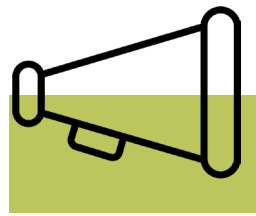# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

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Highlights from the Universal Orlando Foundation Team serving at Memorial Middle School

JOYS

- Our team was able to let students come into the City Year room during testing to have brain breaks and enjoy painting, reading, playing games!
- Our school garden was recently redone and it looks amazing!

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY JULIA HERLIHY

Although I wasn't in an eight grade class, I became very close to a few eight grade students because we share a room with another after school program. I got to know a student who at first had big dreams of being an actress but didn't know what paths she could take to achieve her dreams. As we started talking about her entering high school, I pointed out to her that there are schools that have magnet programs for acting. As soon as she heard that we got to work with rehearsing, and she ended up getting into the program! Although we didn't work together on her grades, I was able to encourage her to work hard and achieve a goal she had. It was great to see how proud and accomplished she left when we got into the program.

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Javier Rosario is a proud team leader serving on the team at Memorial Middle School. He is from Trenton, NJ and moved to Florida during his sophomore year of college. Javier attended Juniata College where he studied communication and behavior. He chose to serve with City Year Orlando as a gap year but quickly realized his passion for students. Javier says his students are the reason he keeps going each day. After service, he plans to move to Colorado Springs where he will be working in healthcare organization.

THE TEAM

Joendie Bonilla	Julia Herlihy	Hannah Theisen
Javier Rosario-Heredia	Jo Ann Wood	

UPCOMING DATES

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Last Day of School
City Year Graduation