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A TOW Grows in Brooklyn

by Helen Zegerman Schwimmer, '69



When Leonard Tow graduated from Brooklyn College in 1950, armed with a degree and a dream, he never suspected just how far these valuable assets would take him. Fifty-seven years later, the media pioneer, educator, humanist, and philanthropist, and his wife Claire, '52, have returned to the College bearing the largest gift in their alma mater's history, a \$10 million challenge grant.

With the additional donations of \$2 million from financier Morton Topfer, '59, and \$1.3 million from super agent, Don Buchwald, '59, ground will soon be broken for the Leonard and Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts, which will rise in the wedge-shaped space between Whitman and Gershwin Halls. Scheduled to open in 2010, the impressive structure will provide a physically integrated, comprehensive

center for theater, chamber music, community performance, and visual arts exhibition.

With financial commitments from generous alumni (please see the list of donors) and from the public sector, the Brooklyn College Foundation has raised

the \$45 million necessary for the construction of the new center. The City University has committed \$8 million to the project, and the New York State Legislature another \$15 million.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, '70, and the New York City Council have committed a further \$1 million each in public funds. "Brooklyn is the creative capital of America, and the new Tow Center will ensure that it remains the center of our city and nation's cultural scenes," noted the borough president, a proud alum.

This public-private funding model is the first of this scale attempted by Brooklyn College, and its success is further evidence of our alumni's dedication to the dream of the academic, artistic, and physical renaissance of their alma mater.

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Letter from the BCAA President

Fellow Alumni,

As my term as your president draws to a close, I think of all the terrific alumni that I've met and worked with over the years, and I am reassured about the future of our College. Brooklyn College alumni are role models and leaders in the nation. My tenure in office was one of the most satisfying periods of my life, but it is time to step aside and let someone else have the opportunity to lead this wonderful organization. I do want to thank my fellow officers who served with me. I also want to give special recognition to the staff of the Alumni Office; they have been incredibly helpful, and this support enabled me to serve the Alumni Association. I will remember many occasions when an alumnus or alumna has told me how important Brooklyn College was to their success. The Alumni College Night and Gala were always fun. I will reminisce about the commencements during which I sat on the platform in front of the Brooklyn College Library and looked out at all the about-to-be active alumni.

When we reflect upon the long history of the College, we also reflect upon our personal history and see the fulfillment of our hopes, dreams, ideas, and ideals. Our school motto, "Nil sine magno labor": (Nothing without great effort), encouraged us to keep on striving to achieve all our dreams. Brooklyn College has been the foundation upon which alumni have built their lives. Brooklyn College with its beautiful campus and diverse student population continues to be ranked among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. There are now two Rhodes Scholars among the members of our alumni family. We also have a Truman Scholar and the youngest Emmy Award-winner. Our graduates include many who have made significant contributions in just about every field of endeavor.

A successful Alumni Association is dependent upon its members. As I step down to let others serve, let me encourage you to become active and support the many programs offered to Brooklyn College Alumni.

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Where They Are Now!

by Arlene Lichterman, '53

Every year the BCAA presents three outstanding Brooklyn College students with a monetary award to further their education. These winners demonstrate the diversity of professional goals found in the Brooklyn College student body and, as always, exemplifies the best of Brooklyn College.

In 2004, Randall Ehrmann, '06, received this honor for his creative contributions to the performing arts. Entering Brooklyn College in 2002, he pursued a double major: He completed his B.F.A. in acting in three years and spent an extra year to complete his B.A. in film production. His role model is his father, who never settled for second best, has a tremendous work ethic, and is devoted to his family. Winning the award helped Randall continue his work with dedication and commitment and enabled him to pursue his love of directing and writing, which he has found to be more rewarding than acting.

Since graduating, Randall has continued to write, film, and direct. He has been the assistant director for two feature films and one T.V. pilot. Currently he is working on a low-budget feature film based on the true-life story of D.L., a rapper-record-label owner. He is re-investing money into his fledgling production company which is developing and producing stories for film, theater, and T.V.

Next step: a master's degree in filmmaking and, hopefully, another grant to help him pursue his dream. With his exuberance, perseverance, and desire to learn, there is no doubt that he will achieve his goal.

