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Highlights from the Red Nose Day Team at Catalina Elementary School





JOYS

- Our team got to set up and be part of the fifth grade graduation!
- We are excited to share that Alyssa Jones got accepted into grad school at the University of New Haven
- Our team has loved serving students at Catalina and will miss them when school ends!



STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY NECHELLE DAVIS



Il first met Diana* at the beginning of the school year and we quickly connected as she shared about her interests, friends, and family. Diana displayed no interest in learning during class or completing homework. We worked together on class assignments and I tried to encourage her the best I could. One day in class she was having a difficult time, so I pulled her out of class for a

walk. When I asked what was going on, she began to share with me about her home life and some of the challenges she was facing. It was in that moment that I realized Diana felt she didn’t have a place to truly be herself and used school as relief from all going on at home. I didn’t have much advice to give her but shared that I would always her there to support and help her in class her any way I could. We continued to work together throughout the school year and build a special bond. Diana is a sweet, caring, seemingly confident little girl that I am proud to have met this year. I am not sure if my time with her had much of an impact on her, but I hope I had at least half the impact she made on me. Although school is ending soon and I will not see Diana, she will forever hold a special place in my heart. ***=Student Pseudonym**



AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Christina Ocean is a proud AmeriCorps member serving on the Red Nose Day team at Catalina Elementary. She is from Boynton Beach, FL and graduated from Emory University with bachelor’s degree in English and History. Even with the challenges that COVID-19 brought, Christina believes this was one of the best experiences she’s had. Being able to see all levels of staff pull together to create the best possible experience for our students was incredible. She serves because she wants to give back to

the staff, students, and teachers in the Parramore Community. At the end of her service year, Ocean was prepared to continue serving other communities.



THE TEAM

Nechelle Davis	Laney DiRose	Xavier Driscoll
Alyssa Jones	Jaline Mareus	Katie McLaughlin
Christina Ocean	Journey Reichhoff	Alexandra Woodson

UPCOMING DATES

- MAY**
- Fifth Grade Graduation
 - City Year Graduation