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## Top Skills

Research  
Event Planning  
Microsoft Office

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
Twi (Native or Bilingual)

# Abena Boamah-Acheampong

Founder, CEO at Hanahana Beauty  
Greater Chicago Area

## Summary

Abena Boamah, M.Ed is a Ghanaian American creative entrepreneur, mental health advocate, and founder + CEO of Hanahana Beauty. Driven by curating learning experiences strategically, Abena has been unapologetic about her identities through all forms of her work.

She focuses on showcasing stories of black women globally through visual storytelling as an educational + therapeutic approach - specifically working with marginalized groups from students to adults.

Abena has worked with brands like Chase Bank, Nike, Apple, Bon Appetit, The Wing, Refinery 29, Glossier and more. Her skills extend to public speaking, photography, video + BTS creative direction, content creation and modeling.

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## Experience

### Hanahana Beauty

#### Founder/CEO

March 2017 - Present (6 years 10 months)

Greater Chicago Area

Hanahana Beauty is a consciously clean skincare + wellness brand. Our mission is to bring humanity to beauty by creating sustainable paths from the producers to our customers.

As a solutionary brand, we work to increase accessibility, transparency, and sustainability from producer to consumer. From ethically sourcing raw ingredients for our products to the creation of skincare products for the body and face, we are bringing humanity and constructive change to skincare.

We are committed to elevating black women globally, sourcing indigenous ingredients based on what they're really worth, conducting business

sustainably from start to finish, constructively supporting communities and creating skincare for people of all kinds.

## **Intrinsic Schools**

### **Middle School Teacher**

August 2014 - August 2017 (3 years 1 month)

Chicago

Intrinsic is a new, 7th-12th-grade public charter school — open enrollment, no testing required — that blends technology with great teaching to provide every student a path to college and career. As a 7th grade math teacher I have the opportunity to teach 7th, 8th and algebra levels of math in one classroom. I also have a chance to teach a Hip Hop and Social Justice Enrichment to middle schools students and advise 14 11th grade girls in a women's studies focused advisory.

## **New York City Charter School Center**

### **Summer Associate**

June 2016 - August 2016 (3 months)

- Assisted the build out of efficient systems and resources for supporting and tracking information for a large portfolio of schools
- Prepared templates, materials, and resources for school visits and trainings
- Assisted the Special Populations Team with feedback and support through resource research and impactful school tools
- Served as a support research for technical assistance and school programmatic supports
- Supported the Administration Team on its preparation for the 2016-17 school year
- Create strong and authentic relationships with special education coordinators and teachers that work with students with special needs

## **University of Illinois at Chicago**

### **Clinical Research Coordinator & Program Director of Summer Treatment Program --Camp STAR**

August 2013 - 2014 (1 year)

## **The College of Wooster**

3 years

### **Student Athletic Assistant**

November 2011 - May 2013 (1 year 7 months)

Wooster, Ohio

### Resident Assistant

2010 - 2012 (2 years)

### University of Illinois at Chicago - Summer Treatment Program

#### Undergraduate Intern

June 2012 - August 2012 (3 months)

Undergraduate Children's Counselor, implemented research protocol used in the Multimodal Treatment Study of Children with ADHD. Led activities to enhance self-esteem and increase athletic ability in children with ADHD, ODD, Autism spectrum disorders and other behavioral disorders.

Provided behavior modification through a point system, positive reinforcement, individualized plans and social skills training. Assessed and tracked children's daily clinical progress.

### Cleveland Clinic- Summer Treatment Program

#### Undergraduate Adolescent Counselor

June 2011 - August 2011 (3 months)

Implemented research protocol used in the Multimodal Treatment Study of Children with ADHD. Led activities to enhance self-esteem and increase athletic ability in adolescents with ADHD, ODD, Autism spectrum disorders and other behavioral disorders. Provided behavior modification through a point system, positive reinforcement, individualized plans and social skills training. Assessed and tracked adolescent's daily clinical progress.

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## Education

### Loyola University Chicago

Master's of Education, Community Counseling · (2015 - 2018)

### The College of Wooster

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Psychology · (2009 - 2013)

### Pickerington High School Central

High School Diploma · (2005 - 2009)