



Celebrations & Transitions

FROM CO-PRESIDENT GEORGIA COSGROVE

The end of the school year and the beginning of July each year mark important milestones for GABC. This is when we watch our seniors graduate from GHS and leave us to prepare for their next steps on their educational paths. This year's graduate, Arianna Alvarez Pena, will be heading for Tufts in the fall with a full scholarship. We are thrilled for her and couldn't be prouder of her many accomplishments during her four years under our roof. We have watched her blossom from a shy, observant freshman into a self-assured, motivated young woman who knows what she wants and is going after it.

We look forward to watching our two dynamic rising seniors follow in Arianna's footsteps as they navigate the challenges and choices of senior year. After ending her junior year having been elected Co-President of the senior class, Kilee Simon is traveling to Ghana with CIEE this summer on a full scholarship. Janelle Wilkinson will be spending a month in London, also on a full scholarship from CIEE. Stay tuned for reports on their experiences in the fall!

We kicked off our summer with the annual MJ Petretto Foundation golf fundraiser at the Wallingford Country Club in June. Despite storms that shortened play it was a great event! We are grateful to all who participated on our behalf,

and to the M.J. Petretto Foundation for once again supporting GABC with a portion of the proceeds from this event.

July 1 marked a changing of the guard on our board with retirements and election of new members. As I write this, I have just begun my second year as Co-President. Long-time board member Judy Wright has stepped up to the other Co-President spot as Marie Berry makes a well-deserved transition to the Advisory Board after more than 15 years of service, the last 3 as board President. Heartfelt thanks to both Marie and Judy for their dedication and hard work supporting our scholars and keeping GABC running smoothly despite COVID-19 and the many day-to-day challenges of overseeing a household of active teenagers.

Others departing the board include Susan Renner, who served ably and tirelessly as our Treasurer for 3 years; Lisa Rogers, who did an amazing job with overseeing the recruitment and screening of new scholars; Susan Welsh, who headed up Student Life and will continue to manage insurance for us as a member of the Advisory Board; Cathy O'Keefe, who served as Vice President



and headed the Personnel committee; and Mary Lane, who served on House and Grounds. We are grateful to all for your commitment to GABC.

Finally, we welcome a multi-talented roster of new board members: Mary Cosgrove, Pam Glasser, Dani Howard, Mike Hryb, Mark

Mackowiak, and Jenny Schaffer. We will also welcome two talented new freshmen in September, Kyra and Tamojah.

We are deeply grateful for all of our donors and sponsors, volunteers for GABC and the Hole in the Wall, and our amazing staff who all work together to support our mission. Visit guilfordabc.org to check the latest news or make a donation—and enjoy the summer while it lasts! ▼

GABC will mark its 50th anniversary in 2024. To honor this milestone, please consider providing for the next 50 years by adding a legacy gift to GABC to your estate plans. If you have questions about this please contact Georgia Cosgrove at gabcmain@gmail.com.

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Summers at the ABC House
FROM RESIDENT DIRECTOR LYNN PRENDERGAST

The summer is a very busy time of the year at the house. After a bittersweet goodbye to Arianna as she heads off to summer and then Tufts, meetings started to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year. Working on the calendar with incoming co-presidents Georgia Cosgrove and Judy Wright, preparing a To-Do List with Ann Street (House and Grounds Chair) for the house, and making preparations for the returning scholars have already started.



Summers are a great time to reflect on our year as we look forward to the upcoming year. The scholars worked, played, and socialized at a high level all year long as COVID restrictions became less and less. Their numerous accomplishments and determination to do their best this past school year makes me so happy and proud. In my unique position, I am not only able to celebrate their successes, but see the tremendous effort and overcoming of challenges to allow them to be their personal best.

After a month of visiting family in Florida and Georgia, I will return to the quiet house and prepare for the return of the girls. They will arrive with cars busting with their personal belongings, tales of their summer adventures, and excitement to welcome our new scholars, Kyra and Tamojah, and to see old friends. ▼



Clockwise: fire pit fun with Arianna, Janelle and Andrea; going to prom are Andrea, Janelle, Jasmine, and Kilee; Arianna celebrates gradation with her friend Olivia Turcio.



End of Year ABC Celebration

On June 1, GABC hosted our annual year-end celebration under the tent at GHS. About 70 board members, donors, host families, staff, alumnae and all the current scholars gathered to give thanks for another successful year, say goodbye to outgoing board members and our graduating senior, Arianna Alvarez Pena, and welcome some of our incoming board members.

Highlights of the evening included a visit from last year's graduate, Lauren Cyrus, who delivered a lively account of her first year at Hampton University and how her GABC experience set the stage for a successful transition to college life; compelling remarks from alumna Naralys Sinanis from the

class of 2002 about how GABC had incredible impact on her success in college and her career; and a farewell message from Arianna. Guests at the celebration included outgoing ABC President Marie Berry, board member Melissa Dayton, and Resident Director Lynn Prendergas (above).

Advisory Board member, Connie Dickinson, presented Arianna with her GABC College Education Fund award, which she will use to offset education expenses at Tufts not covered by her scholarship. This fund is held at the Guilford Foundation. Awards to GABC graduates are \$2,500 for each of four years of college, provided the scholar remains in good standing with at least a B average. ▼

And now for some horn-tooting...

Along with having a lot of fun times, our scholars worked very hard this year and reaped awards and honors. Kilee Simon was inducted into the National Honor Society and received the Advanced Placement Language Award. Jasmine Laryea received the Sophomore Chemistry Award. Junior Janelle Wilkinson received the Environmental Science Award, and Arianna Alvarez Pena received the Global Seal of Bilingualism. (Pictured are *at left* Kilee Simon, classmate Fared Samu, Janelle Wilkinson, and Jasmine Laryea; *at right* Kilee Simon.) ▼





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Honoring Hole in the Wall Volunteers

Patty Sullivan knows how to thank her volunteers in style by throwing a great party! On May 5, HITW staff and volunteers, GABC staff, board members and scholars all gathered at Woodwinds to eat, drink and be merry. The gala was emceed by DJ John "Cadillac" Seville, who generously donated his services for the event, and the dance floor was full throughout the evening. After the isolation of COVID everyone was ready to kick up their heels and have some fun. Thank you to all for your hard work that has helped to make the award-winning HITW more profitable than ever! (Photos by Tarren Bailey Photography) ▼

