

SPOTLIGHT: OUR SENIORS LOOK AHEAD

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ASHLEY

A word from the Resident Directors:

"We are excited to see what the future holds for Ashley. Her career goals fit her caring and compassionate personality. We'll miss her sense of humor around the house! And Oswald, our dog, will miss all of the attention. We wish her the best of luck at Tulane!"

Academic accomplishments:

Science National Honor Society (NHS); Spanish NHS

Activities: Cheer; rugby; Black Student Union (BSU); Person to Person volunteer

Post-graduation plans: Tulane University

Planned major / career aspirations:

Neuroscience with a goal to become a neonatal nurse practitioner



KEZIAH

A word from the Resident Directors:

"We are looking forward to seeing all that Keziah will accomplish at Tufts. Keziah has shown great dedication to her academic, athletic & musical endeavors while here in Darien. We'll miss hearing the sounds of her violin echoing through the house. Keziah's future is bright & full of possibilities!"

Academic accomplishments:

NHS (vice president); Science NHS; Math NHS; English NHS; Stanley Black & Decker RISE scholar; DHS Faculty award; Darien Parent Association award

Activities: Student government (4 years); track & field (captain); orchestra (violin); BSU

Post-graduation plans: Tufts University

Planned major / career aspirations: Biology on a pre-med track

EXPLORING COLLEGES



In February, the sophomores and juniors gave up the last few days of their winter break for a 3-day college tour. On the agenda: visits to Bucknell University, Dickinson College, Franklin & Marshall College and Lafayette College. The scholars greatly enjoyed exploring the schools, but the unanimous highlight of the trip was a visit to Lancaster Cupcakes!



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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.

- ▶ **41 YEARS** in Darien
- ▶ **56 DHS GRADUATES**
- ▶ **2 RESIDENT DIRECTORS** both Darien Middlesex Middle School teachers
- ▶ **8 LOCAL HOST FAMILIES** who care for the girls one weekend each month
- ▶ **DOZENS OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

At ABC in Darien, volunteers support all aspects of our scholars' experience. There are many ways to be involved and have an impact. Some of the roles you can play include:

- ▶ **DRIVERS:** Help the scholars get to and from school, activities, jobs and volunteering. Opportunity to help both before and after school
- ▶ **HOST FAMILIES:** Play a special role for a scholar by serving as a host family; each scholar spends one weekend a month with their host family
- ▶ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Roles vary based on your interest, skills and availability

If you're interested in any of the opportunities above, or want to find out other ways to get involved, please reach out to us at: info@abcdarien.org

▶ Cassie starred in the DHS production of *The Tempest* and received flowers from her host family, the Johnsons



YOUR SUPPORT

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

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