



CITY YEAR ORLANDO

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 4

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Heart of Florida United Way Team serving at Maynard Evans High School



JOYS

- Ms. Anderson and the team helped organize the black history month talent show at Evans - it was a success!
- Our team has a blast serving alongside students during Trojan Week of Service
- The pi day trivia event was a huge success – we had over 100 ninth grade students participated!

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY YAMISSA LLAMAS MORALES



My starfish student is *Michael. He struggled to make it to class, which caused him to be very behind and his grades suffered. Michael was known to be loud and easily distracted in class which effective his grades. He missed almost two months of class. Once he returned, I could see in his face how lost and confused he felt. Those first few days, he tried to catch up, but he

couldn't do it alone. My partner teacher was responsible for so many students, that she was not able to provide him the attention he needed. I worked with my partner teacher to find the best way to support him. We both agreed that in order for him to catch up, I needed to work with him individually. Each day for the entire class period, I took him out of class to work one-on-one. I was determined to help him and made it was my personal mission to get him caught up. In one lesson, he went from not knowing what standard form was to being able to complete the square. Michael was a fast learner and understood the work - he just needed a little extra support. Sadly, we were not able to continue working together due to COVID-19, but I will never forget Michael. I am proud of the progress he made and he will always remind me of the power a student has when given the help and support they need. *= Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Stephen Rivers also known as "Scuba" was born and raised in Winter Haven, FL. He joined City Year because he felt like this would be a great opportunity for him to learn and develop professionally. He serves because he knows even a simple initiative like this can make a huge impact in the lives of teens in need. Many of these students have changed his life for the better. During his year of service, Stephen realized how much so many of our students need someone else by their side in

the classroom besides the teacher. After City Year, Stephen plans to return to college and pursue his goal of becoming a neuropsychologist.

THE TEAM

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UPCOMING DATES

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City Year Orlando Virtual Graduation