service and I did some teaching and some marketing before I settled on a career in Public Relations and Outreach. I retired from the WSSC – a large water and wastewater agency that serves two counties outside of Washington, DC – in 2004 and started my own consulting business in Outreach.
Moving out of NYC was quite traumatic for me when it was happening. Now, 43 years later, my husband and I are very happy residents of Columbia, Maryland, where we are active in our community and in volunteer activities. We have both been presidents of our synagogue and, currently, I serve as the president of the Jewish Federation of Howard County. We do quite a bit of traveling – both nationally and internationally – and enjoy going to concerts, the theater and, of course, the many museums that we are so fortunate to have so readily available to us.

As to my fondest memories of CCNY – I was a member of the Musical Comedy Society (MCS), the literary staff of Microcosm, the Hillel Dance Group and Student Zionist Organization. I remember Raymond, the pretzel man and eating one of his pretzels as I walked from south to north campus. I remember classes being held outside when the weather got nicer; and I remember waiting not one second more than 15 minutes to leave class if the professor didn’t show up. Most of all, I remember being introduced to big ideas and having a world opened up to me that was fascinating and inviting. And I have not stopped learning since. Thank you, CCNY, for setting me on the path of life-long learning. It is a gift that I hope I have passed on to my children and grandchildren and all of the students with whom I have interacted over the years.
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After graduating with a BS degree in biology from City College in 1962, Rosemary Davis returned to the College to earn an MA degree in education in 1969. Rosemary also holds an MS degree in guidance and counseling from Lehman College. In 1998, she retired from the NYC Board of Education. She worked for 34 years, in various Manhattan high schools, as a teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal. Rosemary also pursued an entrepreneur endeavor, It Takes A Village, an educational toy business which she ran from 1998 to 2002. She currently spends her time doing voluntary work and enjoying her seven year old granddaughter.

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Prof. Murray Deutscher grew up in the Bronx and attended Christopher Columbus High School. At CCNY, he majored in chemistry and was a member of Brill 62 House Plan and the Baskerville Chemistry Society. He received several awards related to chemistry, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

After CCNY, he attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine, receiving a PhD in Biochemistry in 1966. He then spent two years in the laboratory of the Nobel Laureate, Arthur Kornberg, also a CCNY alumnus, doing postdoctoral research at Stanford University.

In 1968, he joined the newly-established University of Connecticut Health Center as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, reaching the rank of Professor in 1975. Murray became Chairman of the Biochemistry Department in 1992.

In 1995, he joined the University of Miami Medical School as Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, remaining in that position until 2008. He continues to teach and carry out research as a Professor in the Department.
His research focuses on RNA metabolism and protein synthesis. Over the years, Murray has published approximately 200 research papers and several books. He is proud of the fact that his research has been continually funded by the NIH, and that his research grant was recently renewed for years 43 to 46. Murray has trained 50-60 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

He has served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Biological Chemistry, as Editor and Editor in Chief of Nucleic Acids Research and as Editor of Methods. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Murray is married, has two daughters and two granddaughters.

His Fondest CCNY Memories: “I remember fondly my years at CCNY and the excellent education I received that prepared me for my future career. I particularly recall Professors Leo Lerman and Harry Wagreich, with whom I had the privilege of carrying out research, and Professor Abraham Mazur, who led me into Biochemistry, and who remained a friend for many years. Finally, I express my gratitude to all my professors at CCNY, who helped form the person I am today.”

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Dr. Florence Dragnet-Eckert, PhD graduated with honors in English from City College. At CCNY, she was a member of Torch & Scroll Honors Society, Phi Beta Kappa, and Magna Cum Laude, and recipient of the Tremaine Scholarship. After City College, Florence went on to earn a MA degree in English from Hunter College (1965), a MA and PhD degree in Psychology from the New School (2001). Florence has worked as a teacher and psychologist.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “I was a subway student, working my way through college. It was difficult. Fond memories were the accolades I received for excelling.”
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I grew up in the Bronx and attended Bronx High School of Science.

I chose CCNY because it had a great engineering school and I made a Regent State Scholarship which would pay me the award money even though CCNY was essentially free. I used the scholarship money for books and other expenses.

The day after my last final from engineering school was on 1/20/62, I got married. I celebrated my 50th wedding anniversary on 1/21/12 with many friends, relatives and associates.

I have two wonderful children and both are married and four grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 18.

I have been a successful private entrepreneur since 1976 and I am currently president and owner of two companies employing about 240 people in the HVAC industry. Many of my employees are also engineers.

I live and work in the heart of Silicon Valley in Northern California surrounded by all the high tech giants who are our customers.

I love to ski, run, hike, and mountain bike and Northern California is a great place to participate in my pastimes.

I have a PE License and I’m a lifetime member of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers).

I owe a lot to the great education I got at CCNY along with the competitive attitude and hard work habits you have to learn in order to graduate that are invaluable in the business world.
Mr. Stuart H. Eisbruck, Esq. majored in electrical engineering and was a member of Wingate '62 at City College. After graduating, he worked as an electrical engineer from 1962 to 1968 for the USA Navy and attended NYU Law School, earning his JD degree in 1966 and his LLM degree in 1971. At NYU Law, he was on the Dean’s List and received two American Jurisprudence Awards for Scholastic Excellence. From 1969 through 1970, he worked for the Patent Department at RCA Labs. He also served as a legal advisor for the NYC Police Department from 1972 through 1974 and then as attorney for the NYC Department of HPD from 1974-2002. He is currently semi-retired running his own private practice, Stuart Eisbruck, Esq. Stuart is a current member of the NYS Bar Association and a former member of IEEE. He has published two articles in 1962 and 1966 on electromagnetic interference in IEEE Transaction on Electromagnetic Compatibility. In his community, Stuart served as religious chairman of the Plainview Jewish Center. He was married to Francine (deceased); they have three children, Jay, Barry and Robert, and three grandchildren, Jordan, Farrah and Harper.

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Mrs. Harriet Feinberg Bonfeld earned her BS in education in 1962 and her MS in social studies in 1970 from City College. As a student, she was involved with SIS Wingate and Microcosm on campus. She went on to pursue a career as a teacher, mentor, and English language instructor in Paris. Harriet retired in 1996. Since 1981, she has been a member of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). In 2006, she was awarded the honor of Builder of Westchester CCFA.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Classes in the History Department; playing frisbee on the South Campus lawn; meeting friends at Snack Bar; long-term friendships made at CCNY; studying at the library; meeting my husband Lowell Bonfeld.”
Growing up in Brooklyn New York in the early 1950’s, I became fascinated by rockets and the possibilities of space travel. It soon became evident to me that the best way to work in this budding field was to obtain a technical education leading to a degree in engineering. So I started my eight years of subway commuting by first attending Stuyvesant High School in lower Manhattan. Because of the very limited financial resources of my family, affordability had to be a key factor in choosing a college. The reputation of City College of New York as an excellent engineering school with relatively low costs was well known, and I started there in the fall of 1957. The Mechanical Engineering program required a great deal of hard work, long days on campus for the many lab classes, and nights and weekends of studying. I often had to make use of the long subway commute from Brooklyn, by using the time to do homework or get ready for exams. Yet I was still able to find time to pursue some of my interests in the school’s chapter of the American Rocket Society, the Camera Club, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. During those years, I always worked during the summers, including engineering assistant jobs for the last two years. The first involved surveying and material testing duties for the old Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska, just after it became a state. My last summer job, before my senior year, was at the NASA research center in Virginia where I assisted in high speed wind tunnel testing of atmospheric reentry vehicles. This provided valuable experience for my coming career, and allowed me to write an article for the school’s Vector Engineering magazine based on my work at NASA.

I was fortunate that, just before I obtained my BME degree in June of 1962, the Apollo manned lunar landing program had started its massive engineering design and development phase. Through an on-campus interview, I obtained a position at North American Aviation in Downey California where the program was centered. During my senior year at CCNY, my professor for the heat transfer classes had raised my interest in this discipline. My job description for the Apollo program (and for much of the rest of my career) involved analysis, design, and testing of spacecraft environmental control systems using many of the heat transfer principles that I had learned at school. I spent 4 ½ years at this position which included vital large scale testing of the Apollo Command Module with NASA astronauts inside.

In order to broaden my experience base, I moved on to a design based position at the McDonald Douglas facility in Huntington Beach California. This was for the classified Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) program. Around this time I became interested in pursuing engineering management as a career direction, and I started studies
towards a Master’s degree in Business Administration (MBA). Cancellation of the MOL only 2 ½ years later, led me to my third and the longest job of my career at Hughes Electronics in Torrance California. Here, instead of working to keep astronauts cool and safe in space, my responsibilities were to keep cool and safe the vital electronic components contained in various surveillance and communication satellites. During my years at Hughes I co-published some technical papers regarding spacecraft thermal control applications both for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. One paper was honored by publication in the book “Fundamentals of Spacecraft Design” in 1971.

As part of my MBA studies, I wrote an article about the possibility of organizing the engineering profession which was published in the “Personnel Journal” in December of 1972. After many years of taking evening classes, I obtained my MBA at the California State University, Long Beach in June of 1974. This degree, and the education it provided, later led to supervisory positions including Manager of the Mechanical Engineering Department. One of the highlights of my career at Hughes Electronics was my involvement in the development of a high powered microwave tube amplifier for a new type of satellite. This satellite was to be capable of broadcasting television programming directly from orbit in space to small disc shaped home antennas. This led to the now well-known Direct TV service which has become a major business in the USA and other parts of the world.

As for my personal life, I have been happily married for 31 years, and have two children (from my first marriage) and three granddaughters. I have always maintained my interest in photography, and have received a few awards and prizes for my photos. My more compelling passion is domestic and international travel. My retirement in 2000 allowed my wife and me the time to tour in all the continents of the world. I have been able to combine my interests of photography and travel and now have hanging on the walls of my house, dozens of my better travel photos. My other activities in retirement include some not-so-good golf and a gym membership which I use about four times a week to help maintain my relatively good health.

My fondest memories of CCNY have to involve my entire five years of education. During my career I often worked with engineers who had graduated from some of the most prestigious and expensive universities in the country. What I found was that the level and depth of instruction at CCNY, although costing relatively little, was at least equal to, if not superior to, that of many of my peers. Perhaps I did not have the abundant social activities associated with on-campus living schools, but I will always be grateful to CCNY for providing me with the outstanding preparation leading to a fruitful and memorable career.
I was born in 1940 in Baranowicz, Poland. My parents tried to stay ahead of the Germans and so we headed east. The Germans caught up to us in the Lithuanian city Vilnus in 1941. For my parents, there was nowhere to run.

My nanny, Bronislawa Kurpi was Polish-Catholic and when the order came for Jews to be assembled into the Ghetto, she asked my parents what was to become of me. My mother answered that what was going to happen to them would happen to me. My nanny hastily offered to take me from them, to keep me safe until their return. As my mother recalled, it was a cold autumn day when Ms. Kurpi walked away with me. My mother recalled looking on sorrowfully with my father through the edges of the curtains, not knowing what was to become of me. It was a decision that was incredibly difficult. I guess they never believed that it was going to be four years before they would see me again. Imagine the confusion and the pain this experience inflicted on all involved.

Growing-up for the next four years in German-occupied Vilnius, Lithuania, I was called Henryk Stansislas Kurpi. To the world, Bronislawa Kurpi was my mother. She had me baptized by a priest and raised me Catholic. I learned to pray with a rosary at the altar of the church. I could not play with other children, as it was too risky. There was always the possibility that someone would see that I was circumcised and discover my Jewish identity. Had my parents died during the Holocaust, it is a possibility that I may have even become a priest when I grew up.

Miraculously, my parents survived the Holocaust. Their first thought was to come and get me, their only child, back. My nanny did not see eye to eye with my parents. She did not want to give me back. There were several custody battles between my parents and my nanny, with my parents winning in the end. That’s when my parents decided they had no future in Lithuania, which also happened to be under the control of the Soviet Union.

To leave the Soviet union and the Surrounding satellite countries where its influence was felt, was not an easy task, however. We were smuggled across the borders until we got to the American Zone in Austria. At this time, we lived in a Displaced Persons (DP) camp, where I was able to play with children my own age for the very first time in my life. Eventually, my family and I were granted visas to the United States, where we moved in 1950. I was 10 years old, and my father always said that in that time, I had lived a lifetime.
After being reunited with my parents, I had to learn to be Jewish which was a growing process. One thing I remember is making the sign of the cross in the home of my parents, who were observant Jews. Even once I was reunited with my parents, I was a good practicing Catholic. As a child, I went to church, I said my prayers and I wore a crucifix. I cried when other children called me a Jew. Christianity was my means of survival and it is because of this that I always had great respect for it.

Jewish community life was a large factor at home. For the first time I went to shul (synagogue) in Vilnius on Simchat Torah (Jewish holiday celebration), because my father figured I’d like it since it’s a joyous festival full of singing and dancing. A Soviet Jewish officer came up to my father and asked if he could include me in the dancing. He put me on his shoulders and began to dance saying, “This is the Jewish flag.” The Jewish children picked me up and danced with me and I came home and told my mother, “Hey, I like the Jewish church!”

However, on the way there, I passed an actual Catholic Church. I crossed myself, greeted the priest and kissed his hand. My father understood. At a certain time, however, my father gently removed my crucifix and replaced it with a Magen David (Jewish Star of David). Then he taught me the Shema (Hebrew prayer symbolizing unity to God) in Hebrew. I also said my Latin prayers. I didn’t understand Latin, and I didn’t understand Hebrew; but I understood praying to God before I went to sleep.

As I grew up, I began to understand the Holocaust. Although it happened to me, I wasn’t able to really comprehend it until I grew older. For instance, there was my embarrassment because I didn’t have brothers or sisters, aunts or uncles. My Bar Mitzvah (celebration recognizing a boy entering adulthood) was a big deal. As my parents had done, I grew-up in a traditional home observing all the traditional holidays and customs, including keeping kosher and the Sabbath.

When I was old enough, when I began to understand what happened to us, I asked my parents, “How can you believe?” I wanted to know how they could have gone through the Holocaust and come out still believing enough to send me to Yeshiva (religious day school). Their answer was that there were Jews who came in believing and walked out believing; there were Jews who came in Atheists and walked out believing and there were Jews who went in as Atheist and walked out as Atheist—so it all depended on emunah (faith).

My father taught me that it wasn’t God, but rather, man who was responsible. Both my parents told me stories about their lives in the camps and the ghetto and that they saw miracles in hell. It was very hard to understand how they could see the miracle of survival, especially in their own personal experiences.

I visited Poland three times; the original intent was to say Kaddish (Jewish prayer said in memory of the dead) in places that live in my family’s memory. I wasn’t sure what to
expect. At first, those places were just names on a map. You say Kaddish at a lot of places, but when you say it at a place you know for certain your flesh and blood are, it touches you differently. In Baranowicz, I visited the house in which I was born. The family that currently lives there said it had belonged to them since before the war. But I felt it was the house. Not because it belongs to me, but because I can visualize, because I remember conversations that I’ve heard from my parents about how they lived.

On a trip to the Vatican, honoring Janusz Korezak, a Polish-Jewish doctor/educator who died at the hands on the Nazis with the Jewish children he tried to save, I asked the Pope to pray for the soul of my nanny. I think just as it is important to remember the brutality and bestiality, it is important to bear witness to human compassion and goodness in life. I want my children to be able to understand, that yes, there is evil and yes, there are Jews and other groups of people being persecuted even today, but that there are also decent human beings who will stand up for others.

After I graduated from New York University Law School, I joined the staff at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Ever since, my life’s work has been in Jewish advocacy and the defense of human rights for all people. Perhaps this is the legacy of my years as a Hidden Child.

It is a great source of pride for me that the ADL helped arrange the First International Gathering of Children Hidden During World War II. In May, 1991 some 1,600 of us reunited in New York City. Together, we broke the silence about how we survived Hitler’s killing machine. We spent three extraordinary days talking with each other and about each other. We spent time exchanging stories about our hiding places: how we lived for months in sewers, closets, barns and fields; how we joined partisans and fought the enemy; how we stayed alive living openly as Christians. We examined the guilt that continues to haunt us; the pain we felt at losing our loved ones; our anger; our inability to speak to these experiences with our family; our identity crises; and our confused, frightening, lost childhoods. Since then we have joined with the conference organizers to establish the Hidden Child Foundation/ADL, under the auspices of the ADL Braun Center for Holocaust Studies.

I’m convinced there are thousands of Jews who don’t know they were Jewish, especially in Poland. There were more Jewish children at risk there and therefore more opportunities to save them. Every day we lose potential Jewish souls because their foster parents died without telling them that they were children of Jewish parents—either because they didn’t want to discombobulate their lives, or the stigma of having saved Jews, or because of feeling guilty for not having told them before. All these things conspire against truth telling.

