I'll note you in my book of memory.

William Shakespeare (Henry VI)
Perhaps some day it will be pleasant to remember these things.

Virgil
"It's a poor sort of memory that only works backwards"

Lewis Carroll
The right honorable gentleman is
Indebted to his memory for his jests,
And to his imagination for his facts.

Sheridan
Footfalls echo in the memory
Down the passage which we did not take
Towards the door we never opened
Into the rose garden.

T.S. Eliot
(Burnt Norton)
We dedicate this book to the memory of our journey thru BCC
We have concluded our journey
And hope that those who follow
Will remember their stay
As fondly as we remember ours.
We do not remember days, we remember moments.

Cesare Pavese
You know, I must go into the student activities office ten times a week or maybe that much in a day. And everytime I go barging in with a "where is . . .?" or "what is . . .?" or "how can I . . .?" Kay Sears and Roberta Koch have a smile and answer—or go diving for the piece of paper—make a telephone call—answer a telephone call—do something—and the problem is solved.

I think of them as the eyes and ears—of the tornado. And I'll remember them . . .
Meeting Ari Cruz is like meeting Napoleon. Although Ari doesn't profess to be a brilliant Tactician he does excel at tact. I compare Prof. Cruz to Napoleon because he encompasses the drive and force of character, which surely Napoleon had. That consistently brings him to the forefront of any situation. For those of you who have never met Ari, he is about 5'7", has dark hair, is built small and some say he is known to put his hand in his coat a-la Bonaparte, but the resemblance is pure conjecture, isn't it?

Professor Cruz, the man behind clubs, has just stepped into the murky waters between faculty and students and made Student Organizations a viable voice on campus.

Campus clubs are for the students, by the students and reflective of the students. Mr. Cruz realizes this and is not a Big Brother. He is help, guidance and a pair of shears in the hands of the students who wish to cut through red tape. Above all he is a spokesman, for the students; one who knows how to reach his bureaucratic audience. Ari is ready and willing to create enemies if his position is defendable. He proves to be a formidable opponent. I, too, have crossed swords with him on occasion, much to my dismay.

Ari Cruz has a green thumb. Under his cultivation clubs and club activities have grown. They are now given more respect. He has insisted on, and received more office space and better facilities. He has revived the Inter Organizational Council which coordinates and facilitates relationships between different groups and faculty. He has helped the Activities Fair to be a roaring success for the past few years.

Ari Cruz feels students are a more important crop than green lawns with picket fences. I agree. I'll remember Ari...
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'Tis in my memory lock'd,  
And you yourself shall keep the key of it.  

William Shakespeare (Hamlet I)
AN OPEN LETTER TO GERI

Why do I like you so much Geri? I don’t. I love you, you’re a doll. You’ve been a friend to me at a time when I needed a friend so badly. Not just anyone but someone I could identify with and open up my heart to. I find it very difficult to talk to people about the things that bother me and cause me pain. I’d rather bury it inside me and not talk. But you’re so easy to talk to, Geri. You make me feel as though you really care about me and my problems. You go out of your way to speak to my doctor and social worker about my problems and make phone calls to find out things I want to know. You’re a warm human being, someone who cares about everyone. You have the gift of laughter, a very precious thing. You’ve shared it with me and brightened my life a little bit. I feel a close bond with you since we both share a serious weight problem. Only someone else who has experienced it can know the pain and hurt I feel and help me by talking about it as you’ve done. I’d like very much for you to remain a part of my life, but even if you pass out of my life forever and I never see you again, I know I’ll never forget you. You’ve played an important part in my treatment here. You’re in the right profession, because you’re going to make one hell of a great nurse. I envy the people who are going to be your patients in the future. Good Luck!
A Tribute

As I walk through the doors of Bronx Community College for the last time, I know I will always remember Paula Freeman Anderson, Director of the Alternative Counseling Center. A unique and determined individual, Ms. Anderson acts out of her awareness and experience to help people to effect positive changes in their personal and college life. She is a firm believer that life is about change and that one must always be able to deal effectively with change.

With her creative mind, Ms. Anderson designed, developed and was Project Director of the Alternative Counseling Center for Continuing Education of Bronx Community College. I was among those students who were first selected to share the rewarding opportunity and experience to work at the Center as a paraprofessional Counselor. Ms. Anderson was intrigued by both the challenge set forth by the Dean of Continuing Education, Seymour Reisen and the guidelines set forth by the New York State Education Department to provide vocational and educational counseling services for those students who were educationally disadvantaged. It was hoped that through the resources of the Center, these high school drop-outs, unemployed and disillusioned young persons would be able to better their life circumstances through higher education and suitable employment.

Ms. Anderson feels that the college is filled with a diversity of human resources, namely the students, whose talents are not always utilized in the most productive and creative ways. As a result, she undertook the responsibility of training those students who had the potential, the interest and dedication for working with individuals who were more deprived than themselves.

Ms. Anderson believes that students can make a significant contribution in the field of community service, even though their primary concern lies in getting an education. It is her belief that struggling students can help others while at the same time pursuing their own educational goals. It is through an unselfish utilization of time and a genuine concern for the advancement of others that these students assume their roles as paraprofessional counselors.

The Counseling Center is a perfect example of the college reaching out into the community. It is through Ms. Anderson’s guidance that I have matured as a person and a student. My farewell tribute to her is filled with praises, and I hope that she keeps on doing what she does best. i.e.—being herself!

Coram J. Rimes
A teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows on rows of natural objects classified with name and form.

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I am sure that anyone who has taken English 54 with Prof. Delores Hayse agrees that it was a rewarding experience. For those who were not fortunate enough to take the course, let me tell you what you have missed.

