

## Scholar Spotlight



### ALI ABDUL-GHANI

Scholarship Recipient, 2013-present

Ali Abdul-Ghani is a prime example of the life-changing effects that the Christamore House can have on the lives of the children they serve. Mr. Abdul-Ghani was born and raised in the Haughville neighborhood of Indianapolis and spent 6 years participating in the summer camps and afterschool programs offered by the Christamore House. As a result of his affiliation with the House, and specifically the influence of Mr. Jimmie Harrington (Youth Development Specialist at the House, affectionately known as “Rev.”, and a childhood mentor to Mr. Abdul-Ghani), Ali was able to find the love and the importance of taking his academics seriously. He became better in mathematics, reading, and writing, which in turn allowed him to achieve academic success at Ben Davis High School—ultimately graduating with Academic Honors and in the top third of his graduating class. In 2013, Mr. Abdul-Ghani entered Purdue University to pursue a major in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology and a minor in Computer Science. Mr. Abdul-Ghani is currently a senior at Purdue and will be interning with Raytheon MS in the summer of 2017.

Ali frequently returns to the Christamore House to pay homage to the people who raised him into the man that he is now. Often, when he is around the other children, Mr. Abdul-Ghani will remark, **“I was just like you when I was your age. Sitting in the same seats as you and listening to Rev. allowed me to be the man I am today.”**

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