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## 2018-19 Radnor ABC House



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### SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 6 - 9 PM



20% of Shop 'til You Drop sales  
 from the event will be donated  
 to the Radnor ABC House

Festive beverages & nibbles  
 will be served!

## Annual Scholar Camping Trip | Blue Rocks Campground



In September, the Radnor ABC House, led by Resident Director Isabel Clark, headed to The Blue Rocks Family Campground located in the heart of the Eastern Pennsylvania wilderness for its annual camping trip.

The group pitched their tents, and then headed out for a scenic seven-mile hike along the Pulpit Rock/Pinnacle Loop on the Appalachian Trail and took in the breathtaking views of the Blue Rocks boulder field. They returned to camp for a dinner of hot dogs & s'mores cooked over a camp fire followed by a late-night game of Manhunt.

Before heading home the next morning, they enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Everyone had a great time!



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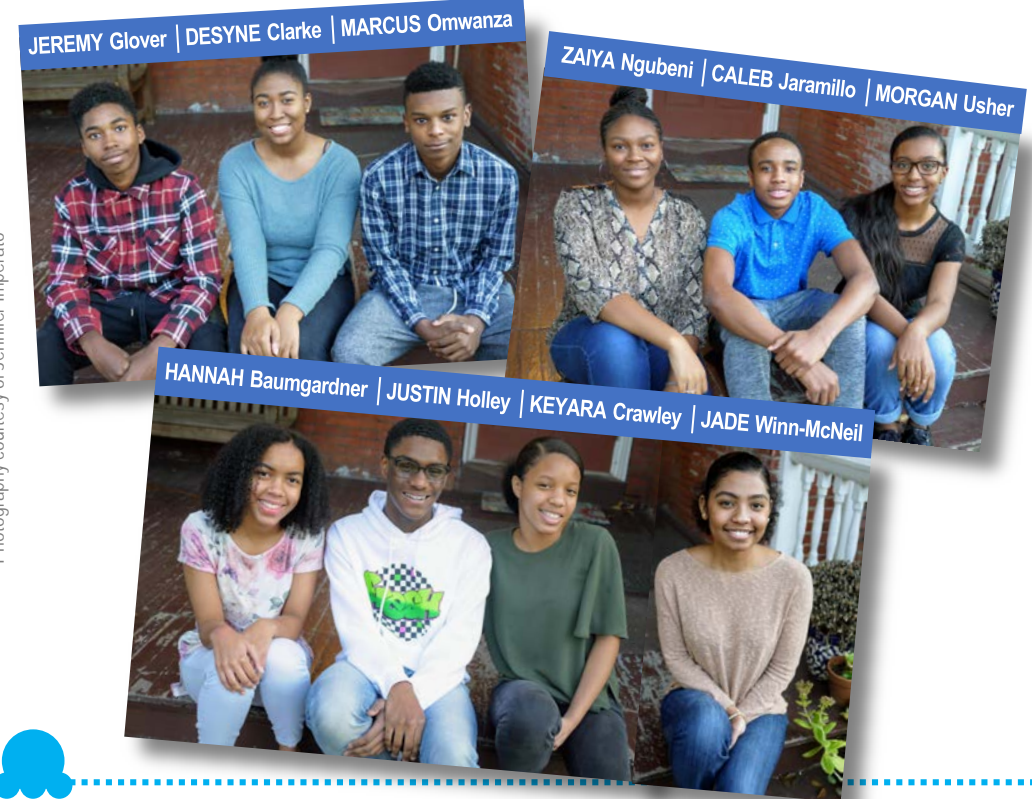
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Fall 2018

Introducing...

## Our 2018-19 SCHOLARS!



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Isabel Clark

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- Alicia Alfonso, Jeanette Bergman, Dan DiLella, Helen McGrane, Betsy McIlwain, Sue Metzger, Lisa Packer, Bill Quinn, Robert Saionz, Lucia Samblas

### SCHOLARS

- Jade Winn-McNeil (2019)
- Desyne Clarke (2020)
- Jeremy Glover (2020)
- Marcus Omwanza (2020)
- Caleb Jaramillo (2021)
- Zaiya Ngubeni (2021)
- Morgan Usher (2021)
- Hannah Baumgardner (2022)
- Keyara Crawley (2022)
- Justin Holley (2022)



## Back-to-school ice cream social

On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Radnor ABC Board hosted a back-to-school ice cream social for the Radnor ABC scholars, academic advisors & host families. It was a great opportunity for all those involved with the Radnor ABC House program to spend a fun afternoon together and welcome the new & returning scholars.



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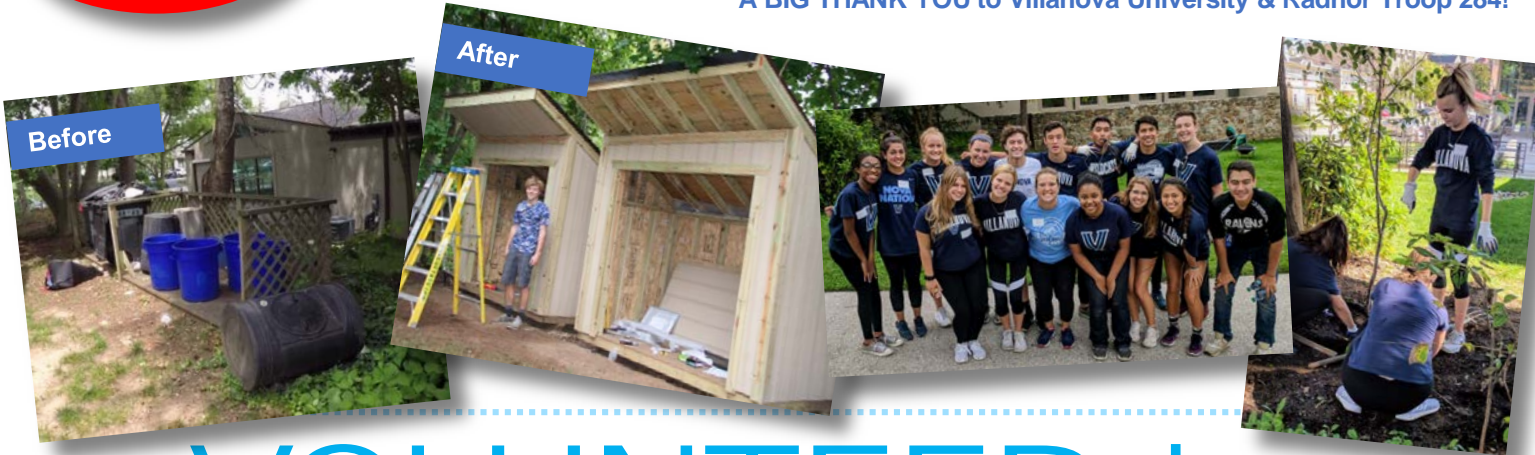