Ms. Hayse is a refreshing, intelligent, dynamic instructor; an enlightening, truth bearing individual who conveys a genuine concern for the educational growth and development of students. Her pleasing personality captivates her entire class. She sets high standards for herself and expects nothing less from her students, stimulating them to achieve their greatest potential. I will always remember this truly beautiful person.

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BCC has high standards for its secretarial students. The teachers tell us that most businesses prefer to hire BCC secretarial students because of our high standards. In any event, the courses would be a lot more interesting and easier to pass if there were more teachers like Prof. Esther Michael.

After a year of not taking shorthand, I enrolled in shorthand 12. Prof. Michael was the teacher. I was rusty and having a hard time at first. All through the term Prof. Michael encouraged us to push ourselves to pass. If we needed extra help, Prof. Michael was always ready to give us her time. Prof. Michael pushed and pushed, and I passed shorthand 12 with confidence. Then came the task of shorthand 13. “If only Prof. Michael taught this course,” is what I kept saying to myself. (She didn’t) I would pass Prof. Michael in the hallways and she’d stop and say, “How are you doing in shorthand, Linda?” I’d tell her I was having a hard time. Prof. Michael would smile and say, “Don’t worry, I know you’ll pass.” Sure enough I passed. Now I’m in shorthand 14, which I must pass in order to graduate in June. I know I will, because every time I lose my confidence I think of Prof. Michael’s encouraging words, “I know you can do it!”

I wish all secretarial students could have the opportunity to have Prof. Michael as a teacher. I know there are other teachers in the department that inspire students, but Prof. Michael’s encouragement is something I will carry with me always.

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Let every man in mankind's frailty
Consider his last day, and let none
Presume on his good fortune until
he finds
Life, at his death, a memory without pain.

Sophocles
(Oedipus Rex)
To the Class of 1975:

Warmest congratulations on having reached this milestone in your career. You deserve high praise for this achievement, which attests to your intellectual competence and determination to succeed.

Graduation is an end as well as a new beginning. Graduation Day 1975, it seems to me, is particularly significant because it coincides with the end of a long and bitterly divisive war. We can now begin to heal the divisions caused by that war and turn our energies to the solution of pressing social problems. Certainly this is a struggle worthy of your commitment.

Some of you will continue your education on a full-time basis, while others will immediately enter the world of work. Whatever you decide, it is my hope that all of you will want to embark upon a course of lifelong learning. In a world of rapid change, the periodic updating of skills and the stretching of intellectual muscles are prerequisites to professional success and a rewarding life.

These are hard days for our city and nation. It would be idle to pretend that opportunities for employment are as plentiful as they have been in the past. For the short term, at least, the picture is cloudy, but I believe that the long-range outlook is very promising. We have the means, the technical know-how and, above all, the trained human resources to turn things around and to resume our march toward greater opportunity for all. As educated men and women, you have a special responsibility to participate actively in civic life and contribute your talents to the building of a more humane society.

It is my hope that your life will be one of much happiness and self-fulfillment. Our warm wishes, our hopes and our prayers go with you.

Sincerely yours,

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But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
All losses are restor'd and sorrows end.

William Shakespeare (Sonnets)
Desires diminishing
Potential climbing
Motivation increasing
Sleek individuals
Taking off . . .

Coram James Rimes

Bruce Carter  Gaynor J. Carter  Marlene N. Carter  Eric I. Castro  Andres Cedeno
MY QUESTION . . .

Why is day, day
And night, night?
Why are you, you
And me, me?
But you're white
And I'm black.
Is life the same for you as for me?

Coram James Rimes
Trying to understand life
Wrapped up in a struggle
Caught in a dream
As I proceed on a shaky road
In order to find myself.

Coram James Rimes
Elaine P. Hudson  
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Lynda Hunter  

Dasrat Indar  
Carlton Ivo  
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Dorothy W. Jemmott  
Lorraine E. Jenkins  

Mary B. Jennings  
Margaret Jernigan  

Cora Johnson  
Gloria Johnson  
Henrietta Johnson
DREAM CHASING

i chased a dream
caught it
and found it was not what i wanted it to be
so i am faced with living a nightmare
or dreaming again

Charles Vassar
Dorothy J. Legore
Virginia Lenz
Dorothy Leoce
Jackquelin Lewellyn
Regina H. Lewin

Angela G. Lewis
Elvina W. Lewis
Marita A. Liebesman
Freda Liebman
Lallarb L. Liles

Maria D. Lima
Robert R. Limata

Richardeen Lish
Margaret Liu
Eddie C. Livingston
Therese A. Livinstone
you never knew
i had always suspected
and she had always known
that there were other women in his life/thought/bed
she knew it would happen sooner or later
just drifting from place to place
like tumbleweed he’d catch in the brambles and flower bushes
for a while
and then roll on with a stronger fresher gust of wind

Charles Vassar
Leonora J. Smith

Marcia A. Smith

Norman W. Smith

Linda M. Smith
AGAINST VIOLENCE

Bob Jones is dead. We look with scorn upon the malicious and violent act that has been committed against him. He gave of himself as a student and an athlete. He proved his potential by becoming a star player on the baseball team.

During this academic year another B.C.C. student, Lillian Reed, was the victim of a similar tragedy. We are in the midst of great social unrest in which people are being brutally murdered for no apparent reason.

Can this trend be stopped? Or shall we passively watch it accelerate along an inevitable course which will end in the final destruction of all human life?

As students we are involved in a learning process. From this involvement we should have gained a clearer insight into the world and its' people. Hopefully, when we leave B.C.C. we will be well prepared to do our part to make the world a better and safer place in which to live.
God grant me the serenity to accept those things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

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Let it be forgotten, as a flower is forgotten
Forgotten as a fire, that once was singing gold.

Sara Teasdale