



CITY YEAR ORLANDO

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Highlights from the Universal Orlando Foundation Team serving at Memorial Middle School



JOYS

- Our team has successfully continued serving students virtually with partner teachers during COVID-19 quarantine
- All team members are moving on to amazing opportunities after graduation
- We are excited to share that half of our team will be returning to serve a second year and continue changing the lives of the students we serve

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY DARIAN SANTMYER



When I started helping my partner teacher with office hours, I was happy to see that a few kids were showing up every week to check on what they had to do and have the lesson explained to them. During these weeks of virtual service, I had the pleasure of seeing and working with one student in particular, *Kenny, almost every week. He usually

stays the entire time that I'm helping with office hours, and engaged and doing math. Kenny has taken the initiative to make sure all his work is done, and during office hours he helps make math fun for himself and others by arranging little tournaments for him and his friends to take part in. Overall, working with Kenny has helped me understand how to best get students engaged during distance learning, and has shown that students can still learn and be engaged. *=Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Zhanny Hawkins is from Elizabethtown, New Jersey and is finishing her first year of service with City Year. She joined City Year because she wanted to join something that was bigger than myself. Zhanny always wanted to be an inspiration to others and continues to gain a higher purpose within herself and gave her students the person she needed when she was younger. Zhanny is in her Senior year of

undergrad where she will continue to attend school to get her bachelor's degree in Psychology.

THE TEAM

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| Ashley Pinto | Briana Simons | Crystal Rubalcava |
| Darien Santmyer | Helen Hawkins | Lina Vargas |
| Lizzy Stewart | Stephanie Roig-Hernandez | Yesenia Lopez |

UPCOMING DATES

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City Year Orlando Virtual Graduation



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