



# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 2

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the team serving at Jones High School



### JOYS

- Our team is proud to share that Carly was accepted into the Counseling program at New York University
- The team is thankful for A Gift for Teaching providing school supplies for our students
- Our Trust & Joy Coordinator Kaylee has been doing a great job decorating our room for the Holidays

### STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY JULIA SAFFER-D'ANNA



Robert\* was a good student, but easily distracted and not interested in completing his work. My partner teacher shared with me that Robert's first language was Spanish and we agreed that the stress of learning in a second language may be intimidating. I pulled him out for a one-on-one session to at least try to get an assignment submitted for him before the end of the quarter.

Having that one-on-one time with Robert was essential for his personal growth. When I was there to keep him on track, Robert stayed on tasks and completed his work. Reading through the text with him, reassuring him when he did well, and helping him with unfamiliar vocabulary improved Robert's investment in his academics. As we got into the second semester, I slowly began to transition from working with him individually to checking in on him from time to time. Slowly, he began to build an interest in learning and even began to complete the work on his own. We still have some work to do; but that day was a milestone in Robert's progress, and I could not be more proud of him. \*=Student Pseudonym

### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Machael Richardson is a proud member of the Jones High School team. She was born and raised in Altamonte Springs, FL and chose to serve with City Year to encourage students to not give up on themselves and work toward achieving their goals. Machael believes that serving in a classroom enables her to provide the needed support that empowers students to be successful. After City Year, Macheal will be attending the University of Central Florida to study Early Childhood Education in hopes to become a teacher.

### THE TEAM

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| Jed Tejan          | Kaylee Acosta       | Carly Casey | Jennifer Marseille |
| Jayquon McEntyre   | Mica Metayer        | Jack Phalon | Bianka Pierre      |
| Machael Richardson | Julia Saffer-D'Anna |             |                    |

### UPCOMING DATES

**January**  
Poetry Out Loud

**February**  
Black History Month



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