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HENYESI

For Henyesi, her favorite memories with ABC in Darien center around "just hanging with the other girls in the house, sharing small moments."

Throughout this unusual year, Henyesi has provided guidance for the younger scholars.

She has continued to excel academically and is a member of the National English Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society

She supplements her academics with a range of extracurricular activities, including the leadership team for Black Student Union and Model UN, as well as a founding member of the women's Rugby team, which played its first games this spring. (COVID prevented any games last year.) Henyesi has also been working at the Darien Sport Shop.

Henyesi will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. She plans to major in Chemistry and is part of the Vagelos Scholars Program in the Molecular Life Sciences. She is interested in pursuing a career in medicine or the pharmaceutical industry.



CHELSI

Reflecting on her time with ABC in Darien, Chelsi highlights "the importance of putting yourself out there." She recalls a host family trip to a ropes course, now a favorite memory, where she pushed through a fear of heights and had a wonderful time.

While at Darien High School, Chelsi served as captain of indoor and outdoor track, competing as a multi-event specialist.

She also is an accomplished artist, recently receiving an honorable mention by the CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards for her painting, "Black Royalty." Her AP Art investigation focuses on "portraying black people as protagonists."

As an intern, she is marketing the YWCA Women of Distinction event and benchmarking best-in-class companies to identify policies that can improve company culture for Dudley Stevens.

Chelsi is heading to Lehigh University where she plans to major in Architecture and run track.

Her advice for other scholars: Be comfortable with discomfort, and you will learn and grow from it.

SCHOLARS ON ICE!



FINALLY!

After months of remote and hybrid learning and being cooped up inside, our ABC scholars had a chance to enjoy an outside activity together. Earlier this year, they took to the ice with courage, as some had never skated before. By the end of the morning, they were unstoppable!



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A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!



▶ We are so pleased to share exciting news about our two juniors, Karys & Osaru! Both have been accepted into the Yale Young Global Scholars summer program, as well as the National Honor Society. The former is a 2-week online program designed to foster intellectual curiosity, deepen understanding and inspire creative action. Karys will attend "Innovations in Science & Technology," while Osaru will attend "Politics, Law & Economics." The latter is based not only on academic merit, but also leadership and community service. Congratulations to both on these achievements!

▶ Chelsi & Henyesi at their Prom Dress Fitting



ABOUT ABC IN DARIEN

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 Darien High School.

- ▶ **40 YEARS** in Darien
- ▶ **8 GIRLS** from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts
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