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Hannah Baumgardner (2022)
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Justin Holley (2022)
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Stefanie Ferreyra (2023)
Yombo Adesanya (2024)
Noel Maldonado (2024)
Elijah Sellers (2024)
Addison Carter (2025)
Haleem Whitener (2025)

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Meet the freshman SCHOLARS...



Addison "Addy"; Laurel, MD

Family includes 2 brothers &
7 sisters (Addy is the 2nd youngest)
and a dog (Pekingese)

Favorite class so far at RHS?

English

What clubs or sports are you participating in?

Volleyball (the season just ended),
orchestra (I play the viola),
Black Student Union, Female
Empowerment Club, SAGA
(Sexuality and Gender Alliance)

What's one thing you really like about Wayne/Radnor?

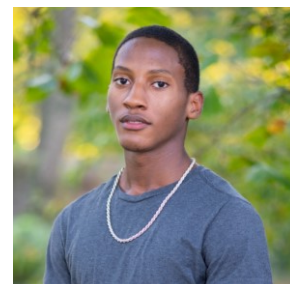
People are nicer, but the weather is
bad here. It's colder & more gloomy
than Annapolis.

What's something you like doing with your host family?

Watching *Ted Lasso*, playing with
their dogs

Favorite time so far at the ABC house?

Going to Wawa for ice cream



Haleem; South Philly, PA

Family includes 1 brother (age 22),
our (big!) dog and LOTS of cousins

Favorite class so far at RHS?

Government

What clubs or sports are you participating in?

Basketball & weight training

What's one thing you really like about Wayne/Radnor?

It is very different here than South
Philly; people are much nicer here.
People bring us food to the house –
very nice!

What's something you like doing with your host family?

It's just nice to be around a bigger
family!

Favorite time so far at the ABC house?

Going camping in Lancaster County –
it was my first time camping.

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A Letter from the President

Dear Radnor ABC Community,



Like so many of us, I find myself in a reflective state of mind as the calendar year draws to an end. Today, I looked through the photos of our ten 2021-22 scholars that were recently taken. We take photos of the current scholars every fall. It occurred to me that I joined the Radnor ABC board in September 2018 just as our current seniors were starting their freshman year. I was struck by the growth and maturity that was so evident in their photos. Their images elicited/evoked many emotions in me. Naturally, I thought about how fast time flies. I thought of how much those three young people had grown in 3 short years. I did the math in my head and realized that I met them when they were 13 and 14 years old and now they are young adults. I thought about how we'd never heard of COVID-19 or George Floyd when we first met and if you had mentioned "pandemic" in the fall of 2018, I would have certainly thought you were talking about a TV show on HBO or Netflix, not real life!

Those photos also brought to my mind how much Radnor ABC gives to me – the wonderful people I've had the fortune to meet and work with, the great young people (scholars and staff) that I get to learn so much from, the joy I feel in seeing a scholar excel and the comfort I feel in knowing that there are so many people out there like you, who care so deeply. I thought about how hopeful I feel because I know that our world's future is brighter with each young person that enters adulthood filled with the promise that possibilities, aspirations, and preparation bring. And I know that each year, our Radnor ABC community of scholars' parents, volunteers, donors, staff and board members ushers several promising young adults into the world to start making it a better place.

Our scholars (and their parents) take a leap of faith at the age of 13 or 14 and become part of the Radnor community, opening their hearts and minds to the guidance of a family of peers, academic mentors, host family members, resident tutors, resident directors, board members, and a community of volunteers who help in so many ways. How fortunate we all are to have the privilege to take part in the development of these teenagers!

I can assure you that every minute you volunteer and every dollar you donate directly impacts our scholars in deep and life-changing ways. As we embark upon this season of thanks and giving, on behalf of the Radnor ABC board, I thank you for giving so much to our scholars. Thank you for helping us to ensure there is always a safe place for our scholars to land when they leap.

Have a blessed and peaceful holiday and a joyous new year!

Candace Wilson

**scholar
PARENTS**

We cannot say "Thank You" enough to the ABC Radnor Team for the care, support, and encouragement you have shown to Zaiya and our family over the last 4 years... It's been a remarkable journey to say the least... We remain grateful for what has been and hopeful about the things to come...

Zanele Ngubeni, Parent of Zaiya, Radnor ABC Class of 2021

The Radnor ABC house prepared him [Caleb] well to be an independent student.

