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### A Word From the President, Jennifer Regentz

It seems like only yesterday that I penned a letter for the Fall Newsletter and here we are welcoming Spring! What a whirlwind year, but then as the months and years pass, they seem to accelerate through time.

The ABC House has not been dormant, however. Ski trips, Celtics games, ABC Open Houses, plays, SAT prep courses, Hoops for Haiti, socials and volunteering — these are just a few of the activities that have occupied our scholars this winter. All this and academics, too!

This spring, you’ll see Rayvoughn and Josh on the Lacrosse field. Ahmad is about to start volunteering for Jason Lewis, MA State Representative. Greg has been accepted into a Bioengineering program at Clemson University. Cameron is honing his already considerable writing skills and has been accepted to the well-known writers’ program at University of Virginia. Tristan has been accepted into a summer engineering program at the University of Vermont and Brandon has been accepted into a Psychology Program at Cornell University.

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Scholars out and about...

Scholars with Governor Deval Patrick at the showing of Stick Fly at Huntington Theatre's Calderwood Pavilion

Photo by: Huntington Theatre Company.

Scholars having fun at Boston Paintball.

Photo by: Cynthia Randall.

Scholars — Brandon Farquharson, Rayvoughn Millings, and Joshua Rodriguez out at a Celtics Game, with Josh’s host family, the Hales.

Photo by: J.D. Hale.
Winchester High School hosted Hoops for Haiti, an event to benefit the victims of the January 12th earthquake. Students from the high school teamed up to run a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament for which students, faculty, staff and parents were able to register as participants. In order to participate in the tournament, each team was required to raise a minimum of $200 to benefit Oxfam America and Partners In Heath, in their efforts to help the victims of Haiti. The Connect and Commit Club of the high school who sponsored this event, was expecting a large turnout of both teams and spectators at the event, and to their surprise, the high school community truly showed their support in great numbers.

In support of the effort, Winchester ABC scholars — Greg Thompson, Brandon Farquharson, and Joshua Rodriguez entered the 3 vs. 3 tournament, along with another high school student Caleb Unni (pictured on the far left in the picture above). With their basketball skill, drive and positive energy, they were able to win the tournament, as well as support the cause — raising money for Oxfam America and Partners In Heath.

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS!
A Word from our Resident Directors…

As the 2009 – 2010 Academic Year at Winchester ABC comes to a close, we have many things to celebrate. First and foremost the wonderful tutors that we have coming into the ABC House played a direct hand in the increase across the board in scholar academic performance for the third quarter. Monday through Thursday the tutors work tirelessly with the scholars to push them to achieve their greatest successes.

For spring athletics, Rayvoughn made the freshman Lacrosse team and Joshua made the junior varsity Lacrosse team! Joshua scored a goal on Monday April 26th in his game against Woburn High School. Way to go, Josh! Gregory and Brandon have both played basketball in an intramural league. This extra practice is certainly what helped put them over the top for their victory in the Hoops for Haiti game at Winchester High School.

Gregory Thompson was recently notified of being one of two recipients of the Sports, Integrity, Leadership, and Service Award given by the Middlesex League. Gregory and Winchester High School Principal Tom Gwin will be heading to Lexington, MA on Thursday April 29th for him to receive the award which goes to students who have good school attendance, exhibit exceptional leadership skills on and off the field/court, and who participate in community service. BIG congratulations and kudos to you, Greg!

Summer Programs plans are nearing completion and we already have five scholars prepped for summer learning and fun! Our sophomores brought in a haul of nearly $4,000 in scholarships to fund their summer program choices at the University of Virginia, Davidson College, and the University of Vermont. Gregory was admitted to the competitive summer Bioengineering program at Clemson University and Rayvoughn will be participating in a summer basketball camp. A big thanks goes to the Summer Programs Committee for working with the scholars to get their summers mapped out.

This year has been an exceptional one across the board and I know the scholars feel more connected to the community that they live in and their zest to be active participants shows. We’re all putting our energy toward a strong finish in the fourth quarter and look forward to the many adventures that await us! See you all sometime soon!

In solidarity,
Ronda and Evan Zelezny-Green
Getting to know our House Cooks
by Cameron Horsey, ABC Scholar

“Getting to know someone else involves curiosity about where they have come from, who they are.”
—Penelope Lively, critically acclaimed children’s author

Cook — Mrs. Allison Kangas

- What motivates you? How do you motivate others? “My belief in the future, my belief that people are good.”
- What are some of your greatest accomplishments? Getting my job at Winchester High School and learning to speak Spanish.
- Who has been your biggest influence as a cook? I really like Jamie Oliver, and I love Ina Garten.
- How would you describe yourself? I guess I think I’m a funny person...
- How does it feel to be involved in the ABC community? It feels awesome because I really like you guys, it’s so fun!
- Other than cooking, what things do you enjoy? What are your hobbies? I love dancing, doing yoga, teaching history, and traveling.
- In your opinion, what does it take to be a good cook? What things do you have to keep in mind? It’s really important to make food that is healthy and delicious.
- What is your favorite kitchen appliance? Kitchen-aid Mixer. It takes the cake!
- Funniest kitchen incident? When Josh and Greg put beet bottoms in the cabinets to trick people into thinking there were mice.
- What is your favorite cookbook? Who is your favorite famous chef? The Art of French Cooking by Julia Child.

