



SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 4

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Highlights from the team serving at Jones High School



JOYS

- Our teammate, Emma Smith graduated early to begin her Master’s in Education and will return to the great Jones High next fall as a math teacher
- Our team has been able to send some joy to our students through social media
- During the last two weeks of school, we were able to restart our social emotional learning program, Girls Talk!

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY CODY HOETH



*Layla was in my Algebra 1 class and we instantly had a connection. Through the ups and downs of the school year, we built a authentic bond that has allowed Layla to feel like she had an ally on campus. During class, we would spend time talking and working on classwork. She spent as much time with our team in the City Year room

as she could. If she got in trouble, she knew I would be there to talk her through what went wrong and how she can do better. Some days, I would have to walk Layla to her classes, so that she wouldn’t try to stay in mine. She knows that no matter what, I will be there to help and support her. I will miss her after this school year is over, but am grateful for the connection we have built.

*=Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Aja Williams was born and raised in Orlando, FL and is a proud alumni of Jones High School. She has great pride in the Jones community and her connection to her students goes far beyond service. Aja understands the greatness of Jones and pushes her students and our team to make sure we are all striving for more. During Football season, you can find Ms. Aja decked out in her school colors, carrying her old cheerleading pompoms and cheering on her students. After City Year, Aja will be returning

to Valencia College to complete her bachelor’s program. She plans to continue serving others by pursuing a career in community activism.

THE TEAM

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UPCOMING DATES

MAY

Jones High Senior Drive Thru Parade

JUNE

Jones High’s Virtual Graduation

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