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## *Alums Joe, '41, and Shirley, '43, Wershba Play a Part in George Clooney's Good Night, and Good Luck.*

by Marla Hasten Schreiber, '87



There's a very good reason why George Clooney took his script for *Good Night, and Good Luck* to Joe and Shirley Wershba. They were CBS employees during the Edward R. Murrow years, and Clooney wanted their version of the events recounted in the screenplay. He was so taken with their story that he wrote a subplot about the Wershbas' marriage, which they kept secret because of the strict antinepotism policy at CBS.

To make sure he got it right, Clooney flew the Wershbas to California for the filming. And at the screening at the Columbia University School of Journalism, when someone told him that the Wershbas were in the audience, George Clooney bounded over auditorium seats to give them a hug.

With Shirley Wershba's help, Brooklyn College showcased the film on March 20, 2006, at a Collegewide event entitled "Making History—Making Movies: The Story Behind George Clooney's *Good Night, and Good Luck*." After the screening, a conversation with the Wershbas was

facilitated by Professor of Film Foster L. Hirsch, a noted film historian, and Professor of English Anthony Mancini, director of the Journalism Program, and the audience had an opportunity to ask some pointed questions. The companion book, *Good Night, and Good Luck. The Screenplay and History behind the Landmark Movie*, containing an essay by Joe Wershba, was available, and the Wershbas signed copies for members of the audience.

The event drew an audience of almost 2,000—alumni, students, faculty, staff, and members of the greater College community—to Whitman Hall, where complimentary popcorn made the movie-going experience complete.

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### **Nominations for BCAA Awards**

The Brooklyn College Alumni Association welcomes nominations for the annual Alumni of the Year, Distinguished Achievement, and Post-Fiftieth Lifetime Achievement Awards. Candidates should have achieved distinction in their field, made noteworthy contributions to the community, and reflected credit upon the College.

Nominations may be mailed to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, or e-mailed to [alorain@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:alorain@brooklyn.cuny.edu).

## *Letter from the BCAA President*

Fellow Alumni,

This past year our alma mater celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. As we reflect on the long history of the College, let's take a moment to consider our own hopes, dreams, and ideas.

Our College motto, "Nil Sine Magno Labore," encourages us to strive to achieve our dreams.

Brooklyn College is the foundation on which alumni have built their lives. With its beautiful campus and diverse student population, Brooklyn College is ranked among the country's top liberal arts colleges. Our graduates have made significant contributions in almost every field of endeavor, and there are now two Rhodes Scholars among our alumni.

A successful alumni association depends on active members. Come enjoy BCAA activities. Get involved. Share your ideas.

Do not forget our current students. They need your support to realize their dreams. Give as generously as you can to help this generation. Become a mentor, provide an internship, or speak to students about your career or your experience at Brooklyn College.

Join in, have fun, give back, and remember Brooklyn College, because Brooklyn College will never forget you!

Sincerely,



Agnes Ford, '69

President, Brooklyn College Alumni Association

## *BCAA Student Awards Change through the Years*

by Samuel Rabinoff, '49

The Alumni Association has been giving awards to Brooklyn College students for two decades. During this time, there have been a number of changes. The program actually began as a vehicle for distributing small loans to help students remain at the College. The loans were eventually replaced by awards, initially \$600 per student, in recognition of scholastic achievement and participation in College life and community service. Performing arts students were included. For many years, the grant was given in memory of the beloved humorist, Sam Levenson, '34, and his wife, Esther Levine Levenson, '34, eventually increasing to \$2,000 for each of three student recipients. Recently the name of the grant was changed to the BCAA Student Award.

Through the years, the award recipients have represented of a cross-section of our high-achieving student population, which participates in College and community activities. The students chosen for this honor in 2006 are:

**David Ginsburg, '07**, biology major; president, SGS Student Government; committee member, Brooklyn College Association; member, Brooklyn College Policy Council.

**Igor Epshteyn, '07**, psychology major; member, Honors Academy; member, Hillel; volunteer, Coney Island Hospital.

**Simeon Iheagwam, '06**, business, management, and finance major; business manager and photo editor, Broeklundian; member, National Association of Black Accountants; manager, Women's Basketball Team.

The awards are the only monetary grants given to students by the BCAA. They are funded by alumni contributions and the profits from several income-producing activities sponsored by the Board of Directors. Alumni are urged to earmark part of their donation to the Brooklyn College Foundation for the BCAA Student Award. To do this, simply designate a specific amount on the check for the "BCAA Student Award Fund."



