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## Honoring “The Notorious RBG”

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Friday, September 18, 2020: a day that will forever remain frozen in time for millions of Americans from all walks of life. That was the day Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lost her hard-fought battle with cancer, leaving a vacancy on America's highest Court. She tried to stay on the Court for the sake of America, but when that fight became too much, she left us with these final words: “My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.”

The late Justice Ginsburg, in my opinion, served as the pillar for women's rights and was the epitome of a lawyer at their finest. In her 87 years of life, she was able to work her way up from a low income, working class neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY to Washington, D.C. where she sat on the Supreme Court for 27 years after being nominated by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

Justice Ginsburg took on her husband Attorney Martin “Marty” Ginsburg's coursework after his cancer diagnosis, all while juggling her own workload as they attended Harvard Law School together. She managed to fight the stereotypes of what a Jewish mother

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This illustration of Ruth Bader Ginsburg was done by Nicholas Konrad of the New York Times with the photograph courtesy of Diana Walker

could do in the 1950s and 60s, something that is seen in her accomplishments at the academic institutions for which she worked. After becoming the first woman to be on the Harvard Law Review and the Columbia Law Review - two of the most prestigious student-run journals that publish articles written by legal professionals and law students - Justice Ginsburg taught at Rutgers University and Columbia University before she was appointed to the Supreme Court.

From arguing discrimination on the basis of sex to aiding in the ruling that would make gay marriage legal in the

US, it comes as no surprise that Justice Ginsburg earned the name “The Notorious RBG” by her Millennial and Gen Z supporters.

It would be a disservice to talk about RBG's career and legacy without discussing one of her landmark cases: *Moritz v. Commissioner* (cir. 1972), the case that shook gender discrimination in America.

RBG argued on behalf of a man who was being sexually discriminated against by the IRS. Initially, Mr. Moritz represented himself in court and was defeated, but once RBG stepped in, everything changed. After a hard fought case, the Tenth Circuit of Appeals declared discrimination on the basis of sex constitutes a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution. If it wasn't for RBG's grit, precedent for this subject might have never been established, which would have allowed the door to remain open for constant American gender discrimination.

RBG also served as an example that it is possible to forge relationships with people on different sides of the political aisle. For years, RBG and the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia had a relationship RBG described as a best friendship.

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## Rethinking the College Admissions Process

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Due to the hiatus of in-person schooling, colleges are making some adjustments to their admissions process in an effort to give every student a fair and unbiased chance for admission.

The changes started with just a few colleges making the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT) optional, but now the majority of college admissions departments have acknowledged the restrictions placed on extracurriculars, community service, and in person learning at this time.

Given the lack of opportunities, high school students need to find different ways to make themselves stand out from other college applicants. And colleges need to be creative with the way they can get to know the student without relying solely on grades and test scores. Short online interviews, brief prompts or videos, student recommendations, grade transcript history, and essays will be

utilized to get a closer look at who the student is and determine whether they should be considered for admission.

Short response questions were added to the Common Application to allow students to show interest. Some colleges extended their deadlines for students to decide which school they will attend.

Applications may be missing SAT/ACT scores and multiple semesters of grades from in person learning. However, the College Board is working to release more dates for test taking and plans to have a quicker score release cycle. For example, Yale is test optional for students in the class of 2021, but students from the class of 2022 should expect to submit their test scores. The University of Connecticut, on the contrary, is test optional until 2023.

Along with missing SAT/ACT scores, colleges have also recognized the pass/fail grading and the spring's cancelled extracurriculars. Colleges are allowing for a “How I Spent My Covid-19 Staycation” essay to give students a chance to explain what they did over

the break, instead of focusing upon the missed opportunities. A tip admissions officers are giving students is to think of something unique to add in their essay. Everyone has had extracurriculars cancelled, and colleges may not want to hear about it over and over again from thousands of applicants.

College admissions officers are taking the absence of SAT/ACT scores and grade reliance to look at students more as a whole person. With this new shift in perspective, many students who may not excel at academics are given a chance to stand out in other areas. But colleges are still going to be aware of one's academic achievements for those who do rely on it.

The modifications that colleges have made to their admissions process may be here to stay, many colleges and universities say, because it gives them an insight into a student's passions and outside activities that they enjoy, rather than allowing a number or letter score to determine a student's level of intelligence or ability in the classroom.

