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Threshold Lesley College 1989-90



Threshold is a very special program at Lesley College, and I want to extend my personal congratulations to each of the program's graduates. In meeting the challenges of your education with courage and commitment, you have earned the respect and admiration of Lesley's community of faculty, students, friends and staff. We are all very proud of you. Your success in the program and your future triumphs will, I am sure, inspire many others, as you have us, to cross the threshold to independence and self-reliance. Very best wishes to each of you!

Margaret A. McKenna

President

THRESHOLD 1989 - 1990



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THRESHOLD ADMINISTRATION







Janet Senzer Assistant Director Admissions Coordinator



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To the Graduating Class of 1990

You will always be remembered for your spirit of cooperation and for the appreciation you continually expressed for the efforts we made.

Although we will miss working with you, we are so satisfied to see the growth you made here and how ready you are to leave the Threshold nest.

We know you will do well as you take your next step toward adulthood.

The Threshold Administration Faculty and Staff.

THRESHOLD FACULTY AND STAFF



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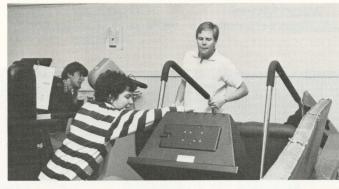
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THRESHOLD GRADUATES 1990



Jonathan Bernstein

During my two-year stay at Threshold, I have learned a lot of new things about myself. I've learned to work harder at my studies, plus I've made a lot of friends. Most importantly, I've learned to be more independent.

There are a lot of people I wish to thank. First of all I want to give a thumbs-up to all of the teachers at Threshold. They have always helped me when I needed it the most. Next I wish to thank my roommates, Marty, Chris, and Paul, and my best friend Devin Meyer, who has been there for me when I needed it most. Last I want to thank my resident assistant Maureen McCarthy who has helped me solve problems. She is a special person. When I leave here, I will always remember her, as well as all the staff and friends I've made here.







Pamela Beuerlein

Being at Threshold helped me to learn more about my learning problem. I never really noticed that I have a learning problem until I came to this program. Threshold has helped me to become more independent. I feel more confident now about doing my homework and getting it in on time. I have a lot of good memories of Threshold. I would like to thank Jane Carroll, Arlyn, and the rest of the staff for helping me get through this program.

Kimberly Bidwell

Threshold made me grow independent with my life. It taught me how much friendship means to me and how important it is to me to stay friends with the people I met here. Threshold is a great place.

I want to thank the staff and the teachers. The teachers have a lot of patience. The classes that helped me the most were Sexuality, Medical World and Apartment Living. I want to thank my roommates for being there for me. I really love them for the late night talks we had. My special thanks go to my parents, sisters, Kyle, Johnny, Hillary, Jason, Graham, and Jacqueline Surmeier.









Marie Brouillette

My two years at Threshold have helped me become more independent and less likely to rely on my parents as much as I used to. I thank the staff for teaching me the important things I need in life.

I would like to thank my roommate Kathy for helping me out in my job as dorm assistant. I will miss joking around with her and our after-dinner walks together. Also, I'd like to thank Jon for the support he has given me. I will miss all the friends that I made, especially Kim Dobbie, Susan, Jacqueline Surmeier, Kim Bidwell and Hillary.

To all the first-year students: Good luck next year. I will miss you. Thanks to my family for all their support. Good-bye, Lesley College and Threshold. I will miss you.



Jennifer Campana

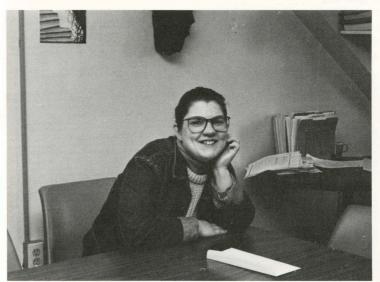
Threshold has helped me a lot in my two years here. I've made many friends here and one very special one. My first year here, I had a rough time adjusting, but as the year went on I became more comfortable. This program also taught me how to be independent.

I want to thank all the teachers and my tutor. They helped me make it through. I'd also like to thank the friends I'll always remember (Karen P., Paul, Kim D., Jodi, Marty, Lisa, and Alisa), my family for fighting for me through the years and being very supportive, and Chris Korman who has always been there. I love you all.

Never give up on dreams, because they'll come true.







