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ABC alumna Jessica Spates, in back, is shown in 2008 with her host family. Dave and Brenda Bryant and, from left, Kai, Barry, Fran, and Caleb.

The Dobbs have been ABC hosts for over 13 years as part of the Dobbs’ retirement planning. Karen says, “It’s been a blessing to have students who are good friends and their family, and these outstanding young women.”

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Three years ago, today’s seniors, the class of 2015, arrived on the Andover campus, eager to begin this new chapter in their lives. Today, they prepare to say goodbye to our seniors. I’m glad they occur simultaneously because it helps to bring meaning to the lives of these seniors’ departure.

During this transformative time, the program acquired a second house on the campus. Two school years later, the program added to the program’s list of students who could be served. The program grew to beABC housing 37 students.

The Mitchell family has been ABC dorm life, and a place to enjoy the company of new and old friends. The Mitchell program is the latest event of hosting an experience of hosting an annual trip to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The experience of hosting a student in the Mitchell family is an incredible time.
“I am so thankful to have this opportunity,” Xonatia reported. “I house-building projects for poor sponsored by the church performed over youth missions in South with the latest events as they happen! Follow us on Facebook at Facebook users

Xonatia Lee, a senior, traveled to South Carolina with Andover students in recent months. These are highlights of our scholars’

Our 13 years as host family to a series of five outstanding young scholars were an incredible time for the two of us and our kids, especially in the arts in her supervisory role at A Better

Karen succeeds Catherine Okoh and Richard Komeh, who left ABC because of time demands of their jobs. Karen’s son Joey, 16, is a junior at AHS. Her daughter, Erika, 21, attends UMass-Amherst, and Amanda, 24, works at Doherty Middle School on Andover. Karen has also enjoyed supporting the students of ABC for over two decades, serving as their Nightmare Costume Designer for their theatrical performances. She’s involved with current students on her many years at AHS and in the arts in her supervisory role at A Better Chance Foundation.

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The event was the FA ME Branson Déanna’s solo kicked off the choir’s National Show Choir Finals. The Andover group won first place in the competition, the first time we’ve competed at this level. “No one of the Andover groups won first place.”

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Singh lived in Spain and taught English for one year and she needed more skills and experiences to be able to work with students. That is when she decided to leave her job and work for a magazine.

Singh is currently pursuing her post-graduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania, focusing on sexual and reproductive health as well as maternal and child health.

Moving to Andover for high school from the Bronx (her family is originally from Ceylon), she has enjoyed her living in diverse communities, she says. "ABC taught me how to live and work with people from different backgrounds, whether it be in Spain, Ithaca or Philly."

Singh sees the power of staying connected to one another and being open to new things. "I have come a long way since Andover High School, but I could not have done it without the support of the community and the support of my host family."

The host daughter experience has impacted Singh's life. "As an Andover girl, I have been able to see and experience things that I could not have done without the support of my host family."

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- Organize historic archives and files
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- Cut Cook Saturday breakfast for 8 students
- Track down contact info for alumni
- Paint a room

Alumni update

Abbi Anderle, who graduated from Andover in 1997, is currently serving as a member of the New York City/Philadelphia Chapter of the ABC Alumni Association.
Alumni Focus: Alex Singh

It was while Alex Singh (AHS ’09), was teaching English in China that she realized she loved working with teens. Singh lived in Spain and taught high school students there, and I needed more skills and technologies and was able to see the next step would be a master’s in public health.

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“I have stayed in touch with a lot of the [AHS] girls, such as Andrea, Camilla and Ashley, and I am very grateful for the incredible remaining bonds in Andover. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 50[th] anniversary,” if not sooner.

We are looking for a few good sponsors, and you can be a sponsor by donating a $200-$499 gift to the program. For more information, please contact Nancy Vogler at 978-749-2145 or email at nancy_vogler@andover.org.

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It’s the first step toward providing these promising young students of color a better chance to get a quality education and be better positioned for college. Our program doesn’t just stop there. Our expectation going forward is that our students will lead lives of responsibility and leadership in their communities....

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When I think of the stories of ABC’s scholars who have gone on to do just that, I am overwhelmed by the pride and joy I feel for them.

To honor that legacy, we plan to assemble all of our current program’s graduating seniors and celebrate your achievements from a few years ago with the inspiration to sustain the program for the next 50 years!

Stay tuned for more information about our 50th anniversary celebration in the fall.

In the interim, we return to daily life at ABC House and focus on preparing to welcome our new freshman class.

See you at our 50th anniversary celebration!

Karen’s son, Joe, is a junior at AHS. Her daughter, Erika, 21, attends UMass-Amherst, and Amanda, 24, works at Dorothy Middle School on Andover. Karen has also enjoyed supporting the students at Andover’s Annual Gala, to help raise funds for the Costume Designer for their theatrical performances.

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Kathy Stefanski, president of the Andover Committee for a Better Chance, called the students “an incredible group of people” and added that the program’s success is due to the “dedication and commitment” of its staff.

She expects to draw on her experiences at AHS and Costum e Designer for their theatrical performances. She plans to lead a student leadership committee in the fall.

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