# The Human Impact on Climate Change

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Since the beginning of 2020, wildfires have burned over 3.4 million acres of the West Coast, according to CAL FIRE, which is California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. In the past, California has dealt with severe wildfires, but meteorologists are warning that 2020 is shaping up to be the worst fire season in all of California's history.

Typically, wildfire season lasts from August to November. However, fires have been burning in California since February 2020, and now, the fires are growing exponentially. This wildfire season has blanketed large portions of the western United States in thick smoke, causing terrible air quality. According to a Stanford University study, wildfire smoke was directly responsible for at least 1,200 deaths in California- deaths that would have otherwise not happened if not for the smoke.

2020's historic wildfire season may be attributed to record high temperatures or the lack of rain, but in actuality, the overarching issue is climate change and global warming- caused largely by human actions.

All life on earth depends and thrives upon energy coming from the sun. The energy from the sun shoots down onto Earth, where the Earth absorbs some energy, and the rest of the energy radiates back into space.

However, greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide float into Earth's atmosphere and block the pathway where the sun's energy should be radiating back into space. Instead of the energy going back into space, it is now absorbed into the greenhouse gases and reflected in all directions in our atmosphere, which then warms earth for the second time. This phenomena is known as the 'greenhouse effect.'

The modern machines that our society depends on are causing our Earth to increasingly heat up- mainly because of the increase of carbon dioxide, which is the most damaging and most largely



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The San Francisco skyline is barely visible through heavy wildfire smoke due to the wildfires that burned through the area this year.

emitted greenhouse gas. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), greenhouse gases have increased 41% from 1991 to 2017. NASA details that some practices and machines that emit greenhouse gases are the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil, soil cultivation and the clearing of land for agriculture, the breaking down of waste in landfills, and deforestation.

So, scientists know that our earth is warming. But many people often ask, so what? What does it matter that it is getting warmer?

Climate change will actually drastically impact the future of our world. Here's why: the Earth will have a sort of swinging pendulum: extreme heat and extreme cold.

There will be no 'set weather patterns.' Natural disasters like droughts, hurricanes, heat waves, and extreme floods likely will increase. NASA states that the warmer temperatures will melt glaciers and warm the ocean.

The warmer the ocean becomes, the more the sea level will rise, and melting glaciers will also contribute to quickly

rising sea levels. Rising carbon dioxide levels can cause an increase in weeds, pests, and diseases, which will negatively affect humans and their food sources.

Scientists at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that there is more than a 95% probability that humans have caused the earth to increasingly grow warmer. If no action is taken to lessen the 'greenhouse effect,' people around the world will be facing problems this world has never seen: continual raging fires, like in California, unfarmable land due to droughts, rising sea levels causing cities to go underwater, and ongoing hurricane and storm weather. Those in positions of power have a responsibility to establish practices that will make this earth sustainable for future generations.

Fortunately, the generation of teenagers today are more outspoken and active than ever before. Greta Thunberg, 17-year-old climate activist, said it best: "Young people must hold older generations accountable for the mess they have created." It is our future, and we must fight to preserve it.

## BHS Virtual Cabaret Proves the Show Can Go On

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People of all ages can navigate to the [BHS TV Youtube Channel](#) to view the Berlin High School virtual Cabaret performance. The event featured choral students in two virtual ensembles in addition to over 25 students who performed a variety of solos, duets, trios, and quartets from the best of Broadway and beyond.

This year, performances at Berlin High School looked vastly different compared to previous years. Instead of having live performances, the music department was permitted to have virtual performances.

During the first two weeks of October,

the participants of this year's Cabaret pre-recorded their songs. With a short amount of time to prepare, students had to work harder than ever to learn the material. With a camera panning the stage and an empty audience, the dark auditorium felt more of a rehearsal and less a performance, but that did not stop the talented performers from showcasing their inspiring songs.

Music Director Mr. Tyler Boyle said, "We had an overwhelming number of students sign up to participate, and I



think that students clearly want to perform. They want to make music again, and they want to feel like they are part of our community again. I'm excited to get everyone back together and really kick things off with our first official performance for the year."

Admission is free to stream, but donations to both the theatre and choral programs are greatly appreciated.

For more information about donations, please visit [SingingRedcoats.BerlinSchools.org](#).