## *Gala Alumni Reunion*

The Palm House at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
Thursday, October 19, 2006

Awards Dinner and Reunion Celebration for the  
Classes of 1966, 1971, and 1981

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. Dinner

*Save the date!!! Your invitation is on its way!*

## *Alumni Association Highlights of Events for the Year 2006*

by Roberta Rose Wallach, '53

Every newsletter highlights the special events of several chapters and affiliates of the Brooklyn College Alumni Association. While it is impossible to include all eighteen chapters and eleven affiliates in each newsletter, we will eventually get to all of you. That's a promise. The Alumni Association also hosts four major events annually.

Using an entirely new format, Alumni College Night was held on Tuesday, May 9. The President's Welcoming Reception was in the Lily Pond Reading Room of the BC Library, with a panoramic view of the lily pond garden in full bloom. The BCAA annual meeting followed in the Woody Tanger Auditorium of the library. Agnes Ford, the president of the BCAA, gave the annual report, and the BCAA Student Awards were presented. Dinner was then served in the Brooklyn College Student Center, and the Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented to Arleen Bandel Forsheit, '65, a pioneer in science education for girls in Los Angeles, and Leon Cooper, '49, a member of the Brooklyn College Athletic Hall of Fame. Roberta Rose Wallach, '53, the president of the BCAA during the previous six years, received the Jerome S. Milgram Service Award.

The second spring event honors a class on its fiftieth anniversary, this year celebrating the Class of 1956. On May 31, they enjoyed a reunion supper, featuring a talk by Tony Cucchiara, the library archivist. June 1, Commencement Day, began with a wonderful breakfast in the Georgian Room and a class picture, then the Class of 1956 marched across the Quad in their gold robes. Commencement exercises were followed by a luncheon in the Student Center with time to rejoice and reminisce. Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959—start planning! Your day will soon be here.

Two fall events complete the year. The Post-Fiftieth Reunion will also employ a brand new format. On Thursday, September 14, we will honor the Classes of 1951, 1946, 1941, and 1936, celebrating their fifty-fifth, sixtieth, sixty-fifth, and seventieth reunions, respectively. Optional tours of the Morton and Angela Topfer Library Café, the BC Library, and/or the Aquatic Research and Environmental Assessment Center (AREAC), will be followed by a reception in the lovely Lily Pond Room, with dinner in the Student Center, where the Alumni Association will present Lifetime Achievement Awards and honor an outstanding alum with the Milton Fisher, '38, Second Harvest Award. This includes a \$5,000 grant to be

## *Faculty Spotlight*

by Michael Bradshaw, M.F.A., '07

Professor and former Associate Dean of the School of Education Karel Rose, '53, continues to help students and colleagues. A Brooklyn College faculty member since 1958, she was the 2005



recipient of the Claire Tow Distinguished Teacher Award. In turn, she has established the Karel Rose Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching for outstanding teachers and education students. With the aid of the Tow Foundation, the prize gives \$500 to each of two Brooklyn College students and to two teachers who inspired them to pursue a career in teaching.

"My motivation," says Rose, "is to recognize exemplary teachers, who are not sufficiently acknowledged for the critical role they play in our country."

Rose was an associate dean of the School of Education for two years. Although she enjoyed negotiating curriculum reform and working closely with Madeleine Grumet, the dean at that time, Rose wanted to return to the classroom to interact with the student body, which seemed to be in the process of redefining itself. "I hoped to be a role model for my colleagues not by telling them how to teach, but by demonstrating it," says Rose.

Rose continues to lead by example through offering the Karel Rose Prize, which is awarded at a ceremony in May. "They inspired my passion," muses Rose. "I have a responsibility to my profession and to the children and teachers of this city to pass on the fire."

presented to a Brooklyn College department or program of the recipient's choice. Finally, on Thursday evening, October 19, our annual extravaganza honoring the alumna and alumnus of the year and the Classes of 1966, 1971, and 1981 will be held at the Palm House of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The breathtaking setting will set off our spectacular honorees: alumna of the year Barbara L. Gerber, '62, Brooklyn College professor emerita of comparative literature and community activist, and alumnus of the year George Ross, '51, executive vice-president and senior counsel for the Trump Organization. Join us for what promises to be a most memorable evening. Your invitation will soon be in the mail!

