



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 2016 graduating seniors are attending University of Pittsburgh and Villanova. And this year we added three freshman to the program, two males and one female.

As we are well into the new school year, our campaign to raise the vital support needed to fund the ABC program continues. 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. Our support-

ive volunteers and board of directors help run the house which allows us to maintain our low operational expenses.

In addition, the maintenance of our two houses can pose unexpected financial surprises. Last year, we upgraded insulation of water pipes to prevent freezing in winter, repaired the back and front porches and painted the stairwell from first to third floors.

With your help, we have the opportunity to plan for the future and recruit two 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. We sincerely hope that you will 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 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)



Stay Connected with Radnor ABC!

We would like to go digital with our communications about events, scholar and alumni updates, etc. But we won't be able to reach you if we don't have your email address. So if you are a alumni, volunteer, past board member, donor, etc., please consider sending us an email at

info@radnorabc.org

so we can add you to our electronic email list.

Get Involved!

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 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 info@radnorabc.org

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 2016 - 2017 school year at Radnor ABC is keeping everyone in the house busy!

Over the summer, three of our scholars, Mariah Maynard '17, Mykael Cammorto '18, and Anthony Odum '18 attended the ABC National College Tour. 13 college and universities in 7 days! Mariah, our senior from East Stroudsburg, PA saw a lot of schools she liked, and is hard at work in the college application process.

A bit of October rain put a damper on our annual house camping trip plans, but our staff and scholars had a great family weekend -- team building with an "Escape the Room" challenge, bowling, and a game and movie camp out in the living room.



This fall, sophomore Jade Winn-McNeil from Upper Darby spent her Friday nights on Prevost Field cheering on the Radnor Raiders, and was joined by junior Nicole Aboagye from the Bronx who performed in the halftime show as part of RHS's color guard. Both will join Mykael and be part of the musical this spring -- Jade as a featured dancer and Nicole will be assisting with the actors' makeup.

Anthony, who comes from the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia, will be starting coding club with one of our new scholars, Jeremy Glover, from Atlanta, GA. Both are excited to see how good they can get by the end of the year!



Marcus Kiriago, a freshman from Minneapolis, is already working on making the RHS basketball team, attending open gyms and early Saturday morning practices every week. Desyne Clarke, our third freshman joining the house this year, comes from the Bronx. Desyne is in art club and is thinking about joining the crew team at Radnor.

work each evening.

The scholars in the ABC house have a lot going on between their activities and study hall from 7 to 9, Sunday through Thursday nights with the Resident Tutors. And because of the workload at RHS, they typically spend additional hours completing their

The house is led by Resident Director Isabel Clark, in her third year with Radnor ABC. The Resident Tutors include returning Waynetta Faust, who works for Better Tomorrows in Philadelphia and Patrick Beckley, a Chemical Engineer with the EPA, and new tutor Lauren Mirzakhali, a Swarthmore graduate pursuing her graduate degree in Social Work from Bryn Mawr. We also have a new part time cook, Tylek Jones, who is looking to gain some good experience in the kitchen in the hopes of opening up his own food truck one day.

Alumni Update

Gabriella Fontan, Temple University, 2011

Since graduating from Temple, I've worked for a number of service organizations in Philadelphia including the Food Trust, Turning Points for Children and Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia: Families of Murder Victims. I also received a Master in Public Administration from Temple and am currently a law student at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.



As part of my Radnor ABC experience, I was able to do a community service summer program on a Native American reservation in Montana and a college preparatory program at Carleton College in Minnesota. My resident director, Hillary Hopkins made sure students participated in volunteer opportunities. My academic experience at Radnor helped prepare me to excel in higher education and the volunteer experiences shaped many of my career interests and my dedication to serving and helping others.

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www.radnorabc.org

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Alumni Update

Bert Venner, Lafayette College, 1985

I currently work as a Regional Sales Manager for Poly Processing Company. I'm responsible for all sales through 10 channel partners and 4 strategic accounts in 13 northeastern states, I met my wife at Lafayette and we've been happily married for 26 years. We have two children (ages 23 and 25)



Radnor ABC changed the course of my life for the positive and possibly saved my life. The lessons and skills learned in and out of the classroom were invaluable to me as I moved on to college and into my career. Radnor ABC took a kid from Brooklyn and opened his eyes to possibilities he didn't know existed before.



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