Now that the performance is on a virtual platform, watching will be even easier than previous years! Grab some popcorn, get together with friends, and show your support for the performing arts by tuning into the annual Cabaret!



# Making it Work with Hybrid Learning

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The 2020-2021 school year is gearing up to be one of the strangest that any Berlin High School students have ever witnessed. Day-to-day learning has been altered in a number of ways. One of the most glaring changes has been the modification to distance learning and the introduction of the hybrid learning model.

A hybrid learning model has been implemented across both McGee Middle School and Berlin High School. Hybrid learning allows for students to stay home if they are at particular risk for the coronavirus while also having students come into the school building to experience face-to-face interaction with teachers and peers.

The in-class atmosphere that is created by hybrid learning is unusual: half the class is physically present, and the other half seem to be just faces on a screen. Working with groups composed of both in-person and online students can prove difficult as it is hard to facilitate conversation, and Zoom is prone to audio glitches that can make conversations a struggle. The chat option is a valuable feature in these situations and really helps when microphones and verbal communication fail. Although this helps to get the point across, reading words off the screen is not quite the same as hearing a peer's voice, and nowhere near similar to having a face-to-face



Photo Credit: Mrs. Rice

Students at Berlin High School are learning in a hybrid model with some students physically present in school while others join the class through Zoom.

conversation with someone. Teachers and students at BHS have been doing an amazing job of coming together and making things work despite the Coronavirus limitations.

Lack of social interaction is one of the biggest drawbacks of full remote learning, and it has been since last Spring. As a member of Cohort D, which is the full remote cohort, senior Mason DiMauro is part of a minority of students who attend class strictly through Zoom and not in person. He has mixed feelings about it.

"Remote Learning is not for everyone and definitely has its cons," DiMauro said. "During these hard times everything is tough and challenging [for] people in so many ways. The one big negative coming from hybrid learning

that stands out to me is being isolated from all your friends; I truly do miss seeing my friends a lot."

An incredible number of positive changes have been made to distance learning since the spring semester. BHS has vastly improved its distance learning capabilities, and teachers have all become much more adept at using Zoom for instruction.

The choice between online and in-person learning is one that comes with an array of challenges, but it can also be beneficial to the well-being of students. The excellent effort of Berlin teachers and the persistence of Berlin High students will undoubtedly allow us to overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19 and make hybrid learning function as well as possible.

## Join *Redcoat Review*: The Perfect Opportunity

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Are you looking for a way to get involved in a club that will help you to build character or establish new connections and friendships? Maybe you are a junior or senior and are looking for an activity that will help you build your resume. Or maybe you are an underclassman who is looking for a way to help contribute to the Berlin High School community and establish yourself as an extracurricular and social leader. Joining the BHS school newspaper, the *Redcoat Review*, may be the perfect opportunity for you.



At the *Redcoat Review*, there are a number of ways that you can contribute. One way is by becoming a writer, which is one of the best ways to engage in collaborative work in this club. Writers have the opportunity to work with other writers and editors in order to achieve the best article possible. If you don't think that your writing skills are quite strong enough, no problem! Writers of all levels are encouraged to join, and a number of peers would be happy to help

and give tips on how to enhance your work. And no matter what your writing interests may be, there is always a place for your skills; past stories have ranged from sports and school clubs to articles that have focused on new teachers and politics.

If you aren't interested in writing but still want to contribute, consider becoming an editor. As an editor, it is your job to read the staff's articles and to leave constructive criticism on how the article can be better written. Oftentimes, editors will work collaboratively with writers in order to develop the best story possible. Together, writers and editors work as a team to find grammatical and spelling mistakes while also suggesting ways to relay the most newsworthy information and make it more engaging.

For example, in an article centered on sports, it is important that an editor confirms statistics and player averages while also ensuring that an audience can relate to the article. Overall, the collaboration and ability to work with others cannot be understated for an editor position.

You may be an art fanatic or are looking for ways to display your creative ability. In that case, becoming a photographer is a great way to display your artistic abilities. As a photographer, it is

your job to capture important story moments in order to help readers visualize said story.