Hillary Cantwell

Threshold was different than I expected it to be. When I first came here, I thought that having a lot of free time would be hard for me, but I quickly learned how to plan my time. Now, as a second-year student, I'm more open to people. I'm also more relaxed about going to work than I was last year.

I'd like to thank all the Threshold teachers and Janet, Suzanne and Arlyn. I have grown quite a bit since I came here. I'd like to thank several of my friends - Jacqueline Surmeier, Susan, Marie, Jon, Lee, Devin, and Kim D., for being there when I needed someone to talk to or to go to work with. I would also like to thank all of the other students. A special thanks to Kim Bidwell. I've know her for so long that I'm surprised that we haven't blended into each other! I will miss our late-night talks.

I will miss everyone I've met here, but I know it's time to go on to bigger and better things. Nicole Chitayat

Threshold has been a very special place for me. The first year things were tough, but I learned a lot about myself. My second year I have felt more secure, even when I've had my ups and downs.

I would like to take the time to thank my parents for all that they've done for me and for sending me to such a wonderful program. I also want to thank the teachers at Threshold who taught me the important things that I need to know for my future. I won't forget any of you.

I have made a lot of friends at Threshold. I want to thank Jodi, Marie, Kathy K., Kim D., and many more. I also want to thank my roommate Pam and one very special person, my boyfriend Miguel. He has been very patient in the hardest of times. I wish all the first-year students the best of luck in their second year and after they graduate. Well, before I close off, one more really big thank-you to Arlyn, Suzanne and Janet.





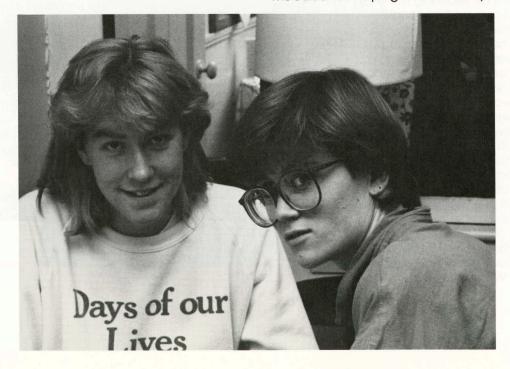


Kimberly Dobbie

These past two years at Threshold have been very helpful to me. During my first year, I learned how to work with the elderly and young children. It was very interesting working with the elderly, because they would tell me about their relatives and things that they did when they were young. When I was placed with children, I always looked forward to going to work. My second year, I learned more about how to be independent, especially by living in an apartment for three weeks with another person as part of the Apartment Living Course. Dormitory living for two years was a great experience. I had so much freedom in my leisure time.

I met a lot of great people over my two years at school. I would like to thank Kathy K., Marie, Susan, Jacqueline Surmeier, Karen P., Jennifer C., Paul, Marty, Shelley, and Karen M. for everything they've done for me. You are a great bunch of people. I'll never forget you.

I'd also like to thank my family for putting up with me for the nineteen years of my life. You guys are the best. I love all of you very much. I'd also like to thank Amy Robarge and Kelley McCabe for helping me out this year.



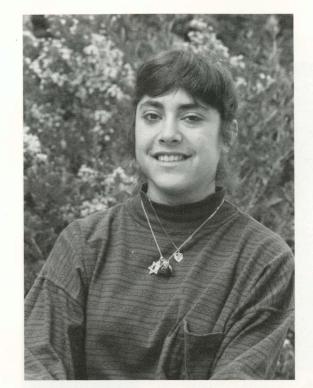


Jodi Lynne Hollander

I want to thank all the teachers here at Threshold for teaching me a lot. Threshold has taught me how to be on my own. The first day of school last year I was scared and nervous, and I even cried. This year on the first day, I was with my friends and we were laughing. I didn't even cry when my parents left. I will miss my friends here at Threshold. I hope we can keep in touch. I want most of all to thank my parents for giving me their support.

To my friends Kim D., Nikki, Karen P., Marty, Lisa, Paul and all the others: "We did it!"





Lisa Hurwitz

To Arlyn: I thank you for helping me straighten out my act last year. You really helped me improve myself.

To all my teachers: thank you very much for teaching me the skills I need to be an adult in the real world.

To my boyfriend, Marty: I wish you the best after graduation because you deserve the best.