Cook — Mike Lourie

- What motivates you? How do you motivate others? “A willingness to do better, be better.”
- What are some of your greatest accomplishments? Getting my wife to marry me! Also, I gave my Valedictorian speech at my graduation from Culinary Arts School...
- Who has been your biggest influence as a cook? My Grandmother. I’m writing a book called “From Nana to you” which has many of her recipes in it. She’s influenced me so much.
- How would you describe yourself? Funny, caring, sarcastic, too competitive. “I’m always in your corner…”
- How does it feel to be involved in the ABC community? “I love cooking for you guys! I like being a part of your lives.”
- Other than cooking, what things do you enjoy? What are your hobbies? Traveling, sports — love Tennis. Board games, Scrabble Junky!
- In your opinion, what does it take to be a good cook? What things do you have to keep in mind? “A love for cooking. You have to love to be creative, fun, and you have to be a people pleaser…”
- What is your favorite kitchen appliance? A good knife. Could be your best friend or your worst enemy.
- Funniest kitchen incident? Once my really stubborn executive chef made these delicious looking cookies for a party. He served them, and they came out of the diners’ mouths as quickly as they went in. His ratios were off and he swore that he did no wrong.
Honoring those to whom honor is due — our Summer Program Coordinators

Barbara Hyde (pictured on the left) has lived in Winchester since 1986 and has always admired the importance of education and the volunteer spirit that embodies the town of Winchester. She works at Harvard University in Continuing Education. She says “I have enjoyed finding summer opportunities for the scholars, who are delightful young men with many varied interests and abilities. The summer is a great time for them to pursue a special academic interest or to improve their athletic skills for the coming school year.” She is also an amateur gardener. She says, “I like to get one of almost everything, and see if I can make it grow. I have a lot of failures, so I never run out of space in my yard.”

Barbara worked with Tristan and Greg.

Pat Mahon (pictured in middle) and her husband, Tom Hayden, raised two children, who both attended Winchester High School, and are now young adults living and working in Boston. With her professional background in strategic planning, marketing management, and writing for consulting firms, and particularly her experience as a mom, she has been able to help the Winchester ABC Scholars explore summer learning opportunities - which she says has been a terrifically fun experience. She also says her incoming email exchanges have climbed dramatically.

Pat worked with Ahmad and Cameron.

Suzanne Morris (pictured on the right) grew up in the Boston area and prior to working with the ABC organization as a liaison, spent 16 years in the High Tech Industry. She and her husband Paul have lived in Winchester for 8 years and they are raising three boys who attend Winchester schools. In a prior life she travelled globally to help companies identify technical solutions for their business needs. Her 15 minutes of fame was spent at the New York Premier of Star Wars IV, where she was able to meet Liam Neeson and obtain his signature (for her nephew) on the take-home copy of the movie.

Suzanne worked with Rayvoughn.

Sahar Ahmed (absent on the day of photographing) originally grew up and went to school in Winchester. As an adult, she went to Egypt where she was originally born and got a job working for a large nonprofit called the Right to Live Association, that works with advocacy and training for people with disabilities. She stayed in Egypt for 15 years and came back to Winchester 6 years ago and came back to live in the house that she grew up in. Three years ago she started a nonprofit organization called Brio Integrated Theatre. This organization promotes the integration of artists with and without disabilities using theatre and movement techniques. They have workshops locally, nationally and internationally. She has three children — Peter, Adam and Dina. Her husband’s name is Leon Awerbuch. He works as an engineer in the water business and they all live here in Winchester.

Sahar worked with Joshua and Brandon.

Scholars, Resident Director, Ronda Zelezny-Green and Summer Program Coordinators.
An Honor and An Opportunity
By Terry Marotta, Winchester ABC Vice-President

We first encountered 826 Boston on a rainy day in March when we attended a rally around the issue of keeping all 26 branches of the Boston Public Library open. “Don’t Close the Book on Us” read the larger-than-life sign that House Leader Greg helped hold.

826 Boston is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their writing skills in the belief that such skills hold the key to future success. As one of seven ‘offspring’ of the original writing center in San Francisco, 826 Boston provides services structured around the belief that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention. All of its programs are free and all seek to strengthen the students’ power to “express ideas effect creatively and confidently, each in his or her own unique voice.”

Starting in two weeks, the scholars will begin on what promises to be a long relationship with 826 Boston by tutoring here at this center in Roxbury.

Writes 826 National’s Development and Outreach Director Erin Archuleta, “the Executive Director is very excited to hear about your offer. It will be incredible to have the support of the students of Winchester’s ABC program as it is a truly powerful experience for younger students to connect with older kids who are pretty cool in their eye!.”

It will be powerful for the scholars too as the only people under 18 ever invited to work directly with the school children. So how did this honor happen to be conferred on the scholars of our small ABC community? The answer is easy. We simply asked how we might help.

Untitled Poem by Cameron Horsey, ABC Scholar

By her shears come I tormented
Her weaving hands despise me
She measures the length of my sorrow and pain
She’s stolen my solace
With her cruel, mercurial hands
On the whim of her feeling, she’s stolen it
Now a thread of two ragged ends
She jeers with her reluctance
To do her bidding unto me
To take the blades
And grant my passage
To embrace the ferryman as my brother
To deaden my writhing heart

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Letter from the President Jennifer Regentz continued from page 1:

As I watch these young men continually strive for success both in the community and within themselves, my admiration for them grows. And, I think of all the wonderful people who support them:

♦ the host families who provide emotional support and a family away from home,
♦ the tutors who come to the ABC House and provide academic support,
♦ The in-residence directors and tutor who guide them throughout the week,
♦ The cooks who prepare their favorite meals,
♦ The WHS teachers and guidance counselors who support them at school;

AND, the more than 60 ABC board members who work behind the scenes to provide a rich experience for the ABC scholars as they move toward their ultimate achievement – graduation and college acceptance.

Kudos to you all!

Jennifer Regentz
President

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Fall Event 2010
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Theme: ABC Hoedown