

OUR GRADUATING SENIOR - JENELSY

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- E'Sachi Smalls (2019)
- Jenelsy Lopez (2018)

HOST FAMILIES

- Joanne & Bill Corney
- Karen & Brad Elders
- Jennifer & Graham Hill
- Minina & Bob Johnston
- Kristin & Ed Kosnik
- Brandi & Anthony Maniscalco
- Justine & Rob Stewart



Jenelsy has checked all the boxes as someone tremendously invested in the Darien community and school. Along her path, she has stacked up honors, awards, and experiences that she credits with helping her feel prepared for college and beyond.

"When I moved here, I felt like for the first time that I was surrounded by people who were academically driven," Jenelsy said recently, "and it pushed me to strive for more."

This drive resulted in keeping her very busy in eclectic ways - as a student, an artist, an activist, a community volunteer, an employee and an elected official. She is a member of the National Honor Society, won a first prize commendation at the Stamford Art Show, was voted to student government last year as Executive Secretary, and works at Palmers.

Her volunteer work has encompassed joining the Youth Community Fund, as well as working at Person-to-Person since her Freshman year, but she talks most passionately about her time this year working at Stamford Hospital in the Oncology Unit.

Were this not enough, she has helped managed the girls' gymnastics team and attended the GSA Club whenever time allows. "I feel more than prepared for the next chapter of my life. I'm not anxious being away from home because it's now something I've done. I'm going to miss living with so many sisters, and with Beth and Peter. I'm definitely going to miss the laundry room!"

She says one of the secrets of success being an ABC student is never forgetting where she has come from, and another is taking advantage of what is in front of her.

"I'm so grateful for the program and everyone who has gotten me to where I am now," Jenelsy says. "I've had a great support system with not only my family at home, but my host family Jennifer, Sophie and Graham Hill, and the program as a whole. It hasn't always been fluid or direct, but it's been a great experience and it's been totally worth it."

4 ABC STUDENTS STARRING IN DHS PRODUCTION OF FOOTLOOSE

E'SACHI SMALLS



SAMANTHA HENRY



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The 2018 ABC Scholars from left to right: Maritza Mones, E'Sachi Smalls, Hassana Arbubakrr, Jenelsy Lopez, Alexis Mitchell, Samantha Henry and Anyergui Jimenez



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ABC MOMENTS IN TIME

Where do the recyclables go? An eye opening tour behind the scenes with Pieter & Maarten Eenkema van Dijk (VDRS Recycling Solutions) at City Carting in Stamford.



▲ E'Sachi & her host sister Lily Kosnik being inducted in the DHS National Honor Society



Jenelsy flying high at Sky Zone Trampoline Park



▲ Maritza taking to the Vespa for the ABC fundraiser!

Hassana in full swing during a heated DHS Varsity Game ▶

◀ Maritza & Hassana with host sisters on the ice for DHS Skate-a-Thon for Africa



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: Seven girls currently from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

HISTORY: Thirty-six years in Darien; 47 girls have graduated from the program.

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

STAFF: Two Resident Directors and Tutors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Twenty local residents.

HOST FAMILIES: Seven families host the girls one weekend each month.

RESIDENCE: 103 Tokeneke Road in Darien.

THE BUDGET: \$160,000 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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