To the first-year students: I wish you the best when you become second-year students and hope you help the new first-year students out. Good luck. I will visit.





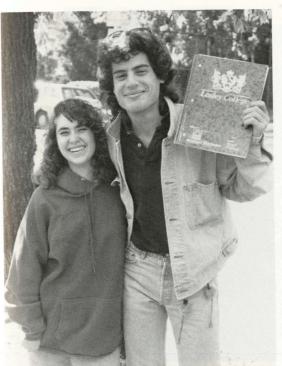
Kathryn Kenny

Being at Threshold for two years has helped me understand my learning disability. I've learned a lot from living in Boston and being on my own. Living in the dorm has been an awesome experience for me, and my roommates have been great.

I would like to say thank you to my good friends, Marie, Susan, Kim D., and especially Marty and Jon who have been there to talk to me when I needed a friend. I would also like to say thank you to Mom, Donna, Alison, and Ann. Best wishes to Kate! Dad, I love you very much, and I miss you!!







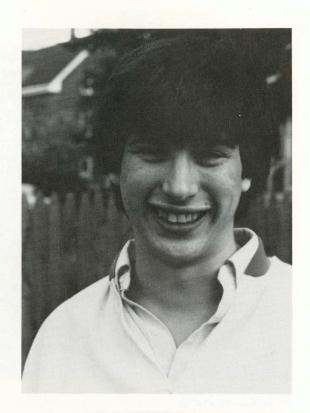
Paul Krinsky

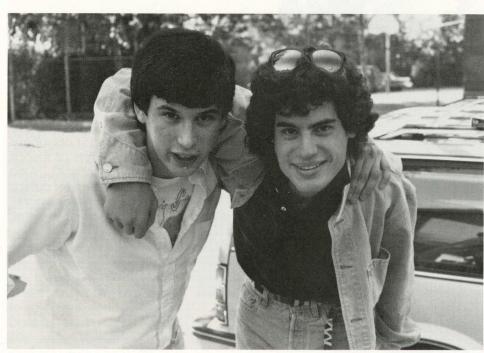
I'd like to thank the Threshold staff for helping me grow as a person and for helping me with my studies here at school. I have learned a lot about myself here. I have made lots of friends, especially Karen P., Jennifer C., Alisa, Jodi and Kim D. I thank them for putting up with me for the past two years. I also thank my family a lot for their support.

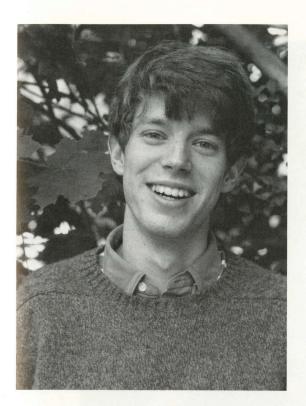
"Smile, smile, smile. We will all get by" By The Grateful Dead Martin Labinger

I just want to thank all the teachers at Threshold for their help, especially Barbara, Janet, Fran O. and Jane for being understanding of me, and for taking the time to help me by giving me advice on personal and school problems. I would also like to thank my parents for letting me come here.

I've really enjoyed Threshold. When I graduate, I will always remember the program and Lisa Hurwitz for all her help. I will especially remember dorm life and how it felt to be on my own.







Devin Meyer

During the past two years, I have been able to grow tremendously in my ability to live independently and progress from not being able to find where my classes and work-site were to doing well at both. I also became more confident in my ability to take a leadership role in my work-site job.

I would like to thank all of my friends for keeping me company here, such as Jon, Jacqueline Surmeier, Raymond, Susan, Karen, Andy and many others. I will miss them all very much! I would like to thank all the teachers who helped me out with my schoolwork when I was having trouble with it. I would also like to thank my family for giving me their support by helping me deal with everything here. Good-bye everyone!



Karen Pratt

My two years at Threshold have been really neat for me because I've learned more about myself. I really like being on my own. I've made a lot of friends.

I would like to thank my family for everything. I would like to also thank Jennifer Campana for putting up with me and for all the fun times we had together. Jennifer will always be my best friend, no matter what. Thanks also to Kim Dobbie, Jodi, Paul and everybody else.









Susan Schmidt

I really enjoyed being here at Threshold for two years. I feel I've learned a lot and grown a lot through my classes, the teachers, and my social life. My teachers were very helpful. I'll miss them all. Barbara, I'll miss you especially. You were my favorite teacher.

