



CITY YEAR ORLANDO

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 2

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Highlights from the team serving at Jones High School



JOYS

- We are excited to get into the holiday spirit, and look forward to celebrating our students, faculty, and staff as we get closer to winter break!
- Our team created a gratitude project for students in her reading class - a opportunity to encourage the expression of appreciation in the classroom.

STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY MACAYLA MITCHELL



My classroom is filled with energetic students, and *Maya is not one of them. Her demeanor automatically draws students to her - students would take her things, distract her from working, and violate her personal space. Maya would tell them to stop, but they did not respect her enough to stop. One day, I pulled her aside and explained to her that what they were doing wasn't okay. I told her that she

is showing people how to treat her, and that she must value herself enough to not let anyone disrespect her in the ways her classmates were doing. I taught her how to stand up for herself and how to make sure people know she's firm when telling someone to "stop" or "no". The very next day, I heard Maya stand up to a student who was bothering her. From that day on, Ms. Cool stands up for herself and is no longer being bothered in class. She learned to love herself and how to set boundaries. This is a lesson that I hope she will take with her throughout her life and I'm glad I was able to teach her. *=Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mel Creamer is a proud AmeriCorps member serving at Jones High School. She is from Rome, GA and joined City Year because she thought that it would give her the opportunity to learn the skills that she needed to transition into the field of education. She decided to do a year of service so she could be an advocate for students who may feel like they don't have anyone on their side. These students have given back to her and have made a significant impact on her outlook on service. After City Year, Mel plans to pursue her goal of becoming a high school social studies teacher.

THE TEAM

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UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER
Pythagorean Theorem Day

JANUARY
Literature Jeopardy Event