Now, when I visit Poland for a public event to recognize Christian rescuers, more and more Jewish “children” emerge. We can only wonder about the fate of the children who did not. How many Nobel Prize winners did we lose? How many doctors, scientists?
These thoughts will always be with me and motivate me to try harder to reach a little higher to succeed in life.

We need to lift our thoughts beyond the bestiality of that era. Our mission now as Hidden Children is to focus on the goodness of humankind. We need to bring the message to friends and foes alike that there is hope, that there are men and women of good will with the courage to care about others. My family and I will be eternally grateful to all the people who contributed to our survival.

“Tolerance” is not a wonderful word, but I will settle for it because we’ve learned that the human being is capable of evil. Hate and prejudice, of which anti-Semitism is one form, are irrational and if someone tells you you’re a dirty Jew, the fact that you’re going to show him how clean you are won’t mean a thing. And if they say you control the media and you show them they’re wrong, the facts still don’t matter. So if we can bring people with prejudices to the point of exercising tolerance, I will be satisfied and I think we will have a better world.

There all kinds of theories as to why people go into certain professions. Some people seem to have a need for certain occupations. Regardless of how accurate those theories are, I feel privileged to be able to spend my adult life dealing with both the good and bad aspects of my childhood experiences. If I had to choose whether I would take this path again, I think that I would.

I did not start at ADL in 1965 knowing or believing I would be National Director, which is awesome, because I believe it is a sacred trust. Even though I cannot scientifically measure what the League has done in the past 90 years, or what I personally have done, but I am convinced that without ADL, the situation in our world would be far worse. The Talmud (the written interpretation of the Jewish law) says that if you save one life, you save the world. I think we’ve saved lives.

If I knew how to put the ADL out of business, I would. That would be the greatest achievement of all. If I could find a vaccine for prejudice! I do believe we can change people’s hearts and minds, whether by exposure, education or a million other ways. I also believe we are each the masters of our own fate. We have the ability to change our own destiny.

Mr. Foxman regularly confers with elected officials and community leaders here and abroad. He has had consultations in Europe, Russia, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, Japan, South Africa and Argentina, and with Palestinian leaders, on problems of ethnic hatred, violence, terrorism and promoting democracy. He has had six audiences with Pope John Paul II. Mr. Foxman is a passionate supporter of the State of Israel and a voice for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Foxman appears frequently on national news programs and is quoted often in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Time and Newsweek, among other media. His op-eds have appeared in newspapers across the country, he is a contributor to the Huffington Post, and his blog, “A Point of View,” is on The Jerusalem Post website.

Awards and Honorary Degrees
2010 Medal of “Grand Officer” of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic
2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, New York University
2008 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Yeshiva University
2007 Honorary Doctorate, Bar Ilan University
2007 Jan Karski Eagle Award
2006 French Legion of Honor Award
2004 Commendatore of the Italian Republic
2003 Honorary degree, Clark University
2002 The Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Leadership Award
2001 State University of New York at Albany’s University Medallion
2001 Austria’s Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold
2000 Bulgaria’s Order of the Madara Horseman
1999 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree, University of Sofia, Bulgaria
1999 Honorary degree, Iona College
1997 Martin Luther King, Jr. and Donald R. Mintz Freedom and Justice Award, Dillard University
1994 Townsend Harris Medal, City College of New York Alumni Association
1993 Ellis Island Medal of Honor
1992 Honorary Doctor of Law degree, Florida International University
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I grew up in the South-East Bronx (Kelly Street, Fox Avenue, Vyse Avenue, and Garden Street). I attended PS 6, Roosevelt HS, and then CCNY – uptown. I joined Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity (Pledge Warden), and received a letter in fencing at CCNY. I married my childhood sweetheart in 1960 and she put me through the remaining 2 years of college.

We have two sons, one who is a computer/software engineer and business strategist/planner with an international technology company, and the other who is NASA’s Chief Safety officer for the International Space Station. When you educate someone, you have a good chance of educating following generations.


At an IBM software development conference, I was introduced as, “If you know Gerry then you know the difference between him and a Rottweiler, is that eventually the Rottweiler gives up.”

During the last 4 years of my computing career, I was the software contracts manager for IBM Research Triangle Park and traveled the USA and the Pacific Rim working in Australia, Taiwan, among other Asian areas.

After IBM retirement in 1992 as a senior manager, I joined my wife in her business and sold real estate until 2004 when we both retired and moved to Houston to be with our children and grandchildren.

As the founder and President of the Greater Houston Chapter of the CCNY Alumni Association, CCNY presented me with the Alumni Service Award in June 2009.
I enjoy my grandsons (9 and 7) and 5 year old identical twin granddaughters, gardening (earned a Master Gardener designation w/Harris county), memoir writing (work at this all the time and have published stories), Shotokan Karate (earned a second degree black belt and brown belt in Jujitsu), various classes at College of the Mainland and The University of Houston, and a variety of other interests.

I have an enormous regard for CCNY without which I can’t imagine what my life would have been like.

Dolores H. Garrison

Mrs. Dolores H. Garrison of the class of 1962 majored in mathematics education as a graduate student at CCNY and is currently a member of the Black Alumni Association. She retired in 1990 from a vibrant, enriching career as an educator in several capacities with the NYC Board of Education. She continues with her commitment to community involvement as a member of the League of Women Voters, several fraternal, senior and community organizations as well as serving as a community volunteer and church worker. She is the recipient of several service awards including the Legacy Award from the National Council of Negro Women. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Hunter College and a master’s degree from City College and has fond memories of her time studying at City. She is a wife and proud mother of a daughter, son-in-laws, and four grand-children.

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Mrs. Norma Felsenthal Gerber majored in English at City College. As a CCNY student, she was editor-in-chief of the literary magazine, The Promethean and on the news staff of The Campus. After City College, Norma continued her education at Hunter College, earning a MA degree in English Literature in 1969. She pursued a career as a teacher and a journalist. In 2006, she retired from her position as an English teacher in New York City. Norma also held the title of Executive Editor at Product Management Magazine and was a speechwriter at Hebrew Immigration Service Agency (HIAS). Norma is also a photographer. She studied photojournalism at the New School and the International Center of Photography. Her photography was exhibited at Voelker Orth Museum, Flushing Umbrella Arts Gallery, and Lincoln Center.
Stanley Ginsberg, BSc, MA, PhD, majored in psychology. He was a member of Lewisohn ’61 House Plan but otherwise kept a low profile. He stayed on and was awarded an MA. He was a Graduate Fellow, 1963-1964.

New Yorkers generally tend to divide the world into “New York” and “out of town.” After CCNY, Stanley went out of town and stayed there until his retirement in 1996. He did additional studies at The University of Iowa and was awarded his doctorate in experimental psychology at The University of Waterloo in Canada. (One of his classmates, Don Meichenbaum, was a beginning staff member. They passed each other in the hall on probably their first day, looked at each other and kept walking, and, the second time around, said simultaneously, “Didn’t you go to City?” Another CCNY graduate, Dr. Edward S. Katkin, ’58, was the external examiner on his Ph. D. dissertation). He held a Province of Ontario Graduate Fellowship from 1966 to 1969 and received an Ontario Mental Health Foundation Fellowship, 1969-1970. He was also a Graduate Teaching Fellow from 1969-1870. (Kindly overlook the fact that it was against the law to hold both simultaneously). He was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at The University of Toronto, 1971-1972. Later, he emigrated to Australia, where he was a Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Wollongong from 1974 to 1996.

Stanley is the author or co-author of about a dozen scientific research reports (two while still at City) and also presented papers at meetings of the Society for Psychophysiological Research; Biofeedback Research Society; Midwestern Psychological Association; Canadian Psychological Association; Australian Psychological Society; and the Australian Experimental Psychology Society. He has presented papers on his research at McMaster University, The University of New South Wales and Macquarie University.

He is a Charter Member of the Association for Psychological Science, a senior life member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Psychophysiological Research and a member of the Midwestern Psychological Association. He has been a member of the Biofeedback Research Society; Psychonomic Society; Society for Behavioral Medicine; Eastern Psychological Association; Canadian Psychological Association; Australian Psychological Society; and Australian Behavior Modification Association (branch president, 1981-1984).

Stan would be listed in “Who’s Who in Wollongong” if such a thing existed.
Stan’s memories, fond and otherwise, of CCNY include socializing in the Shepard Hall cafeteria, studying and socializing in the Cohen Library, House Plan parties, Raymond the Bagel Man, schlepping, between North and South Campus (in fact, South Campus is a fond memory by itself, as is the aforementioned Cohen Library and the guy who jumped out of the window during one exam period), making out on the South Campus lawn (only once, alas) with a pretty red-haired girl (take that, Charlie Brown!), the entertaining speeches at commencement, and one extended bit of trivia on the South Campus lawn (no red-haired girls this time):

During one Thursday afternoon two-hour break, he “wrote” a song that made lots of money for other people because he didn’t know what to do afterward. When the twist was popular, people were adapting all sorts of earlier tunes and giving them new life as twist records. Stan said, “Remember the old calypso song, ‘Shake, Shake, Senora’? If they revised it as ‘Twist, Twist, Senora’ it would sell a million copies.” Well, it did when Gary U. S. Bonds released it a short time later.

But the most important memories are of the privilege of studying with teachers and fellow students who were important in his intellectual and professional development. In Psychology: Larry Plotkin, Gertrude Schmeidler, Joe Woodruff, Ken Clarke, Murray Staal, Sam Feldman, Phil Zeigler, Dick Sullivan, Larry Nyman (even though Stan was a big pain in the ass for him; mea culpa) and, in fact, just about everyone except for the guy who was a legend in his own mind. Also, two tutors/teaching assistants: Judith Gottschalk (Stan apologizes for not renewing their acquaintance when they were both in Canada; again, he was trying to keep a low profile; again, mea culpa) and Athena Moreau. And other students, in earlier years (Bob Fudin) or later (Len Meyerson) as well as the classes of 1961 and 1962 (Stanley was in both at different times): Susan Barron, Shelley Dattner, Arlyne Fields (Sher), and several others whose names are blocked now but shall surely be recalled once this goes to press.

Teachers in other departments: Lawrence Stark, Abram Taffel, Dr. Rennert, Mr. Dallett, Dr. Sumberg, Mr. Torok, and Leo Hamalian. Let’s pause for a moment in recognition of Leo Hamalian’s creative writing course. Once upon a time, Stan misused the word “only” in a writing assignment. (“I only got a B” is what he wrote). Dr. Hamalian made Stan insert the word “only” at every point in the sentence, “I hit the boy in the head” to show how the meaning changed every time. He also taught his class about split infinitives and never to use a preposition to end a sentence with.

And some negative influences: The guy who felt that all engineering students (which Stan was at the time) were vile savages and treated them accordingly while involved in the Social Humanities program, intended to humanize and civilize the engineers, saving his special wrath for students who fooled around (which Stan did at the time), assuming (quite incorrectly for such a learned man) that people who fooled around must be fools; and someone in the German Department who merits no further attention.
Since his formal retirement from his career (some of his colleagues and students thought that he had retired several years before) secure in the knowledge of being at least a fair-to-middling academic psychologist, Stan has returned to keeping a low profile, spending much of his time in museums and film societies. He has been or is now a member of the CCNY Alumni Association, AARP, Anthology Film Archives, Film Forum, Film Society of Lincoln Center, IFC Centre, Jewish Museum, Museum of Modern Art, Museum of Television and Radio/Paley Center, Museum of the Moving Image, Symphony Space, and the French Alliance/Alliance Francaise.

Continuing a habit that he began in Canada and developed in Australia, he sends letters (e.g., Woody Allen has directed more Academy Award winning performances than any other active director), puzzles (e.g., what invention was a GREAT HELP?), and alleged jokes (e.g., How many New Yorkers does it take to change a light bulb?) to newspapers (The New York Times; the Illawarra Mercury) and magazines (Games; Toronto Life).

Stan surfaces only occasionally, such as when assisting with class reunions. He is pleased and honored to serve with his fellow students on the Class of 1962 Reunion Committee.

When asked to summarize his life and career up to this point, his reply is, “Bo Diddley, where you been? Around the world and I might be going again.”

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Where I grew up: I grew up in the Bronx, New York and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in 1957. In high school, I developed an interest in chemistry and decided to pursue a career in chemical engineering. CCNY provided affordable access to my chemical engineering education.

Clubs and Associations I was a member of at City College: Student Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers-Treasurer.

Awards and Honors Received from City College: None

My Fondest CCNY Memories: The educational experience and my camaraderie with fellow students and professors.
After CCNY:  After graduating from CCNY, I accepted a position as a General Engineer with the US Army Development and Proof Service at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.  I was responsible for the planning, coordination and supervision of tests designed to evaluate the ballistic performance of mortar ammunition.  In 1963, I was drafted into the army and after basic training was assigned back to Aberdeen Proving Ground to continue the same work I had been doing as a civilian.

After the completion of my Army service in 1965, I decided to accept a Position as a Chemical Process Engineer with Spencer Kellogg Division of Textron in Cheektowaga, NY outside of Buffalo.  While there, I was responsible for the design and supervision of batch production processes for urethane prepolymers.  I implemented the use of statistical techniques to test and evaluate methods of improving production process and product quality.

While in the Army, I met my wife to be, Marlene.  We got married in July, 1966 after I moved to my new job with Spencer Kellogg in Cheektowaga, NY.

While working at Spencer Kellogg, I attended classes in chemical engineering and statistics on a part-time basis at the Graduate School of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

In 1968, my wife and I moved back to Baltimore after I accepted a position as a Chemical Engineer with Continental Oil Company at their plant for the production of raw materials used in the manufacture of biodegradable detergents.  While there, I was appointed to the newly created position of Director of Environmental Health and oversaw the plant pollution control program, prepared permit applications and represented the plant to the federal and state regulatory agencies.  I was also appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve as a member of the Maryland Air Quality Control Advisory Council.

I also decided to pursue a PhD degree in chemical engineering on a part-time basis at the University of Maryland in College Park.  My testing of the emissions from the furnace stacks at the plant formed the basis of my PhD thesis.

In January 1977, I accepted a Technical Staff position with the Mitre Corporation, a not-for-profit company located in McLean, VA providing support services to government agencies.  My division in Mitre subsequently split from Mitre and became Mitretek Systems.  My assignments included support of the US Environmental Protection Agency to develop regulations for the control of air and water pollution; support to the US Department of Energy in the development of a program for the disposal of nuclear waste; the development of technology for the destruction of the US Army stockpile of chemical weapons.  As part of the latter effort, I developed a computer simulated model to analyze the performance of the technology.  I also coauthored a report to Congress describing the performance of the Johnston Island Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility.  I was also
in charge of a project supporting the US Army in the development of technology for the destruction of “non-stockpile” chemical weapons.

While at Mitre, I joined the National Capital Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). I served the section in various officer capacities including Chairman. I also served as Finance Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee meeting of the AIChE in Washington and subsequently as Finance Chairman and Treasurer of the 80th Anniversary meeting of AIChE.

I also completed the required courses and examinations to become a Professional Engineer in the State of Maryland.

In October 1999, I retired from Mitretek Systems. My wife and I moved to a planned community along the Northwest central coast of Florida where we currently reside. During my initial retirement years, I provided consulting services to Mitretek in support of the non-stockpile chemical weapons demilitarization program. I also served as a substitute teacher at local high schools in my community.

Other Colleges and Universities I Attended:

Graduate School of State University of New York at Buffalo: 1966-1969/none/chemical engineering

University of Maryland at College Park: 1977/PhD/chemical engineering

Most Recent Business Title/Position:


Other Business Positions I Have Held:

Process Engineer and Director of Environmental Health-Continental Oil Company, Baltimore, MD, 1968-1977

Chemical Process Engineer-Spencer Kellogg Division of Textron, Cheektowaga, NY 1965-1968


Current Professional Organization Memberships:
None

Past Professional Organization Membership:
National Capital Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 1977-1999. served as Hospitality Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman.
National Society of Professional Engineers, 1981-2010
Sigma Xi, 1973-2010

Community Organization Memberships:
None

Published Works:


Awards and Honors Received:
Director’s Distinguished Accomplishments Awards from Mitre Corporation for the following projects (Note, I was initially employed by the Mitre Corporation before the division the division I was working for split off to Mitretek Systems):


It's a great year 2012 to be able to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion from our beloved ALMA MATER, THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK.

Two score and ten years ago, we all had the privilege of attending the FLAGSHIP College, the JEWEL OF THE TUITION FREE COLLEGES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, before we coalesced to become part of the CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY).

Most of us who attended UPTOWN DAY SESSION TUITION FREE were teenagers, young, enthusiastic and imbued with determination to succeed and to contribute to our great city and country. Were mandated by our charismatic, young president JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY who had charged us to in his historical inauguration speech in January 1961. We could never have imagined that he would be taken away by an assassin's bullet just 15 months after our graduation at LEWISOHN STADIUM on June 13, 1962.