# BCAA Buzz

## News from Chapters and Affiliates

### **BC Managers for the Performing Arts Affiliate**

*by Shelley Roberts, '95*

It reads like a *Who's Who* of arts managers: general manager, Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM); director of marketing, Theatre Direct International; theater manager, New York City Center; director of press relations, New Jersey Performing Arts Center; grants writer, Lincoln Center Theater; development director, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company; and associate director, Artist Services, BAM. These are the titles and professional affiliations of some of the advisory board members of the Brooklyn College Managers for the Performing Arts alumni affiliate.

Under the leadership of Neal Brilliant, '93, (the aforementioned grants writer), this group accomplishes quite a lot. When they're not earning a living in the arts, they're giving back by lending their acumen to the program that helped launch their management careers. One of the ways that they do this is through participation in the BC M.F.A. Mentor Network. Established nine years ago by BC M.F.A. Program Director Tobie Stein, M.F.A., '82, the network has ninety active members who make themselves available to current students, answering questions about class projects and internships as well as giving career advice and being all-around sounding boards.

The advisory board also raises money for the BC Managers for the Performing Arts Scholarship Fund through an annual appeal to the three hundred-some alumni of the program, many of whom work in arts organizations across the country as well as around the world. Each year, the scholarship fund provides a deserving first-year student with a \$1,000 award to help defray the growing cost of tuition and living expenses.

In the spring, the BC Managers for the Performing Arts Affiliate organizes an annual get-together to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the program. Last year we honored Associate Professor of Economics Robert A. Widman, who teaches basic accounting. This year's recipient will be Adjunct Professor of Press and Media Relations Bob Fennell, a partner at The Publicity Office.

### **Broward-Dade Chapter**

*by Mildred Bialeck Cohn, '43*

The winds of Hurricane Wilma wreaked havoc on the homes and hearts of South Florida, but they did not dampen the spirit of the Broward-Dade alumni chapter. As Wilma blew her way toward Florida in October, we opened our season at the home of Ed and Toby Shapiro Hart, '37, with wine, cheese, and good fellowship for the Class of 1975 and on. In December we met at Café Cinématique for a foreign film, followed by a discussion. December brought our annual meeting and inauguration of our officers at a sit-down luncheon. In January we met at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, not to play the slots, but to reenact Florida's history at the Seminole Indian Village and Museum.

February is the high point of our season, when we meet for the chapter's yearly "We Love BC" scholarship affair. This year, after a lavish brunch buffet, our festivities culminated with the presentation of a final check to Brooklyn College honors student Tammy Seow, who is graduating and has received continuous tuition support for her studies at Brooklyn College from the Broward-Dade Chapter. State Representative Eleanor Finegold Sobel, '67, was the luncheon's keynote speaker. She spoke about her concerns regarding education and health care funding in Florida.

The Sunday Soirée in March was held at the home of Mark and Millie Bialeck Cohn, '43. We were enchanted by the reminiscences of Audrey Flaum Roberts, '49, about her adventures abroad and the world of writing of mystery novels. We then enjoyed good music, food, and friendship on a glorious Florida afternoon.

### **Campus Chapter**

*by Marie Alexander, '73, and Leanora (Lee) Katzman, '53*

Our chapter conducts several activities that have become annual events. Each fall we give our support to the Brooklyn College Theater Department on the opening night of their season by attending their student production. This evening is complete with a buffet dinner in the Georgian Room in Boylan Hall. Every June we attend a Cyclones baseball game at KeySpan Park in Coney Island. The Cyclones are a farm team of the New York Mets. This year our spring event was a trip to the Regina Opera Company, located at 65 Street and Twelfth Avenue in Brooklyn, followed by a delicious dinner at a restaurant in Brooklyn's Chinatown on Eighth Avenue.

The Campus Chapter also offers tours of the Aquatic Research and Environmental Assessment Center (AREAC), located in Ingersoll Hall. Distinguished Professor of Biology Emeritus Martin Schreiber, '56, is our tour guide to this wonderful laboratory and fish hatchery. Other events this year



were a lecture and tour of the state-of-the-art library given by Chief Librarian Barbra Higginbotham and tours of Urban Glass Works in downtown Brooklyn and of Green-Wood Cemetery.

A major ongoing accomplishment of the Campus Chapter is the \$500 scholarship which it awards to each of two graduating seniors every year.

Our planning committee is always looking for new members. For more information, contact Sam Rabinoff, '49, at (718) 377-6133 or [BCAA-Campus@att.net](mailto:BCAA-Campus@att.net).

