



Radnor —A Better Chance

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Radnor ABC Continues to Thrive

By Eric Janson, Chris Kingsbery and Dave Pelton, Co-Presidents of Radnor ABC

As a result of your incredible support last year, Radnor ABC continues to thrive. Our two 2015 graduating seniors are attending Syracuse and Penn State. In addition, one of our students did an Experiment in International Living program in Mexico over the summer. And this year we admitted two females to the program, a freshman and a sophomore.

Now with the exciting start of a new school year, our campaign to raise the vital support needed to fund the ABC program begins. Our annual operations budget of approximately \$140,000 supports the fundamental expenses associated with the student's experiences. Our program is entirely funded by your donations, we receive no funds from the National ABC organization.

Your donation covers essential costs associated with the students' experience in the program such as room and board,

school supplies, SAT preparation, cultural enrichment, athletic activities, and stipends for the staff.

In addition, the maintenance of our two houses can pose unexpected financial surprises. Last year we replaced the roof on the front house and replaced the floors in the kitchen, study room and the stairs. We also fixed an underground water pipe that caused difficulties last winter.

With your help, we have the opportunity to plan for the future and recruit three additional deserving scholars, filling the house to its capacity of ten students.

Please consider making a gift today. Read about the current students and the success of our alumni and continue to be a critical part of participating in their future opportunities. Invest in an ABC student today.

Radnor ABC By the Numbers

- Founded in 1972
- Over 100 graduates who have gone on to attend outstanding institutions including:
 - Harvard University
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - Columbia University
 - Cornell University
 - Duke University
 - New York University
 - Georgetown University
 - Williams College
 - Villanova University
 - Penn State University
 - Lehigh University
 - University of Virginia
 - Hofstra University
 - Syracuse University
 - College of Holy Cross

In the past 20 years, 94% of Radnor ABC graduates attended college

How can you help Radnor ABC?

Wish List

We recently added a wish list to our web site to highlight specific ways you can support our students and our program. Take a look at the list at www.radnorabc.org.

Examples of ways to support include:

- School Supplies
- Calculators
- Team Fees
- Holiday Travel Expenses
- Pizza Nights
- Computer Supplies
- Senior Prom Expenses
- Yearbook Expenses
- Activity costs (movies, laser tag, etc)



Volunteer Opportunities at Radnor ABC

Besides your financial contributions, we could use many different kinds of support from our Radnor ABC Community such as:

- Driving our students (to and from activities after school or on weekends)
- House sitting when students need to stay home (due to school holiday or illness)
- Helping our students with the college application process (HS guidance counselor experience would be great)
- Serving as a board member
- Providing ingredients for a Sunday dinner
- Sponsoring an activity for our students (check out the Wish List on radnorabc.org)
- Providing plumbing, electrical, carpentry, gardening, handyman/handywoman work on the house
- Providing assistance with fundraising events
- Providing tickets you cannot use to cultural or sporting events

If you are interested in supporting Radnor ABC in any of these ways, please email us at abcradnorpa@gmail.com

How are students selected for the Radnor ABC House?

Scholars are selected as eighth graders and invited to attend Radnor High School on a four year scholarship. All ABC scholars undergo a rigorous admissions process prior to becoming a part of the program. First, teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, ABC alumni, and other volunteers nationwide identify promising students and recommend that they look into the ABC Program. These students demonstrate both academic talent and strong motivation to succeed.

Second, each candidate completes the application requirements of A Better Chance National, including multiple questionnaires, essays and the SSAT or ISEE. Radnor ABC then selects the students who best match our requirements and who are judged to most benefit from the educational, cultural, and social opportunities our local program has to offer.

