

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: WHAT'S NEXT!

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### KARYS

Karys selected Tufts University for how well it aligns with her desire to study global public health as a pre-med student. She believes that ABC in Darien prepared her well for college by nurturing her sense of responsibility and independence.

Karys is grateful to have gained confidence in pursuing a variety of opportunities during her four years in Darien. "I have discovered new passions, like squash, rugby and advocacy – which I hope to continue in college," she said. A co-founder of the girls' rugby team, Karys will carry the memory of the team's first win this year. "We have come so far!"

As a member of five honor societies and captain of both squash and rugby teams, Karys is most proud of her academic accomplishments. "I never let anyone stop me from pushing myself, and I'm glad I didn't."



### OSARU

Heading to Yale University, Osaru is excited to major in neuroscience on the pre-med track as she pursues her goal to become an OB-GYN. Her senior year internship at an OB-GYN clinic has provided valuable insight into the field.

On her four years with ABC in Darien: "I learned to try everything I was interested in, and it led me down some amazing paths." Key highlights: co-president of the Black Student Union, Under Secretary General for Model UN, and membership in 4 academic honor societies. But Osaru is most proud of serving as co-founder of the girls' rugby team, which she describes as another family. "Despite being so diverse, when we step on the field, we're one unit – we're a team."

Her advice to future ABC scholars: "Get involved. You meet new people, and you learn about who you are."

## A SPECIAL SOMETHING FOR PROM



▶ Juniors, Keziah and Ashley ready for Prom thanks to ALSW.

Prom is always a spring highlight, and we are fortunate that our local bridal boutique, A Little Something White (ALSW), has worked for the past four years with our seniors to help them select their perfect prom dress. This year, ALSW expanded their support to include the junior scholars for the first junior prom.

Ashley Krauss, ALSW founder said, "We are honored to be involved in supporting the dynamic, hardworking, incredible young women of the ABC House. Working with them as they pick out their prom dresses each year is as magical an experience for us as it is for them, and it's something we look forward to doing for years to come."

Junior scholar, Keziah, is also a part of the ALSW family through a part time job. We thank ALSW for their continued support of ABC in Darien.



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## OUR ACTIVE SCHOLARS!

◀ Keziah representing DHS  
Saige & Amaya ▼



NEW HAVEN ATHLETICS



▲ Blue Wave Pride!



◀ Karys & Osaru  
with Host family  
Sherry & Maggie  
Ramsay at the  
Pre-Prom Party.

Seeing a Broadway show in NYC  
Michael Jackson - The Musical ▶

▲ Tilley Pond ice skating

## ABOUT ABC IN DARIEN

### OUR MISSION:

To provide scholarships to high-achieving young women of color, supporting and encouraging them to realize their academic and leadership potential while living in Darien and attending Darien High School.

- ▶ **40 YEARS** in Darien
- ▶ **8 GIRLS** from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts
- ▶ **8 LOCAL HOST FAMILIES** who care for the girls one weekend each month
- ▶ **54 GRADUATES** who have all attended four-year colleges



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opens doors to help young women of color grow, thrive and become leaders

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