



SIX OF OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES WHERE THEY ARE NOW

Luke and Denis Gilinski

Luke is a first class cadet (or senior) at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. After four years of intensive academic and military training, Luke will head to Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida in May for Air Battle Manager Training. After living in snowy Colorado, he is looking forward to spending some time in the sun!



Denis is a Plebe (freshman) at West Point Military Academy in New York. He finished Basic Cadet Training in August 2014 and was accepted into the Corps of Cadets. He is enjoying his classes and is considering a major in Chemistry.

Both Luke and Denis are graduates of St. Paul's Choir School in Cambridge and Boston College High School. As members of Boston City Singers' Tour Choir, they traveled to Toronto where they were guests of the Toronto Children's Chorus. Their host family introduced them to flying in a memorable flight over Niagara Falls. They both continue to sing in their academy choir programs.

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Daniel Hines



Daniel has been awarded a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music. In addition to singing with Boston City Singers for 8 years, Daniel was one of 47 students to study through the no-cost Berklee City Music program,

where he studied piano. He is one of 18 musicians from Boston neighborhoods to be awarded a full scholarship to Berklee. He is currently studying contemporary music writing and production.

Carmen Piedad

Carmen is the recipient of the prestigious "Passion for Action" scholarship from Wheelock College, where she is now a junior. She is majoring in American Studies and minoring in Political Science and Global Studies and is in the Honors Program. She participates in an A Cappella group called Note-Oriety. Her most empowering service experience was traveling to New Orleans with fellow classmates. She was struck by Wheelock's positive presence in that community and proud of the school's commitment to work alongside the citizens of New Orleans to rebuild their city. In the spring of 2015 Carmen will study in San Jose, Costa Rica where she hopes to continue to nurture her passion for service and travel.



Carmen continues her City Singers affiliation as an active member of the Board of Directors.

John Arida

John joined Boston City Singers in 4th grade, and became our principal accompanist during high school and summer tours. He is currently a Vocal Arts Fellowship Pianist at the Juilliard School and this past summer he was on music staff at the Castleton Music Festival run by former music director of the New York Philharmonic, Lorin Maazel. John has also been on music staff for the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra opera productions under the direction of Federico Cortese. While a student at the Juilliard School, he made his Alice Tully Hall debut as part of the *Wednesday at 1* series and completed residences at the Aspen Music Festival, the Music Academy of the West and Virginia Opera.



John attended SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music where he earned his Bachelor of Music magna cum laude in Opera Performance. At SUNY Purchase, he had a four year accompanying fellowship and was involved in productions including *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (King Melchior and chorus master), *Così fan tutte* (Guglielmo and music director) and *Gianni Schicchi* (Spinelloccio and il Notaio).

Annika Nielson

Annika is a senior at Harvard College where she is studying urban food access and food policy. Ever since traveling to New Zealand and Australia in 2007 with Boston City Singers she has wanted to travel the world. Last semester Annika studied abroad in Seville where she had a fantastic experience traveling around Spain and beyond. She is currently researching for her thesis and working in Codman Square, where she has been involved with the Codman Square Farmer's Market and BOLD Teens for many years.



Just a few celebrities who sang in choirs when they were young . . .

Blake Lively, Usher, Sheryl Crow, Whitney Houston, Axl Rose, Jamie Fox, Queen Latifah, Kristin Chenoweth, Football Hall of Famers Walter Payton, Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw, Franz Joseph Haydn, Brad Pitt, Anne Hathaway, Sandra Bullock, General H. Norman Schwarzkop, Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Barack Obama, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt, Phil Vassar, Shakira, Tina Fey, Snoop Dogg, Alicia Keys, Danica Patrick, Amy Adams, Ashton Kutcher