This year will be my third and final year as a member of this staff. When I had initially heard the suggestion of getting involved with the school newspaper as a freshman, I was hesitant to join. I did not realize the opportunity that I was given. I did not think that I was a suitable writer, and I believed that my editing skills were lackluster, at best. However, after much thought, I decided that I should take a chance. Since then, I have been able to grow tremendously as a writer with the help of my peers and assistance from the staff advisors, Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Rice.

My ability to critique others and collaborate in a cooperative environment has become enhanced tremendously, and I now believe that I am not only a better journalist, but a better colleague as a result. Joining the *Redcoat Review* has provided me with the opportunity to grow as a student and a peer and has only helped me on my journey towards college. I have gained skills that I would not have been able to acquire without joining the newspaper staff and have made many valuable connections along the way.

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# All 22 Pixar Animation Films Ranked

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One of the most notorious film studios in the world, Pixar Animation Studios, has been producing computer animated feature films since 1995. It became the first studio to release a fully computer animated film with their release of *Toy Story* and have since released a total of 22 animated films and a number of short films since their inauguration.

As a fan of computer animation and film in general, I ranked the 22 Pixar films in order from worst to best based on heavy consideration of the story that each film tells as well as the technological innovation of the film's creation.

At number 22 is *Cars 2*, followed by *Brave*, *Cars 3*, *The Good Dinosaur*, *A Bug's Life*, *Monsters University*, *Cars* and *Finding Dory* at spot 15. In 14th place, I put *Onward*, then *Incredibles 2*, *Toy Story 4* and *Coco*.

## 10. *Inside Out*

What makes *Inside Out* unique from the other Pixar films is that it isn't afraid to explore human emotions, and it does so by literally taking place in main character Riley's brain with the five main emotions: joy, sadness, fear, anger and disgust. Young Riley has to deal with the realities of growing up, while her emotions begin to conflict with one another. The result is a colorful film that introduces a number of memorable characters and a satisfying plot progression with both immense highs and tear-jerking lows that will surely make you think of life in a new perspective.



## 9. *Monsters, Inc.*

Released in 2001, *Monsters, Inc.* was the first Pixar movie to contain a truly heartfelt message. In the world of Monstropolis, the Monsters rely on human fear to power their city. When a human child is released into the Monster world, scarers Mike and Sully discover that humans aren't so bad. The film does a great job of relaying the message, "don't judge a book by its cover," and does so with stunning animation.

## 8. *Finding Nemo*

Who would have guessed that a story about a clownfish looking for his lost son would become such a hit? Apparently, the animators at Pixar did, and they managed to create a story that shows just how far a father is willing to go for the sake of his child. Pixar was able to accomplish this by infusing the story with infamous characters such as Marlin and Dory who interact beautifully.

## 7. *Up*

*Up* is the story of an old man on his way to a land called Paradise Falls,

a place where he and his wife, Ellie, dreamed of going one day. *Up* is special because it uniquely shows Carl's life with an iconic musical score and the infamous "Married Life" sequence. We see Carl and Ellie grow up together, start a life, and eventually see Ellie pass away. The emotional turmoil from this scene beautifully sets the stage for the rest of the film, and when the film reaches its climax, you can't help but root for Carl to finish his journey victoriously. The end result is a conclusion that is satisfying, emotional, and happy all at once.

## 6. *Toy Story 3*

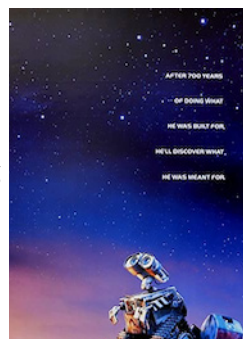
The third installment of a practically perfect animated saga *Toy Story 3* puts the toys together once again for another journey, this time with Andy on his way to college. Believing that Andy doesn't want them anymore, the gang finds themselves at Sunnyside Daycare, where an unjust hierarchy has been developing for years and is threatening to subdue the gang as well. Together, they must escape and get back to Andy.

## 5. *Toy Story*

Pixar's first feature film, *Toy Story*, pushed the limits of modern technology and set a new standard for animated films. Before its release, animated films were animated completely by hand, making the release of a fully computer generated film a drastic accomplishment. Aside from its technological accomplishment, *Toy Story* also manages to portray a fresh take on the classic "buddy" film and introduces us to the toys that we all know and love today. In this film, we see Andy's favorite toy, Woody, become jealous of a newcomer, Buzz Lightyear, who is threatening Woody's place as the superior toy in Andy's room. In the end, we learn that everyone, even toys, has their own place in the world, and we should not be ashamed of who we are.