Here at CCNY, we enjoyed the dynamic leadership, during the turbulent years of the 1960s, of our Lincolnesque President, in voice and in bearing, Dr. Buell Gallagher. He was also an ordained minister. As second-generation university graduates, our physician father told us that he knew a lot about President Gallagher from the time he was head at the historical Black College, TALLADEGA for ten years, and was affectionately called PREXY by the students in that Alabama institution. Dean Morton Gottshall of our College of Liberal and Sciences, along with President Gallagher, was a formidable pair on many occasions, especially at one of the highlights of my life, GRADUATION DAY IN JUNE 1962.

I remember with great pleasure, the fun times, amidst the challenging course work and four hour labs in Psychology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology & Geology we faced as Bachelor of Science matriculated students majoring in Psychology and Mathematics with a minor in French. I enjoyed the socializing experiences of the Thursday afternoons clubs such as the NAACP, where I served as chair of the Education Committee and Simon Gourdine our famous classmate, a lawyer by profession, was the President on campus. In later years, Simon was appointed NBA Commissioner. On one memorable day our NAACP group was addressed by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall many years before he was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1967.

The professors were very strong and demanded serious attention to the rigorous courses we took as Psychology majors, especially Experimental Psychology, the brainchild of Professor Joseph Barmack, former chairperson of the Psychology Department. Professor Gertrude Schmeidler was fascinating with her discussions in parapsychology involving
ESP, i.e., Extrasensory Perception. In addition to having to find unsuspecting students for our experimental subjects, my twin sister and I were ourselves the subjects of twin study research being conducted by Professor Gampel who was studying the learning patterns of twins. We found out that we had very similar learning styles, which did not surprise us since we are identical (Monozygotic) twins born an amazing 90 minutes apart. This writer is twin A, and my “younger” sister is twin B.

We were also there during the years of the CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT led by Dr. Martin Luther. We had the honor of meeting and getting to know many of the participants who worked with Dr. King when they traveled north for financial and moral support. One person such was the great unsung hero, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, recently deceased at age 90, who often came to speak to us on campus at CCNY bearing fresh scars from the numerous beatings he endured from vicious police in Alabama during the many demonstrations for freedom and voting rights for Black American citizens. He was so brave and afforded us students a firsthand look behind the glaring headlines. There were also opportunities to witness rousing debates by the mesmerizing Muslim leader, Minister Malcolm X. The audience was brought to its feet when he verbally clashed with one of our friends who was the then president of the West Indian Student’s Association (WISA) who would later become a Townsend Harris winner in 1985, 20 years after his graduation from CCNY because of contributions to the labor movement and the Government of Jamaica, his homeland to which he returned after graduating in 1965. This was Pearnel Charles who still participates in politics as a member of the Jamaican parliament, until recently the brother-in-law of the former Prime Minister. Jamaica is also the birthplace of both of my parents who came to New York in their late teens in the early 1920s as pioneering immigrants with a thirst for education and willingness for hard work. It’s no wonder that they produced two CCNY BEAVERS!

It was a privilege to be a student at CCNY during the long tenure of the famed African American Psychologist and first Black full Professor in Psychology at CCNY, Dr. Kenneth Bancroft Clarke. It was the famous DOLL STUDIES of the 1940s first designed by his outstanding wife, also a highly respected PhD Psychologist, Dr. Mamie Phipps Clarke, both graduates of Howard University in Washington DC and Columbia University in NY, whose insightful research into the “hearts and minds” of little children of color in this country was utilized by the great NAACP lawyer Thurgood Marshall and his Legal Defense Team in the BROWN VS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF TOPEKA, KANSAS case before the US Supreme Court that ruled against school, desegregation in public schools throughout the entire country in 1954 in a unanimous decision in Earl Warren’s Court.

It was not fun to have to take swimming in Physical Education on south campus and have to dry our hair and run to north campus to Baskerville Hall for Chemistry classes only to have the large iron door slammed in your face if you did not get there within ten minutes. And for all this athletic effort, we only got a half credit for gym. Remember, in those days there was no CCNY lavender bus to shuttle us between North and South Campus.
As Class A Directors on the CCNY Alumni Board at the present time, we look upon today’s students on campus as somewhat fortunate to have the luxury of such convenient transport.

We students of the late 1950s and early 1960s did not have the benefit of computers during the registration process. Consequently, trying to register for courses was a nightmare to say the least. Fortunately for my sister and me, we had an older cousin who was two years ahead of us at CCNY who helped us to navigate through the maze of registration when we were lower freshmen. We are forever grateful to her for her support in those early years.

We felt that having had the special opportunity to graduate from THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE in 1958, rated the top high in the US at that time, that CCNY was the logical place to be with its great academic reputation. So it was not surprising to see about two thirds of our classmates from SCIENCE as freshmen when we arrived on campus in the Fall of 1958! We all felt well-prepared for the rigors of a Science course of study at CITY. We appreciate the great free education we received at CCNY for both the Bachelors and the Masters Degrees in Science.

We try to demonstrate our appreciation by GIVING BACK TO OUR ALMA MATER by financial scholarships and other monetary donations as well as volunteering in such Alumni Activities as the SENIOR SALUTE and SPRING FLING events to encourage Alums and graduating seniors to join the Alumni Association and to sponsor deserving students who now have the heavy burden of tuition, families to support and coursework to be successful students.

One of my favorite Professors of all time is Professor Gaston Gille, chair of the ROMANCE LANGUAGES at helped to set the DEPARTMENT who taught us French. He was witty and wonderful. He was a great scholar and respected member of the QUARANTE IMMORTELLES (40 Immortals) in the French Academy who set the standards of the language. His handwriting was spectacular and neat. It is great to know Professor Manuel de la Nunez today on the Alumni Board who was hired by Professor Gille to teach Spanish the same year we graduated, 1962. What is really special, he still has some original postcards mailed to him in Prof Gille’s own script when he retired to France many years ago. This is a very special memory for us at our Alumni Board of Directors meetings.

As a Liberal Arts and Science major in PSYCHOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS with a minor in French, I completed my BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE in Psychology in the Early Identification Program for Gifted Students tuition free on the Uptown Day Session Campus of CCNY. Many of our classmates from BRONX SCIENCE were there with my sister and me such as Bea Goldschmidt Werden, Karen Seed Kendler, Marcia Klaster, Irwin Pronin, Laura Barbanel, Ann Ginsberg Mazelis and Jack Mazelis. Both Bea and Irwin are on our 50th Reunion Committee, and the two of us, this year. I
qualified for the tuition-free MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY at CCNY in the Graduate School of Education in 1965 followed by the Advanced Certificate in Clinical School Psychology which included doctoral level courses. I was informed by my Psychology Supervisors that I was the First African American to qualify for a paid internship in the NYC Board of Education as a paid PSYCHOLOGIST IN TRAINING (PIT) in 1966. I also have a license in secondary school mathematics. Fortunately, I met the Board of Examiners qualifications for a permanent License and Certificate to practice as a tenured School Psychologist in the New York City Public and Parochial schools, with National Certification. I was a practicing School Psychologist for over 36 years and retired in 2002. This rewarding and challenging work involved evaluating and giving therapy to children and their parents and their families. I was the only Headstart Psychologist in the City of Yonkers in Westchester County for a brief period. As a qualified clinician I worked for the Bureau of Child Guidance in NYC, in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn. My sister and I were the only twin School Psychologists in the NYC Department of Education for over 30 years.

I was a Harlem born resident of the historic Hamilton Grange District until 1968 where my physician father served for over 30 years prior to retiring with our mother to Jamaica WI, their birthplace. I am a resident of Manhattan’s Upper West Side for over 40 years. It was instilled in us to GIVE BACK and serve others, especially the undeserved children of Harlem, the South Bronx and Bedford Stuyvesant, all areas in which I worked over the years. I hope I have made a difference in the lives of children and their families. I was particularly honored to have been chosen by the community based organization in Harlem as a CULTURAL MOTHER for working and advocating for community children and families by the Mandela Foundation headed by Dr. John Bolling, a dedicated Psychiatrist. The multivariate role of an urban Psychologist enabled me to be a participant/speaker at numerous Child Development and Educational conferences in Jamaica, East Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, the Bahamas and Hawaii. Stateside my work has also involved professional participation at conferences in New Orleans, Ypsilanti, Michigan and Yonkers NY. Volunteer work entailed decades with the A BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM for gifted students of color in secondary school to have an opportunity to obtain scholarships to attend prestigious prep schools throughout the US. As a cofounder of the Andrew G. Scholarship at CCNY in 1990, it is heartening to be able to bestow awards in a financial way to worthy students who want to pursue careers in Education to serve undeserved children and communities. As life members of the CCNY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION it has been great to keep close to our College. I have also tried to keep up to date by taking a sabbatical some years ago and earn a Graduate Certificate in Computer Science at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). As a founding member of the BRONX SCIENCE/CCNY Honors Program and a founding sponsor of the New Haarlem Arts Theatre (NHAT) at CCNY, I continue to try to give back.
I am proud to be a godmother of three, an aunt of four, a grand aunt of eight, sister, friend to many dear people and a Life Member of the CCNY Alumni and the Black Psychologists Association. I look forward to seeing many members of the class of 1962. We are happy to have a wonderful new President, Dr. Lisa Coico for the past two years. SEE YOU SOON on the weekend of June 1, 2 & 3.

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I was born in the heart of Harlem, New York in my physician father’s medical office. The younger of twin girls, I arrived 90 minutes after my sister, Cleonis Ellen Golding, fellow classmate and professional colleague. We grew up with an older brother in a private house owned by our parents in a beautiful tree-line block in an upper middle class section of the Hamilton Grange Historical District in West Harlem, near Riverside Drive just blocks away from CCNY. Our mother who loved plants, took pride in her front garden and potted plants that lined the ledge of the front porch.

The neighborhood was what we called a “Mini United Nations” when we grew up in the 1940s and 1950s with an ethnically pluralistic representation of African Americans, Caribbean Americans, European Americas (including those of German, Irish, Greek, Italian and Russian descent) and Latin American (Costa Ricans and Puerto Ricans) as well as Asians (mostly Chinese). Most of us children were born in New York and our parents, born abroad. Consequently, we were fortunate to have had a very cosmopolitan New York experience as children that enabled us to gain invaluable knowledge about all different types of people. This was enormously beneficial as we navigated life’s journey.

Most important however, was our family of origin—a strong, closely-knit circle that had as its foundation Caribbean-born, naturalized American citizen parents with highly moral and ethical principles to guide us. Although they both were born in British colonial Jamaica, West Indies, they met here in Brooklyn, New York a few years after having immigrated in the early 1920s and married in the early 1930s while our father was a premedical student at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Those of us of African descent were referred to as “colored” then and were owners of private homes. Our father was one of seven Black physicians (including one female doctor). We later found out that there were “restrictive covenants” at that time that prevented Black people from renting apartments on Broadway or Riverside Drive in the early days. When Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and others purchased Riverside Drive apartment buildings, they were finally available to all eligible
prospective tenants who qualified, based on more objective criteria for rental. Subsequently, the neighborhood became even more impressive with the likes of Dr. Robert C. Weaver, the Harvard-educated PhD and housing expert, who had been a member of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s so-called “Black Cabinet,” who went on to become the first Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary in President Lyndon B. Johnson’s cabinet; Judge Francis & Mrs. Alroy Rivers (Mrs. Rivers was the first African American Psychologist in the New York City Board of Education, and one of our role models and mentors).

All three of us attended local public schools with generally excellent teachers when the New York City School System was ranked at the top among other cities and states in the United States. Our very good basic education prepared us well to gain entrance into the BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE (ranked at the very top of the nation’s high schools at the time).

I chose CCNY although my twin sister and I were accepted at some others (Howard University, Skidmore College in Saratoga, NY, and McGill University in Montreal, Canada). CCNY offered a very high quality, tuition-free education, very near to home. Approximately three-quarters of our BRONX SCIENCE classmates made the same choice. Settling on a Bachelor of Science course of study exposed me to an appreciation for the scientific method of inquiry and a respect for rigorous research. Even though I eventually selected Psychology as a major, I also loved Mathematics and French and took a number of electives in each subject. I also qualified for and obtained a license to teach secondary school Mathematics, in addition to earning credentials and practicing as a licensed, certified (city, state, and national) CLINICAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST. As an undergraduate, I was a member of the Cercle Francais du Jour, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the West Indian Students Association. CCNY President BUELL GALLAGHER assisted some of us in reactivating the Student NAACP Chapter on the campus.

Some of our most memorable professors were: PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ROMANCE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT, PROF. GASTON GILLE, who taught us French, and was a member of the “Forty Immortals” of the Academie Francais, who were entrusted with setting and maintaining the standards of the French language. PROF. FRANCIS P. HARDESTY, of the PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, who taught Psychometrics (and gave me a part-time job). He introduced us to the inner workings of the research, development, administration, interpretation and applications of the most significant and respected individual tests of intelligence (i.e., the Wechsler Scales and the Stanford-Binet). He also spoke fluent German and helped to standardize the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) on German Children. PROFESSOR JESSE DOUGLAS in the MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT who taught ADVANCED CALCULUS, one of the most rigorous courses I ever took. Prof. Douglas who seemed quite introverted, mostly spoke to the blackboard—not directly facing us students—but nevertheless, imparted the essence of this really difficult subject sufficiently for me to
earn the most satisfying “B” on the final exam that I can remember. PROFESSOR SOPHIE ELAM in the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT and PROFESSOR GERTRUDE SCHMEIDLER in the PSYCHOLOGY DEPT who really conveyed the main principles of Child & Adolescent Psychology and the basic tenets of Psychology in theoretical and practical ways and recommended me for the Early Identification Program for Graduate Study. Prof. Elam remembered Ellen and me from the time that we were 4th graders who participated in CCNY’s After School Program with aspiring teachers who took us on culturally enriching trips.

After graduation from CCNY’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in June, 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in the old Lewisohn Stadium, I entered the Graduate School of Education in the Clinical & School Psychology Program in the Fall of 1962. I earned a Master of Science in Education in June 1965. My Master’s Thesis was published in the CCNY Graduate School of Education’s Fall 1965 monograph.

In December, 1963 (less than two weeks after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy), I was inducted into PSI CHI, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

I have been a member of the CCNY Alumni Association since my graduation in 1962, and am also a LIFE member. I am also a member of the Alumni Association of the Bronx High School of Science.

I am a Charter Member (1968) of the New York Chapter and a LIFE member of the Association of Black Psychologists, and an Associate Member of the National Medical Association, and often attend their annual conventions.

Since 2005-Present, I have served as a Class A Director (along with my sister, Ellen) of the CCNY Alumni Board of Directors, and have been Co-chair with her of its Program Committee. In June 2008, both of us were bestowed the honor of the CCNY's ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD at its 156th Annual Meeting.

Earlier that same year, Ellen and I were also honored as “Cultural Mothers” by the Mandala Soul-Centered Institute of Harlem, directed by Dr. John Bolling, an intrepid and selfless Harlem Psychiatrist. We feel especially humbled to be included with one of our great, recently deceased (December 2011), mentors and role models, the venerable, Dr. Muriel Petioni, lovingly known as HARLEM’s MOTHER OF MEDICINE, in that group of honorees. We successfully nominated her in 2006 to receive the coveted John Finley Award when she was 90+ years of age.

For more than 30 years, I have been a member of the NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES and judged its Science Fair Projects in Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences. I have also been a volunteer to interview student candidates for the A BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM which selects promising African American and other deserving
students of color, for scholarships to attend prestigious private college preparatory schools. We have also been members of a community-based network organization dedicated to assisting children and families.

In 1990, Ellen and I, along with family, friends and colleagues, established the ANDREW G. DONALDSON SCHOLARSHIP at CCNY, in honor of a very outstanding deceased educator and 1950 Honors Graduate of CCNY. Interestingly, we first met Prof. Donaldson as undergraduates when we took a course in the Summer of 1961 when he was a guest lecturer. He went on to have a very distinguished career as an innovative, creative, and charismatic educator and school administrator including having served as an adviser to President Jimmy Carter.

In 2005, we were pleased to be afforded the opportunity to be among the founders of and major contributors to the BRONX SCIENCE/CCNY HONORS SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT, and were featured in its Fall 2005 newsletter.

More recently, we were honored to be founding sponsors of the NEW HAARLEM ARTS THEATRE inaugurated at CCNY in 2011, under the leadership of Prof. Eugene Nesmith, Chair of the Dept. of Speech & Drama.

Turning points in my life have included: In 1961, seeing and hearing in person for the first time, the Reverend DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR at the Riverside Church in an awe-inspiring sermon, and then, six years later, in 1967, his oratorical magic as keynote speaker at the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION in Washington, DC, at the invitation of its President, DR. KENNETH B. CLARKE (the first African American Full Professor at CCNY).

