Abbey Morales didn’t forsee the change that would occur in her life when she was chosen to participate in A Better Chance of Andover. At the time, she was a high school student, and the program appeared to be a great opportunity for her to gain admission to a prestigious college. However, her participation in the program led to a significant and unexpected change in her life.

Abbey was admitted to Tufts University 47 years ago, and she has been a positive role model for the participants and now a principal of a public charter school in Boston. She has lived a successful life, and her experience has been a testament to the value of the ABC program.

A Better Chance of Andover celebrates the 50th anniversary of the program and shares the changes that have occurred over the years. The program has helped many students like Abbey to achieve their academic and career goals. The ABC of Andover celebrates its 50th anniversary every year, and the program continues to help students achieve success.

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Attention: Facebook users
Follow us on Facebook, where we post news and photos of all the latest events as they happen! facebook.com/ABCAndover

ABC alumni celebrated their 50th anniversary in September and shared the changes they have lived through.

Two students join our program

Megan Casay

Megan has always been a leader, both at Phillips Academy and Andover Stages. Megan has been a member of the Phillips Academy board of directors since 2013, and was appointed to the board in 2015. She has been an advocate for education reform and has worked to increase diversity in the arts. Megan is a strong supporter of the arts and has worked to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passions.

Meghan Shugert

Meghan is a 2016 graduate of Phillips Academy and a current student at Tufts University. She was an ABC student at Phillips Academy from 2014 to 2016, and has been actively involved with the ABC program since then. Meghan has served as a mentor to ABC students and has been a role model for younger ABC students.

We welcome the addition of Megan Casay and Abigail Shugert to our ABC family, and we are excited to see what they will bring to our program.

A Better Chance of Andover thanks these 50th sponsors

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Thank you to the Town of Andover for your vote at the recent By-Laws referendum which will enable ABC of Andover to combine with Andover Public Schools.

ABC of Andover will work with the Andover School District to broaden the impact of the ABC program in Andover.

Three from PA on Board

The 20-member Board of Directors now includes three new members from Phillips Academy.

Dani Raphael Sachar

Dani Raphael Sachar is the director of the MSU Program in Education and a former ABC student. She is a member of the Academic Committee on activities that will ramp up at ABC of Andover, with particular focus on how the program can be expanded.

Laheena Sang

Laheena Sang is an instructor in English. She is a member of the Academic Committee on activities that will ramp up at ABC of Andover, with particular focus on the program’s academic component.

Amy Candelaria-Tobon

Amy Candelaria-Tobon is also a math instructor and former ABC student. She is a member of the Academic Committee on activities that will ramp up at ABC of Andover, with particular focus on the program’s academic component.

Summerline learning

During the summer, the ABC students continued to develop their leadership abilities through experiences that ranged from academic enrichment to community service.

This year’s Summerline program was led by Elisa Calabro and Jeni Hage, who helped to create a diverse and inclusive learning environment.

The 2016 Summerline program was held at Abbot Hall School on the Phillips Academy campus. The program provided students with opportunities to explore new academic and creative endeavors, learn new skills, and connect with peers and mentors.

ABC of Andover hosted the 2016 Summerline program and worked closely with Phillips Academy to ensure a successful experience for all participants.

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In Saturday’s workshop, alumni shared their experiences and expressed their opinions about their ABC experience. What program resources were most useful? What did you wish you were informed about before you graduated? These questions were asked to help shape the future of ABC. Alumni also shared their perspectives on the future of ABC and what it means to them.

Roald na Green, Caridad Tapia, Kirza Sanchez, Brianna Glenn, Justene Salomon, Fatoum a Koné, Nilda Vega, and more alumni who have worked tirelessly and given generously of their time and money to keep the program vibrant for 50 years, noted that the ABC program remains a steadfastly relevant program today. It is also reminds us of why A Better Chance of Andover was founded in 1967 to address the external institutional and societal barriers around education, a fundamental civil rights issue then and now. Our volunteers strive to foster independence, self-discipline, and problem-solving in our students. In the program, we also strive to provide the emotional, social, and academic support that builds a sense of worthiness and self-sufficiency in our scholars, a feeling that they can and will succeed anywhere.

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In Saturday’s workshop, alumni shared their experiences and engaged in conversations. What was good about your ABC experience? What program resources were most useful? What did you wish you were informed about when you graduated? What skills and resources are you aware of young people who would benefit from this kind of opportunity? Additionally, alumni interactively brainstormed ways to stay involved with the current program, support the scholars, and shape the future alumni engagement model. Alumni shared, including early access to higher education, medicine, law and advocacy, social work, journalism, finance, construction, design, arts, and parenting, informed their lively discussions. Common themes surfaced, including their role in helping people find their voice or acting as a voice for others. These alumni, like many we have met, shared that access to education and professional opportunity through their involvement with ABC, is life-changing; their former experience at ABC of Andover helped shape their current successful lives. Each has become a force multiplier in their family and community, significantly impacting the lives of others.

Scanning the gala ballroom on Saturday night, I was moved by seeing so many humans. Scholars’, housemates, hosts, families, residence staff, coaches, board members, influencers, representatives and the intricate connections of the 175 guests. Joy and celebration spread through the smiles on Diane Barnes’ and Felicia Reyes’ remarks were just two of so many stories of struggle, identity formation, and accomplishment. Additionally, the financial support from committed volunteers, alumni, and friends exceeded all expectations.

This is an incredible point in time, and point of view, to be able to see the growth of Andover’s alumni. As the anniversary outreach continues to stimulate interesting discussions of some difficult subjectivities, and as well, also reminds us of why A Better Chance of Andover represents an incredible model of America. The Alma Mater represents the most analyzing and点点头among the greatest of the many students who have worked tirelessly and given of their time and money to keep the program vibrant for 50 years, not to mention the brave students and their families who chose a Better Chance of Andover for their high school years. The program creates access to academic and enrichment opportunities for young women, yet the next step is up to the motivated students who apply and commit to the program, each destined to heal our own greats.

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On Sunday, alumni met at the ABC house again—to relax and robe the weekend, exchange contact information, and say goodbye to each other. They smiled, reviewed, by happy memories, celebrated friendships, and a sparked commitment to engaging with the program. The weekend reminded our ABC supporters that the success of this program cannot be measured solely in college acceptances, but rather by the complex trajectory of each ABC scholar’s life.

By Lynn Eikenberry

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Winners Rotary award

The Local Rotary Club honored Diane Barnes, President of the ABC of Andover, with one of its 2017 Citrus WOW! Awards.

The award of one of its bursting this fall to local volunteers, credits Pritchard for her assistance to others as an ABC officer and board member. Courageous. Conversations organizer and volunteer, financial support and thank you.

Thanks

A special thanks to the following organizations whose contributions help to support our program:

• Alfred & Mary Caxton for crushed stone to landscape the front porch
• Christine Farrell for beautiful flowers at the annual Scholars’ Dinner
• Matt Strong of Forever Green Landscape & Lawn Service for their assistance to maintain our program:

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Abigail Shugert, also a freshman. Parents Delia and Abigail’s sister attended boarding school. Both siblings no doubt will help the young mentors and Abigail Shugert, a former ABC scholar in a rigorous academic environment. Abigail describes her as a positive role model, endearing to you, and her poise and petite stature will give of herself to others.