## 4. *WALL-E*

In *WALL-E*, planet Earth has become encrypted in garbage, making it unsuitable for humans to inhabit. Their solution: live in space while robots known as Waste Allocation Load Lifters, or WALL-Es, attempt to clean planet Earth and discover any plant life that may still exist. A masterfully designed film with an important message, *WALL-E* explores the idea of what will happen to planet Earth if humans continue their excessive rate of consumption. In the end, *WALL-E* proves to be an eye-opener that will make humans rethink their current use of excessive consumption and consider what our current trends will lead to in the future.



## 3. *Toy Story 2*

*Toy Story 2* is a rare sequel that actually improves upon its predeces-

or. In this film, much like *Finding Nemo*, Pixar explores how far one is willing to go to save one of their own as Buzz and the rest of the gang venture out in search of Woody when he is stolen by a toy collector. However, the reason why *Toy Story 2* succeeds in the fashion that it does is because it manages to take the "buddy" story that it created in the first film and build upon it here, adding an impressive amount of emotion to the story. In the film, we are introduced to Jessie, who is given a sad backstory which impacts her motives in the plot. Also, at the film's climax, Woody is given an ultimatum which will determine the fate of the gang.

## 2. *The Incredibles*

*The Incredibles* is Pixar's first film to feature humans as main characters. A new outlook of the superhero genre, *The Incredibles* managed to set a new standard for superhero and family films to come. The film follows the Parrs, a superhero family trying to live normal lives in a society where superheroes have been made illegal. However, the Parrs are brought out of hiding when a new villain threatens the safety of society. The reason why *The Incredibles* shines is because of the chemistry that it develops between its characters. The film introduces the perfect villain in Syndrome, who has personal ties with the Parr family that has led him to become the evil mastermind that he is now. Add that to a beautifully strung sequence of animation, with riveting action and perfect pacing, *The Incredibles* is a recipe for success.

## 1. *Ratatouille*

*Ratatouille* is the pinnacle of Pixar storytelling. This is a story that has not been told before - a rat that dreams of becoming a chef. Pixar manages to make this story work by developing characters that bind the story perfectly with a score that deserves its own recognition. The progression of Linguini and Remy throughout the plot is an impressive progression from two low-life characters to the most famous chefs in Paris. The dynamic between a human and a rat is immensely entertaining. Overall, the film aims to teach its audience that "anyone can cook," which roughly translates to the message that "you can become whatever you want if you set your goals high."



Every Pixar film manages to entertain in some way. Whether it's the incorporation of photorealistic graphics, or the inclusion of some of the best music and audio work in the film industry, there is something to enjoy about Pixar's movies. However, what makes the studio special is how they are able to tell unrealistic stories and add a degree of human element in order to ground them. Toys that can walk and talk? A rat that can cook? Pixar's ability to tell these stories is a satisfying feat and distinguishes the studio as one of the best in the industry.



# Unprecedented Return of Professional Sports

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Months ago with the whole world under shutdown, the idea of having sports was a faint possibility at best. Fast forward to now, and for the first time in history, virtually every league is playing at the same time.

The NBA and NHL are isolated in bubble settings to close out the end of their playoffs, the MLB is now in post-season play, and the NFL is back and on the way with their season. The U.S. Open just concluded for both golf and tennis in the past month, and The Masters golf tournament is on the horizon. There are plenty of sports going around for every type of fan, and their return should be a symbol of hope and perseverance amidst a global pandemic.

The first sport to return in the middle of all the craziness of the pandemic was Major League Baseball in late July. Delayed not by COVID-19 restrictions but ongoing contract disputes, baseball found themselves forced to cram in a 60 game sprint of a season. The season got off to a rocky start with two teams missing over a week of games due to outbreaks of the virus amongst the clubs. This was definitely a wake up call for the whole league, and since those two stumbles the league has had smooth sailing with COVID cases.

The playoffs are now in full swing. An



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The Los Angeles Lakers are seen here celebrating after winning the NBA Finals inside the NBA Bubble in Orlando, Florida.

expanded 16 team playoff format should serve to provide us the most entertaining baseball postseason in years.