BCAA Scholarship Award Winners

Elizabeth A. DePasquale, M.A., '07, English major; member, Golden Key International Honor Society; author, *Innocence in a Sense*.

Milosz Jeriorski, '08, music composition major; president, Society of Composers, Conservatory of Music; composer, New York Youth Symphony.

Amit Kapoor, '09, biology major; secretary, EMS; member, National Black Science Student Organization.



Alumni Association Highlights of Events for the Year 2007

by Agnes Ford, '69, and Arlene Lichterman, '53

In addition to all the special events held by chapters and affiliates of the BC Alumni family, the Alumni Association hosts four outstanding major events annually.

Alumni College Night, held on Tuesday, May 8, gave everyone the chance to enjoy the campus at the loveliest time of the year. The President's welcoming reception was in the Lily Pond Reading Room of the BC Library, with a scenic view of the lily pond garden in full bloom. What memories that brought to each of us! 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. The Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented to Karel Herman Rose, '53, and Martin Mendelsohn, '63. Dr. Rose is a professor of education and women's studies at Brooklyn College. Mr. Mendelsohn is an international attorney specializing in trade issues with post-Soviet European nations. Ronald Schweiger, '70, received the Jerome S. Milgram Service Award presented to him by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, '70. A Special Recognition Award was presented posthumously to Clifford Freidman, '48, by President Christoph M. Kimmich. The award was accepted by his wife, Frances.

This year the **Class of 1957** celebrated its fiftieth reunion at Brooklyn College's eighty-second Commencement exercises. Festivities began with a reunion supper on May 30. Many from the class marked their first return to the campus. May 31, Commencement Day, was launched with a wonderful breakfast in the Georgian Room with much hugging, kissing, and handshaking. Robed in gold caps and gowns all alumni posed for a group photo before assembling for the processional. They were accompanied by thunderous applause as they marched down the center aisle of the Quad. Commencement exercises were followed by a luncheon in the cafeteria with time to rejoice and reminisce. Class of 1958—start planning! Your day is next.

Two fall events will complete the year. The Post-Fiftieth reunion will be held on Thursday, September 6, when we will be honoring the Classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, and 1952, celebrating their seventy-fifth, seventieth, sixty-fifth, sixtieth, and fifty-fifth reunions respectively. A welcoming reception will take place in the Lily Pond Reading Room. The Alumni Association will present Lifetime Achievement Awards and honor an

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Faculty Spotlight

by Arlene Lichterman, '53

After meeting H. Arthur Bankoff, '65, professor and chairperson of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at Brooklyn College, I wanted to sign up immediately to join him on his next excavation. There is so much to learn from excavating and finding things that tell you how people once lived.

Bankoff's career at Brooklyn College is distinguished by its longevity and personal attachment. He graduated from the College in 1965 and started teaching here in 1971. After receiving his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1974, Professor Bankoff stayed on at Brooklyn College, filling the years with teaching, research, and his love of archaeology.

Before he began college, Professor Bankoff wanted to become a rabbi, but as an undergraduate he soon developed a love for the classics, art history, anthropology, and archaeology. He decided to major in anthropology and Greek antiquity which led him into archaeology. Through the years, he has concentrated working in Southeastern Europe and Israel. His travels have taken him to Iran and to Yugoslavia, where he did graduate work on the Bronze Age. He has also worked in Bulgaria.

Professor Bankoff was the recipient of two Fulbright awards; one as a graduate student in 1971 and another fifteen years later. With all of this, he has found time during the past twenty-five years to lead the field in urban archaeology, digging up and breathing life into Brooklyn's history.

How does he do it all? It is thanks to his team of graduate students and staff who tends to every aspect of the project. Professor Bankoff does the mapping and topography, while the students, a diverse population, do the digging using shovels to get to the level where hand tools are employed to excavate with much care. For Professor Bankoff, "archaeology is between gardening and construction work. It requires deep concentration where people must work together and have similar goals."

How much does Professor Bankoff like archaeology? As he says, "You have to love what you do. Training to be a scientist is not for everyone. You have to love it because it is not the place to make money, but there is no other field that offers more excitement and fun."

