

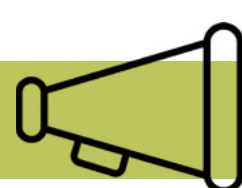


CITY YEAR ORLANDO

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 1

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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



JOYS

- Our team is all set up in partner teacher classrooms, which allows us to get to know the students, create meaningful relationships, and provide academic support!
- We love offering our support at the YMCA's after school program -it has been an amazing opportunity to get to know students outside of our classrooms!
- We had a incredibly successful event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month where students made their own flag that represented themselves



STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY EMILY HERNANDEZ



I met my starfish student, Tristan* on the first week of school. When I came into class, he was very standoffish. I quickly learned that to get along with him I would have to take a different approach. I began joking around with him because that's how I typically start talking to students. With Triston, its different. He responds better to tough love. He wasn't following

expectations in class and that's when I pulled him aside to have a one-on-one chat. I explained to him how at City Year we talk through our JARS (Joys, Appreciation, Ripples and Struggles). I explained that he was going through a struggle right now but he still had to do his best to follow class expectations. I knew he could do it, which is why I was pushing him to do his best. The next day, I followed up and made sure I asked if he had any JARS. This time, he said he did have one! After that he slowly opened up more to me. Now, we talk every day and I can feel we are building a stronger bond. I am excited to see him blossom this year in class!

*=Student Pseudonym



AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sofia Acosta is a proud AmeriCorps member serving on the Wells Fargo Team at Walker Middle School. She is from Caguas, Puerto Rico and moved to Florida in 2017 after hurricane Maria. Sofia graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Anthropology and a certificate in Global Health. After college, Sofia was looking for opportunities to serve before she went back to school for her Master's degree when she discovered City Year. She thought City Year would be perfect for her!

Sofia feels that this is the right thing to do and where she is supposed to be. After serving at City Year, she wants to attend graduate school and focus on non-profit management or a career in education.



THE TEAM

Rachel Sands
Jaiden Foote

Sofia Acosta
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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Black Out Poetry Event