Another unforgettable turning point in my life was my very first trip to Jamaica, West Indies in 1965 after completion of my Master’s degree. This was a life-changing event for me because I was able to meet so many wonderful relatives whom we had heard so much about since childhood. The extraordinarily warm and loving reception and treatment accorded us (Ellen and me) accompanied by our mother, are forever etched in our most cherished memories. Countless subsequent trips followed. We were also greatly moved in 1972 where we attended an ALL AFRICAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE on a heritage trip to East Africa which reaffirmed our pride in our ancestry so carefully instilled by our father in early childhood.

Probably one of the earliest turning points in my life was successfully gaining entrance to the BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE in 1955. This powerful educational environment was tremendously interesting and challenging, yet stimulating and enlightening. It was still lead by its founding Principal, Dr. Morris Meister (another sturdy son of CCNY). Then, followed by acceptance into the City College of New York’s Uptown Campus as a tuition-free student in the fall of 1958 was equally significant to me. The high academic qualifications and standards from both institutions.
enabled me to qualify for a most rewarding profession and to have always been gainfully employed, and to retire with dignity and be able to give back to both of my legendary alma maters.

Our closely-knit immediate and extended family was headed by durable, reliable, sober, consistent, traditional Jamaican parents. Mother and father provided the type of structure, security, and good values—especially for education that contribute to healthy development and sustainability. Our older brother followed in our father's footsteps as a physician and (with his wife) spawned two more medical doctors (a son and a daughter) as well as an attorney and a doctoral level educator. All four of them are continuing the family in solid marriages with a son and a daughter each for a total even number of 8 grandchildren.

Of course, we delight in frequent family gatherings with the older and younger generations. Despite not having biological children of my own, I feel lucky to have such a great number of young people in my life, including those in my family as well as my Godsons and other adopted nieces and nephews.

In addition, having been a practicing Clinical School Psychologist for over 35 years was a great privilege. I derived a great deal of personal satisfaction by having professional wherewithal and responsibility to help often vulnerable young people in need of positive intervention and support often at critical times in their lives.

A few career highlights as an urban School Psychologist, include an early introduction to some of the disparities that disadvantaged children and families face in a large bureaucratic system, especially when they are inaccurately diagnosed and subsequently mislabeled as “mentally deficient” for instance, and then denied their legal right to be psychologically re-examined after three years in special placement (called tri-ennials). Early in our careers, both Ellen and I undertook the task (with the cooperation of enlightened supervisors and teachers) to re-evaluate these youngsters and often find them eligible to be transitioned back into the mainstream.

Another career highlight where I felt that I made a difference leading workshops for parents and school personnel in creative, sharing was to sharpen their often untapped diagnostic skills, and to suggest appropriate remedial and treatment modalities and interventions assist their children in many ways.

My hobbies include traveling, reading, playing bridge and chess, and relaxing with crafts such as knitting, crocheting and tatting.

Special interests include attending family gatherings and reunions, keeping informed about current events and history, mentoring young people, attending professional conventions and meetings, and participating in Bronx Science and CCNY events and excursions.
As a freshman, I met Jackie Robinson and Harry Belafonte on the CCNY South campus when they came to recruit us to go on an Integration March in Washington, DC. This stimulated my commitment to get involved in exciting changes that were happening as a result of confronting inequities in the American south and elsewhere.

As a graduate student, in 1964, I attended a debate on campus between Minister Malcolm X and the President of the West Indian Student’s Association who returned home to Jamaica, W.I. after graduating from CCNY in 1965 to become a leading political official and was honored with a TOWNSEND HARRIS MEDAL IN 1985. Ellen and I are still in touch with him.

My fondest memories of all were earning my Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1962 in Liberal Arts and Sciences and my Master of Science in Clinical & School Psychology (MSE) conferred by the Lincolnesque President Buell Gallagher’s resonant, golden baritone voice.

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Myra A. Mitzner grew up in the Bronx and attended James Monroe High School. She attended CCNY because it offered an excellent education. At CCNY, she majored in mathematics, was on the Dean’s List and a member of AOJT and the Alpha Chi Delta House Plan. After graduating, Myra was an actuarial trainee at AIN Associates, Inc. from 1963 to 1966 and a math teacher at John Browne High School in 1966. She eventually moved into sales, retiring in 1993 as a sales representative of Miss Chocolate, Inc., a position she held since 1975. Myra also served as regional vice president and member of the executive board of AMIT from 1996 to 2008. She was also president of the Young Israel of Staten Island Sisterhood in the 1970’s, member of JCRC, chairperson of the board of the AMIT Local Chapter from 1973 to 2008, and co-chair of the S.I. Committee for Soviet Jewry in from the 1970’s to the 1980’s. Myra married Samuel Mitzner in 1963. A graduate of Hunter College, Mr. Mitzner was a NYC teacher. He passed away in 1996. Mr. and Mrs. Mitzner have two children: a daughter, Ann who is an OB/GYN in NJ and a son, Abraham, who is a ritual director at a synagogue in Texas with five children.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Excellent academic institution, friendly atmosphere, great professors and good social life.”
It’s hard to believe that 50 years have gone by since our graduation from CCNY. I grew up in Washington Heights and was one of the few girls I knew who went to Bronx Science. I only went there because there were twice as many boys as girls! However at Bronx Science I found I really liked science and came to City with about three hundred fellow high school classmates to major in science.

From my excellent high school background I found Chemistry easy and eventually changed from pre-med to a straight Chemistry major. I remember how poorly I did in Biology with Dr. Paul drawing bell shaped curves vertically to resemble a female figure. Coursewise, since I had so many science labs, taking Art 1 was heaven. Academically, I graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa cum laude with special honors in Chemistry in three in a half years. My rush through college was because I met Ken Werden to whom I am married now for over 50 years.

Ken came to the house plan office in which I was hanging out. I was a member of Sis Baron ,62. Ken had a part time job working for the Alumni Office and was looking for students to work the Class of 1934 twenty fifth anniversary dinner. All I wanted to do was hang up Jonas Salk’s coat! I did!

Ken and I hit it off, with him not realizing that I was busy chasing him. I went to the House Plan Carnival with him and I remember my good friend Phyllis Scanlon, now Leitner, being a contestant and Barbara Marmelstein winning as Miss HousePlan. During the summer, Ken also took me to lots of concerts at Lewishon Stadium.

Ken went off to graduate school at Wharton in Philadelphia and continued to see me when he was in New York. By the middle of my junior year we were engaged, and then because he had been in ROTC and was on active duty during the Berlin Wall Crisis, his tour of duty was extended and we decided to get married on September 9, 1961. I commuted by bus to CCNY from Fort Dix New Jersey with a commutation ticket and slept at my parent’s house one night a week.

After graduation I found a job teaching seventh grade social studies in Medford N.J. I was one lesson ahead of my students and thought I would NEVER again teach anything but college.

In September of 1962, Ken was discharged and we returned to New York. Ken went to work at Colgate Palmolive and I started graduate school at Columbia in Chemistry. School was not easy. However I persevered and got an M.A. in 1963. In 1969 school our
son Andrew was born and I continued graduate school till I had our daughter Liz, born in 1969. My Mom babysat! I majored in inorganic chemistry, but minored in socialization. Bridge games in the lab, parties on weekends and getting a stipend and being a graduate assistant were better than working. I passed my qualifying exams, but settled for an M. Phil. in 1974 and did not finish my PhD.

I stayed home between 1969-1974 and took education courses at Lehman College. In 1974 I began to teach at Borough of Manhattan Community College. I also returned to graduate school to get credits in the college teaching of science at Teachers College of Columbia University. Unfortunately the New York City Budget Crisis of 1977, ended my career at BMCC and we decided to have a third child Richard and move to the suburbs (Scarsdale).

Between 1977-1982, I worked as an adjunct at various colleges in Westchester teaching Chemistry labs. Then I got a job for two years at a private school and then in 1984 began my career as a New York City Chemistry and Physics teacher returning to alma mater, Bronx High School of Science to teach. I loved teaching and only left the classroom in 1996 to be a staff developer in the Bronx High School Superintendent’s Office. This was my true calling. Helping teachers who had little or no resources in small new schools, helping assistant principals get additional supplies, and representing the Bronx in science affairs both city and statewide. Particularly I helped develop and implement the new Chemistry Regents, which I have continued to work to the present time.

In 1999 I returned to the classroom in New Rochelle High School to teach Advanced Placement Chemistry. I remained for eight years and retired from the state system. Since then I taught one more year at a private school and was a peer observer and mentor back in the city for the last four years. Throughout my career I have tutored individual students and this winter did so from Florida using Skype. I hope to continue tutoring in Florida as well as doing some volunteering at a local hospital. Additionally, I took up Mah Jongg, Canasta and am starting to play Bridge.
Our three children, their spouses and six grandchildren are scattered across the country. For that reason, Ken and I are in the process of moving from White Plains permanently to Century Village Boca Raton, “the home of the retired New York City school teacher.” Come visit us!

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Dr. Gene Goldstein grew up on the Lower East Side in Manhattan and went to South Guard Park H.S. Gene attended City College because it was tuition-free and the number one school in the USA for public accounting. He earned a BBA in public accounting from City College in 1962 and a MS degree in education in 1967. As an undergraduate, he played for the Baruch basketball team for four years and also served as the team’s captain. He was also a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honorary fraternity for accounting and involved with the Baruch chorus, the Accounting Society, the wrestling team.

After returning from active military service in the US Army, Gene pursued a professional career in accounting. He was a staff accountant at Ernest & Young, CPA’s (formerly S.D. Leidssdorf & Co., CPA’s) from January 1962 to March 1964. Later on, he switched careers, leaving accounting to become a professional educator. He earned his Ph.D. degree in business education from New York University in 1987. In 1998, he retired as professor emeritus at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY. Currently, he is professor of accounting at Berkeley College, NYC.

Gene has been a member of the New York State Society of CPA’s and the American Institute of CPA’s since 1972. He is a former member of Beta Alpha Psi (1962), national honorary fraternity in accounting; Kappa Delta Psi (1965), international honor society in education; and Delta Pi Epsilon (1966), national honor society in business education. He has published the article “In Accounting the Micro-Computer Comes of Age” (The Journal, 1994) and “We, the Undersigned, Believe…A Basic Course in Accounting Shall be Required for Secretarial Students” (The Journal, 1994). Gene was honored with the CUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (selected as “best teacher”), Kingsborough Community College in 1973.

He has been married 46 years to Cheryle; they have six children and five grandchildren (sixth on the way).

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Setting the intermural record of 102 push-ups during the intermural "Carnival of Champs’ in 1960. Being the youngest Baruch graduate in the class of 1962.”
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Dr. William Greenberg majored in biology and was a member of the Caduceus Society at City College. He went on to pursue a career as a physician, earning his MD degree in 1967 from the Chicago Medical School. From 1987 through the present, William has worked as a pediatrician at Pomona Pediatric Associates. William also serves as the Medical Director at Jawonio, Inc. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (1967-present) and the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. In 2008, William was honored with the Anthony J. Koenig Volunteer of the Year Award by the New York State Cerebral Palsy Association.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “The camaraderie of classmates in interminable analytic and organic chemistry labs and our fervent desire not to blow up the lab while we were still there. I had a sense that despite the intellectual beating we took daily, the faculty wanted us to succeed.”

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Fondest CCNY Memories: “Raymond, the Bagel Man; lunch at “our” table in the South Cafeteria.”
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Dr. Irwin Haas majored in biology and was a member of Mu Zeta Lambda at City College. He was awarded the Salk Award for Dental School and graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1966 with a DDS degree. He gained his certification in orthodontics in 1969. Irwin retired from his orthodontist practice in 2008. He served as past president of Nassau County Dental Society in 1982, Nassau city representative for the New York State Dental Society, and a member of the American Association of Orthodontists and the Northeastern Society of Orthodontist.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Raymond, Lewisohn Stadium concerts, and the Biology Club. I was younger and enjoyed my time at CCNY. CCNY helped me to achieve my fondest dreams: a family, grandchildren, and years of practice as an orthodontist. Thank you CCNY!”
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I was born November 29th, 1939 to Esther & Herman Hanover and grew up in Queens NY (Middle Village then Bayside) and graduated in 1957 from Bayside High School. (A few years ago, I had the pleasure of attending my 50th high school reunion in New York City) I transferred into CCNY in my sophomore year having attended Brooklyn Polytechnic as a freshman. At CCNY, I was actively involved in the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity where I am a Life Member and held some chapter positions. In January 1962, I received my B.B.A. in accounting at Baruch. After college, in June of 1962, I married Toby and settled initially in Queens New York (Jackson Heights and then Kew Gardens), where we had two children; Chuck in 1964 and Sue in 1966 (they both are married and were nice enough to have blessed me with four wonderful grandchildren). In 1968, we bought our first home in Manalapan, New Jersey where my extended family grew up. With family in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, we purchased the first of many vacation homes in Florida. (Coral Springs then Boca Raton and finally Delray Beach).

In February 1962, I went to work as a programmer / systems analyst in Data Processing for a number of corporate entities in New York City (starting with Con Edison (1962-1964), then American Express (1967-1968)) then APL Corp. in New Jersey (1968-1969) as their Programming Manager. I also participated as a member of DPMA and ASM during that time. I eventually settled into the niche of Information Technology Services as a consultant where I enjoyed the challenges, which included the variety of assignments, applications, locations and industries. In the early days of this industry, I worked for one of the pioneer companies, CAI (Computer Applications, Inc.) from 1964 – 1967. I joined Software Design Associates, Inc. (SDA) in 1970 and eventually moved
up within the company to be in management including the positions of Technical Director in 1977, Branch Manager of New Jersey in 1979, Regional V.P. in 1981, COO in 1983. I was appointed President & CEO of SDA in 1986 and during my tenure I also served on the board of the trade association ITAA (Information Technology Association of America) and on the board of SDA UK Limited.

On a personal level, I was heavily involved with my synagogue (Temple Shaari Emeth) in the Englishtown, New Jersey area and where I was on the Board of Trustees (1970-1972), Treasurer (1972-1973), Vice President positions (1973-1976) and then the President from 1976 –1979; I also was involved locally as a member of the Manalapan Jaycees, and as an officer of the New Jersey/ West Hudson Valley region of the UAHC (now the URJ). I was a representative to the Monmouth County JCC from 1977 to 1979. Nationally, I served on the Synagogue Administration committee of the UAHC and served on the Executive Committee of the Computer Hi-Tech division of the UJA Federation in New York City.

In 1987, I helped achieve a successful merger of SDA into the public company AGS. (SDA had run independently as a separate business although we were a subsidiary of AGS from early 1984). I went out on my own soon after the merger was completed in 1988. I established a management consulting practice (Hanover & Associates, Ltd.) in New Jersey servicing the I.T. Professional Services and Staffing Services industries, nationally. My clients (formerly my competitors such as Interactive Business Systems, Inc., IMI Systems, Inc., Paragon Computer Professionals, Inc., Triad Data, Inc, Performance Resources among others) used my industry experience to create their strategic and tactical plans, facilitate their planning meetings, teach a variety of courses, provide one-on-one training to their sales and recruiting staff as well as serve as a resource to their executive team including the President. I also served as temporary management for executives on leave or a company in transition and as an
expert witness in a number of court cases in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and as the CFO at ARMS, Inc in Haddonfield, NJ for two years. I participated in M & A activity including the Due Diligence for a number of companies. For a few years, I created an IT Industry Compensation Survey that was purchased by many companies. I had many articles published in client company newsletters, the trade press and industry magazines and was a speaker at conferences held by National Association of Computer Consulting Business, Staffing Industry Analysts and the Information Technology Association of America. I also wrote the book, *How to Manage a Successful Professional Services Firm, Advice from an Industry Veteran.*

Finally in 2003, for family and personal reasons, I retired. I permanently moved to Boynton Beach, Florida where I have improved my golf game, paint, swim and don’t miss the New Jersey/New York winters. (This is almost perfect except for the occasional hurricane). Unfortunately, my wife passed away in 2007 from cancer but I moved on with my life in 2008 with a significant other, Harriett (a Hunter graduate). We golf together, go to the local theatres and spend our Augusts in western North Carolina.

All my life achievements and success that I had may not have occurred if not for my CCNY years and the affordable and excellent education that I received there.

