

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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





JOYS

- We had a great Thanksgiving dance party with our some of our students
- Memorial was selected from a Day in a Life video to share how we are actively supporting out students
- We had an amazing potluck with the team and painted planters together for Thanksgiving



STARFISH STORY

- A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY LINA VARGAS



It’s my second year serving at Memorial Middle School, but at the beginning of the year I still questioned how I should be able to build relationships with my students. Despite all the challenges around COVID, I made an effort to greet my students each day, monitor their work as much as I could and try to be there for them. One student in my fifth

period class was constantly distracted and choosing to play games instead of working on the lessons. It was challenging to support students in a socially distant setting, but I tried let him know I was there to help him and answer any questions he had. He started to warm up to me and began asking me to help with his work. I knew that when he started to goof off he was not understanding the work and needed my help. As time passed, we were able to work with students in small group and this student would come to my group and unload all his questions about the lesson because I was the only one he wanted to ask. We are still working together and have a long way to go, but his understanding of the work is improving and he is working hard to keep his grades up. His confidence has increased and I am excited to see his growth through the rest of the year.



AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Seanella Isaacs is a proud member of the Universal Orlando Foundation team at Memorial Middle School. She was born in Paterson, NJ and grew up in Kingston, JA and North Carolina and is a dedicated member of our team as well as a mother to a beautiful little girl. Seanella graduated from F.I.R.S.T. University with a degree in Music and Show Production. Seanella believes making a positive impact on the younger generation is so critical and serves to make a positive impact on her students every day. She

strives each day to support her students by showing them love, compassion and empathy. After City Year, Seanella plans to continue to pursue a career in the music industry.



THE TEAM

Whitney Williams	Kay-Ci Bele	Sam Berkely	Christina Boyer
Seanella Isaacs	Kat Matthews	Alberto Partida	Keely Ricketts
Crystal Rubalcava	Lina Vargas		

UPCOMING DATES

January Game Time!	February Black History Month Virtual Tutoring
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