### Long Island Chapter

by Claire Garfinkel Kerman, '56, and Marsha Zirn Elowsky, '56

We were coerced into taking the position of cochairpersons by promises of paradise. The closest we have come was an enjoyable, informative visit to Green-Wood Cemetery with one hundred members of the BCAA Long Island Chapter.

Our other events have been more down to earth. We invited Professor of Political Science Sally Bermanzohn to speak about terrorism and the U.S. Subsequently our chapter delighted in a walking tour of Victorian buildings led by Brooklyn Borough Historian Ron Schweiger, '70. On another occasion, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, we were guided by our own docent. All the adults and children enjoyed the afternoon.

We run our chapter with the invaluable assistance of Norm Berkowitz, '50, who handles just about everything; Phyllis Nierel Simon, '55, who hosts our meetings; and Nat Honigbaum, '58, who gives us the benefit of his experience. Of course, we couldn't manage without Marla Hasten Schreibman, '87, and Stacey Backenroth, '02, our right and left hands.

Future plans include theater trips, a tour of the Victorian homes in Brooklyn and another of our underground subway system as well as a brunch at the Cajun Restaurant.

Each event is hopefully one step closer to paradise. Join us!



**Alumni College Night 2006.** Left to right: BCAA President Agnes Ford, '69; Bruce Nuzie, Honoree Leon Cooper, '49; Honoree Roberta Rose Wallach, '53; Andrea Wallach, '81; Honoree Arleen Bandel Forsheit, '65; Wilma Sternberg Mooney, '69; President Christoph M. Kimmich.

### Millennium Alumni Affiliate

by Brandon Bain, '04

After four to five years of rigorous study at Brooklyn College, most young alumni probably aren't looking forward to coming back right away to visit. But now there's one more reason to keep the connection alive—Millennium Alumni.

We're part of the wave of new young alumni groups popping up across the country. Our affiliate was founded in April 2004 to provide fun and inexpensive social events and networking opportunities for the roughly 10,000 graduates of the Class of 2000 and on.

This year we held workshops and lectures by established alumni on topics that affect the millennial graduate. From investing advice to tips on snagging new jobs, we've got you covered. And, in between, we know how to party.

For the last two summers we've held our annual Lazer Tag Lockdown in Times Square, attracting more than one hundred recent graduates and seniors on each occasion for six hours of unlimited Lazer Tag beginning at 1:30 a.m. This event has become a tradition in celebrating the end of the academic year.

Graduates of the new millennium face novel challenges. Most look for jobs in a competitive and uncertain market. Our base provides you with an opportunity to help current students and meet other graduates, who may be willing to help you, too.

So come back, give back, and have fun. We're not your parents' alumni association. To find out more about Millennium Alumni, e-mail [bcmillennium@gmail.com](mailto:bcmillennium@gmail.com).

### Tucson Chapter

by Martin Brownstein, '66

The Tucson Chapter has been busy this year, planning and enjoying a wide variety of events for its members in Southern Arizona. Our season opened with a luncheon and presentation by Molly Johnson of the Rio Grande Trading Company on Native American fine art, poetry, weaving, and jewelry. In December, Edlynne Sillman, M.A., '68, a docent at the Tucson Museum of Art, led the chapter on a tour of the work of the Taos Society of Artists.

Other highlights of the season included the Festival Repertory Theatre production of *The Oldest Profession*, directed by Adele Furman, '50, and featuring Ina Shivack, '66, in the cast. The chapter also plans to sponsor a theater party at the University of Arizona where the group will attend a presentation of *The Philadelphia Story*, a classic.

Although this year has been filled with fun and excitement, we also mourn the passing of two longtime BCAA members and friends, Edith Zecher, '42, and Israel Schrier, '32.

# BC Couples and Generations

by Stacey Backenroth, '02

Attending Brooklyn College is a tradition carried on by generation after generation in many families. The College is also the place where many a couple started their romance. To celebrate, we are updating the column listing couples and families. If you would like to see yourself and your spouse or family listed in this column, please send names and class years to Stacey Backenroth, '02, Office of Alumni Affairs, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210, or [staceyb@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:staceyb@brooklyn.cuny.edu).

