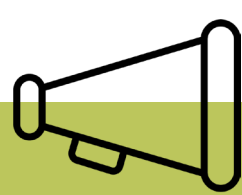




## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 3

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the team  
serving at Jones High School



### JOYS

- We had a new member, Kade, start with us in January, and he is already making such a great impact in his ELA class.
- Our team started exploring local places to eat as new forms of team bonding in the new year.
- Our Girls Talk Conference was a huge success, and we were able to connect with girls in 9th-12th grade to connect them to resources, pathways, and peers at the school.



### STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY MACAYLA MITCHELL



From day one, \*Jaylen was a distant student. He always made a point to turn away from me when I would approach him, and never asked questions, even though I saw his face of confusion from across the room. In training, they always told us that the students would trust us and want our help, but Jaylen was proving to be a much more difficult challenge than I

was expecting. As I was hosting after-school tutoring in the media center, Jaylen walked in with his friends to make their way toward the back of the school. His friend stopped and checked in with me about an assignment that was due the next day, and I knew it was my time. I asked Jaylen if he completed the assignment, and he shrugged, mumbled, and turned away. I asked his friend to pull out the assignment, and shortly, they were both sitting down with me. It took a moment for Jaylen to follow suit and take his assignment out, yet soon enough, he begrudgingly took out his work as he was starting to understand that his friend was more focused on his work than the impending game of basketball. As the year went on, Jaylen started to quietly put his laptop down beside me to nonverbally ask for help, and soon enough, I was getting a greeting at the media center doors as he was the first in line to receive homework help. **\*=Student Pseudonym**



### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Vanessa Coker is a proud AmeriCorps member serving at Jones High School. She is from New City, NY and attended George Washington University where she studied International Affairs. She chose to do a year of service to gain experience in a classroom while also giving back to students. After City Year, Vanessa plans to pursue a career with the state department in hopes to be a diplomat.



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