The Anover A Better Chance bid farewell last spring to Provost Audra R. Reilly. She plans to remain involved in the ABC program and in the lives of the young women whom she has touched so deeply over the years.

Audra has faced the many challenges of educational student life with equanimity, humor, courage and resilience. We could imagine no better model for the young women who enter the blue door at 134 Main Street.

Audra will receive her Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University this spring and hopes to teach middle school or High School English in or near Andover in the fall.

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We wish Audra and sons Noah and Jake all the best!
By Morgan Lopez Espinoza

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A Better Chance is praised for improving the educational access of minority students. As proud as I am to represent a program so grand, I can now recognize my amazing ability to accept, accepting circumstances, loneliness, failures, triumphs, the amazing and the complete hardships and heartache of something I am able to do with ease and understanding. Most mind-boggling, however, is that after four years of searching for who to be, what to accomplish, who to make proud, have learned to accept myself.

I can now never forget the way to convey how I have changed this wonderful program. The whole program is. We are not just a program, we are friends, and the wonderful friends I have made here at Andover High, have taught me about life. Moreover, during their time at Andover, I will never cease to be in my mind. After four years in the ABC program, I am proud to say, I am strong in my beliefs, I have discovered who I am, and I know what I want.

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What have the scholars of Andover A Better Chance been doing, and what have they accomplished? For instance, the group has participated in “Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Leaders” concerts at the Tsongas Arena, and also performed in the “ABC National Choir” at the White House. Andover A Better Chance is a powerful reflection of the opportunities and advantages that Posse and A Better Chance have offered to students in need.

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Below the Lowell-Mass. vs. Boston College game and more recently at the Show Choir National Championships in Pennsylvania, her voice has been heard by the students that the director invested her back to her roots. Shaw Robin, Gardening.

Sophomore Xonatia Lee, Jazmín Miles and Tristan-Andre Leachman are among the winter track team. Xonatia recently posted a new personal best time in the 100-yard dash and is on the winter track team.

Senior Monique Lopez Espinoza was recently named an ABC scholar. Congratulations, Monique!

Andover ABC always needs household supplies and tools. If you would like to donate one of the following items, new or used, please tell Susan Connolly at susanb@bellsouth.net.

- Perennial plants (e.g. from thinning your own, doilies, or hosta plants)
- Masonry block, cement, paver blocks, chalk
- Insulation batting or boards
- Gas stove
- Stoves and rails
- Strips of wire, pieces of foam
- Masonry block, cement, paver blocks, chalk
- Hostapatch

Please bring your donations to the Andover ABC box at 12 Main St.

RECIPE DEPARTMENT

When you get a chance to check out the following recipes, please let Susan Connolly know of your thoughts.

ROZENELLE FELDMAN-WOOD

Flax Seed & Soybean Milk

Fresh flax seed, ground into flour, can be a source of fiber and can be used as a base for yogurt or oatmeal. It's also a good source of omega-3 fats, which are important for brain health.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup flax seeds
- 1 cup soy milk
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. In a bowl, mix the flax seeds with 1 cup of soy milk. Let the mixture sit for about 10 minutes to allow the flax seeds to absorb the milk.
2. Add 2 tablespoons of honey and 1/4 teaspoon of ground cinnamon to the mixture.
3. Blend the mixture in a blender for about 30 seconds until it's smooth and creamy.
4. Pour the mixture into a glass and serve.

Note: Flax seeds are a source of omega-3 fats, which are important for brain health. They also contain fiber, which can help with digestion.

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Sophomores Xo natia Lee, Jazzare and Deanna Starr at Brooks School. This spring she is on tour and will go on to exemplify her back to mentor and tutor by the students that the director invited to participate in at Lawrence High School.

Excited about a modeling program she embraced as an ABC scholar.

Xo natia volunteered at MSPCA this past winter and continues ballet lessons.

Junior Felicia Reye intern last summer and was so beloved and embraced as an ABC scholar. The eight did all that and also averaged

Graduating seniors list

• Vacuum – canister-style with

• Perennial plants (e.g. from

• Household repair tools (e.g. from

• Masonry blocks, masonry
cement, paper blocks, crushed stone

• Insulation batting or boards

• Gas stove

Thanks to Steve and Cornelie Delbridge and Sarah Lay for their contributions. Please see back to our previous Needs List.
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A Better Chance is praised for improving the educational conditions for brilliant students of color. As proud as I am to represent a program so grand, I can’t help but even prove to myself that I am a part of what ABC is less recognized for. As well as improving the educational lives of its students, ABC gives its students the power to use and recognize their abilities – and even cause them to attain their goals.

Frankie and I spent some time last night in the ABC office. We were discussing the importance of the Posse Foundation’s expansion into the nation’s highest academic level. In addition to the high school, we were able to discuss the importance of the university level. As we discussed, we realized the importance of the Posse Foundation’s expansion into the nations highest academic level.

Out of this sprung an organization that has sent more than 4000 New Yorkers to college and graduate school. The model, similar to Andover ABC, is based on the notion that bringing together a small group of talented students, carefully selected and given the right support and training, can help expose and engage their intellectual potential in a college environment.

To learn more about the Posse Foundation, visit their website at www.posefoundation.org.