resident assistant. Please join us in welcoming Jess in her new role as resident assistant.

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Jessica Spates, an ABC scholar, graduated from Andover High School in 2008, and she returned to the ABC house as a resident assistant. As a former resident, Spates has seen the student experience from the inside. "I was very interested in Andover, and it gave me a lot of opportunities to expand my knowledge. It was a great environment, and I would recommend it to anyone."

Her experience has made her see the value in the ABC program. "I think what it really does is help students get into college and help them succeed in college," she said. "It helps students get into the right school, and it helps them succeed once they're there."

The college essay. This is an opportunity for an applicant to demonstrate their character, their work ethic, and their personality. "The essay should not be just a list of accomplishments, but it should showcase your personality," Spates said. "And it should be unique. Each student has their own story to tell, and the essay is a chance to tell it."
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Fatsama Ken this spring won approval of a mentoring program designed for girls in middle and high school. The ABC junior developed the program during the 13-season MIT Leadership Training Institute. The institute is for high school students with high leadership potential.

Abbi Awdade, a senior, is a member of the American Chemical Society, which recently won third place in an online competition in Washington, DC.

Items Needed
Our nonprofit program makes good use of new or used donated household items and supplies. Donations may also help a scholar explore a new hobby or sport. If you can donate any of the following or have other items to offer, please tell our House Manager at house@AndoverABC.org.

- Cleaning supplies and paper goods
- bike lock or cable
- Barbecue grill (large 20ppg propane)
- Vaccum (canister style with attachments)
- Television (13” or smaller)

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