## Couples

Dave Askinasi, '50, and Joan G. Askinasi, '56  
David Bass, '67, and Carol W. Palevsky Bass, '69  
Theodore A. Braun, '48, and Goody L. Solomon Braun, '50  
Sean M. Brennan, '88, and Stephanie Casella Brennan, '91  
Charles Broder, '62, and Joanna Sass Broder, '63  
Seymour Brotman, '55, and Katherine Starr Brotman, '60  
Jay Brown, '68, and Joyce Savit Brown, '68  
Joseph Chalfin, '48, and Shirley Cohen Chalfin, '49  
Morton Chethik, '53, and Beverly Bartfield Chethik, '53  
Mel Crystal, '65, and Fran Pardes Crystal, '65  
Carl Czajkowski, '71, and Helena Nowicki Czajkowski, '73  
Irwin Davidson, '55, and Vivian Meshulam Davidson, '62  
Arthur Dermer, '56, and Lois Glotzer Dermer, '61  
Ronald Dermer, '59, and Cynthia Spitzberg Dermer, '64

Edward Dubin, '61, and Linda Sacks Dubin, '63  
Henry Fenichel, '60, and Diana Milgram Fenichel, '60  
Sidney Finkelstein, '49, and Vilma (Vicky) Greenberg Finkelstein, '49  
Chuck Fliegler, '67, and Helene Shapiro Fliegler, '68  
Fred Gerewitz, '80, and Ruth Wagner Gerewitz, '78  
Albert Grand, '52, and Arlene Ben-Zvi Grand, '52  
Roger P. Greenberg, '63, and Vicki Miller Greenberg, '64  
Edgar Hines, '57, and Barbara Usher Hines, '57  
Jason I. Hirsch, '48; Gloria Lee Mallin Hirsch, '50  
Bruce L. Kaplan, '74, and Ann Tenenbaum Kaplan, '74  
Matthew Lanna, '53, and Corinne Mignone Lanna, '54  
Joseph E. LaRubbio, '03, and Angela F. Frangoulis, '02  
Richard Last, '72, and Linda Epstein Last, '75  
Paul Lipper, M.A., '73, and Lisa Sank Lipper, '70  
Howard Lipset, '60, and Sandy Kaufman Lipset, '63  
Emanuel Magid, '45, and Phyllis Sperber Magid, '48  
Jerome Margolis, '64, and Natalie Marcus Margolis, '64  
Barry R. Mark, '55, and Naomi Kay Mark, '57  
Ronnie Nathan, '67, and Phyllis Kleinfeld Nathan, '67  
Ron Rapaport, '66, and Barbara Heller Rapaport, '68  
Joel Rubinton, '50, (deceased), and Natalie Mirkus Rubinton, '53  
Dennis Santella, '69, and Regina Padronaggio Santella, '69  
Seymour (Stony) Sarokin, '46, and Bryna Feingold Sarokin, '48  
Alan Senzer, '73, and Joyce Abrams Senzer, '75  
Paul Sheridan, '73, and Karen Gleeson, M.A., '03  
Milton M. Simon, '54, (deceased), and Phyllis Nierel Simon, '55  
Howard S. Simonoff, '53, and Anne Ruderman Simonoff, '55

Sheldon Spitz, '51, (deceased), and Helen Zell Spitz, '54  
Isaac Sutton, '84, and Alisa Shamah Sutton, '86  
George Thaler, '71, and Roberta Kivel Thaler, '72  
Harry Weiner, '52, and Shirley Fuchs Weiner, '51  
Jerry Wilck, '66, and Marilyn Greenlick Wilck, '69

## Generations

Marilyn Citron, '75; Richard Citron, '78; Abraham Citron, '90, (deceased)  
Sarah Dermer, '63; Arthur Dermer, '56; Lois Glotzer Dermer, '61; Ronald Dermer, '59; Cynthia Spitzberg Dermer, '64; Paul Dermer, '67  
Ann Silver Diamond, '55; Mindy Diamond Fromm, '80; Jason Howard Diamond, '85  
Minna Zwillenberg Fleischer, '37, (deceased); Stephanie Sharvit Marcus, '93; Ethan Sharvit, '95  
Matthew Lanna, '53; Corinne Mignone Lanna, '54; Karen Lanna, '03  
Felix Masucci, '46; Michele Masucci Saffell, '73  
Leon Meyer, '59; Barbara Meyer, '68; Robert H. Meyer, '87  
Sherry Ruth Morris Levy, '65; Madeleine Morris Frattalone, '67; Thelma K. Morris, '74  
Carmela Genova Piacenti, '48; Josette Piacenti, '77; Lisa Piacenti Sullivan, '78; Frank R. Piacenti, '87  
Ella Grossberg Relis, '62; Lisa Relis Israel, '87  
Betty Hurwitz Rudorfer, '36; Matthew Rudorfer, '72  
Morris Sabbeth, '33; Irene Sabbeth, '57; Jerry Balch, '57; Priscilla Balch, '63; Lloyd Balch, '00  
Louis A. Sacks, '35; Linda Sacks Dubin, '63  
Sylvia Yudice Sandoval Walters, '74; Julie Sandoval, '96  
Evelyn Goldin Savit, '39, (deceased); Milton Savit, '40, (deceased); Joyce Savit Brown, '68  
Roberta Rose Wallach, '53; Andrea Wallach, '81; Elizabeth Wallach, '82; Lorna Wallach, '86; Adam Wallach, '86  
Marilyn Zell North, '52; Helen Zell Spitz, '54; Viola Zell Proner, '57

