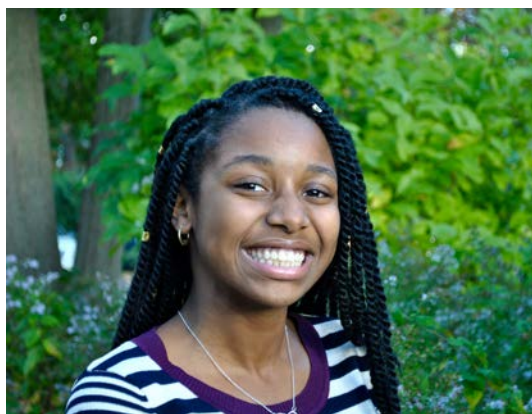




As Guilford A Better Chance welcomes the delights and challenges of a new season and a new semester at Guilford High School, the scholars at GABC would like to share reflections on what they experienced this summer:



KATRINA GREEN, 17 — Bridgeport, CT

I had a truly amazing summer experience. I went to Peru for a month through the Experiment in International Living (EIL) program. I visited multiple parts of Peru such as, Lima, Trujillo, Cusco and others. I was a part of a group of 15 students. I explored the culture through food, places, music, and traditional dances. For two weeks I lived with a host family in Trujillo. This part was absolutely unbelievable— I gained a new family. I learned that the best way to learn about a culture is through immersion. I also learned to go through a new experience without expectations, which leaves room for you to explore, enjoy the moment and be exposed to something new.

REBEKAH CALDERON, 17 — Bridgeport, CT

I had the opportunity to take part in the Center for Creative Youth summer program at Wesleyan. The program focused on both performing and visual, and I studied under the music-vocal major. For four weeks, I lived in a dorm on the Wesleyan campus. CCY consisted of morning classes, interdisciplinary classes, and various events ranging from workshops to Friday night dances. CCY was truly an amazing experience; it not only provided me with the tools to be a successful musician, but I gained confidence in myself as a person and scholar.



JADA ALLISON, 16 — Brooklyn, NY

I was given the opportunity to go on a college tour with national ABC. The trip was a week long and I toured a whopping fourteen colleges in five days with the other two days being left for socializing. I visited eight Ivy League colleges along with six other highly competitive universities with the other 133 ABC scholars that were on the trip. The tour took us to six different states and at night we stayed in different hotels. The college tour was an amazing experience and I am so happy I was able to be a part of such a great group of people. I also traveled with my family to Lake George, Washington DC and Florida.

DORCAS SAKA, 16 — Harlem, NY

Summer 2016 was full of many new and exciting adventures for me. I was fortunate enough to travel abroad to Peru for four weeks with the program Experiment in International Living. In Peru I saw many ancient ruins, museums, performances of traditional dances, and hiked Machu Picchu. Traveling to Peru meant a lot to me. As one of my group leaders would say "There is beauty in everyone and everything," and I was able to really learn and embrace that statement. I was also able to improve my Spanish as well as my confidence in speaking. I learned a lot about myself and developed an eagerness for new adventures.



SUMAIYAH LEE, 15 — Harlem, NY

Over the summer, I went to the Center for Creative Youth Program at Wesleyan University. I stayed there for 4 weeks to enhance my dance techniques and learn new skills. The program offered Ballroom Dancing, Ballet, Stage Combat and West African Dance. I took full advantage of the classes. By the end of the program, my muscles were strong and lean. I learned what an artist truly is, how to be an arts advocate and how to apply my own individuality to my craft. Programs like this help you understand college life. This experience changed my perspective. I am grateful that I had this experience.

A PROFILE OF LISA BRADY, RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Lisa Brady took on a task that few people can imagine, and even fewer people could execute— serving as the mom-away-from-mom to six teenage girls. Such a daunting task might have intimidated some, but for Lisa it was the continuation of a lifetime dedicated to the care of children. Whether it is her two sons, Ryan and Collin, or the dozens of children who attended the daycare service she owned and operated for over 14 years, there are a good number of people in Connecticut who look to Lisa as a source of love and support.

Lisa grew up in Milford, CT where she was an active presence in her home and community. As one of three children in a tight-knit Italian home, she learned early on that the family unit can be one's greatest source of love and support. When she was 23 years old, Lisa moved to Clinton, CT where she married and had her two sons, the lights of her life. Raising her children there and running her daycare business, Lisa again



became an asset to her community.

Lisa has worked full-time at ACES as an applied behavior analyst for almost 11 years. She works with children with autism. Even though her job can be challenging, there is nothing else Lisa would rather do. She loves her co-workers, she loves the fast-paced and lively atmosphere, and most of all she loves the kids.

In the three years Lisa has been Resident Director, she has grown extremely close to the scholars in the house and thinks of them as another family. She eats dinner with the scholars every night, is there for them when they're sick or overwhelmed, and supports them at their school activities. When asked what the most rewarding part of the job is, she replied "Seeing the girls grow and become really capable and confident young women by the time they're ready to leave for college." Being the Resident Director comes with its own set of difficulties and responsibilities, but Lisa makes it look easy. Maybe, for someone with so much love in their heart, it is.



Mo PLEASURE BENEFIT CONCERT



On Saturday, October 22nd, Guilford's own Morris Pleasure headlined a sold-out benefit concert for Guilford A Better Chance, held at the new Guilford High School Performing Arts Center. The program, which featured Mo, vocalist Diane Bennack and versatile guitarist Rohn Lawrence, together with the GHS Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Voices, included a mesmerizing performance of

Rhapsody in Blue, with Morris at the piano. Benefactors of the evening were Webster Bank and Bishop's Orchards; Patrons included Laundry-Express.com, Guilford Mooring, Yale New Haven Hospital, Attorney Robert

Leitze and Carol and Fred Wright. We are grateful to our sponsors and supportive community for making this a successful event.

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Guilford ABC benefits from the kindness of the community in many ways, through in-kind services, small fund raisers and unexpected donations. Over the past few months, we received financial help from these sources:

- **DiVine Restaurant** and **Greene Gallery** hosted a delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting at the Greene Gallery and donated the admission price to Guilford ABC. Greene Gallery has been a long-time supporter of the program.
- **Lennie and Joe's** once again donated the proceeds from one summer evening 'Magic Carousel' rides to GABC, helping us to spread the word about our program.
- **UBS** sent us a \$500 donation in recognition of contributions made by UBS employees to our program.
- For the second year, the **MJ Petretto Foundation's** annual golf tournament designated Guilford ABC as one of the recipients of its proceeds.
- A member of our Advisory Board held a "No-Tag Tag Sale" on August 25th to de-access possessions in preparation for a move. Invitees, who included ABC board members, local women's groups and members of the Shoreline Arts Trail, were invited to take items and make a free will donation earmarked for GABC. Articles not taken were delivered to Hole in the Wall for resale
- **South Lane Bistro's** "Give Back Tuesday" in September benefitted Guilford ABC, with 10% of the evening's receipts. This fun evening was a great opportunity to eat well, mingle with friends, and appreciate the kindness of this great eating spot on the Green.

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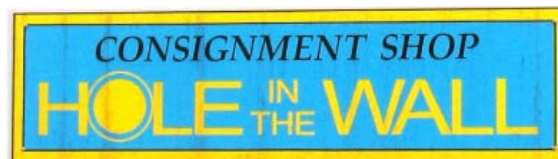
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