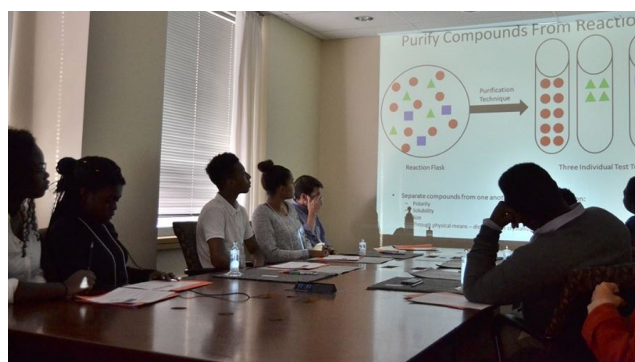
Lastly, the top candidates are invited to come to Radnor to interact with current ABC students, our resident staff, and the Radnor ABC Selection Committee. In addition, they also visit Radnor High School and attend classes. The Selection Committee then makes the final decisions on which students are invited to participate in the program.

News from the House

The 2015 school year is off to a great start at Radnor ABC. The house took a trip to Blue Rocks Family Campground in September for a weekend of hiking, rock climbing and smores by the fire.

In October, four of our scholars attended a GlaxoSmithKline Student Visiting Day. Other activities included a Halloween visit to a haunted farm and a visit to a 76ers game with the Lower Merion ABC house.

The students have study hall from 7 to 9, Sunday to Thursday nights with the Resident Tutors. However, because of the workload at Radnor they typically spend additional hours completing their work each evening.



Jade Winn-McNeil is our new freshman this year from Upper Darby, PA.

Mykael Cammorto is the other new student this year and is from Teaneck, NJ. She is a sophomore and has already landed a lead role in the fall play, *The Election*.

Anthony Odum is a returning sophomore from Mount Airy, PA. He spends every Wednesday evening competing against members of the Radnor community at the Chess Club at Radnor Memorial Library.

Nicole Aboagye is a sophomore from the Bronx, NY. She will be doing makeup and hair for the spring musical at the school.

Mariah Maynard is from East Stroudsburg, PA and is our only junior this year. She is active on the school newspaper and with the Young Democrats club. She is starting to gear up for the college search process.

Jordan Coleman is a senior from Philadelphia. Jordan is wrestling this winter, joins Anthony at the Chess Club and has been heads down working on college applications.

Austin Taylor, from Atlanta, is our other senior this year. He is a varsity cheerleader, has a lead role in the spring musical, and is working on his college applications. He also choreographed and led the senior class boys in the LM Pep Rally.

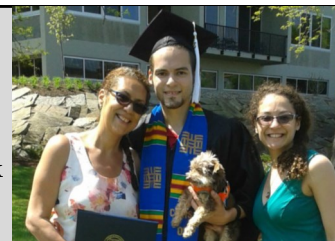
The house is led by a strong Resident Director, Isabel Clark who keeps the house of seven teenagers running very effectively. The Resident Tutors include Waynetta Faust who returns again this year and Mary Sondermeyer and Patrick Beckley who are both new to Radnor ABC. We also have a new part time cook, Gina Cappelli.

Alumni Update

Joseph Rodriguez, Ithaca College, 2015

I graduated last spring from Ithaca College with a degree in Computer Science. I now work as a software engineer at a product studio called Able Co. It's located in SoHo in New York City and I live in Astoria, Queens.

I had a great experience in college where I met a lot of interesting people that I expect to be life long friends. I also built strong connections with many of my professors. In fact those connections helped me land the job I have now...right out of college. I give a lot of credit to Radnor ABC for setting me up for a great experience at Ithaca and beyond.



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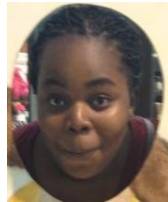
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www.radnorabc.org

Or if you make donations through the United Way, our Untied Way number is 1208

Alumni Update

Laura Okwueze, Hofstra 2016



I am a senior at Hofstra University, graduating in May with a Health Science major and a Community Health Minor. I am the Community Service Chair for the Hofstra Minority Association of Pre-Health Students chapter. I am also a member of the Hofstra International students club as well as Student Advocates for Safer Sex and the African Students Association. I am interning at the Mental Health Association and conducting research on Title IX. After graduation I am looking to enter the work force as part of a hospital administration staff, or enter a graduate school nursing program. I am in constant contact with my fellow Radnor graduates (ABC house and otherwise) and often visit Radnor on holidays and weekends to say hello.



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