



CITY YEAR ORLANDO

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
 Highlights from the Red Nose Day team serving at Oak Ridge High School



JOYS

- Bri moved to a new classroom and is having a great experience with her new partner teacher and connecting with students.
- Quarterly Check-Ins have been fun and informative. The students have opened up to Student Success Coaches and it's been a great space for everyone to share.
- The Student Success Coaches instituted "First Circle Tutoring" before school and have had students coming for support on everything from reading to engineering! After-school tutoring has been a great way to connect with students as well.

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY JACOB IVEY



I first met *John while rotating through my classroom before my permanent placement. John immediately made his presence known in the classroom with his quippy and witty humor drawing the attention of his classmates. Working in John's classroom has allowed me to work with him one on one turning that life of the party energy towards excelling academically. He shows up every morning for tutoring ready to study, having learned that if he focuses and applies himself to his work, he can not only hold a room

with his humor but with his intelligence. Through working with me, John has developed further self-confidence in his ability as a student and is also more self-aware of his actions and how they are perceived. This is especially true when it comes to his classroom behavior. Since his introduction to City Year, John has learned the value of professional and studious behavior, focusing more on his assignments and less on fooling around in class. John is unsure of his future plans beyond graduation from Oak Ridge High School and improving his test scores, but with his current mindset he will surely go far. Outside of school, John loves video games, hanging out with friends, and playing chess. John is an excellent chess player, which over dozens of weekly games with myself and our resulting conversations has allowed me the privilege to help him grow as a student and most importantly as a persona result.

*=Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Rose Salazar is a first year Student Success Coach with aspirations to continue to support the non-profit community after City Year. She attended a Title I Orange County Public School and became the first in her family to graduate. She joined City Year to have an opportunity to work closely with students and make an impact in the work. Throughout the first semester, she has shown incredible initiative, partnering with SGA, music programs, and the campus social worker and SAFE coordinator to lead the Holiday Blues event, focusing on mental health

for teens. She has also supported numerous other whole school initiatives, including Pride Day and First Circle Tutoring. It has been incredible to watch Rose thrive in the schoolhouse environment and to see her kids come up to her in the team room asking for support and encouragement.

THE TEAM

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| Jacob Ivey | Bri Pipher | Chloe Reddy |
| Glorimar Rivera | Rosemary Salazar-Conde | |

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER
 Holiday Blues Mental Health Awareness Event



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