## *Sharing Their Expertise and Experience*

by Stacey Backenroth, '02

Over the last year, a wide variety of Brooklyn College alumni have made time in their busy schedules to share their experience and expertise with Brooklyn College students. From mentoring via phone and e-mail to speaking with groups of students, both large and small, to inviting students to shadow them for a day in their workplace, BC alumni have been enriching the lives and minds of the next generation of professionals.

This year, students had the opportunity to speak with alumni representing numerous careers and specialties. Such alumni included Debra Howard, '73, manager, Human Resources, Operations Support, Con Edison; Anthony Scala, '86, accountant, Population Communications International; Lisa Brandes, '79, vice-president, Investments and Financial Planning, Smith Barney; Howard Adamsky, '74, author and human resources consultant; Daniel Glass, '77, president, Artemis Records; Dr. Sally Ann Lederman, '57, research associate, Department of Medicine, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center; Marsha Steinhart, '69, judge, Supreme Court, New York State; Frank Seddio '85, New York State Assembly member; George H. Ross, '51, senior vice-counsel, Trump Organization and a judge on *The Apprentice*.

To join this dedicated group, call Stacey Backenroth at (718) 951-5065 for more information. Get involved today and change a student's life forever.

## *Institute for Retirees in Pursuit of Education*

Are you retired? The Institute for Retirees in Pursuit of Education (IRPE) at Brooklyn College offers a varied and interesting program.

Our classes, which meet on weekdays during the fall and spring semesters, cover music, literature, art, history, foreign languages, and many other subjects. There is never a test or required paper. Many of our instructors are retired or current college professors.

There are lectures, concerts, and films. We visit museums, see plays, and take trips to places of interest.

All of this is available for an entire academic year for the modest membership fee of \$60.

For information or an application, call (718) 951-5647 or visit our office, 3160 Boylan Hall, Brooklyn College.

## *Marc Mellon's Don Quixote Belits BC*

by Marla Hasten Schreiber, '87

I was first introduced to the eminent sculptor Marc Richard Mellon, '74, at the home of Brooklyn College Foundation Trustee Alexander Tanger, '01, and his wife, Brenda, in Florida. After learning about Mellon's work, I decided to put his name forward to the Brooklyn College Alumni Association Awards Committee.

One of America's foremost figurative sculptors casting in bronze, Mellon is known for his medallions, commemorative statues, and bust and bas-relief portraits that, in limited editions,

explore the themes of dance, sports, and family life. His heroic bust of Pope John Paul II was unveiled in St. Peter's Square on October 24, 2001. It remains in the papal apartments. Other commissioned busts include bronzes of former presidents George Bush, Ronald Reagan, and Theodore Roosevelt; the president of Taiwan Lee Teng-Hui; Muhammad Ali; and Albert Einstein. For the past three years, a series of Mellon's bronzes of



athletes have been on display at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio. He has received awards from the National Sculpture Society, Allied Artists of America, the National Arts Club, and the Hudson Valley Art Association.

For twelve years Mellon was the president of the Artists' Fellowship, Inc., a charitable foundation that assists artists who are experiencing emergencies. His successor is his wife, sculptor Babette Bloch. His other professional affiliations include the National Museum of American Illustration in Newport, Rhode Island; the American Renaissance for the Twenty-first Century (ART), and the Portrait Society of America.

In 2005, the BCAA honored Marc Mellon with a Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of his extraordinary body of work. Mellon continues to enjoy his visits to campus and to the Alexander and Brenda Tanger Hillel, where he serves as vice-president.

*On November 14, 2005, when Mellon presented Don Quixote, the bronze statue above, to President Kimmich, he said, "Don Quixote is a fitting gift because he represents the dreams that Brooklyn College has helped so many students fulfill."*

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