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Karys (2022)  
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 Hassana (2020)  
 Anyergui (2019)  
 E'Sachi (2019)

## HOST FAMILIES

Joanne & Bill Corney  
 Karen & Brad Elders  
 Wendy & Rob Hopper  
 Minina & Bob Johnston  
 Kristin & Ed Kosnik  
 Brandi & Anthony Maniscalco  
 Sherry & Brian Ramsay  
 Justine & Rob Stewart

## A BITTERSWEET FAREWELL TO OUR SENIORS

### E'SACHI

E'Sachi has learned a great lesson during her time with ABC in Darien: the value of setting a goal and working hard to achieve it! That is how she views her admittance to National Honor Society. When she arrived at DHS, she set her sights on that goal and worked toward it! E'Sachi jumped right in to life at DHS. She played softball and volleyball, founded the American Sign Language Club, but the most fun she had was in her role as a featured dancer in the production of



Footloose. As an ABC scholar, E'Sachi has had many great opportunities. She has particularly enjoyed white water rafting, skiing with her Host Family and camping with Resident Directors, Beth and Peter. "It was a storybook experience! We pitched tents and roasted marshmallows" she remembers. She also had the chance to visit their home on Nantucket. E'Sachi had some eye-opening travel experiences, first with the DHS China Exchange program and then on her summer trip to Argentina. She greatly enjoyed the cross-cultural exchange and hopes to experience many other cultures in future travels.

E'Sachi notes that it hasn't always been easy being a minority in Darien, but feels her experience these past four years will help her as she faces future challenges.

E'Sachi knows she has a lifelong family with ABC in Darien: the RDs, and Board and especially the girls! "That won't end at the end of my four years here" she said. The same is true for her Host Family, the Kosniks. "They have been so welcoming and kind, even getting to know my mother. I am in their family group chat. They will be my family forever!"

### ANGIE

"I've grown here, learned a lot, and I've also taught people things." This is how graduating senior, Angie sums up her four years with ABC in

Darien. Angie has grown from a teary-eyed freshman to an independent and self-reliant young woman. Angie has taken advantage of all DHS and ABC have to offer from sports teams to cheerleading to musical theater. She is particularly proud of American Sign Language Club, which she started with fellow ABC

Senior, E'Sachi. Angie has also volunteered weekly at Person to Person. She loves helping people in need and is able to use her Spanish language skills with clients.

Angie describes her fellow ABC scholars as her family — she loves dinner time when the girls and Resident Directors gather together and talk about the highs and lows of their day. Birthdays are special, Beth and Peter write "18" things (for their 18th birthday) we love about each girl. "You don't need gifts when you get something like that", Angie notes. ABC has offered many new experiences: white water rafting, ropes courses, a tour of CBS News with Dana Tyler, but the best experience has been her four-week summer trip to Mongolia before her Junior year. "I grew so much. I saw the other side of the world. I can handle so much more now. I know I can handle college after that experience."

Angie has also been supported by her Host Family, Brad and Karen Elders. They have welcomed her into their family and treated her as one of their own. She will miss them as she leaves Darien.



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The 2019 ABC Scholars from left to right:  
Chelsi, Alexis, E'Sachi, Hassana, Osaru, Karys, Henyesi, and Anyergui



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## ABC MOMENTS IN TIME

Hassana, Osaru and Karys with Co-President Kimberly Servas at the ABC Holiday Party ▼



▲ Henyesi is confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church



Chelsi and Angie at the Rockefeller Center Tree



▲ Lexi takes the stage in "Chicago"

▶ Hassana's "Red Hot" Prom-posal!

◀ Karys at the Darien Road Race with her host family the Hoppers



## ABC IN DARIEN FACTS

**MISSION:** To provide scholarships to academically talented girls of color from underserved communities allowing them to realize their academic and social potential while living in Darien and attending DHS.

**ENROLLMENT:** Eight girls from New York and New Jersey.

**HISTORY:** 37 years in Darien; 48 girls have graduated from the program.

**WHERE DO THEY GO?** Graduates have entered colleges such as Franklin and Marshall, Amherst, George Washington, Columbia and MIT.

**STAFF:** Two Resident Directors, a cook and tutors.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Twenty local residents on our all volunteer Board.

**HOST FAMILIES:** Eight families host the girls one weekend and one Sunday each month.

**RESIDENCE:** 103 Tokeneke Road in Darien.

**THE BUDGET:** \$170,000 per year, covering staff, food, utilities, house maintenance, enrichment expenses & supplies.

**HOW TO GIVE:** Please send donations to P.O. Box 3204, Darien, CT 06820 or give online at ABCdarien.org.

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