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My name is Barbara Fertig. I grew up in Elmhurst and graduated from Newtown H.S in 1958, CCNY (BA) in 1962. I enrolled in CCNY because my father, Frank Heineman graduated with an engineering degree. Russian literature, bio and speech with Dr. Pendleton (sp) were favorites as well as the Musical Comedy Society. I got my MA from Adelphi and several subsequent credits at Bank Street, NYU, etc. Sheldon Fertig (MA CCNY) and I married and had two children. Our children are both happy parenting and in successful careers. The five grandchildren are delightful. My career as a special education teacher was enhanced by federal grant to improve children’s positional language and ego development. Polaroid also issued grants. I was a chapter leader involved in educational politics. I now enjoy retirement by sitting on senior councils, volunteering, teaching arthritis exercises, traveling, taking my family places, belonging to book clubs, playing bridge and growing all kinds of plants. The turning point in my life was losing my best friend and husband to cancer.
Lennox S. Hinds

Mr. Lennox Hinds is a world-renowned criminal defense and international human rights lawyer and highly respected professor of law. His expertise and services have been widely sought and his clients have included Nelson Mandela, whom he’s represented in the United States, and, separately, the South African government. In addition, Professor Hinds lectures extensively in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America, and has published and taught about crimes against humanity under international law for more than two decades. He’s the permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) for the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, an organization that he served as vice-president. Most recently, Professor Hinds was appointed by the UN as lead counsel to represent defendants accused by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) of genocide, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. He’s admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, ICTR, the International Criminal Court for Yugoslavia (ICTY), the Permanent International Criminal Court in The Hague and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. In private practice, Professor Hinds is a senior partner in the firm of Stevens, Hinds and White, PC, which has offices in New York, New Jersey, and Paris. Prior to joining the firm, he served for many years as National Director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers of the United States and Canada. A graduate of Rutgers Law School, which he attended after earning his bachelor’s degree from City College in 1962, he was awarded the law school’s J. Skelly Wright Award for contribution to civil rights. Professor Hinds was awarded a United States patent for x-ray spectrochemical analysis in 1969. He was a Charles H. Revson Fellow at CCNY’s Center for Legal Education and Urban Policy in 1979-1980 and presently teaches law at Rutgers Administration of Justice Program.

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After graduating CCNY, he studied nuclear engineering for one year at Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology. He later continued his education, earning an MBA degree in Finance from CUNY in 1971.
Stanley pursued a career in management. After retiring in 2008 as Executive Vice President of Superior Printing Ink Co. Inc., he set up a consulting service, SRH Consulting. His professional experience includes the following positions: Branch Manager at Sinclair & Valentine Co. (1975-1979), Project Engineer at Burns & Roe (1972-1975), Project Engineer at Sun Chemical Corp. (1969-1972), Nuclear Engineer at Ralph M. Parsons Co. (1967-1969), and Nuclear Engineer at Home Energy Commission.

In his community, Stanley has been involved with the Glen Rock Jewish Center, serving as the center’s president from 1982 through 1984. He was also a member of the Glen Rock Pops Orchestra from 1975 through 1998 and the Glen Rock Zoning Board. Stanley is has two children and six grandchildren.

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Dr. Martin A. Jackson majored in history at City College and was the president of the History Society and editor of the *Journal of Social Studies*. After graduating CCNY, Martin continued his education at NYU earning his MA in history in 1965 and his PhD degree in history in 1970 from CUNY. He pursued a career as a teacher, magazine editor, writer and electrical contractor. Martin retired in 2006. In addition to his professional career, Martin served as founder of the Historians Film Committee. He is the author of two books: *The Bronx: Lost, Found, and Remembered, 1935-1975* and *A Survey of The Bronx from 1940-1960*.

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Dr. Morry Jaffe majored in physics and was a member of the American Rocket Society at City College. He went on to earn his Master’s degree in physics from Boston University (1962-1964) and his Ph.D. in physics from CUNY in 1971. Dr. Jaffe held several careers throughout his life. His most recent professional position was Assistant Commissioner at New York City Department of Records & information Services.
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Fondest CCNY Memories: “My fellow students and inspirational instructors.”

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City’s 50th Reunion – What it means to me (David Kahaner) June 2012

Wow, 50 years! It’s tough to believe. So many things to reflect on. What are the most important? I got a great education and this was the door to a successful and rewarding career. In my case this has taken me all over the world to work and live. At City I met Louise Goldman, the woman who would become my wife and life partner. I guess all that is not so surprising. But the key has been the friendships I developed. My oldest friend dates back to kindergarten and continued with me all through CCNY and afterward. Many people I met in high school went on to City with me, others I met while in college. We formed a Houseplan, Harris ’62, a kind of poor man’s fraternity -- people thrown together with no more in common than that we all had the same free period. Then of course, we added people over our four years, and even kept a couple who transferred to the Baruch School in the Village. So many wonderful memories of those years. How could that hold together? But it did. My wife and I went to my 40th reunion in 1992 and the most amazing thing... Many of my Harris ’62 buddies showed up, some I hadn’t seen since graduation or shortly after, and guess what? It was like the intervening years didn’t exist. We reminisced, joked, and filled each other in on the 40 year lapse as if it were the summer between semesters. What a fantastic feeling – impossible to describe, but I hope someday each of you has that opportunity. We’ve been more than just ‘in touch’ between the two reunions, we’ve visited, learned about each other’s families including grandchildren, and friendships have become closer, even if distances have sometimes taken us further apart. We’ve shared joyful events, and some tough ones too. My family and I have moved frequently, now my wife and I live near DC; luckily there are a few Harris’62 who live there too and we have become very close. I’ve met many new people since leaving City, a few have become terrific friends who we see frequently. But the friends I met and kept at CCNY more than half a century ago are still my dearest ones, and maybe those are the most special things I’ve taken away from my college years.

Professionally, I have always been interested in technology, but City gave me the opportunity to experiment, philosophy briefly, and I was even a films major until I realized I had no intuitive talent in that direction. I went from City (which was undergrad only at that time) to graduate school and afterward worked at large labs in New Mexico and Maryland, as well as worked and lived in Europe and extensively in Asia. I also changed careers, going from a scientist to running a small consulting business focusing on emerging technologies on the other side of the world.
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I grew up in Brooklyn, graduated from James Madison High School in 1957. Started Pre-Engineering at Brooklyn College for convenience and transferred after two years. I got my lifetime job at Lockheed in Northern California. University of Santa Clara gave me a Master’s Degree in ME after six years of early morning before work classes. I have been retired since 1995. The last 20 years of my career was spent working on the Hubble Space Telescope doing Thermal design and analysis. I have done lots of volunteer work in my lifetime and more so lately. In the winter I ski my age in days and summers are spent traveling and biking for exercise. Since I lived far away I didn’t spend much time at CCNY, but remember the great twist doughnuts they had at shop a block or so away from the campus. Recently, I visited the school for the first time since I graduated and it looked better than what I remembered. Got to walk a little in Sheppard Hall.

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I grew up in Parkchester, a Metropolitan Life development in the Bronx. My elementary school PS106 was across the street from the apartment building that I lived in, but I was still late. Next was Jr. H.S.125, a hike across what was to be the Cross Bronx Expressway. I attended James Monroe High School, my father’s alma mater. I was a Bronx girl through and through.

I chose CCNY because of its campus. It looked and felt like what a college should be. This meant I had to take a subway to 125th Street and a bus to get to the campus, not an easy or quick commute. I thought I wanted to be a social worker and majored in sociology with a minor in psychology. My mother, as a good Jewish mother, told me to take enough education courses to be able to teach. Although I had no thoughts of ever becoming a teacher, I followed her advice. Perhaps this proves that “mother knows best.” I spent 50 years of my life in education as a teacher and administrator. My career began at Walter Damrosch Jr.H.S. in the East Bronx. I left there to get my master’s degree at NYU and went on to teach at Joan of Arc Jr. H.S. in Manhattan. When it became clear to me that I was doing more disciplining than educating, I left the public school system. My next position and all my future ones were in adult and higher education. In the 1960’s, City University created Regional Opportunity Centers to provide basic education and vocational training for disadvantaged adults. I worked at ROC#2, in the East Bronx, as the Basic Education Supervisor. My next position was Education Director at Positive Learning Systems where I was responsible for the H.S. equivalency program. However, I missed teaching and decided to go back to the classroom. I was hired as an Assistant Professor at Manhattan Community College and worked there until my husband was transferred and we moved...
to Puerto Rico. When we returned, I took what was my most unusual position. I taught basic skills and H.S. equivalency preparation at the Bergen County Jail. During this time, I went to Montclair College for certification as a Learning Disabilities Specialist. My next, last, and most fulfilling position was at Passaic county Community College, in Paterson N.J. I started there in 1985 as an Assistant Professor and retired on January 1, 2012 as a Professor. For thirteen of those years, I chaired the English Department.

I've been married for 37 years and have two daughters. One teaches English as a second language in New Jersey and the other is an Assistant Research Professor at a university in Utah.

I have been fortunate to have been able to travel over the years. My trips have taken me to Europe, China, South East Asia, and South America; my husband and I just returned from India. My other hobbies include reading, playing bridge, knitting, making jewelry, dining at interesting restaurants, and collecting wine. Now that I've retired, I look forward to developing new interests and trying new activities.

When I think back to my years at City College, I remember fondly the many, perhaps too many, hours spent with friends in the snack bar. Of course, there was Raymond, the pretzel man. I appreciate the opportunity CCNY gave me to get a first class education. If the tuition had not been free, I would not have been able to go to college and live the life I've had.
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Fondest CCNY Memories: “What a great honor to graduate from CCNY (was not an “A” or “B” student). Studying in the huge Shepard Hall library, extremely high academic standards, and taking classes with high ranking professors and students.”

Raymond P. McClellan

Mr. Raymond Patrick McClellan, 82, of New Ulm, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 at his home. Ray, the son of William and Catherine (McGrath) McClellan, was born Oct. 9, 1929 in Brooklyn, NY. After graduating from high school in 1948, he worked as a teller in a New York bank until drafted in 1951 into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. One of his two years was served on the forward lines during the Korean War. He liked the Korean and Japanese people and enjoyed bargaining in the market places. He was also proud of his service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After his honorable discharge, Ray earned his business degree with honors from the Bernard Baruch School of Business of the City University of New York; it took him eight years since he attended college at night. While attending college, he also worked full time in the Trust Department of Hanover Bank of New York. He was hired by one of his clients, Roosevelt Medical Center, where he worked for ten years in the finance area. During this period, he also taught hospital administration and finance to domestic hospital administrators at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and to foreign administrators for the World Health Organization. It was at Roosevelt that Ray met his future wife, Mary Schneider of New Ulm. On August 31, 1963, Ray and Mary were married in Wappingers Falls, NY, and their two children were born in New York.

In 1968, Ray and Mary and their two children, Amy and David, relocated to New Ulm where he took a position with State Bond and Mortgage Co. In 1970, he began an 11-year career with Mickelson Media, Inc. as its Chief Financial Officer. When MMI moved its operations to Santa Fe, NM in 1981, Ray and his family stayed in New Ulm and he began his own consulting firm. In 1989, he accepted the position of Director of Finance for the Catholic Diocese of New Ulm. He retired in June 2000.

Ray served on many community boards and projects: UCC Church Council; Brown County representative to the nine county Head Start Program; Union Hospital Board (he was particularly proud of his role in merging the two hospitals and served on the first board of the combined hospital); St. Michael's Housing Board, Highland Manor Board; Brown County Historical Society Board; Human Rights Commission; New Ulm Actors
Community Theatre Board; New Ulm Community Concert Association Board; MBW, Inc. Board; and was active in Boy Scouts. He was voted New Ulm Executive of the Year in 1980.

When younger, Ray enjoyed sailing his Sunfish and motorcycling on his Honda and participating in timed lap races in his Fiat X19. His wife and children enjoyed sharing in this fun. He loved reading and music and at one time belonged to a recorder ensemble (it eventually folded since no one could hit a b-flat).

Growing up in Brooklyn, he felt he had many advantages that children in small towns do not have. His neighborhood was made up of many races, nationalities and religions and many of his friends’ parents could not speak English and looked like they just stepped off the boat. As he grew up he enjoyed going to their festivals and weddings and other celebrations. He enjoyed going to Brooklyn Dodger games, walking over the Brooklyn Bridge, swimming in Coney Island, attending concerts in Central Park and jazz gatherings in Greenwich Village.

He is survived by Mary, his wife of 48 years; daughter Amy (Terence) Britton of Boulder, CO; son David of Stillwater and his fiancé Deborah Carlson; grandchildren Conor, Greta and Liam McClellan, and Charlie and Camille Britton; sister, Rose McClelland of New York and brother Bill of Hudson, FL; sister-in-law Lynn (Steve) Marquardt of Mountain Iron; numerous nephews and nieces; his "cousins" Karen and Jim Whitman and Jill Wagner, and his cat Nick. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

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Born and raised in Brooklyn New York in what is now the Prospect Heights Historic District. Graduated in the College Preparatory track from the Brooklyn Technical High School in 1957. College applications were limited to the tuition free schools that offered Electrical Engineering-CCNY and The Cooper Union. College adviser opinion that CU was in the bag not withstanding, CU rejected me.

Time at CCNY was unremarkable. Joined no clubs or associations and did not pursue or receive any awards or honors. Objective was to complete the 145 credits of prescribed courses and graduate in 9 semesters.

Have positive memories of a few professors, most notably Egon Brenner. The instructor I best remember (because he endangered my 9 semester goal) was an NYU graduate
student teaching the basic thermodynamics course. This lazy fool taught nothing and spent the class hour telling stories.

Attended no colleges after CCNY but did acquire more than two years full time (with full pay) of in-house training on radars, special purpose FAA equipment, mainframe computers, contract law, program management, software development and many other subjects. Licensed as a Professional Engineer in New York, 1966.

Joined the Federal Aviation Agency (now Administration) Eastern Region in March 1962 and stayed with them in engineering positions for my entire career. Started with installation and flight checking of radars, displays and related equipment. All special purpose designed, built and tested to government specification under contract but installed and maintained by government employees. Moved on to electronic system maintenance quality oversight for radars, microwave links, special purpose computers and mainframe computers. Moved on to the Washington Headquarters to work program management of national turn-key contract equipment installations and later to R&D of new systems. Traveled extensively during this period, spending days, weeks, months and once a full year in locations throughout the US but mostly in the Northeast. Even spent a few months traveling around the world.

The second half of my career was spent on engineering management of the largest program ever undertaken by the FAA - complete replacement of the US Air Traffic Control (ATC) Automation System. I drafted the computer and display hardware and man-machine interface portions of the original specification and led that area through the design competition phase. The prime contract awarded to IBM in 1988 was the largest contract ever signed by that company. The Advanced Automation System (AAS) suffered a political shipwreck in 1994. Some program elements were canceled and others reduced in scope. Some of the hardware was eventually installed but without the millions of lines of software code required for the original functionality. Worked on the ATC Tower fragment for a few years though several scope reductions until it was finally canceled for lack of funding. Then assigned to the Terminal fragment until my retirement in November 2000.

My wife, an elementary schoolteacher, retired when we were married in 1977. Our three children graduated with honors from Virginia public colleges. The oldest lives in Vienna, Virginia with her husband and works for a management consulting firm. The middle lives in Richmond and teaches art in a Chesterfield
County public high school. The youngest (24) is a mining engineer now working in Queensland Australia on underground metallurgical coal.

I continue my long-time antique radio collecting hobby and continue do all my home and motor vehicle maintenance (roofing and transmission rebuilds excepted). A lot of my spare time from January to April each year is spent on the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that provides free preparation and electronic filing for persons with under $50K income.

Andrew J. McGowan

Mr. Andrew J McGowan majored in English/journalism at City College. He was president of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity at CCNY. After College, Andrew earned a certificate in film from NYU and went on to pursue a career in public service advertising. His current professional title is President, PCS Broadcast Services Division DWJ Television. Andrew was a member of the Public Relations Society of America and is the current president of WB Yeats Society of NY.

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Ms. Lynn S. Mullins majored in anthropology at City College and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated magna cum laude and first in her class. After CCNY, Lynn attended Columbia University, earning a MS in Library Science (Honors) in 1966. She also holds a MS degree in Industrial and Labor Relations (Thesis in Organizational Behavior) from Baruch College School of Business and Public Administration/Cornell University (joint program), which she earned in 1985. Lynn pursued a career as a library director, retiring in July 2007. The most recent position she held was Director of John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers Universities Libraries, Campus at Newark, 1987-2007. Before that, from 1976-1985, she was Head Librarian at Marymount Manhattan College and from 1969-1975 Chief Librarian at American Geographical Society. Lynn is a member of the American Library Association (1984-present) and a former member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (1985-2007); the Special Libraries Association (1962-1975); and the Special Libraries Association, Geography and Map Division (1962-1975). She is former editor of SLA Geography and Map Division Bulletin (1969-1975); and ACRL-NY (Association of College and Research Libraries-New York Chapter) (1982-1986). Lynn has performed extensive evaluation work for Empire State College, CUNY colleges, and the like.

In addition to the above journals, she has published chapters in the following books: *Geographies of the Mind* (1976) and *American Geographical Society, Occasional Papers* No. 2 (1967) and No. 3 (1968).

Lynn served as editor for the following publications: Current Geographical Publications (1970-1975); American Geographical Society Library: Resources and Services, A Prospectus (1975); American Geographical Society Research Catalog, First Supplement, (1972-1974); Library Information Sources on Women, Ed. by Lynn S. Mullins and others (1988); and Metro Collections Inventory Project Manual, along with S. Fedunok (1987).

She was honored to receive the Special Libraries Association Geography and Map Division, Honors Award for Outstanding Achievement in 1975.