For the next five years, Bankoff will be working on a summer project in Israel called "Israel: Then and Now", where Brooklyn College and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will join together to offer qualified students a unique experience. Professor Bankoff will be guiding this select group of students in exploring the old and the new of this vital part of the world. How lucky his students are!



BCAA Buzz

News from Chapters and Affiliates

BC Former Athletes Affiliate

by Dave Askinasi, '50, and Joan Askinasi, '56

Seventeen years ago, we came to South Florida for a few months. We had some of our Brooklyn College friends to our apartment for reminiscing and dinner . . . and that's how the Brooklyn College Former Athletes Affiliate was born.

Since then, we have grown in number each year, and now we have men and women members who represent almost every team that Brooklyn College ever had. While we started with all football alumni and their spouses from the late 1940s, we are proud to say that we now have a variety of players from 1940 through 1963. The ability of our members to keep in touch with their teammates, and encourage them to join us is the reason why we had 118 people at our annual reunion dinner in January 2007.

Brooklyn College President Christoph Kimmich and his wife, Flora Kimmich, were also at our dinner. President Kimmich described and showed us the architect's rendering of the new physical education complex that is being constructed in the West Quad and the "Athletes Wall of Fame." This project will now be one of our prime endeavors, to ensure that the wall represents the finest pictures and memorabilia from our athletic and sports careers at Brooklyn College.

Joan and I are very proud to be the "glue" for this group, and hope to keep the reunions going for many years to come.

Brooklyn College Latino Alumni Advisory Committee (BCLAAC) Affiliate

by Barbara V. Pimentel, '96

Brooklyn College Latino Alumni Advisory Committee (BCLAAC) was founded by a small group of former students involved in the Latino Student Organizations (LSO) to serve as a bridge to current students involved in LSOs. Part of our mission is to develop and promote leadership within LSOs while continuing to serve as a resource and networking tool for students as well as alumni.

Having recognized the need for a close and formal relationship, we actively work with the Brooklyn College LSOs,

which include the Puerto Rican Alliance (PRA), Latin Women's Group (LWG), Movimiento Estudiantil Dominicano (MEDO), the Student Union for Bilingual Education (SUBE), the Hispanic Society, the Graduate Association for Bilingual Education (GABE), and the South American Student Alliance (SASA). We assist these student groups with such issues as recruitment and retention for their organization and we advocate for a closer relationship among all of the LSOs and the Department of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies. We have also partnered on various occasions with the Magner Center for Career Development and Internships, the Brooklyn College Alumni Association, and the Latino Faculty and Staff Organization to enrich the relationship between our alumni and the students of the LSOs. The BCLAAC also hosts two annual social networking events for our alumni, fostering the connection between each other and their alma mater.

We plan to establish a fund to make grants accessible to the LSOs to support their special events and functions. We will continue to be available for leadership and career mentoring, student tutoring, and serving as a networking tool for students.

If you are interested in joining the Brooklyn College Latino Alumni Advisory Committee, please contact Ms. Barbara V. Pimentel, '96, at (718) 926-7117 or LatinoAlumniAdvisoryCommittee@yahoo.com

ROTC Affiliate

by Ralph Testa, '63

Brooklyn College hosted the 555th Air Force ROTC Detachment from 1951 until 1966. In 1998, an ROTC Alumni Affiliate was formed for all former members of the Corps of Cadets, coeds of Angel Flight, and Air Force members assigned to the unit. The affiliate has over 130 members across the country and in Canada, Germany, Italy, and Israel. Members include graduates from 1953 through 1968 as well as former instructors.

The first reunion was in October 1999, with a reception in the Student Center and a dinner dance at Fort Hamilton. The group has held reunions every other year since, in Florida, Las Vegas, and in Washington, DC in 2005. At that reunion, during a ceremony at the Vietnam Wall, a wreath was placed beneath the name of Major James O'Neill, a former assistant professor of air science at BC, who was killed in action in early 1963. This spring the reunion venue was a cruise from Miami.

