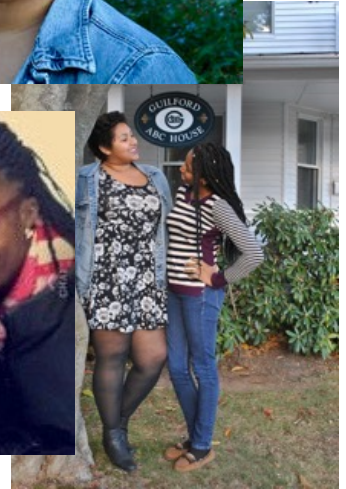


## FAREWELL TO GABC'S CLASS OF 2017

### REBEKAH CALDERON

Rebekah Calderon, an 18-year-old senior from Bridgeport CT, looks back at her time in GABC as an era of great growth and adventure. She has learned the value of trying new things, taking risks, and reaching for new heights. This year Rebekah was involved in Guilford High School's production of Sweeney Todd as the stage manager and she recounts the experience as "one of the highlights of my high school experience— I am extremely proud to have been a part of the production." Rebekah made her mark as a dedicated and hardworking member of the musical cast. She is a creative spirit whose many artistic pursuits add greatly to her community— a short film she created with friends entitled "Perspective" won awards for Best Music and Best Cinematography in the High School Division of the Envision Kindness 2016 Student Film Contest. One of Rebekah's favorite memories from her senior year was getting into her first college, a moment that "signaled the start of a new chapter in my life." Members of the board and staff know Rebekah to be an independent, fearless, and daring individual who is never afraid to stand apart from the crowd. Over the last four years, Rebekah has matured into a capable young woman who will surely continue her stellar record of involvement, achievement, and excellence. We can't wait to see where her undeniable potential will take her. In the fall, Rebekah will attend the University of Hartford to study journalism.



### KATRINA GREEN

Katrina Green, a 17-year-old senior from Bridgeport, CT has learned to trust her instincts and follow her dreams. Whether by participating in community service projects, spending a summer in Peru, or nurturing her passion for art in its many forms, Katrina is always looking for new and meaningful ways to engage with the world around her. Katrina is a talented artist whose pottery has been featured in several art shows in town. This year Katrina was chosen as one of two students from Guilford High School to receive a Connecticut Association of Schools Visual Arts Award. In the fall, Katrina was inducted into the National Honor Society—which serves as a testament to her positive impact on the GHS community. Katrina cites her memories in the house with her ABC sisters as what she'll look back on the most after her time in GABC has ended. She has loved watching the girls in the house "grow and mature" over time and will always remember "playing manhunt in the snow, our front yard water fights, and watching Empire every Wednesday night." Everyone involved in the GABC community knows Katrina as a family-oriented, nurturing, and hard-working young woman. Over the last four years Katrina says that she has "learned to believe in the power of the universe and everything happening for a reason." We wish her nothing but the best in her bright, limitless future. Next year Katrina will attend Drexel University to study nursing.





**Jada Allison, 16 — Junior — Brooklyn, NY**



My junior year has been an amazing year! From the incredible Mo Pleasure weekend to the exciting GHSTA production of Sweeney Todd, it has all been fantastic. During my spring break, I joined a group of students, through a program named CECAAL, to visit 17 colleges in the span of six days from Philadelphia all the way to New Orleans. On this trip I experienced going to Disney World for the very first time - the best experience of a lifetime. Furthermore, this summer I will be given the opportunity to travel with the Experiment in International Living to South Africa for four weeks. While in South Africa, I will concentrate on leadership development and study social change. After my trip abroad this summer, I am traveling across the country to California to join national ABC on another college tour for a week.

**Dorcas Saka, 16 — Junior — Harlem, NY**



My junior year presented many challenging and sleepless nights. This year, my biggest project consisted of working on the musical, Sweeney Todd, which was a lot of fun and a great success. I am looking forward to working with GHSTA again next year and taking the Theatre Technology class. I am also excited for this summer as I will be traveling with the Experiment in International Living. This time I will be exploring India through their India: Community Development and Public Health Leadership Institute program for six weeks. I am excited to immerse myself in the sights, sounds, and foods of India. When I return, I will dive head first into the college search starting with touring 14 colleges and universities for a week in California on the national ABC tour. While excited for what the future has to offer, I am nervous for college applications and will miss our graduating seniors!

**Sumaiyah Lee, 16 - Sophomore - Harlem, NY**



My sophomore year was a busy one. I joined the track team and continued my participation in GHS' Dance Team. This summer I'm going to Spain through the Experiment in International Living program to study technology and social innovation. I'm excited to travel to Spain for the first time and meet students from all over the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my crowdfunding campaign for making this trip a reality. Next year, I'm looking forward to making more memories at GHS, bonding with the new ABC scholars, and beginning my college search.

**Guilford A Better Chance Annual Celebration**

**May 16, 2017**

You are invited to join us at our Guilford ABC Annual Celebration! This year's evening of recognition and celebration, where current A Better Chance students and alumnae will share their experiences and uplifting stories, will take place on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30pm in the large meeting room at the Guilford Free Library.

A light supper will be served.

Please R.S.V.P to: [cgbstk@gmail.com](mailto:cgbstk@gmail.com) or [bpine@usa.net](mailto:bpine@usa.net)

# NEW AND IMPROVED HOLE IN THE WALL REOPENS

## **Guilford's only not-for-profit consignment and resale shop gets a face lift**

Guilford's Hole in the Wall reopened in March with a new, refreshed look and the same amazing Shoreline bargains which have made this local institution beloved by hundreds of loyal customers.

Patty Sullivan, Hole in the Wall's manager, and her dedicated staff spent months planning the renovations, with the help of Barbara Glass, an interior designer. Both staff and customers are delighted with the new look, which includes paint, new carpeting, upgraded changing rooms, new shelving and the rearrangement of merchandise. The shop's extensive jewelry collection is now grouped all together, as are various houseware items such as glassware, dishes and small appliances.

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## SUPPORT COMES FROM MANY PLACES

Guilford ABC relies on multiple sources of funding to keep our program running smoothly. Every year we count on our annual appeal contributions; revenue from Hole in the Wall; an annual fund raiser (this year: another thrilling Morris Pleasure concert scheduled for October 28th at Guilford High School); donations from local organizations and funding agencies; and money raised on our behalf through various local events, such as the March Fish Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus, and the MJ Petretto Golf Classic (June 12<sup>th</sup> this year at Clinton Country Club). We also are thrilled to be the occasional recipient of a bequest, often given in honor of someone who is or has been closely involved in the program. Every dollar donated to Guilford ABC goes to provide A Better Chance to academically gifted girls of color who come from communities lacking access to quality educational experiences.



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## JUNE 12TH

Guilford ABC will again be one of the beneficiaries of the MJ Petretto Golf Classic, which will be held at Clinton Country Club on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee is \$220/person and includes green fees, golf carts, refreshments, buffet lunch, awards, prizes, happy hour, hors d'oeuvres and dinner, all for a good cause. Singles, doubles and foursomes of all levels are welcome. For more information, email [contact@mjpfoundation.org](mailto:contact@mjpfoundation.org) ...and mention Guilford ABC!

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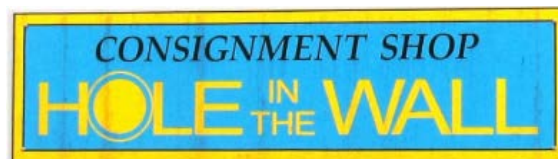
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