



Student Summer Activities

In today's competitive college preparatory environment, summertime has become an opportunity for students to learn new skills, follow passions and expand horizons. Guilford ABC encourages these formative and often life-changing experiences, and supports our scholars' summer activities with modest stipends. The scholars themselves are responsible for researching, locating and completing program applications and organizing fund-raising efforts among family, friends and their local communities. Here's how and where our scholars will spend their summer:

Freshmen **Arianna Alvarez** and **Leslie Camarena** will spend their summers pursuing their interests in science and medicine this summer. Leslie will attend the MEDScience Summer School at Harvard Medical School. This week-long STEM program focuses on medical science and supports Leslie's goal of becoming a surgeon. Arianna awaits late-spring decisions from three STEM programs based at New York University and City University of New York. These focus on math, meteorology and aerospace and align with Arianna's goal of a career in physics.

Sophomore **Lauren Cyrus** is interested in a career in law. She will be attending the 10-day Envision Law & Trial Program at Stanford University. This program provides an academic and

career introduction to the field of law and features participation in a mock trial.

Juniors **Julia Antwi-Boasiako** and **T-Jauni Barham** plan to hone their language skills and expand their cultural horizons, while earning credit, through programs offered by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). Julia will spend four weeks in Paris, France on a full scholarship, while T-Jauni will travel to Valparaiso, Chile. Both will take classes and live with a local host family while absorbing the surrounding culture and history.

Meanwhile, our graduating senior, **Sumaiyah Lee**, will be heading to Loyola

Marymount University in Los Angeles this fall to major in computer science.

During her senior year at Guilford High School, Sumaiyah was co-captain of the dance team and co-president of the Unity Club. She spent last summer in China, courtesy of the Experiment in International Living, and was able to travel to many cities, immersing herself in the Chinese culture, landmarks and food; while there she was able to live with two different host families, which was her favorite part of the summer. This summer she is hoping to find a job near her home in Cambria Heights, NY to help with college expenses. ▼



Thank you!

Thanks to the generous donations of 45 donors, we raised \$5,105 for Guilford ABC during the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven's 2019 GREAT GIVE! Plus, we had the second highest number of donations from Guilford residents, earning us a \$500 prize from the Guilford Foundation. A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated and for your continued support of our efforts!



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ABC's Annual Celebration

It's an ABC tradition to end the school year with a celebratory gathering which always includes a few returning alumnae, a summary of the school year, a few words from graduating seniors and from juniors about to set off for summer enrichment study and travel; and, of course, lots of wonderful food, much of it provided by the ABC board.

Highlights from this year's celebration include hearing from three ABC alums—Lori Pleasure, Karitza Melendez and Jada Allison—who talked about their four years at Guilford ABC; a summary of our scholars' many school activities and academic achievements; and several special awards: a cash award in memory of Barbara Pine to our two juniors to help with their summer enrichment activities; and two separate awards to our graduating senior: First the Robert Blake Memorial Award designed to help defray the cost of college textbooks; and a new Guilford ABC College Scholarship award, administered by the Guilford Foundation, which will provide a small four-year tuition contribution.

President Charlene Blake ended the evening by praising our scholars and emphasizing the importance of the ABC board and the many volunteers who make this program possible. ▼



Clockwise: Lori Pleasure, Karitza Melendez and Jada Allison; enjoying the celebration; graduating senior Sumaiyah Lee; Larry Dowler and Charlene Blake.

Memorial Scholarships

Two GABC memorial scholarship funds have been established with the Guilford Foundation. The Barbara Pine Memorial Fund provides two rising seniors with stipends to help with their summer travel expenses. The Bob Blake Memorial Fund provides college bookstore credit to help graduating seniors purchase their freshman books. Contributions to either fund can be made through the Guilford Foundation. ▼



Ongoing Home Maintenance

Built around 1900, the Guilford ABC house always needs attention. This has been a busy year for the House and Grounds committee, headed by Linda Sanacora. Large and small projects to our old house have included:

- Meeting with the Guilford Fire Marshall to review drill procedures and to address safety issues; installing exit signs and emergency lighting; and replacing fire extinguishers
- Adding outlets to all the scholars' bedrooms
- Repairing screens
- Purchasing and installing a new furnace after flooding in the basement
- Upgrading sump pump switch
- Replacing one washer and dryer (heavy usage with six teenage girls!)
- Upgrading landscaping, including drainage work on one side of the house
- Changing electric supplier to save money
- Coordinating with Student Life to help provide a smooth transition for students moving in and out at the beginning and end of the school year

And this summer, while the scholars are gone, our To Do list includes: installing more lights in upstairs hall, adding some attic insulation, and summer maintenance: tuning up bikes, cleaning the van, cleaning furniture, deep cleaning the house, painting, re-grouting showers. ▼



Landscaping upgrades included drainage work on one side of the house.

News & Events

MJ PETRETTO FOUNDATION'S 10TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC BENEFITS GUILFORD ABC

Guilford ABC is grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of proceeds from the MJ Petretto Foundation's 10th Annual Golf Classic that was held on June 10th at the beautiful Clinton Country Club. This popular event benefits multiple worthwhile nonprofits. Several GABC board members participated in the event as volunteers and, as she does every year, Hole in the Wall manager, Patty Sullivan, played with a foursome of her friends.



In case you want to play next year, the cost is \$220 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, refreshments, buffet lunch, awards, prizes, happy hour and dinner. For non-golfers, the cost for happy hour and dinner is \$55/person. Foursomes and singles are all welcome. For more information, go to mjpfoundation.org.

GUILFORD ABC DAY THE MAGICAL CHARITY CAROUSEL: LENNY & JOE'S FISH TALE IN MADISON: JULY 19TH

Once again, Guilford ABC has been invited to participate in the Magical Charity Carousel. Our special day will be Friday, July 19th, when the carousel is open from noon till 9pm, and all proceeds will be donated to our organization. It's a great time to eat at Lenny & Joe's and to bring some small fry to ride the carousel. We look forward to seeing you there!

HOLE IN THE WALL EXPANSION CONTINUES TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

It's been a year since Hole in the Wall was able to annex additional contiguous space. The transformation has been remarkable, with a separate men's section and men's dressing rooms, and space for furniture and household items like rugs and paintings. Business is booming, thanks to manager Patty Sullivan, her able assistant managers and a dedicated crew of volunteers, many who have worked at the shop for years. It's a happy place to shop – and to volunteer. Open seven days a week, with the scholars helping out on weekends. ▼



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Congratulations to GABC alumna Cleo Adebisi who graduated with the Syracuse University class of 2019. She plans to take a year off before moving to California to pursue a law degree.