The group's web site is www.bcrotc.org. A quarterly newsletter and annual roster have reunited many old friends. All alumni with a connection to the ROTC are encouraged to contact the affiliate representative, Ralph Testa, '63. Contact Ralph at 82 Willard Avenue, Newington, Conn. 06111, (860)523-9249, or charlotteswebct@yahoo.com

Southwest Brooklyn Chapter

by Harriet Rosenblum, '76, and Agnes Ford, '69

The Southwest Brooklyn Chapter has been busy this year with a number of events. We enjoyed an evening at the Osaka Restaurant with Samuel L. Leiter, '62, distinguished professor and chairperson emeritus of the Department of Theater. His talk on Kabuki theater was very interesting and informative. The restaurant's sushi masters listened intently to Professor Leiter's presentation, and the Japanese food was excellent. We gave our support to the Brooklyn College Theater Department on the opening night of its season by attending the student production of *The Ubu Plays*. This evening was complete with a buffet dinner in the Georgian Room of Boylan Hall. Our spring event was a trip to the Regina Opera Company, where we enjoyed a wonderful production of *La Boheme* by Puccini. Constance Pigozzi, '71, led a discussion of this production before the opera commenced. In May we sponsored a tour of historic Brighton Beach, which was given by Ronald Schweiger, '70, our very own Brooklyn borough historian. Ron was appointed by Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, '70.

A major ongoing accomplishment of the Southwest Brooklyn Chapter is the \$1,000 scholarship which it awards to a student each year. We are proud to support the College's mission of providing an accessible, excellent education.

Our planning committee is always looking for new members. For more information, contact Selma Fine, '50, at (718) 449-6040.

Nominations for BCAA Awards

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

Nominations of alumni who meet the criteria 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.

Gala Alumni Reunion

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 • El Caribe, 5945 Strickland Ave, Brooklyn, NY • 6:30 p.m.

Honoring the BCAA Alumna of the Year, Francine Lifton Klagsbrun, '52, and Alumnus of the Year, The Honorable Sterling Johnson, '63
Presenting the Family Achievement Award to E.T. Williams, '74, and his sister, Joanne Williams Carter, '76
Saluting the alumni affiliated with Student Publications at Brooklyn College

Are you interested in getting together with friends who worked on BC student newspapers and other publications? To learn more about how you and your friends can join the celebration, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 718-951-5065 or at alumni@brooklyn.cuny.edu

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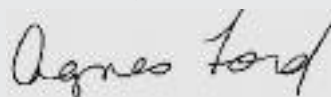
Do not forget our current students. They need your help to support their dreams. Give as generously as you can to help this generation and future generations.

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!

I am proud to be part of the Brooklyn College alumni, an illustrious group of people who make a difference. It has been an honor to serve you.

All the best,



Agnes Ford, '69

President, Brooklyn College Alumni Association

outstanding alum with the Milton Fisher, '38, Second Harvest

Highlights

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Award. This includes a \$5,000 grant to be presented to a Brooklyn College department or program of the recipient's choice. Last on the calendar will be our **Gala Alumni Reunion Dinner** honoring the Alumna and Alumnus of the Year. Save the date Wednesday—October 10! Join us as we celebrate at El Caribe in Mill Basin. Our Alumna of the Year, Francine Lifton Klagsbrun, '52, is a writer and lecturer of disparate perspectives on feminism, Jewish culture, and family. Our Alumnus of the Year Sterling Johnson, '63, is the commissioner of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. This year we will also honor a Distinguished Family: E.T. Williams, '74, and his sister Joanne Williams Carter, '76. E.T. has worked for Citibank and Chase, and Joanne is a professional artist. We will also be saluting the alumni affiliated with such student publications at Brooklyn College as the *Kingsman*, *Excelsior*, *Vanguard*, and the *Broeklundian*.

Join us for our very special night. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

BC Couples and Generations

by Stacey Backenroth, '02

Attending Brooklyn College is a tradition carried on by generation after generation in many families. Brooklyn College is also the place where many couples start their romance. Due to the popularity of this column, we are moving it to our Web site. This will allow us to maintain a comprehensive list of all our alumni couples and families indefinitely.

If you would like to see you and your spouse or family included in the new on-line listing, please send names and class years to the Office of Alumni Affairs, BC Generations and Couples, 2900 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210 or alumni@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Please allow four to six weeks for your submission to be posted.