I enjoyed being in the writing class. It helped me to express myself better in writing and in trying to talk more. I want to thank Janet and Suzanne for our talks. I want to thank my mother for sending me to a great program.

I feel more open with people and myself now. I made friends here, which makes me feel good. I want to thank Kathy K., Marie, Kim D., and Jacqueline Surmeier for being there for me and for their support. I'll miss them. Being at Threshold made me feel special. It has made me feel important and independent. Thanks for everything.



Jacqueline Surmeier

In the two years that I have been here at Threshold, I feel that I have learned good independence skills. I feel that when I graduate, I will not need my parents as much as I did when I first came here. I also don't depend on my friends to help me as much now.

I would like to thank my parents for their support and help through my two years here.







Lily Szeto

When I first came to Threshold, I was scared. I didn't know anyone here, like the staff or the other students. It was the first time that I had been away from home and my family. After a few days here, I made several new friends. We got together to do fun things like go to Harvard Square for pizza and shopping.

I have learned a lot while here at Threshold. I have grown up and have had many good experiences. As a second-year student, I enjoyed myself even more. Living in the apartment taught me how to cook and live on my own. Most of all it taught me how to live and get along with other

people.

Thank you to Arlyn, Suzanne, and Janet for your help. I will miss everyone next year, but I will come back and visit. Also thank you to my tutor, Cheryl, who always helped me out and was there to talk with me. Good-bye and good luck to everyone at Threshold.



Lee Tolbert

Threshold means a lot of different things to different people. What is most important to me is what I have learned in the Understanding Learning Disabilities and Social Skills courses. I learned more about myself and how others relate to me. I also learned, thanks to these courses, about my strengths and weaknesses, not to mention coping techniques. Thanks to the program I have gained more of an understanding of my employment future. I have also gained more of an understanding of what it means to live in a city. I have learned that I'm continually growing and learning.







Nicole Warner

I would like to thank all the teachers here at Threshold. I've learned a lot. The time here has gone by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday that I first came to Threshold. Now I'm getting ready to live on iny own and deal with people in a positive way. Threshold helped me to understand what learning disabilities are and helped teach me strategies to accomplish things despite them.

I'd especially like to thank my parents and family for all the moral support they've given me. A special thanks to Jeff for giving so much individual attention in art class. You are great, Jeff. I'd also like to thank my friends Nikki, Kim D., Jennifer M. and Marty. Most of all, I'd like to thank Lee for being there when I needed someone to lend a listening ear. I will miss everyone I became friends with this year.

To the first-year students: I know you will succeed. I will keep in touch and visit.

Dear Pam — It was nice to know you. I wish you all the best in your future. You're a really special friend, and thanks so much for handing out with me. Love, Christine Wiseman

Dear Jon — You were the first friend I had at Threshold. Thank you very much. You helped me out to adjust to this place a lot, and I won't forget what you did for me. Your friend, Andy

Kim B. — You're a good friend. I am happy I met you. I hope next year goes well for you. Carol Doremus

Dear Marie — You are a very sweet, funny friend. Thanks for showing me the ropes. I will always remember you when I think of Mickey Mouse. Good luck in the future. From Kate Wardrop

Dear Jennifer — I'm so thankful I found you here. You're the greatest thing that ever happened to me. I'll miss your presence next year, but the memory of you will be in my heart forever. Love, Christopher Korman

To Hillary — You have been a great friend. Thank you for the letter you wrote me last summer. It made me feel welcome to the program. You're a good friend. You're sweet, nice and caring. Good luck with your future. Keep up the good work. Hope to keep in touch. Your friend, Karen McHose

Dear Nikki — It was really great getting to know you. I wish you good luck in the future. Thank you for your talks and for being there when I was upset. I really like you very much. You're very special to me. Love, Christine Wiseman

Dear Kim Dobbie — I hope we keep in touch. I really like the funny things you said to cheer me up when I was feeling sad. I hope I can do the same thing for you someday. Jennifer Mantell

Jodi — Thank you for being a great roommate. You are really a nice person to talk to when anyone is down. I hope your future is the best after you graduate. I will always remember you and your smile. I hope you keep in touch.