The NHL recently concluded their season that they resumed in a bubble. Ultimately, the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Dallas Stars in the Stanley Cup Finals. The bubble proved to be effective as there were no COVID-19 issues whatsoever. The NBA recently crowned a champion when the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Miami Heat in the NBA finals, a huge testament to the league's COVID efforts to get this far. They clearly set an example for how to properly operate in a bubble.

Finally, the last of the main leagues, the NFL, is back. The season is being

played just as it always is with teams playing in their home markets. Fans are allowed at some stadiums, depending on the team, but at a limited capacity. The NFL tests for COVID 6 out of 7 days of the week and has state of the art technology to promote social distancing. So far the league has been untouched by COVID through the first three weeks, providing optimism that this season can go on without any interruptions.

Finally, the Masters are on the horizon, which is the biggest golf tournament of the year. The event will take place in mid-November with Tiger Woods looking to defend the green jacket. Favorites to win are John Rahm, Bryson Dechambeau, Dustin Johnson, and Rory McIlroy.

## Ruth Bader Ginsburg an Inspiration to Us All

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Justice Scalia was more conservative while RBG was more liberal, but they put these political differences aside and focused on common hobbies and shared experiences they had, such as their love for the opera, their New York roots, and an affinity for law. These two late Supreme Court justices show that members of both political parties can get along well, something that is viewed as an impossibility in politics today.

Senior Ryan McGowan, who is well-versed in politics and has a foreseeable future working in DC, gave his perspective on how RBG is seen through the eyes of some young men.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a legal icon who fought for equality and justice for decades," McGowan said. "At Harvard Law School, she was one of the only women in her class... [and] has never been afraid to speak her mind and prove her doubters wrong. She will be remembered for her fierce devotion to her interpretation of the law and her willingness to always stand up for what is right."

BHS senior Ben Roe, a Political Affairs Intern at The Borgen Project - an organization fighting against global poverty, expressed that "Justice Ginsburg's undying talents for interpretation and... unwavering dissents in the headlights of strong political influence have proven to be nothing short of admirable.

"What has inspired me the most about RBG is this: she stood no more than five

feet tall, but a woman of such small stature carried a brilliant mind and a powerful will that made every man and woman in the world look up to her," Roe said. "She was an innovator, a champion of the law, and brilliance in its most pure form. She was, and rightfully so, the notorious RBG."

BHS junior Lindsey Leary, who uses her social media platform to bring injustices to light and inform her followers, gave me some of her own insight.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg... led the fight for gender equality and continued to fight for [gender], racial, and sexual equality while she served on the Supreme Court," Leary said. "She fought for our future, and it is our duty to uphold those values that she worked for."

Mrs. Masterson, who teaches English at BHS stated, "Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her legacy have had an impact on me and all of the women in my family," Masterson said. "In recent years, my mom would reference Ruth Bader Ginsburg when my morale needed a boost, when we were feeling like we were up against the odds, or when we were faced with a seemingly insurmountable challenge. Ginsburg had many redeeming qualities, but what I respect most was her ability to face challenges and obstacles with equal ferocity and humility."

Lastly, I asked someone who has held a law degree herself for 33 years what RBG means to them. That person was my mom, Attorney Donna Scalaro. She

proudly said that RBG is an "inspiration that women can do things in the workforce that were traditionally only done by men and when there are nine women on the Supreme Court, that'll be enough."

As for me, RBG has allowed me to see that there is still good in the world if you're willing to fight. This woman is the type of woman I strive to be. We all have a voice, and it is our responsibility to use that power. Fight for what will make our country better, respectfully, like RBG did. Be a leader, allowing people to look to you for guidance, like RBG was and continues to be. We must not let her legacy be ruined in the coming years.

There will likely be a woman who will fill the current Supreme Court vacancy who I believe walked through every door RBG opened for her. If you believe in protecting all essential human rights, I am encouraging you to do anything you can, no matter how big or small, to protect the accomplishments of RBG.

To anyone who tries to argue that RBG did nothing for this country's jurisprudence, say these two words that the Notorious RBG never shied away from: "I dissent." With that, I would like to leave you with words that a friend consoled me with upon learning of RBG's death. "We will get through this. We just have to follow in [RBG's] footsteps and continue to fight injustice and inequality with grace and resilience." And we will do exactly that, RBG: we will fight for your memory. Thank you, Justice Ginsburg.