

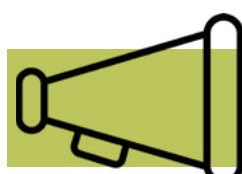


CITY YEAR ORLANDO

SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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



JOYS

- A huge joy of Gabrielle's is the students who go out of their way to ask for help on homework or in class. It shows her that they are starting to have a growing interest in themselves and their future.
- One of our favorite parts of service is getting to witness the student involvement in the school events - we love going to their games and seeing them have fun!
- Jaiden's joy is playing four-square with the students at the YMCA - it's a chance for them to get to know him outside of the classroom, and it is a fun change of pace.



STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY SOFIA ACOSTA



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 Tristan, 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



Jaiden is a first-year student success coach who moved to Orlando from Atlanta, Georgia. Jaiden attended Berry College in Rome, Georgia and received a bachelor's degree in Creative Writing with a Minor in Women and Gender Studies. Jaiden hopes to be the kind of person he needed when he was younger. He has a lot of previous experience working with students and has found a passion in supporting the lives of young people. When he learned about City Year, he thought it was a great fit for him! He and his best friend moved to Orlando together and they both now serve together in City Year. When Jaiden finishes his year of service, he hopes to become an elementary school teacher.



THE TEAM

Rachel Sands

Sofia Acosta

Emily Hernandez

Jaiden Foote

Gabrielle Scott

Francisco Mones

Manisha Warriar

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

- Holiday Band Concert
- Destress from the Test
- Holiday Movie Event



City Year Orlando is a proud partner of Orange County Public Schools and Volunteer Florida. This program is funded in part by Orange County, FL and in partnership with United Way.