



# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 4

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Wells Fargo Team serving at Judson B. Walker Middle School



### JOYS

- We are glad we can connect with our students through virtual classrooms during distance learning
- Even though we have not seen each other since March, we have found creative ways, like weekly team games, to stay connected and encouraged during remote service
- Our team is having a blast staying in touch with students through social media during this time

### STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY PEYTON YURK



My starfish student was disruptive, uninterested in learning and would talk back to me and my partner teacher. Each day, Anna\* was a challenge and test my patience like no other student. One day, instead of losing my patience, I decided to take Anna out in the hallway to talk. We discussed her poor behavior in class and how I can

help support her. I told her I was always going to be on her side and would not let her fail, but she must have the desire to succeed and be willing to put in the work. This conversation changed everything - we were a team from that day on. Anna was opening up and beginning to trust me. She would ask for help on assignments, seek advice in resolving conflicts with other students and let me know when she got answers correct. She was showing a desire to learn and also wanted to receive praise for her progress. There were still moments when Anna would be disruptive in class, but her mindset of school improved greatly and she was beginning to see the results of her hard work. \*=Student Pseudonym

### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Gianna Paniagua is from San Juan, Puerto Rico and a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida. She began serving full-time with City Year, while also being a full-time college student. Her drive and dedication to succeed allowed her to graduate from UCF a year early. Her passion for serving others is evident in everything she does. She has always gone above and beyond to support her students and our team. We are so glad that Gianna is on our team. After her year of service, Gianna plans to pursue a career as a teacher or gender specialist.

### THE TEAM

Sidney Dinwiddie	Diamond Cosby	Gianna Paniagua	Nishae Simmons
John Sheen	Lori Jean-Baptiste	Monica Santana	Nathalie Perez
Nixza Gonzalez	Peyton Yurk		

### MAY

City Year Orlando Virtual Graduation

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