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Mr. Morton Pollner grew up in New Rochelle and attended New Rochelle HS. He chose City College because it was tuition-free. Morton majored in accounting at CCNY and went on to pursue a career as a tax accountant. He retired in 2009 from his position as tax auditor at the Internal Revenue Service (1998-2009). Morton also held the position of tax accountant at Union Carbide from 1973-1991. He was also on the Board of Directors and treasurer of NAMI-FAMILYA of Rockland County from 1999 to 2007. Morton is married with two children and two grandchildren. His turning points in life came when he met his wife and the day his son was diagnosed with a mental illness. One of Morton’s interests is model trains. His fondest CCNY memory is graduation.
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Fondest CCNY Memories: “Performed in Six Characters in Search of an Author. Failed chemistry. Met Professor Davidson and Professor Jerry Rothenberg.”

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Hello everyone. Here’s my 30-second, 50th reunion history:

Because of my involvement in City College student government, most people assumed I would go to law school. Instead, since I hadn’t a clue about what a lawyer did, I continued with chemistry at Yale University Graduate School. Well they were right, because after two years of organic chemistry at Yale I enrolled in the Columbia University School of Law.

A year before graduating from law school in 1967 I married Vivian Rogers (City College ‘64), and we have two wonderful daughters, Wendy and Emily. In 1995 I married Diane Weiss, an artist and leather accessories designer. New wife, new life, so we moved to San Francisco (courtesy of Charles Schwab) in 1996 and enjoyed the Left Coast until 2003. Had we not left New York, I would have become the president of the CCNY Alumni Association in 1999. Diane and I live in Manhattan, and thanks to my two daughters and Diane’s son, we are proud grandparents five times over.

Because the major patent law firms in the 60’s turned out to be a bastion of anti-semitism in the legal profession, I began my legal career with Wall Street law firm training in real estate, corporate, and securities law. I then worked at a law firm in White Plains from 1975 to 1990. From 1990 to the present I’ve worked as in-house counsel for four securities broker-dealers and two clearing firms.
It’s been a personal good ride, though our generation failed to achieve the nuclear-free world of peace, prosperity, and economic and social justice for which we hoped and strived.

That’s the no frills version. I will share details with those of you who join us in New York in June. I look forward to a great reunion. Let’s eat, drink and be merry; enjoy each other’s company; and remember the good old days.

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Dr. Harold K. Resnick, PhD earned a BS degree in mathematics from City College. After City College, he attended George Mason University, earning a MA degree in English in 1982. In 1990, he received a Ph.D. degree in American Studies from the University of Maryland (College Park).

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Mr. Mel P. Rosch majored in language and literature at CCNY and went on to earn an MA from NYU in 1964.

Mel Rosch grew up in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan, across the street from Ft. Tryon Park. He was a frequent—but lousy—punchball player. He and his parents later moved to Riverdale in the Bronx, with a commanding view of the Hudson River and the Jersey Palisades.

Mel attended Public Schools 52 and 98, and then schlepped over an hour each way to attend Stuyvesant High School where he was hypnotized into thinking that he was destined to be an engineer.
Three semesters of calculus at CCNY were enough to prove to Mel that engineering might NOT be his calling in life. Presto, change-o! Time for a new major! How about liberal arts with a concentration in languages and literature? After all, how hard could Latin be? I already had many years of French under my belt, and could actually speak the language quite well for an American. Fact is, I spent many a summer in Montreal and Quebec “annoying” the natives with my Québécois.

Enter into my life the finest professor of all time: Dr. Louis Heller. Dr. Heller lived Latin, loved Latin, and taught Latin like no one else. To this very day, I can still recite the opening page of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, beginning with “Arma virumque cano…(but damned if I remember what I had for breakfast this morning!)

Après CCNY, I attended NYU where I obtained my M.A. + 30 in English in short order. With Viet Nam raging, the Army had its eye on me…but I outfoxed them by joining up with Naval Intelligence. I attended Navy Class “A” School, then spent the balance of my enlistment in gorgeous Anchorage, Alaska. While I was busy playing Navy, my wife—Beverly—taught French at the Alaska on-base schools.

Returning to civilian life, I talked my way into a copywriter’s job at an advertising agency. I later moved to a larger agency as Associate Creative Director, working mostly on General Electric and New Jersey State Tourism.

Award: U.S. Navy Commanding Officer’s Letter of Commendation for Outstanding Achievement.


Hobbies: Photography, gardening, travel, languages (am now stumbling through some basic Korean!), and beaching-out like a senior citizen/beach bum.

Married to the fabulous Beverly (née Casper) since 1966. We have three children—all with Master’s Degrees. Stephen Allan (Staks) Rosch, Pamela Beth Klein, and Michael Jay Rosch (Mike).

Three grandchildren: Samara, Orion and Lyra.

Business: I had the brains to get OUT of advertising, and started my own business ages ago: Discount Safe Outlet, a company that markets safes, vault doors and fireproof files to government and industry. We own our own commercial building in Palisades Park, NJ, (201) 944-4900. We have numerous websites, for example, www.fireproof-files.com.
My fondest memories at CCNY: Being a staff reporter for the college newspaper, House Plan (Wittes ‘62), and all the amazing people who have become lifelong friends…and/or lifelong treasured memories.

Still working! Why retire? Having too much fun.

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Dr. Kenneth M. Rosen was a Mechanical Engineering major at City College. Ken Rosen’s early years were spent in New jersey and Brooklyn; where he graduated from Brooklyn Technical HS before coming to CCNY. Like many of his generation of New Yorkers, CCNY was the only affordable quality educational option open to him. He found the school highly competitive and extremely challenging. At CCNY, Ken was a member of Kappa Phi Omega fraternity and was elected to Pi Tau Sigma. His most memorable professors were Sy Zeiberg (heat transfer) and Prof. Burns (mechanical design). In 2010, the Engineering Alumni Association selected him to receive its Career Achievement Award.

He received his BME from CCNY in 1962, holds MS and PhD degrees in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University Business School.

Ken lives Guilford, CT with his wife Harriet (46 years) and has two sons and two granddaughters. Ken maintains a second residence in NH and is an avid toy train enthusiast. A synopsis of his professional career and awards is given below:

Dr. Kenneth M. Rosen has nearly fifty years of experience in the aerospace, helicopter, and propulsion community much of which has been in the leadership level. He is the founding Principal Partner of Aero-Science Technologies Corporation (UTC), mostly with Sikorsky Aircraft, where he held many major engineering and management positions including Vice President of Research & Engineering and Advanced Programs, directing such advanced helicopter projects as the Comanche, S-92 (2003 Collier trophy winner), Cypher (UVA), Black hawk, S-76 and X-Wing helicopters. He was a member of the Sikorsky Executive Board and was responsible for all the company’s research, engineering, and productive development. Additionally, he was Chairman of the UTC Engineering Coordination Steering Committee and a member of the Otis Elevator Science and Technology Advisory Committee. Since 2003, he was supported DARPA in many advanced technology helicopter programs.
Dr. Rosen is an elected member of the national Academy of Engineering, and holds Fellow rank in the following societies: the ASME, the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the AIAA and the American Helicopter Society (AHS). He is also a recipient of the NASA Civilian Public Service Medal, the Dr. Alexander A. Nikolsky Honorary Lectureship Award, and the Dr. Alexander Klemin Award for lifetime achievement from the AHS. Additionally, he received Vice President Al Gore's “Hammer” award from DOD for innovative cost management and NASA has cited him for his work in Heavy Lift helicopters.

Dr. Rosen has been Chairman of the Board of the Rotorcraft Industry Technology Association, Chairman of the UTC Engineering Coordination Steering Committee, Chairman of the Daniel Guggenheim medal Board of Award, the Chairman of the AIA Rotorcraft Advisory Group. Additionally, he has been a long-term member of NASA’s Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology Advisory Committee, the SAE Aerospace Council, and the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment Panel on Air and Ground Vehicle Technology. In 2006, he was a member of the NRC Committee on Air Force/DOD Aerospace Propulsion and the Decadal Survey of Civil Aeronautics.

Dr. Rosen holds five US patents and has written numerous papers in the fields of helicopter/tilt rotor design, product development, propulsion, aero-thermodynamics, icing, and system engineering.

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Mrs. Arlene Greenstein majored in English and was on the staff of Microcosm ’62, Observation Post and Tech News at City College Arlene went on to earn a MA degree in English education from NYU in 1963. She pursued a career as a high school and middle school teacher in the Hartford, CT area. Arlene is married to Robert Greenstein, M.D., a professor of human genetics and pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School Of Medicine. They have two children, Suzanne and Daniel, and a daughter-in-law, Heather Smith Greenstein
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I grew up in Washington Heights and went to George Washington High School. I was valedictorian of the Class of January, 1959. I received the French, Biology, English, Social Studies and Chemistry Teachers’ Club certificate.

I chose CCNY because of its stellar reputation and outstanding education. Also, because it was financially feasible for me to go there.

Prof. Ruth Adams was an excellent inspiring education professor. She was bright and made an otherwise dry subject into something exciting. Prof. Caporalli made world history. (I took ancient Roman history) alive. He took on the role of Emperor. Prof. D’Andrea, chairman of the art department gave an inspiring course in oriental art—interweaving, interlacing, contrapuntal and polyphonic. Dean James Peace was a true southern gentleman. He was the MC of the senior class prom and was always so kind and caring. I remember him calling me into his office after my father died to console me. It meant a lot to me. Rose Miller and Jerry Gold worked at House Plan. They were always so helpful and guiding when I was a contestant for Carnival Queen.

City College prepared me very well for my career as a teacher. The methods courses were wonderful and the lesson plans I developed were outstanding. I had a wonderful teaching career. I taught for 25 years, first in Washington Heights where I came from and then in the Bronx. I’m in touch with one of my students on Facebook.

One of the highlights in my life was my 25th College Reunion at Tavern-on-The Green in 1987. People came from all over the country. It was wonderful reliving fond memories. My closest friend is Beatrice Goldschmidt Werden. We see one another all the time.

I am married to Melvin Leitner for almost 45 years. Mel and I are not only husband and wife, but best friends. We love to entertain, be with family and friends. We live close to NYC and take advantage of all the wonderful things it offers. I could “live” in the Metropolitan Museum of Art! We love to travel and visit our own country as well as abroad. We love life and have that special “joie de vivre.”

We have two wonderful sons and daughters-in-law and three soon to be four grandchildren (three girls, one boy). They are bi-coastal; one son on the lower east side and one son in Irvine, California.

I love to take courses. I’m always learning. Right now I’m taking drawing and watercolor. I’ve also studied oil painting. I just started to play bridge. It’s daunting!
Mr. Emanuel Schwam majored in sociology and was involved with several student organizations and extra-curricular activities at City College. He was on the news staff of the Campus, secretary and treasurer of the History Society, and member of Hillel and the Outdoor Club. After City, he continued his education at Hunter College earning a MS degree in Education (Rehabilitation Counseling) on June 1977. Emanuel pursued a professional career in social work. Since moving to Wisconsin in 1999, he has held the position of Program Manager with Tellurian, Inc. in Monona, Wisconsin. Before that, from 1965 through 1999, he worked as a psychiatric social worker at the New York State Division of Mental Health. From 1964 through 1965 he was a caseworker at the New York City Department of Social Services.

Emanuel has also been involved in photography for 50 years and has had several exhibits and has been a published first-prize winner. His other interests include writing and computer based multi-media projects.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Running a mile in 5:30 at the Lewisohn Stadium track; editing Campus galley proofs until 2 am at the printers on stone night.”

Dr. Alan Louis Selman majored in mathematics at City College. He served as vice-president of Sigma Alpha on campus and was nominated into Phi Beta Kappa, an academic honor society. After CCNY, Alan went on to earn his MA in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley (1964) and his Ph.D. in mathematics from Pennsylvania State University (1970). Alan has pursued a career as a college professor. He is currently Professor of Computer Science at SUNY Buffalo (1990–present). He has also served as Department Chairman (1990-1996) at SUNY Buffalo and has held prior faculty appointments at Florida State University, Iowa State University, and Northeastern University. Alan is a member of the Association for Computing (ACM), IEEE Computer Society, and EATCS. He has published a book, Computability and Complexity Theory, about 50 published articles, and some edited books. Alan’s
awards and honors include: Fellow of the ACM, 1997; Fulbright Award, 1981; Humboldt Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2006; Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, State University of New York, 2004; ACM-SIGACT Distinguished Service Award, 2001; and a citation in Who's Who in America. Sharon and Alan have two children, Jeffrey, an attorney in San Francisco, and Heather Wargo, an urologist in New Jersey. They have five grandchildren.

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Mr. Yifal Shaham majored in electrical engineering and was a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, the Rifle Team, and Hillel at City College. In addition to these extracurricular activities, Yifal served as a teaching assistant for senior electromagnetism course, was on the Dean's List and graduated Magna Cum Laud. After City College, Yifal attended Princeton University, earning his MS in electrical engineering in 1964. From 1964 through 1967, he studied physics at the University of California, Berkley. Yifal went on to pursue a career as an electro-optical engineer. From 2007 until he retired in 2011, he held the title of Principal Systems Engineer at Raytheon SAS. Between 1977 and 1988, he served as Section Head, Project Head, Chief Lab Scientist at Hughes Aircraft. Yifal has published ten articles on electro-optical and infrared systems. He is a current member of SPIE (1970-present) and former member of IEEE (1962-1968) and OSA. In addition to these professional organizations, he is also involved with the Ontological Design Community (1993-present). He is married to Bracha Shaham, MD, Associate Professor at CHLA USC, and has two daughters, Cigal Shaham Wilensky MD, MSc, FAAP and Tamar Shaham, BA, Visual Effects Coordinator.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “In junior year, in one of the parties, I fell in love (was infatuated) with a young woman, I don't remember her name. She lived in the Bronx while I lived in Queens. For two weeks, I spent every evening with her on the phone. The distance alas, was too great (without a car) and the relationship ended.”
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Mr. Michael Shapiro majored in psychology at City College and served as president of Harris ’62. He was also a member of the House Plan Bowling League and the House Plan Basketball League on campus. From 1962 to 1965, he attended Baruch College, earning a graduate degree to work in accounting. He worked as a Certified Public Accountant and Chief Financial Officer until he retired in 2007. The most recent professional affiliation was with Saker ShopRites as Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer/Member of the Board of Directors (1994-present). Michael is a member of AICPA and NY State Society of CPA's (1968-present).

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Meeting my wife, another CCNY alumnus (class of ’64); Spring on South Campus lawn; Harris ’62 members and events; field trips for zoology when I was a biology major; Professor Regenbaum's accounting courses given uptown”

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Mrs. Sandy Solomon majored in biology at City College. She was a member of Sis Jolson ’62 Plan and the Caduceus Society. After City College, Sandy attended Columbia University, Syracuse University and took several graduate courses at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She began her professional career doing research as a lab technician and is now teaching biology, advising students and serving as lab director of biology at Yeshiva University. Sandy has been a member of the Metropolitan Area College and University of Biologist since 1995 and was also a member of American Biology Laboratory Educators from 1990 to 2000. As a researcher, Sandy published several works regarding cell biology. During her time at Yeshiva University, she has also published material on laboratory procedure. Sandy has a son who is a professor of biochemistry at Harvard University and a daughter who is a New York City school teacher. She also has one grandchild who is a senior in high school. Her husband is a retired teacher who spends his time writing.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Met many friends most of whom are now deceased. One friend lives in California and we reunited for our 50th high school reunion. I would like to hear from other members of our house plan.”
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Mr. Richard A. Sosis majored in history and minored in political science at City College. In addition to a BA Degree, Richard holds a JD Degree from St. John’s University School of Law, which he earned in 1967. After graduating he received he attained his certification a NYC teacher of social studies in 1963 and his NYS teaching certification in 1982. From September 1963 through June 1993, he worked as a social studies teacher in Maspeth, Queens teaching American history, law, and economics. He also served as an adjunct assistant professor of social studies at LaGuardia Community College (1982-1986) and an adjunct professor at SUNY Purchase (1998-2001). In addition to his career as an educator, Richard was on staff at the law firm Pfister, Flood & Kramer from 1967 until 1975 at which point he opened his own law practice. He is currently working as an attorney through his private practice and as partner at Bobrow & Sosis, Esq. Richard also has professional experience in real estate, working as a real estate broker in New Rochelle from 1995 to 1995.

Richard is a member of many professional as well as community organizations. He is a member of the New York Bar Association, the Westchester County Bar Association (1983-present), and the New Rochelle Bar Association (1983-present), where he is also serving on their Board of Directors (2000-present). He was on the Board of Directors of the Westchester County Bar Association (2004-2009) and has served as vice president and president of the New Rochelle Bar Association (2005-2009). In his community, Richard is District Leader of District 47 of the New Rochelle Democratic Party (2000-present); president of District 6 Council of Neighborhood Associations (2003-present); and chair of the New Rochelle Zoning Board of Appeals (he was a member since 2003 and present from 2010-present). In the past, he served as head coach of the New Rochelle Girls Softball (1987-1989) and the New Rochelle Little League (1989-1993). He was also involved with the PTA at the Albert Leonard Middle School (1988-1990) and New Rochelle High School (1993-1996), and a former member of the Rotary Club of New Rochelle.