Stacey Tumolo

Dear Lisa — Thank you for making me happy and comfortable and cheering me up. I knew I could count on you. Katherine Koppen

TO THE THRESHOLD GRADUATES FROM THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Dear Kathy Kenny — You have helped me out this past year with your humor. Thanks for being my buddy when you showed me to my classes and helped me be less homesick. Good luck in your future. From, Kate Wardrop

Dear Paul — Thank you for being there when I needed someone to talk to or just to hug. You always made me laugh and feel good. Thank you again. Love, Alisa Kaufman

Dear Marty — Thank you for being my friend by taking me to different places and showing me around. Good luck in whatever you decide to do. Your friend, Dan Rothschild

Dear Devin — Thanks for showing me around campus and Harvard Square, and thank you for helping me out when I needed someone to talk to. I really enjoyed your company, Good luck in all you do. Jackie Schachner

Dear Karen Pratt — Thanks so much for being who you are, and don't ever change. Every time I saw you, you were always smiling and full of good spirit. I enjoyed those talks we had that usually dealt with guys. I wish you all the happiness and luck in the world. I also hope that life after Threshold is good to you. Thanks for being there. Cathy Grace

Hi, Susan — You are such a nice person. I will miss you. I hope you excel in whatever you decide to do in the future. I hope you don't get any taller. You are perfect the way you are right now. Lots of luck. Love Heather

Dear Jacqueline — It was great getting to know you this year. I'm glad we became friends. You're a neat person, so don't ever change. Good luck next year and in the years to come. Keep in touch. Love, Shelley

Dear Lily — It was nice to know you again. I wish you the best of luck, Thank you for being there, Take care, Jenny Bryant

Dear Nicole Warner — It was always nice seeing you around campus with a smile. I hope I get a chance to know you better after graduation. Whatever it is that you do next year, I know that you're going to make it. Good luck in the future.

From, Ray

Dear Lee — It was nice to see you again at college. I wish you the best in the future. Thanks again for showing me around.

Take care, Jenny Bryant

THRESHOLD CLASS OF 1991

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Catherine Grace

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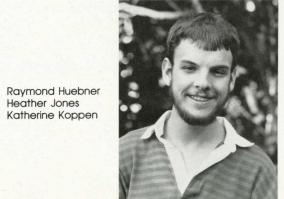








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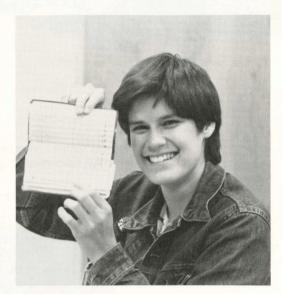














AT FIELD PLACEMENT With Children



Children

Children are like a brand new day. Like new leaves on a tree, they haven't lived their lives yet. Children, like light bulbs, are bright and always on. Like a continually filling gas tank, they're never empty. With the curiosity of cats, they love to discover. Like busy bees, they are out of one thing, into another.

While children can be as sweet as honey, they can also be as noisy as a moving train, like insects always bothering you, or like the IRS, always taking something from you. Children are like 7-11 stores. They are always open. Like some computer programs, they ask one question after

They are like rabbits running all over the place. Like fast food restaurants, they are everywhere. Like a horse race, the outcome is unexpected. Children, like time, continually change. They can be like clowns making you laugh or like ballet dancers full of style and grace. Children are like foreign lands. There's always something new to explore about them.

By The Writing Class of 1989-1990

With Adults



Working at the United Cerebral Palsy center in Watertown has been an indescribable experience. How can I possibly even begin with the list of clients that I work with? They are almost all in wheelchairs, but each one has his or her own individuality.

Catherine Grace



Last year I worked with blind people. I really enjoyed it a lot, especially working one-to-one with my main client.

Susan Schmidt



CLUBS COMMITTEES



"New Beginning" Staff

The Current Events Club is a club that I go to that discusses what is happening or what has happened that has made a big impact and is still talked about. I really enjoy talking about the issues that are important to me.

Heather Jones



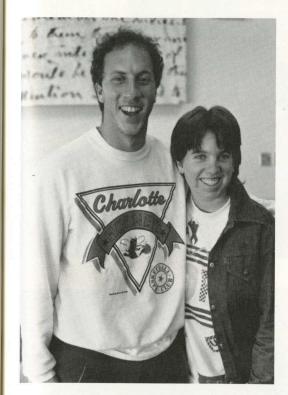
Kitchen Managers

We have learned a lot of new signs in the Sign Language Club. It's exciting to learn new things. Some of the signs are complicated but some are easy. When I do learn a lot, I'll be happy to help deaf children and adults communicate so they won't feel left out.

