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2017–18 Radnor ABC House



2017–18 highlights

> MORGAN Usher ('21) Cheerleading & Track



DESYNE Clarke ('20) Color Guard, Crew.



Abroad this summer, a program that takes a local group of performers across Europe for performances and cultural experiences. During the school year Zaiya plays soccer, runs track, is part of RHS orchestra and DYCO, and participates in the school musical

ZAIYA Ngubeni ('21) Participating in American Music

MARCUS Kiriago ('20)

Headed to Mexico

Student Diplomacy

Corps. During the

year Marcus plays

track.

March of 2018. Welcome

BAKU -- adopted in

to the ABC family!

basketball and runs

this summer with



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Spring / Summer 2018

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Nicole Aboagye (2018) Mykael Cammorto(2018) Anthony Odum (2018) Jade Winn-McNeil (2019) Desyne Clarke (2020) Jeremy Glover (2020) Marcus Kiriago (2020) Caleb Jaramillo (2021) Zaiya Ngubeni (2021) Morgan Usher (2021)

CONGRATULATIONS! to our graduating Scholars...



Hometown: Mt. Airy, PA Interests: Computer College: Hampton University

Radnor ABC ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

DARREN Troche

Darren graduated from Radnor High School as part of the A Better Chance program in 2004 and will graduate from Temple University next year. He has been in management for over 10 years working for Sears and Sony Electronics.

Currently, he is the Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager for PNC in addition to owning his own photography/videography business, Vigilante Media. He also serves in the Pennsylvania National Guard as a chemical biological radiological nuclear specialist. Darren resides outside of Harrisburg, PA with his wife and two young boys.

> "I credit the Radnor A Better Chance program with, quite literally, saving my life...'

Darren recently joined the Radnor A Better Chance board and is honored to help other students.

The Radnor ABC Alumni Speakers Series is a forum to connect alumni and current scholars. It's also an opportunity for alumni to share their experiences at Radnor, college and life beyond and to answer questions from current scholars.

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CALEB Jaramillo ('21) RHS & AAU Basketball, Kappa League "ABC was a great learning experience for me, pushed me to do things that I wouldn't have normally done and taught me things I would need for the future."

ANTHONY Odum

"Where in a different environment I would have felt

silenced, at ABC I found my voice."

NICOLE Aboagye

"ABC has given me family and a support system I will cherish for the rest of my life."

MYKAEL Cammorto

"Our family truly enjoys hosting a student from the ABC program...Our Sundays with Marcus have given us the opportunity to have a day without a "To Do List"...and just let teenagers be teenagers together...there is a lot of laughter and friendship...What a gift to spend a Sunday like that...!"

MAURA Wheeler / host family

2019 annual RADNOR ABC SOITEE

A big thank you to **KATHLEEN Papa** who hosted the annual Radnor ABC House Soiree Fundraiser at her lovely home on a beautiful May evening! Dawn Timmeney, from Fox 29 News, was the guest speaker. It was an exciting event with many great auction items up for bid including 14k gold 2 ct. diamond earrings, a week in Rehoboth Beach and for the golf enthusiast, a round on the links at the renowned Philadelphia CC.

A special thanks to all those who attended and contributed -- we **raised over \$20,000!**



You can make a donation anytime to the Radnor ABC Wishing Tree @ radnorabc.org. Items include groceries, school supplies, after school activities, etc.

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Radnor ABC is in need of volunteer drivers and board members. If interested in supporting the Radnor ABC House, please email us: abcradnorpa@gmail.com or contact Heather Sheehan @ 415-902-8695.

How the Radnor ABC House GARDEN GROWS...



At our January 2018 board meeting, **KAREN Steenhoudt**, currently a landscape architect student at Temple University, presented her ideas to transform the grounds at the Radnor ABC House.

On Saturday, March 31st, her vision came to life. Temple students from the Society of Ecological Restoration (SER), friends & family descended on the Radnor ABC House for a day of much needed landscape updates.

The team removed decades-old invasives including shrubs, vines and ivy. In their place, they planted over 22 native shrubs and mulched the area – quite an improvement! A very special thank you to Karen and her team, **Temple University** for donating the plants, **Real Pizza** for donating pizzas to feed the crew, **Do It Best® Hardware** for donating supplies and the **Radnor ABC Board members** who participated.

What a great team effort!