



ABC New Canaan

With the school year underway, we're so excited to introduce all of the new members joining our ABC family this year.

**MEET OUR NEW RESIDENT DIRECTORS:
Rachel Ceruti Choi & William Choi**



This year's new Resident Directors bring a full-circle moment to ABC New Canaan, as one of our own alumni returns home to help lead the next generation of scholars — and we couldn't be happier!

Rachel brings twenty years of experience working with children of all ages — as a teacher, nanny, child development specialist, and Peace Corps Volunteer in Uganda. She currently teaches special education in Norwalk and previously founded a sustainable fashion business that merged with FABSCRAP, where she served as Community Director. Rachel holds an M.A. from Fordham and a B.A. from Lesley University. She loves reading, family time, crafting, and yoga.

Will is a proud ABC New Canaan alum (Class of 1998) who attended Lehigh University on a full scholarship. After eight years in the hedge fund industry, he transitioned to commercial real estate and today serves as a principal at a family office. Will has been a dedicated ABC Board member and alumni mentor for many years and coaches youth basketball in the Two Bridges community.

"I've spent years on the Board trying to give back to a program that gave me everything", says Will. "Stepping into the Resident Director role — alongside Rachel — feels like the next chapter of that. Now we get to be present in the house, day to day, for scholars the way people once were for me."

WELCOME TO OUR FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Katie Harris

Katie has been an enthusiastic volunteer for ABC, dedicating her time to the annual benefit. Her professional career has been centered around non-profit fundraising, with roles at cultural, educational, and environmental institutions. Katie serves on the board of the Fishers Island Health Project and the Taft School Parents' Committee and is an active member of the New Canaan community. She holds a B.A. from Hamilton College.



Tracey Masella, LCSW

Tracey has been part of the ABC New Canaan family since 2019, volunteering her time and expertise with our scholars. A licensed clinical social worker trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Internal Family Systems, and Mentalization-Based Therapy, she spent close to a decade on the multidisciplinary clinical team at Silver Hill Hospital. Since 2013, she has co-founded and led the Krasner Adolescent Institute alongside Dr. Aaron Krasner.



Steve Rodgers

A longtime New Canaan resident dedicated to ABC's mission, Steve is a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Capital Partners, bringing decades of investing experience with a focus on healthcare. He currently serves on the boards of Aveanna Healthcare, U.S. HealthConnect, SpendMend, and Clarity Software. A Dartmouth College graduate with an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School



Tamara J. White

Tamara has long been an engaged volunteer with ABC New Canaan, generously giving her time to support our scholars and programs. A strategic consultant with over twenty years of experience spanning nonprofit leadership, executive support, AI development and marketing, and community affairs, she holds an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and

of Business, Steve also serves as a Trustee at the Millbrook School.

a B.A. from Brigham Young University.



Patty Zoccolillo

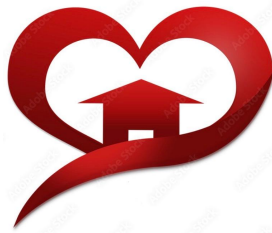
Patty has been a dedicated ABC volunteer and is an attorney who previously practiced as a corporate litigator in New York City. She holds a J.D. from Villanova University and a B.A. from Wake Forest University. Patty has been actively involved in the New Canaan community for over 23 years through the public schools, local nonprofit boards, St. Aloysius Church, and various athletic organizations.

MEET OUR NEW SCHOLARS: Jayden Delgado & Cypress Hodges



Left to Right: Malicah Hatten (Junior), Darriel Ortiz (Senior), with our newest scholars, Cypress Hodges and Jayden Delgado

We can't wait for you to meet Jayden and Cypress! Both join us this year as freshmen. Jayden comes to us from Bridgeport, CT, and is a major soccer enthusiast with a sharp mind for chess. Cypress hails from Mount Vernon, IL, and brings a love of basketball, baseball, and golf — along with great guitar skills.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW HOST FAMILIES

We're thrilled to welcome our new host families this year: **Courtney and Will Flynn** (hosting scholar Cypress Hodges) and **Kiana and Brian O'Reilly** (hosting scholar Jayden Delgado). Both families have been longtime supporters of ABC, and we are so grateful that they have chosen to open their hearts and homes to our scholars

We're gearing up for an exciting year at ABC New Canaan, filled with new faces, new energy, and new possibilities for our scholars.

None of what we do would be possible without the extraordinary support and generosity of the New Canaan community — thank you for continuing to embrace our program and our talented scholars.

THANK YOU!

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