Karen McHose



AND ELECTIVES



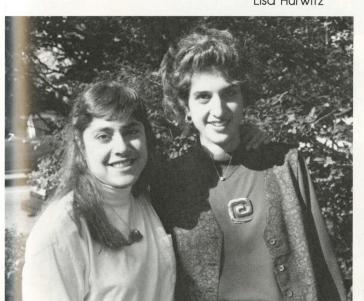


Art Club

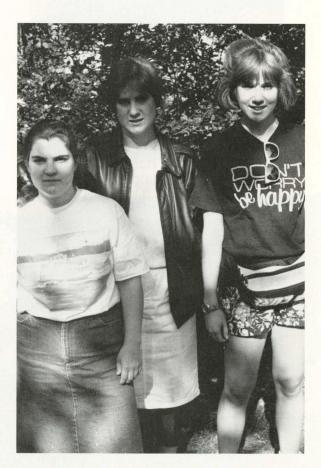
Dorm Assistants

Hillel is a club for Jewish and non-Jewish people to get together to talk and make friends while they are having fun. If you are bored after finishing your homework, watching T.V., being in the dorms or on campus, join Hillel. It will make your life here at Lesley exciting.

Lisa Hurwitz

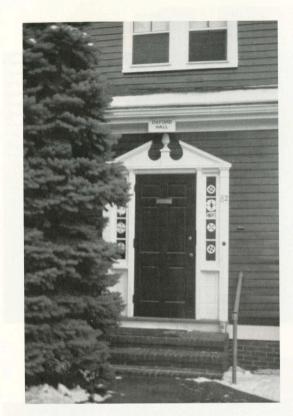


Hillel Representatives



Library Club

THRESHOLD LIFE



My first days at Lesley College were a giant step for me, and everything changed in a positive way. You can easily have as much fun here, and you can feel as comfortable as you were at home. It turned me pink with happiness to have my first birthday in another state away from my parents and with many friends. That was an independent way to start off the dazzling age of nineteen.

Carlee McLaughlin











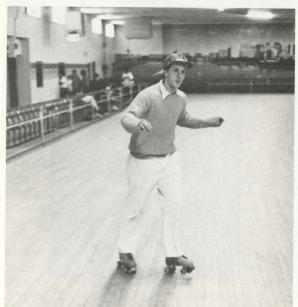










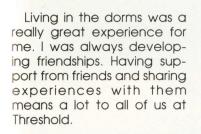












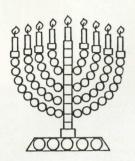








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MOM, DAD, JILL, LOREN AND GABBY