Richard was married to Marion McBride from 1971 through 1989. In 1975, their daughter, Karin Sosis was born. Karin went to New Rochelle public schools, Duke University (BA in English with Honors), and London School of Economics (MA in international economic development with high honors). She is currently working in Zambia. In 1978, their son, Andrew Sosis was born. He died in 2009. In 1991, Richard married Judith Bobrow, a math teacher in New Rochelle public high schools. The couple has a daughter, Leah Jill Sosis. Born in 1994, Leah is currently in her senior year at New Rochelle High School.
Richard lists the following as his most notable recent accomplishments:

As a member and chair of the New Rochelle Board of Appeals on Zoning, reviewed variance and special permit applications, visited sites city-wide and led Board discussions leading to decisions regarding land-use and development.

As chair of the Education Committee of the New Rochelle Bar Association, created the “Lawyer-in-the-Classroom” partnership between the New Rochelle bar Association and schools in New Rochelle, placing local lawyers in many schools in New Rochelle for a variety of programs.

As president of the New Rochelle Bar Association, proposed the creation of a website for the Bar and supervised its installation.

Supervised certification of the New Rochelle Bar Association as a provider of Continuing Legal Education programs, and produced about 50 such programs as the chair of the CLE Committee of the New Rochelle Bar Association.

Created the Northwood Homeowner’s Association to represent the interest of 17 families living in the Northwood Circle.”

His favorite CCNY professors were Dr. K.D. Irani, philosophy; Dr. Reginald Raab, history; Dr. Marvin Gettleman, political science; and Dr. Hilman Bishop, political science.

Fondest CCNY memories:


Running track at Lewisohn Stadium.

The intellectual curiosity that the school promoted and demanded.

Dear friends and classmates (especially Jose, Fran, Martha and Mary Ellen).

Lunch with friends in the snack bar in Finlay Hall on South Campus.

Organizing freedom rides into the South.”
Jerome Joseph Stolov

Grew up in the Bronx went to Evander Childs High School. He attended CCNY because three of his cousins before him graduated from City. At CCNY, he majored in social science. His logic teacher and Russian history teacher at City College played a significant role in his life and education. Jerome went on to pursue a professional career as a public health advisor/management analyst, retiring in 1997. He is a former member of the American Academy of Health Administrators and NARFE. In late 2009, he was appointed FBI Liaison to the FEMA South Central Task Force’s (SCTF) Committee on the Strategic National Stockpile and Points of Distribution. He also represented the South Central (Harrisburg Chapter) Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CI/KR) for Public Health and Health Sector for South central PA (FBI Sponsored). Currently, Jerome is serving as Senior Volunteer Advisor for Chambersburg Board of Health (2006-present) and Senior Volunteer Public Health Advisor for Infragard (2008-2010). Jerome co-authored *Massachusetts Disease Planning Project*, US Government publication No 1918 (1968) and is author/editor of *Directory of Services* provided to the Chicago Board of Health (1967). Over his 35 years of government service, he was honored with several awards. He was bestowed with a Presidential citation for work in Mental Health and Health Care delivery System. He had the special honor to serve as the US Government Appointed Delegate Trustee to the National Kidney Foundation. He received a special PHS gratitude for his involvement in a totally encompassing approach to the control of kidney disease in the United States. He also received a letter of appreciation for adapting H5N1 guidelines for H1N1 preparation from Wilson College. Moreover, Jerome was recognized by the Division of Federal Regulation and Beneficiary Health Services for his special analysis of the agency’s rising cost of workmen’s compensation—accompanied by special act of service award.
Additionally, the textbook, *Health Planning, A Systematic Approach*, Second Edition, Herbert Harvey Hymen was dedicated to Jerome.

His Fondest Memories of CCNY: “Chatting with Raymond the Pretzel Man; playing basketball with Nat Holman; trying out for the basketball team and hitting the ball outside Beaver Stadium; being able to adjust the curriculum to fit my interest. Just graduating CCNY was an honor and privilege.”

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I grew up in Washington Heights, about a block from the George Washington Bridge. We were working class at best, but who knew that since everyone else we knew was too. I rode the A train to 14th street with my friend, Jack Schwartz (a fellow CCNY alum). He went to Brooklyn Tech and stayed on the train; I switched to the Canarsie shuttle to get to Stuyvesant.

Given my background, the question was not which college to apply to, but to which of the free colleges in NYC to apply. CCNY was the logical choice because of its place at the top and its location—a bus ride away. I am so grateful for the city’s colleges. Without them, I would not have had the opportunities that I have had in life.

After the almost obligatory pre-med days, I became a psychology major and was active in House Plan. Experimental Psychology with Barmack and Plotkin, were wonderful courses. We were expected to read a lot, to think, and to write. I was prepared for grad school by them and by Stall’s course on existential psychology—phenomenology, Rollo May; he was a marvelous lecturer. Gene Hartley was my honors mentor and from him I learned a great deal about collaboration in doing a project jointly with Al Snadowsky and Sue Gassner. My theoretical perspective has changed a great deal from all those days though.

I received a PhD in clinical psychology from the Department of Social Relations at Harvard. I moved around a bit after getting my doctorate (University of Missouri-St. Louis, ’67-’71; Wayne State University, ’71-’74; Johns Hopkins, ’74-’89; Case Western Reserve, ’89-’06; University of New Mexico, ’06-’12). I am a fellow of the American Psychological Association, and the Association for Psychological Science. The Society for Research in Psychopathology honored me with its Zubin Award for lifetime contribution to psychopathology research. This was for work on cognitive aspects of schizophrenia and methodology in psychopathology. I edited two journals published by the American Psychological Association, the Journal of Abnormal Psychology and
Psychological Assessment. I am mostly retired now, teaching one course a year for the past few years.

Like many of us, I married right out of college. Donna and I had two sons. My first grandchild, Eric, was born on my 60th birthday—the best gift of my life; Sonya was born three years and one month later. The most important turning point in my life was meeting Donna Kwilosz, with whom I have been happily linked for three years and married for twenty-five. After a lifetime in cities or inner-ing suburbs, Donna and I now live in a semi-rural village on the outskirts of Albuquerque, where my leisure is spent reading the *NY Times* front to back each day, continuing my addiction to the New Yorker, doing some volunteering, working with my horse (a recently discovered interest), and enjoying 330 days of sun a year.

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I am currently Vice President and Secretary of The Whitehall Tenants Corp., and also am Chair of the building’s Security Committee, and Events Committee. The Whitehall community probably best knows me as the editor and publisher of The Whitehall Whirl, a quarterly publication I started in June 2006. The Whitehall is considered the premier luxury co-op residence in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

Although my wife Emily and I have been Whitehall owners for only 6 years, following 40 years of home ownership on the north shore of Long Island, we’ve both been very active in the building’s operations, Emily as head of the Landscaping Committee and I in my dual office roles on the Board. As Secretary, I am involved in most building communications, including the development of The Whitehall Whirl quarterly newsletter, overseeing the Whitehall’s official website, which is currently being revised, and in drafting most of the Board and building memos, in addition to keeping the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings.

For those who are interested, I was born in Bronx Hospital in January 1941, attended P.S. 70, Wade Jr. High and Taft High School. All in the Bronx. I graduated with a BA in journalism from CCNY in 1962, earned an MA in English and American Literature from CUNY in 1970, and an MBA from Adelphi University in 1981. At CCNY, I served as an editor of “The Campus” during a tumultuous time, and was a member of the Harris ’62 House Plan, which has stayed intact over all of these years, and will be celebrating its own 50th anniversary reunion in June.
My wife Emily (CCNY class of 1963), who I met in our very first House Plan party in October 1958, and I have three children—Bob, Lisa, and Jeff—who live in Israel, Vermont and Oregon, and seven beautiful grandchildren to dote one. I have spent my entire business career in marketing communications (Senior VP at Don Jagoda Associates, 1981-2006; VP at Foote Cone & Belding; Associate Editor at *Progressive Grocer*). I am an award-winning business journalist (received the Jesse Neal Award for Outstanding Business Journalism in 1971) and published author (book, *Loss Prevention* and many articles in trade publications). I am now happily retired and enjoying devoting all my energies and skills to keeping my Whitehall friends and neighbors informed about the key issues and challenges facing our building.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Watching the CCNY Soccer Team in Lewisohn Stadium; Jewish History class with Prof. Oscar Janowsky; “Stone Night” at “the Campus”; Lounging on South Campus lawn with friends.”

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Mrs. Eleanor Sweetman Smith earned her BS in education in 1962 and her MS in education in 1965, both from City College. She specialized in special education and pursued a career as a teacher for children with special needs. She retired in January 2012. Eleanor worked as the office manager for her husband’s dental practice from 1983 through 1988. She met and married Bob Smith one year after graduating from CCNY. He went on to become a dentist. They have one son and one daughter. Both children are attorneys, married and living in the Boston area. Eleanor and Bob are the proud grandparents of five beautiful children.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “House Plan parties, activities, friends. Orchestra experiences. Having gone to the High School of Music and Art (as a music major), I saw the City College campus every day. It was my dream to be able to attend, knowing that it was a tuition-free school, and that I lived in the neighborhood. I have always been grateful to have earned both a BS and MS from CCNY.”
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Mr. Taylor graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1957 before attending CCNY. During his college years he worked as an Engineer for the American Broadcasting Company in New York City and, after graduating, received a research scholarship from Oklahoma State University (OSU) to work on advanced color television systems there. He received a MSEE degree from OSU in 1964.

After a brief stint in the defense industry with Sylvania in Needham MA, he accepted a position with the Center for Space Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge MA to develop instruments for solar wind studies and x-ray astronomy. He was with M.I.T. for twelve years. Subsequently, he moved to the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA), also in Cambridge, to work as a Project Manager. At CfA he managed a wide variety of projects including, most recently, the Infrared Array Camera for the Spitzer Space Telescope.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Brooklyn, and currently lives in Bedford MA. He has one son, a lawyer. He is a member of the IEEE, has served as Chair of the Bedford Cable Television Committee, was a member of the Board of Governors of Woods Hole Yacht Club, and was District Governor of the Thistle Class Association, a sailing group. A lifelong sailor, he raced his own sailboat for many years and later regularly crewed for others in off-shore races, has written for ham radio magazines, and has had photos published in sailing and model train magazines. When not working he contributes to and attends symphony and the opera, sails, and continues to pursue his life-long interest in photography.
Dr. Thorsen is a 1962 mechanical engineering alumnus of CCNY with a Ph. D. from New York University. He is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University which he first joined in 1964 as an Instructor. He has served as head of the mechanical engineering department, vice president for research, vice president for development and vice president for academic affairs. He has been honored with the title Vice President Emeritus. Throughout his career he has been an active researcher with more than $25 million in grants and contracts and with numerous publications in heat transfer and allied fields. He has served on numerous government and corporate advisory groups and consulted for major corporations including on the Lunar module program and subsequent space programs.

He and his wife, Barbara, live on the upper east side of Manhattan and have four children and eight grandchildren ranging in age from three years to a 18 year old college freshman.

Thorsen graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1958 and entered City College in June ’58 (yes, unusual) and graduated 3-1/2 years later in January 1962. Upon graduation from City, he received the Belden award to the graduating senior with the highest grades, several professional society recognitions, the Polytechnic Institute’s 2005 Alumnus of Distinction Medal on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and the 2007 Dedicated Alumnus Award.

He remembers with fondness his years at City College, especially his years in Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi and the student section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. It was Professor Seymour Zeiberg who inspired him to pursue graduate studies and an academic career. Professors Baldo and Lowen commitment to excellence represented a model he has tried to emulate. He met Professor Latif Jiji who joined CCNY after 1962 graduation and was inspired by his dedication to excellence in teaching while balancing it with research and scholarship.

Thorsen has many interests, but few hobbies. For the past several years he has been catching up on reading classics that would have been nice to study as a student, but somehow eluded him. Most recently he has read, The Iliad, Les Miserables, War and Peace and Moby Dick. He sprinkles the daunting list of classics still before him with
contemporary works by Stephen Hawking, Brian Greene and other contemporary scientists.

His sport of choice is baseball and he is a respectable historian of the game. He has always been a Yankee fan, even growing up in Brooklyn when the Dodgers, whom he characterized as “worthy opponents,” called Ebbets Field their home.

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Majored in mathematics at City College and was a member of the Math Club, Hillel and the House Plan Association. After CCNY, she attended Yeshiva University and Hunter College. She pursued a career as a high school math teacher, retiring in 1995.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Belonging to House Plan Assoc.”

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Dr. Michael Trachtenberg majored in psychology at City College. He was a member of the psychology honors society, Psi Chi as a CCNY student. Michael went on to earn a PhD in anatomy/neurobiology from UCLA (1962-1967) and pursue a career as a scientist and entrepreneur. He currently holds the title of Managing Director at Greenhouse Gas Industries, LLC. Before that, from 1991 to 2011, he served as CEO and Chief Science/Technology Officer at Carbozyme, Inc. Michael is also Co-Founder and former Program Director at The Sapient’s Institute. He has held visiting scientist positions at Rutgers University and Rice University, and was an associate professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Michael is a former member of American Chemical Society (ACS), American Institute of Chemical Engineers, North American Membrane Society, New York Academy of Sciences, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Society for Neuroscience American, Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Neurochemistry, International Society for
Neurochemistry, American Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, American Association of Anatomists, American Council on Alcoholism, International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, and Neuroscience and Addiction Research Foundation. He is currently a referee on several scientific journals and has published an edited book, several articles, presentations, book chapters and book reviews in his career. He holds several patents and has received numerous research grants.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Lewison Stadium and South Lawn.”

Claire Trub (now Claire Aschner)

Ms. Claire Trub Aschner majored in mathematics at City College. She continued her education, earning a MSW degree from Hunter in 1985. Claire shared the following poem about her life and time at CCNY:

CCNY and I

I am a child of immigrants who was granted an opportunity
I was blessed with a wonderful education at City
I was able to learn so much which I will treasure to my end
Alphabetical registration, most courses closed, but in the chaos I found my best friend
Orientation for frightened freshman in the fall of nineteen fifty-eight
“Look to your left, look to your right only one of the three will graduate”
Our courses ranged from ancient civilizations to scientific discoveries that were brand new
We studied hard and grew and were changed by the miracle on Convent Avenue
I was a daughter among “the sturdy sons of City College”
And to this day I appreciate all my acquired knowledge
Many subjects were required with a few electives but my major was math
Then teaching, marriage, kids, an MSW and social work became my vocational path
The fifty years since graduation in ’62 have gone so fast
But my CCNY education and memories will forever last
Now retired, in New Jersey, living in an active adult community
Play bridge, exercise, so line and Irish dancing and write poetry
I retired in 2002, after 40 years in the field of computers and data communications working for Bell Labs. During that time, I developed hardware (circuits) and software, was a manager for a while, and did advanced R&D and technology forecasting. Over the course of my career, I have also taught courses at the graduate and undergraduate level in computer networking.

I have been married for 40 years to Rochelle Honey Tutelman (née Rice). We live at the New Jersey shore. We have two sons. One is a computer engineer and the other an ex-teacher studying for his pharmacy degree. My current hobbies are music, golf, research into golf technology and physics, and web design.

That's the short form. But it didn't really say what I've been up to, so....

I am an engineer. It's not just what I do, it’s who I am. In 2002, I retired from a 40-year career, almost all of it with Bell Labs. But I remain an engineer. It has always been how I approach things, and it still is even in retirement.

**Education:** After graduating from the Bronx High School of Science in 1958, I got a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at the City College of New York. I followed that with a Master's in EE at MIT. I was really interested in computers, but there was no such thing as a course of study in Computer Science at the time. In the mid ’60s, when the University of Pennsylvania introduced a CS major, I enrolled to study for a PhD. I finished all the coursework and passed the qualifying exam but didn't finish my dissertation, feeling I had already gotten all the educational value I was going to; the additional year would be more credential-building than learning.

**Job:** One of the wonderful things about working for Bell Labs was that it was so big and varied that it was possible to change jobs without changing your employer. I had an incredible variety of work assignments during my nearly 40 years with the company. Most of them had to do with data communications in one form or another. Here is some idea of the variety of things I've had a chance to do over the years:

- **Hardware development:** I did electronic engineering -- circuit development -- early in my career. Among the things I got to do was early work in the architecture of bit-sliced microprocessor chips, a field in which I hold a few patents.
• **Software development:** I have developed software for telephone switches, PBXs, mainframe computers, personal computers, and Internet servers. I have programmed at the machine-language level, and as machine-independent a level as Java. In fact, I have even developed a real-time-critical application in Java -- that was an interesting challenge.

