Believing that we are all obligated to heal the world, Dr. Berkowitz has researched, taught and practiced the Jeffersonian idea that our democratic society can only endure if we socialize every new generation to have civic virtue.

True to this calling, Dr. Berkowitz co-founded the Center for Character and Citizenship, the most extensive university-based center of its kind in the world; founded the *Journal of Research and Character Education*, the only scholarly research journal in the field; developed the Leadership Academy in Character Education to serve as a model for school leader training in character education; he has spoken at numerous conferences and workshops and written numerous publications on the topic. For his efforts, Dr. Berkowitz has been recognized with several awards and honors, including the Character Education Partnership’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Educator of the Year award from the St. Louis Association of Secondary School Principals. He has also been inducted into the Hewlett High School Hall of Fame.

Wrote one nominator of Dr. Berkowitz, “The national and increasingly international character education movement that Marvin has helped to lead is in my mind the most significant educational reform movement of our time—because the most important measure of a nation is not its economic wealth, technological genius or military might. It is the character of its people.”