Couples

Robert Adelman, '76, and Jill Jacobson Adelman, '77
Sebastiano Banchitta, '01, and Nedime Nadine Talja, '01
Walter Baris, '39, and Caroline Edelstein Baris, '42
Sam Bellovin, '42, and Sylvia Bellovin, '64
Richard Berger, '65, and Judy Derman, '67
Michael J. Bernstein, '65, and Joanne E. Bernstein, '63
Delbert A. Bowman, '48, and Winifred Harrington, '48, (deceased)
Leonard Braun, '80, and Wendy Levine Braun, '80
Charles Bryan, '61, and Lydia Patalano Bryan, '71
Stanley H. Charap, '53, and Marilyn Novick Charap, '55
Michael Dolber, '71, and Elaine Fischetti Dolber, '71
Bruce Donoff, '63, and Madelyn Buchalter Donoff, '64
Marvin Druger, '55, and Patricia Meyers Druger, '60

Nathan (Nat) Dubowsky, '61, and Linda Sherman Dubowsky, '63
Paul Edelson, '66, and Leta Feldman Edelson, '66
Marvin S. Flowerman, '43, and Leonora Rosenberg Flowerman, '47
Monroe Fremed, '48, and Roberta Spreiregen Fremed, '51
Lester L. Gavurin, '43, (deceased), and Esther Amkraut Gavurin, '43
Robert Gold, '59, and Edythe Broser Gold, '59
Jack Golub, '64, and Alice Wohl Golub, '68
Solomon H. Green, '49, and Julia Rosen Green, '48
Kenneth Gross, '78, and Alison Hersh Gross, '78
Herb Hardbrod, '61, and Janet Seiler Hardbrod, '63
Irwin L. Holzman, '50, and Lois C. Schiff Holzman, '55
Allen Kaplan, '53, and Roberta L. Hirsch Kaplan, '58
Jim Kassar, '74, and Joanne McGuinness, '74
Elan Kornblum, '99, and Janet Chavkin, '00
Isaac Koziol, '65, and Judy Goldstein Koziol, '67
Robert Krug, '74, and Lund Seto Krug, '74
Henry S. Leff, '39, and Sylvia Rebarber Leff, '41
Steven Lefland, '81, and Cheryl Bernholz Lefland, '82
Bob Levy, '76, and Meryl Bach Levy, '78
Henry Lipton, '57, (deceased), and Marion Axelrod Lipton, '57
Donald Joel Moskowitz, '58, (deceased), and Rita Schaffel Moskowitz, '60
Louis Moskowitz, '36, (deceased), and Dorothy Moskowitz, '62
Max Olynky, '72, and Valerie Bruno-Olynky, '77
Morton Panzer, '56, and Barbara Robinson Panzer, '56
Sidney Polansky, '41, and Jessie Harris Polansky, '42
Irwin H. Polishook, '56, and Sheila Stern Polishook, '56
Vincent Puleo, '68, and Barbara Monzon Puleo, '79
Joseph Rosenfeld, '36, and Rhoda Rosenfeld, '43
Jack Sanders, '63, and Marcia Spatz Sanders, '63
John R. Schmidt, '85, and Debbie Graffeo Schmidt, '85
Morris (Moe) Silver, '58, and Sheila

Jacobs Silver, '59
Morris R. Simonoff, '49, and Pearl Baron Simonoff, '48
Joe Sklar, '67, and Barbara Kessin Sklar, '67
John Solomon, '41, and Florence H. Mattern Solomon, '41
Ronald Sosnick, '66, and Eticia Rothman Sosnick, '66
Isidore Stein, '39, and Miriam Rosenfeld Stein, '40, (deceased)
Dave Sufian, '60, and Beverly Solomon Sufian, '60
Sidney Tatz, '40, and Eleanor Sessler Tatz, '40
Sheldon Thaler, '57, and Bette Lowenthal Thaler, '61
Neil T. Wasserman, '59, and Carole Raifman Wasserman, '62
Andrew Weiss, '68, and Ronnie Stein Weiss, '68
Mark Weissman, '74, and Arlene Adler Weissman, '73
Michael Weissman, '68, and Elaine Osborn Weissman, '62