• **Technical management:** I became a supervisor in 1968. Until about 1980, a first-level engineering supervisor at Bell Labs was mostly a project leader, a role I loved. Then, fairly suddenly, the management work (“bean-counting,” schedule tracking, etc) expanded and drove out any technical work -- and even mentoring kinds of management. I discovered I really didn't like it, and consequently wasn't very good at it. One of the nice things about the Bell Labs culture is that it is possible to “resign your commission” and go back to being a techie. In 1986, I did that and have been smiling about my job ever since.

• **The Internet:** Anybody whose career was data communications from 1962 through 2002 has to have been intimately involved with the evolution of The Internet. And I was! I used email in my daily work in the 1970s and was a developer of email software through much of the 1990s. My last few job assignments before I retired included development of a security firewall for big companies to protect their Internet access, and Voice Over IP servers (how telephone calls get transmitted over the Internet today).

• **Technology forecasting:** Over the period from 1979 to the early 1990s, I had quite a few opportunities to assess the implications of new technologies and to do 5-year forecasts of where computer and communication technology would be. These were very exciting work assignments. For instance, around 1980 my group did studies of the feasibility of telephone access via cable TV, broadband data via cable TV, and a high-speed packet network carrying telephone and video traffic as well as data. It took until the 2000s for those to become real businesses, but we blue-skied the technology back then.

• **International negotiation:** During the 1970s, I was Bell Labs' delegate to several national and international standards committees involved in data communications. I wound up traveling all over the world, until we had our second child and I requested an assignment with less travel.

• **Teaching:** Bell Labs offers graduate-level courses to its employees in relevant technologies. I taught several of these courses. Notable among them was the course in Computer Networking. In 1977, I designed that course from scratch, and taught it the first time it was offered.

• **Paralegal:** At several times during my career, I was an in-house consultant to the legal and patent staff. And for six months in 1983, my involvement with legal issues was much deeper. My group’s assignment was to negotiate a half-dozen software development deals with software companies around the country. Bell Labs and AT&T lawyers were simply not up-to-date on software law, so I put my group and myself through a crash course in software law and we did the contracts ourselves. We must have done it OK; the legal department wound up using the
form contract we developed as Bell Labs’ standard software contract well into the 1990s.

When the bottom fell out of the telecom market in 2001, I was surprised to be one of the survivors of a huge layoff. But, with only a quarter of the people left on my project, it just wasn’t fun anymore. By early 2002, I had had enough and retired.

The year after I retired, I tried teaching at the college level. As an adjunct professor at The College of New Jersey (what used to be called Trenton State), I taught computer networking to MIS majors. I was unimpressed with the motivation of today’s undergraduates to actually learn the material -- as opposed to sit through four years and collect a degree. That was too frustrating, and I have no intention to try it again.

Personal: OK, that's the job story. What about my personal life? Yes, I did have one. (As I mentioned above, I changed jobs to have more time with my family.)

2012 marks 46 years of marriage to Rochelle Honey Tutelman (née Rice). We have raised two sons, both of whom live within an hour’s drive of our house, so we see them often. Jeff is 40 and a computer engineer like his dad. Dan is 36, has given up school teaching, and is back in graduate school for a pharmacy degree. I'm glad that, while they were growing up, I got away from the office enough to do things with them. I was their music mentor (and occasionally instructor; I play a few instruments), and their soccer coach (I coached teams in the town's recreation program for more than 10 years).

As for hobbies, the most important ones have been in music and sports.

Music: In addition to monitoring my sons' instrumental practice, I play music myself. My primary instrument is piano. I have also learned banjo and a little clarinet (the former for long bus rides -- see “skiing” below -- and the latter to practice with Jeff when he took up clarinet). In addition, I have been involved in electronic music: some performing and some as an engineer -- circuit and software development.

Sports:
- In graduate school, I learned to ski and sail. That's a nice combination, because the seasons do not overlap. I skied for many years, until at about age 50 I decided my declining healing powers would make it too dangerous.
- I enjoyed sailing throughout the late ’60s and the ’70s. For much of that time, I belonged to the Monmouth Boat Club and raced in the Albacore class: a 15-foot planning sailboat. In 1975, I was the Northeast District champion and tenth at the US National championships.
- From 1967 through 1995, I was always in at least one recreational volleyball league, and three at the same time in the early 1980s.
- When my sons proved not to be interested in sailing, I turned to coaching them in soccer and getting my own exercise on a bicycle. While I was never a competitor
in bicycling, I found it a good way to keep fit without the boredom or the pounding of running. In my 40s, I was cycling about 120 miles per week in season. I still rode once or twice a week until my knees couldn't handle it at age 67.

- In 1986, I began playing golf again; I had played as a teenager and when I was in college. Now that I'm retired, I get to play three times a week.

Sports Technology: As I said when I started, I am an engineer. When I participate in a sport, I often get involved in the technical end of it as well. This includes:

- When I was sailing competitively in 1971, I built a centerboard whose design I optimized by computer, which was one of the early applications of Computer Aided Design (CAD) to sports. Having derived the equations, I had the computer draw the templates on hardboard using a flatbed plotter. For the next few years, nobody won an Albacore national championship without first borrowing my templates and building a centerboard. I also wrote articles for the Albacore magazine on the technical aspects of sail racing, some of which were picked up by the national sailing press.
- If you were a serious cyclist who did his own maintenance in the late '80s and also used a PC, there’s a good chance you downloaded and used my “BikeGear” program to design your gearing ratios.
- When I got back into golf in the late '80s, I started building my own clubs from components. But, being an engineer, I wanted to know more about how golf clubs really worked -- and there wasn't much around except the propaganda from the club manufacturers. So I did my own research, and published my findings on the Internet. By the time I retired from Bell Labs, I was getting calls from companies in the golf business to do consulting. These days, I do most of the research for free, and freelance a bunch of projects of my own. (Think Tom Sawyer and the difference between work and play). A few things I have done in golf technology include:
  - Instruments to measure golf clubs and shafts.
  - Computer programs for custom clubmakers.
  - Golf training aids.
  - I did the screenwriting and technical direction for an educational video on custom building golf clubs.
  - Starting in 2010, I have gotten involved in the physics of the golf swing as well as the club, which has brought me into collaboration with noted instructors like Jim McLean and Martin Hall.
Mrs. Carol Walter Seidman majored in education and held many positions in the Phi Tau Alpha Sorority at City College. In her own words:

I was an Elementary school teacher and realtor and retired in 1998.

My parents and I arrived in New York City via Berlin, Germany and Barcelona, Spain. We fled the Nazi terror in 1941, and when we arrived stateside, we settled in Washington Heights which at that time was an enclave section of upper Manhattan for German-Jewish émigré’s.

My education was a Jewish Day School and then George Washington High School. The only College of choice for me was CCNY because it was impossible, due to family finances, to go to an out of town pay college. CCNY, known at that time as ‘the poor man's Harvard,’ always gave me a proud feeling and its history and reputation at the time still lives, with pride, within me.

My husband to be was Dr. Martin Seidman, also a CCNY graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences (59-60). He actually used City College as a pick-up line when he met me for the first time in the cafeteria of Presbyterian Hospital where I was volunteering in the department of neuro-anatomy and he was in school at the hospital.

This December (2012) we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

I graduated the School of Education and became an elementary school teacher, but stopped teaching after a few years to devote myself to being a stay at home mother. Our family grew by two daughters, one living in New York City, and the other in Highland Park, Illinois. Each of them is married and they too have children of their own.

Many fond memories come to mind when I think of City College. My belonging to phi Tau Alpha and being active in it constantly brings smiles to my face.

In summary, City has given me maturation and certainly a meaningful education and professional skill to carry me throughout my life, thank you, CCNY.
Ms. Pauline Wasserman Tabtiang earned her BA degree in history/political science from City College as well as an MA degree. She has been an active member of organizations in Thailand and is co-author of *Dictionary of South and Southeast Asian Art* published by Silkworm Press Thailand and Penguin India.

Rhoda also took part in research in the Chemistry Department and was awarded an NSF grant in the Spring of 1962. After City College, she attended Rutgers University from 1962 to 1965 for a MS degree in chemistry and pursued a career as a chemist. Rhoda retired in March 2003 from her position as research scientist at Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research (NKI), a position she had held from 1972. Before that, from 1964 to 1965, she worked as a chemist for Lever Brothers. Rhoda was a member of the American Chemical Society and involved with Literacy Volunteers of America. She is currently a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and has served as the president, vice president and treasurer of the organization’s Rockland section. Rhoda is married and has two daughters, a clinical psychologist and a remedial math teacher. Both daughters are married and Rhoda has three grandchildren. Rhoda’s hobbies and interests include music, traveling, gardening, bird watching, and reading.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Doing research in the Chemistry Department; organic chemistry classes; Stanley Feingold’s government class; hanging out at the snack bar,
North Campus and the Wittes’ room, which is where I met my wonderful husband of 48 years; attending Lewishon Stadium for concerts and rehearsals; and we still miss Raymond and his bagels. My four years at City were wonderful for many reasons: academic, social, cultural. They were interesting, challenging, and fun-filled years that, without a doubt, influenced the direction of my life.”

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Mrs. Adele Weissman majored in education and was a member of Phi Tau Alpha and the Education Society at City College. After CCNY, Adele earned a Master’s degree in education from Adelphi University in 1993. She went on to pursue career as a teacher, retiring in 2001. She has been married to Ken Weissman for 53 years. They met at CCNY and raised three wonderful and successful daughters. They have five delightful grandchildren.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Pledging for my sorority on campus. Singing with the City College Chorus at Finley Center, working in the Morris Raphael Cohen, and attending Concerts at Lewisohn Stadium.”
Born and raised in the Bronx and residing on Teller Ave from K through CCNY. PS 70; Wade JHS 117; Taft HS. I won the HS Physics Award and became a Physics Major at City... but that changed as I discovered Psychology. Dr. J.E. Barmack was the chair and my favorite prof. He directed me to my graduate program, being run by one of his old students. More later.

At City, I joined the rebirth of BBC (Beaver Broadcasters Club) and we played recorded music in the lounge on South Campus and created some of our own programming. I then joined the House Plan Association and Harris ’62. These amazing guys are still in steady contact and have established our own scholarship fund because of the wonderful experiences we all had as undergraduates.

I entered the graduate program of The Institute of Animal Behavior, which was a special program at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and earned my Ph.D. in Psychobiology. My full time academic career then moved, in 1971, to Siena College in the suburbs of Albany NY. I am still there, though now in a semi-retired position for the next three years. At the college, I have been Department Chair several times; member of the Faculty Committee; Chair of the Faculty Committee; member of the Library Committee; Chair of the Library Committee; faculty advisor to the Psychology Club; faculty advisor to the Black and Latin Student Union; and too many ad hoc committees to mention!!

In my community, I have been active in our synagogue (Congregation Agudat Achim) as a Board Member; Executive Board Member; President; and Special Liaison Committee. My hobbies have included camping; xc skiing; sailing; sports cars; home repair and photography (which is my current main focus).

My wife, Monika, and I were married twice in 1966. First, a civil ceremony at the Bronx Marriage Bureau and then two months later in her synagogue in Gothenburg, Sweden. We have two children and four grand-daughters. Those families live in Houston and San Francisco, so we visit periodically and Skype often. One of my Harris ’62 buddies (Neil
and Sally Goldman) also have a son and family in Houston so we can meet there too. Another (Dave and Louise Kahaner) have a daughter and family in San Francisco and we have met there too. Another friend from the neighborhood and City is Al Ovadia who lives just south of San Francisco and we have visited him too.

Fondest CCNY Memories: The Psychology Department and Dr. Barmack’s Experimental Psych Lab. This really changed my life and one of my favorite courses to teach now is still Experimental Psych with labs. Other profs were also stimulating, interesting and important but also other students. Some were in Harris ’62 and one special friend lived one block away and we are still close. We shared almost every class from kindergarten on; Marilyn Gordon is also a member of the Reunion Committee. I tried some interesting courses just for fun. One was “Unattached 8”. No department wanted it, so it was ‘unattached’ and the number 8 was the only class offered. I have no idea what happened to 1-7 but this was Japanese Civilization and truly fascinating. Another was Silent Films. I can honestly say that as a Behavioral Psychologist, this class was amazing. I became sensitized to non-verbal communication and an otherwise unavailable art form.

Harris ’62 and all the goofy parties and stunts we held. Painting a rented room near Yankee Stadium stands out, but there were so many others.

BBC. Here we got to challenge our creativity in the South Campus student facility. We met the administrators Dean Getzoff and Irwin Brownstein on both complimentary and critical occasions.

Raymond the Bagel Man!

Rubbing Lincoln’s nose after graduation.

The fact that we can meet old colleagues from so long ago and pick up as if it was yesterday!
Mr. Michael S. Zak majored in political science and economics at City College. He was treasurer of the Class of 1962, editor of Hillel’s newspaper, and vice-president and treasurer of the Panel of Americans. Moreover, he was a member of Omicron Psi Epsilon (the honor society for economics), the Student Faculty Bookstore Committee, TICKER, Tutorial Society, and the Economics Society. Michael graduated with a scholarship and special honors in political science. After City College, from 1962 to 1965, he continued his education at the University of Virginia and NYU earning a MA in international relations and completing coursework for a PhD. Michael pursued a career as a diplomat working long term in Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Dominican Republic, Panama, Yugoslavia, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. From 1991 through 1995, he served as Counselor of Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Zagreb, Croatia; and Ljubljana, Slovenia. He retired in 1995 and is currently working as a consultant. Michael is on the Board of American Foreign Service Association and a member of the Society for International Development, the National Wildlife Federation, the National Audubon Society, and the Academy of Political Science. In addition to these professional organizations, Michael is also actively involved in his community. He serves on the Public Policy Committee of the National Kidney Foundation (Metro DC); is a member of the Annandale Revitalization Committee; chairs the Fairfax County Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation; is treasurer for Heritage Square Homes Association, and former vice president of Clean Fairfax Council. Michael has received several superior and meritorious honor awards from the Department of State.

Fondest CCNY Memories: “Raymond’s pretzels and excellent professors. The Cohen Library, the architecture and camaraderie.”
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I grew up in the South Bronx, working in my father's bodega after school, riding my old $10 bike and playing stickball in the street. Graduated from Morris High School (class of 1958) and was admitted to CCNY, Baruch School, where I obtained a BBA degree with major in public accounting.

I was interested in civil engineering, but due to score in college entrance exam, had to attend Baruch School and get B average or better first year to transfer to the uptown campus. My average was A, but after taking accounting 101 with Professor John J.W. Neuner, and counseling, stayed at Baruch to major in Public Accounting, a life changing decision I have never regretted.

Clubs and associations: was elected member of Sigma Alpha Honor and Service Society and Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society. Was co-founder of the day session Hispanic Society.

Completed my BBA in 3 1/2 years and was recruited by Ernst & Ernst (now Ernst & Young) New York office, where I started to work in February 1962. After my 2nd year at the firm, was in charge of audits of major Wall Street stock brokerage clients and in late 1965, transferred to the San Juan, PR office of the firm. This move was precipitated by my father's illness and medical advice to retire to a tropical climate. I was an only child, so I packed my bags and followed my parents to Puerto Rico, where I lived until 2009. After 5 years in public accounting, I received an offer from a client, Bargain Town Stores, where I started a career in the retail industry, holding various senior executive positions (Controller, GM, Executive VP, CFO) with local and stateside associated companies, such as: Retail Centers of the Americas, Barkers, Kings Department Stores, Investcorp and Marshalls; and later opened office as management and financial consultant until retirement in 2005. During my professional career I was member of the AICPA and the Puerto Rico College of Certified Public Accountants.

Joined the New York National Guard in 1963 and took 6-months basic training at Fort Dix in New Jersey. I was at Fort Dix on November 23, 1963. The regular training sessions were at the Park Avenue Armory and summer camp exercises were held at Camp Drum in upstate New York. The National Guard was a great life changing and learning experience.

As community service I was a member of the Board of Directors of Blue Cross of Puerto Rico for over 20 years, of which I was chairman for 7 years.
My wife, Amparo, and I have four children, all with college degrees: Gisselle (M.S.), Michelle (Ph.D.), Julio (B.B.A) and Dina (B.B.A., CPA). We have 7 grandchildren. Since 2009, we reside in Miramar, Florida to be near our youngest daughter, Dina, who works with a National CPA Firm; and to enjoy the early years of our now 3-year old grandson.

Hobbies include golf, reading and traveling several times a year to Puerto Rico to be with our other children and grandchildren. We spend Christmas in Puerto Rico, where we have a condo at Rio Mar Resort and have an annual family gathering.

Fondest CCNY memories include: the great professors (Neuner, Chaykin, Zimmerman, Blankenship, Myer, among others), Sigma Alpha and Hispanic Society activities, wrestling classes and competition (Professor Joe Sapora), and part-time job at Barnes & Noble across from Baruch School.