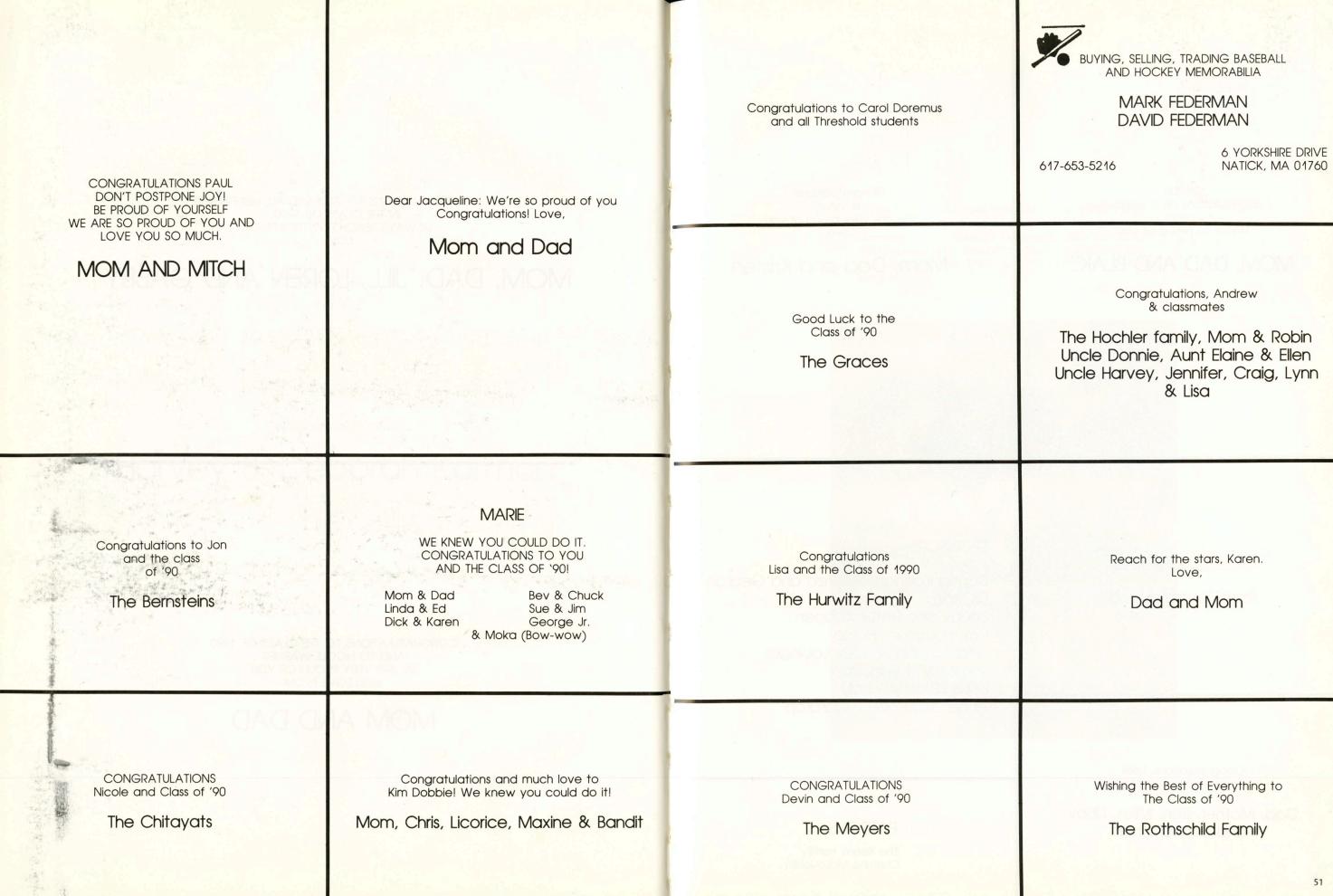
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1990 AND TO NICOLE WARNER WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

WITH LOVE FROM

MOM AND DAD

Congratulations

Harvey & Deborah Korman



CARLEE
Congratulations on a wonderful
year!
We're so proud of you!

MOM, DAD AND BLAKE

Congratulations!
Jennifer,
We are very proud of you.
Love,

Mom, Dad and Kristen

Congratulations, Class of 1990! Good Luck in the Future.

The Wiseman Family

Congratulations, Lee! We are all so proud of you.

Dad, Mother, Ben, Miles, Libby and Grandfather

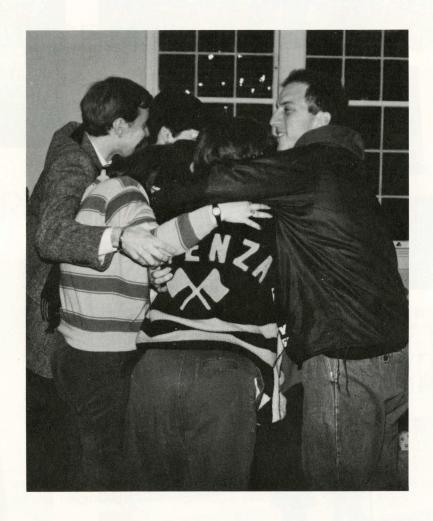
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The Kenny Family Christine McLaughlin The thing that I have noticed at Threshold is that everyone cares about one another, and they understand others' feelings. I was really nervous about coming here and I thought people wouldn't like me, but I learned that they do, and I learned to trust people.

Christine Wiseman













The Threshold Program is a vital component of the educational progress at Lesley College. The staff is committed to guiding students toward independent living with love and understanding. The students, while learning to live with their disabilities, grow in self-esteem. We all at Lesley College have learned to value learning and caring more from our interaction with the Threshold Program. My best wishes to all of you.

Betty Taylor

Dean of the Graduate School

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