Generations

Dr. Jeffrey S. Ben-Zvi, '79; Julie Genuth Ben-Zvi, '77; Chana R. Ben-Zvi Szlafrok, '05; Allan Szlafrok, '05
Edith Fligman Polinski, '77; Beverly Polinski Beck, '77
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Deborah Berlinger Eiferman, '44; Leora Eiferman, '78
Harry A. Goldstein, '36, (deceased); Lawrence W. Goldstein, '74
Abraham I. Goodman, '36; Judith E. Todtfeld, '61; Joel D. Feinblatt, '64; Roberta M. Feinblatt, '65
Henry W. Lemel, '63, (deceased); Rosalynn Lemel Ruben, '70
Steven Lependorf, '70; Sheila Karp Lependorf, '70; Lena Lependorf Goffstein, '95; Chaya Lependorf Berg, '02
Jonathan Orlove, '78; Hilary Orlove Kranz, '99
Florence Stein, '42; Ronnie Stein Weiss, '68
Lillian Hoffman Rosenberg Tanza, '81; Rachel Rosenberg Rose, '61; Ellen Rosenberg Murphy, '71
Neil T. Wasserman, '59; Carole Raifman Wasserman, '62; Kenneth J. Wasserman, '77;
Jerome S. Raifman, '65; Mark A. Raifman, '68

Brooklyn College Alumni Services Offers You the Power to Give Back to the Community

by Debra Cumberbatch-Howard, '73

The Brooklyn College Alumni Association provides alumni with a lifeline to the College. Our activities, services, and programs enable alumni to cultivate a postgraduate relationship and a partnership with the College community while balancing the world of work and family. BCAA seeks to sustain a mutually rewarding relationship with its members, and the strategic plan of the College supports our efforts to be an abiding presence in the lives of former students.

The services we offer are geared to assist alumni through discounted programs that also provide a revenue stream to the association. We currently offer the Brooklyn College Alumni Association Platinum Plus MasterCard issued by Bank of America. Using this card helps generate vital funding for student scholarships, alumni recognition, and other celebrations of success. Bank of America also makes a contribution for every new account that is opened and whenever an account is renewed. Additionally, our discounted long term care insurance program offers alumni and their loved ones help to offset the spiraling cost of health care. The Alumni Association receives incentives based on alumni participation.

New programs that are currently under consideration also support alumni in their daily lives. A Life and Health Insurance Term Life Program offers the benefits of term ten-year life insurance policy, with the security of extended protection for a specified term at various benefit levels. The Group Savings Plus Program provides competitive comprehensive coverage on auto and home insurance.

As we continue to engage alumni, we are building a strong foundation of active members. As alumni increase their participation in discounted programs and services, they benefit personally and have an opportunity to give back to their Alma Mater. Alumni participation indicates that BC graduates have embraced the power to choose and make a difference.

Post 50th Alumni Reunion

Thursday, September 6, 2007 • 4:30 p.m.

Honoring the Reunion Classes of '32, '37, '42, '47, and '52
Presentations of Lifetime Achievement Awards and the
Milton Fisher, '38, Second Harvest Award

Save the Date! Your invitation will be in the mail this summer.

Jeffrey Sigler, '92, BCAA board member

by Brandon Bain, '04



For Jeffrey Sigler, everything came back full circle. Twelve years ago and fresh out of school, he walked into his first job at the Freshman Year Program at Medgar Evers College. Last September he was appointed the program's director: "I like it," he says, his voice booming with enthusiasm. "I remember twelve years ago, encouraging students to get out of their comfort zone. Wherever you have the opportunity to move, do it, especially if someone feels you're qualified." As director, Sigler, thirty-eight years old, does more administrative work than he's used to; paperwork, meetings, and making sure that related coursework matches the college's mission. But the father of two, who "makes his living with his mouth" still manages to be hands-on. He lectures and teaches two seminars that help students choose careers, acclimate to college life and become critical thinkers.

In his last stint, Sigler was director of student life and development, where he would oversee clubs and organizations. He said he followed many students as they developed until they graduated. But his current gig allows him to reach new students at the very start of their career. "Two of my favorite days are orientation and graduation," Sigler said. "I want to make sure the students finish. I tell them, we have a lot of starters in the world, but very few finishers."

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