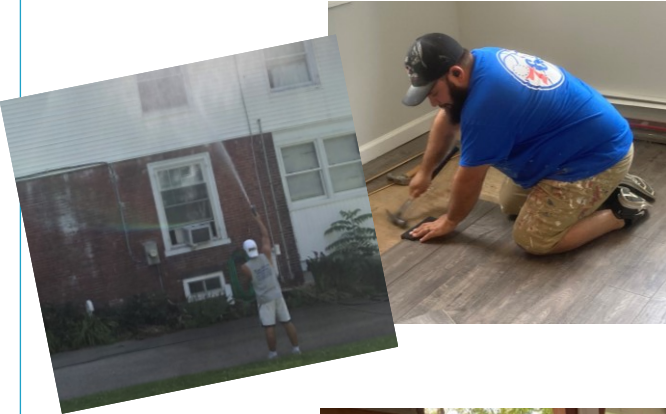
Marchia Roberts, parent of Caleb, Radnor ABC class of 2021

So Thankful for all of our **VOLUNTEERS!**



Steve Gallo of Dave Spiller Power Washing cleaned the outside of both buildings. Steve was friends w/ our class of 2009 graduates.

Rich Rosania of Got Wood Superior Carpentry, installed vinyl flooring in a bedroom.



**DAY of SERVICE
2021**



Volunteers participating in **Villanova University's Day of Service** have been helping Radnor A Better Chance for 5 years! This year they transformed some weed-ridden areas & painted a shed. We are so grateful for the help!

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HANNAH

The ABC 2021 camping trip was a complete success! After a week of discussing ideas, planning the itinerary and shopping for materials, we were ready. Justin, Keyara and I created the most spectacular camping trip of

all time. The first night started with an intense game of Mafia and Spoons, On the second day, we were awoken to the opening music of Squid Games and a quick round of Red light, Green light. The juniors, seniors, and freshmen were challenged to pose as a Marvel, Disney, or Nickelodeon character or else face elimination. Tel Hai offered activities like kayaking, mini golf, and gaga ball in addition to a delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner. On the final night of camping, all 10 students participated in a real-life Among Us simulation. Dressed in solid colors, the scholars were tasked with completing 8 tasks.

The whole house got the opportunity to bond with one another in a more relaxed setting. Truly, I got the chance to learn more about my housemates than I had in a long time, and I'm grateful for that experience. House bonding moments will become fond memories... I look forward to making more memories during my senior year.



YOMBO

After competing to be accepted into the Model UN program, which involved writing essays and speeches and doing a mock conference, I got to participate in my first conference. It was extremely fun! It was busy with multiple 2- and 3-hour committee sessions. It was fun to debate the different solutions we each came up with to find solutions for work for indigenous and tribal people as well as ending child labor. My mentor, a Radnor senior, and I won the Distinguished Delegate Award for having commendable solutions and ideas and being good leaders. It was my very first conference and I was lucky to be paired with an awesome senior. I am excited to try a conference on my own and learn how to understand different perspectives, ways to compromise and other skills that I will practice during my time in Model UN.

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Front: Elani, Stefanie, Yombo, Addison. Back: Elijah, Justin, Hannah, Keyara, Haleem, Noel

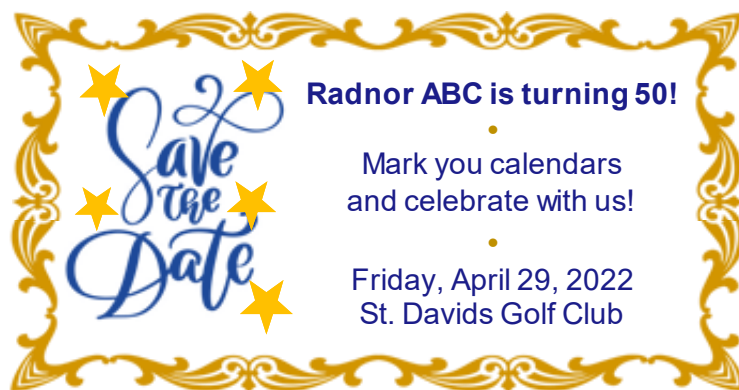
Photography courtesy of John Guillaume



Pictured L to R
is RABC's valued
resident staff:
Jon Marshall,
Shellina Marshall,
Kyle Bohn, Soleil
Meneses and
Kelsie Canty

As a new resident tutor, the responsibility can, at first, seem daunting. However, the staff and board of Radnor ABC are incredible. They are amazingly supportive of one another, and the scholars. It is a much larger and stronger community than I first envisioned. The scholars themselves obviously play such a large role as well. It has been a privilege to learn about each one of them, watch them overcome obstacles, and achieve success in the short few months that I have been here. I knew the work would be valuable, but I could not foresee the inspiration and fulfillment the scholars would bring to my life. I am very grateful for this opportunity, and the experiences I have gained from it.

Kyle Bohn, Resident Tutor



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