### The Radnor ABC House Continued Outdoor Improvements...

Once again this fall, the students from Villanova University along with Temple University landscape architecture students Karen Steenhoudt, Stacey Nash and Abigail Long, descended on the Radnor ABC House to plant & paint. Their enthusiasm to participate was contagious and they accomplished quite a transformation in one sunny afternoon! They filled in the side garden with plants generously donated by Stacey Nash of Parkland Nurseries in Allentown, PA and Villanova University.

Additionally, John Janson of Radnor Boy Scout Troop 284, along with his fellow scouts, fulfilled his Eagle Scout project by building two sheds on the property, turning an eyesore into a dry space to store trash and recycling.

**A BIG THANK YOU to Villanova University & Radnor Troop 284!**



# VOLUNTEER days @The Radnor ABC House



### A Student-Led Design Becomes Reality...

Temple University's student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) participated in a volunteer day on Saturday, September 29th. Stacey Nash of Parkland Nurseries in Allentown, PA, brought a truck full of plants which were donated by the university, stones and mulch to create a beautiful cottage garden. The landscape architecture students designed the gathering space which includes a firepit, stone edge and native flower garden.

**A BIG THANK YOU to Temple University!**



### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The Radnor ABC House is in need of volunteer drivers. If interested, please email us: [abcradnorpa@gmail.com](mailto:abcradnorpa@gmail.com) or contact Heather Sheehan @ 415-902-8695.

## COMMUNITY involvement

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### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

**The Radnor ABC House Board is looking for members! If you're interested in one of the following board positions, please contact Missy Deck [missydeck@gmail.com](mailto:missydeck@gmail.com)**

1. Fundraising
2. Researching grants and writing proposals

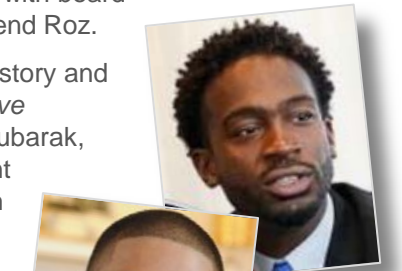
## Radnor ABC ALUMNI EVENT

Two of our Radnor ABC House Alumni – Darren Troche '04 and Mubarak Lawrence '06, hosted a *Radnor ABC Scholar Day in Philadelphia* on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> along with board member Candyce Wilson, her husband Mel and friend Roz.

The day was packed with culture, entertainment, history and food and included seeing the movie *The Hate U Give* followed by a panel discussion lead by Darren & Mubarak, which offered thoughtful insight and encouragement for moving forward. Everyone then enjoyed brunch at South Jazz Kitchen.

From there, they went to see *A Dream Deferred: Rebuilding Past, Present, Future*, a multi-experiential exhibit at the Arts & Crafts Holdings HQ. It's a reference to the Langston Hughes' poem which explores how historic, systemic policies and practices play out in the nation's poorest large city, Philadelphia. For example, an interactive touch screen allows users to select a journey and view data on a map, historical documents, major events in city history, etc. Other exhibits include data maps, visual art, a documentary and reflection booth.

**A BIG THANK YOU to Darren, Mubarak, Candyce & Mel Wilson and Roz for a memorable event!**



MUBARAK Lawrence '06



DARREN Troche '04

### *A Dream Deferred* by Langston Hughes

*What happens to a dream deferred?*

*Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?*

*Or fester like a sore— And then run?*

*Does it stink like rotten meat?*

*Or crust and sugar over— like a syrupy sweet?*

*Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.*

*Or does it explode?*



## Radnor A Better Chance Alumni Scholar Mentorship Program

**Background:** The Radnor ABC Board heard from scholars that, once they graduate from RHS, they'd appreciate support as they transition to college and beyond

**Program Purpose:** Provide scholars with a source of support and guidance

**Goals of the Mentor Program:** Connect current scholars with Radnor ABC alumni to share their experiences & perspectives by helping to improve the transition to college

### 2018-19 Alumni Mentors & Scholar Mentees:

*Alumni Mentor:* Joseida Rosario (RHS'02 | Columbia University'06)

*Scholar Mentee:* Jade Winn-McNeil (RHS'19)

*Alumni Mentor:* Darren Troche (RHS'04 | Temple University'19)

*Scholar Mentee:* Jeremy Glover (RHS'20)

*Alumni Mentor:* Remell Chung (RHS'00 | Duke University'04)

*Scholar Mentee:* Marcus Omwanza (RHS'20)

*Alumni Mentor:* Gabriella Fontan (RHS'07 | Temple University'11 | Widener University'15)

*Scholar Mentee:* Desyne Clarke (RHS'20)