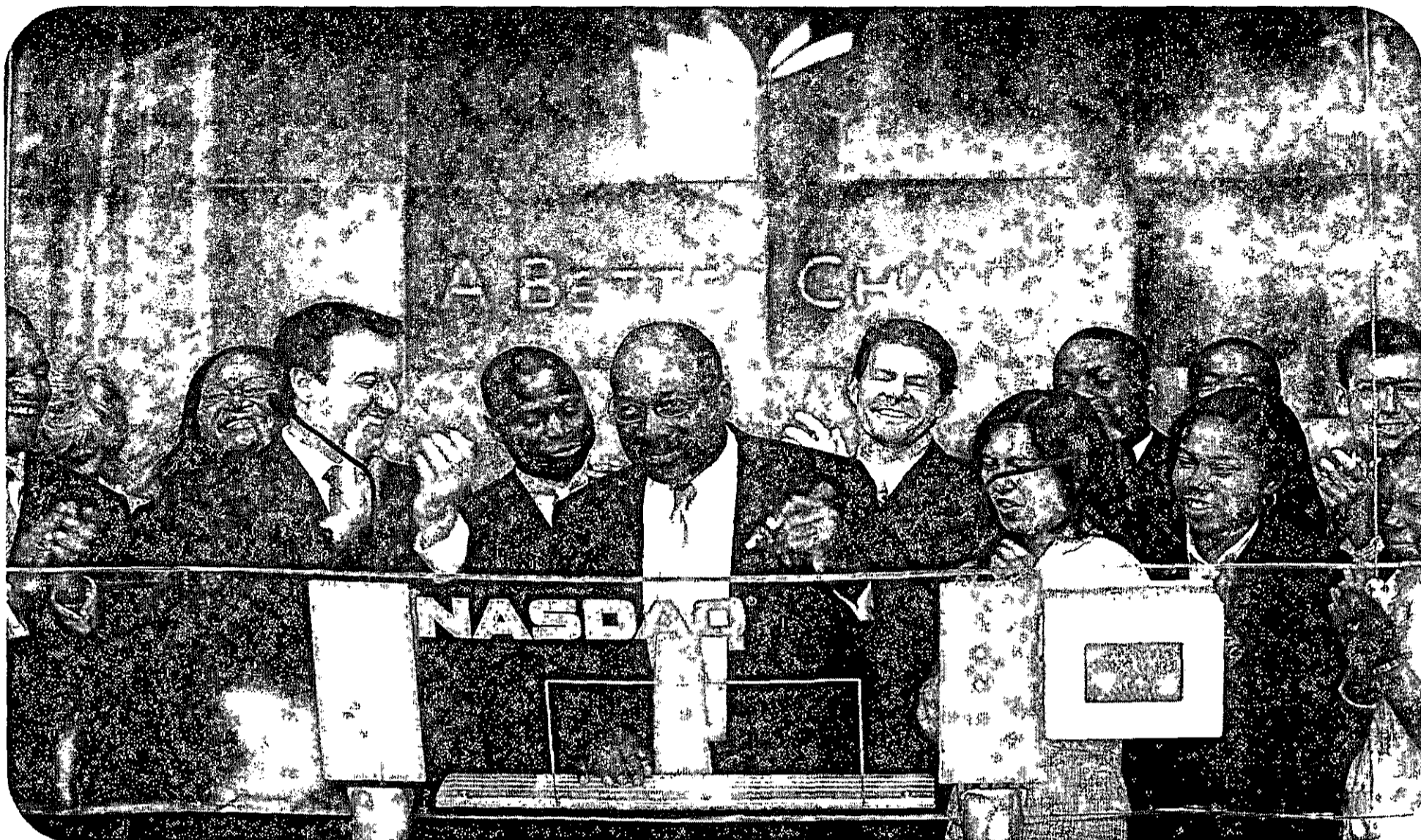


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Students are invited asked to apply to ABC

Acceptance based on grades, test scores, the recommendations of teachers and counselors, and their written applications.

Program hands out about 16,000 applications and they only accept about 2-3 percent of applicants.

First program to take students away from their homes, their neighborhoods, and their local high school for months and years at a time.

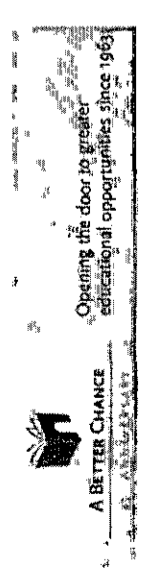
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ABC Private vs. ABC Public

Students in the public school programs live together in a home close to their schools with a resident director and his/her family.

Private school students board at their schools.

Each public school student is also given two host families. They spend weekends doing family oriented activities.



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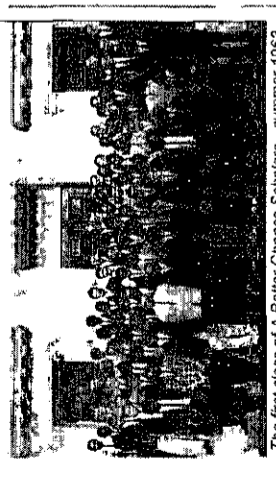
A Better Chance is the preeminent resource for identifying, recruiting and developing leaders among young people of color in the United States.

Through a unique assessment model, A Better Chance refers academically talented students entering grades 6 through 11 to some of the nation's finest independent and public schools to be considered for placement and financial aid. Students who are successfully placed in one of our 300+ member schools become a part of the signature College Preparatory Schools Program, and receive access to expanded educational and leadership opportunities.

2006-2007 Annual Report

This year marks our 45th Anniversary!

Since 1963, A Better Chance has been transforming lives through educational opportunities. And the promise is being realized-- nearly 12,000 alumni have completed our program since its beginnings. Many in our earliest classes are rising to the highest levels of leadership-- in government, business, education, the nonprofit sector and the arts. Based on their success and what they represent to the A Better Chance community, we have selected the 45 Faces of A Better Chance. Each face is an alumnus who has become an exemplary member of society through their achievements and serve as testimonials to the power of A Better Chance. To learn more about our 45 Faces, click below to view our slideshow.



The first class of A Better Chance Scholars - summer 1963
 Click here to view the slide show highlighting our wonderful alumni!



A Better Chance Alum Raising Money One Step At A Time

Spotlight on Success



"It starts with the premise that talent resides in every American community - and then puts that talent in the way of opportunity. Its as simple and powerful as that."

Deval L. Patrick
 Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 A Better Chance Alumnus
 Milton Academy '74

Changing the Face of Leadership



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 Friday, June 5, 2009
 Cipriani 42nd Street



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 President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute