

CITY YEAR MILWAUKEE

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Quarterly Newsletter



Hello, City Year community!

We're excited to bring you a month of updates, stories, and celebrations from our work across Milwaukee. At Bradley Tech, there's something extraordinary happening every day thanks to our team of City Year AmeriCorps members—led by Impact Manager Phil and Team Leader Marco - who continue to uplift students, support one another, and create moments of joy that ripple through the school and beyond.



*Marco Chaidetz,
Team Leader at Bradley Tech
High School*

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MEET THE TEAM!

Our diverse team is one of our biggest strengths. We each bring different experiences, energy, and perspectives—but together, we've built a family rooted in service, growth, and heart.

Jamaica keeps our team energy high and authentic. Always ready to speak her mind, she inspires us to stay real, stay connected, and always advocate for what matters most.

Jade is the nurturing heart of the group—our “team mom.” She makes sure everyone feels cared for and included, and she's the first to celebrate others' wins.

Edbonie-Essence brings enthusiasm and positivity to everything she does. Her bright spirit reaches beyond the classroom, where students and teammates alike feel her encouragement.

Kyra leads by example. Her consistency, punctuality, and openness to growth remind us what true commitment looks like. She's setting a powerful example for her students and teammates.

Chris, now in his second year, brings laughter, creativity, and unity to our days. His ability to lift spirits, plan fun team builders, and connect deeply with students makes him a cornerstone of our team.

We're thrilled to also welcome our newest mid-year members, Danielle and Antonio, whose fresh perspectives and enthusiasm are already making a positive difference!

Together, we set an ambitious goal for this year: ensuring that 98% of freshmen cross the finish line to become sophomores. Every day, we work toward that vision—through mentoring, tutoring, and simply being there for our students when they need a kind word or extra motivation.

Our Fridays start with power greetings, and the smiles we see say it all. Students light up when they see the City Year red jackets at their games, rallies, and school events. Whether cheering at a volleyball game, supporting during pep rallies, or saying hello in the hallways, our team strives to make school a place students love coming to.

We believe lasting impact starts with relationships—with students, staff, and each other. And while we may have different opinions at times, our respect, honesty, and shared purpose always bring us back stronger. That's what makes this team special: we don't just serve together, we grow together.

Fun fact: Jamaica can moonwalk like MJ and play multiple instruments, Kyra and Jamaica can sing, and Marco plays guitar—so yes, our team knows how to keep the rhythm of service alive!

At Bradley Tech, we're not just here to serve—we're here to belong, to connect, and to help every student see that they matter. Our passion, spirit, and teamwork remind us daily why we serve: because even small moments can spark big change.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"My star student has grown so much with me these last few weeks. Sam is a student who started the year on a not-so-good foot, always showing up to class late, messing around when he got there, and hanging out with the wrong crowd of people. He was exceptionally quiet and didn't work with me much, and I honestly did not think he would end up on my focus list for this reason. He has proven me incredibly wrong. We started talking more, and I began to ask questions related to life outside of school, and that's when our relationship really began to blossom. He now comes to class on time, is productive, and if not, asks me for help when he feels himself getting distracted. He has also realized that there are true friends and those who fall into a different category, per my advice, which is incredibly mature of him. My favorite thing though? He comes in every morning to say hi to me, even when I'll see him later in the day, and has begun coming to me when he is upset/if he happens to get in trouble in his other classes and is asked to take a walk. It has been a privilege to watch Sam find his footing here at Tech and realize there are a lot of positives about and within schools." - Jade

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

If connection were Wi-Fi, Mr. Dederling would be the signal keeping everything running smoothly. Chris describes him as having "patience like a saint and energy like three Red Bulls," creating a classroom where every student feels like the favorite. He calls Mr. Dederling "The Dwayne Wade of teaching" - a leader who drives the play while lifting everyone around him.

Mr Dederling shares, "We're two peas in a pod. The students love Chris, and they miss him when he's gone. He brings energy and humor and keeps learning fun. "Together, their teamwork brings positivity, laughter, and care to every class, reminding students that when strong partners collaborate, great things happen.



**Pseudonym used to protect student identity*

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CURRENT EVENTS



Violence Free Zone and Student Leadership Initiatives:

Bradley Tech continues to run its Violence Free Zone (VFZ) program, which engages students as peer mentors to promote peace and leadership within the school community. This initiative fosters social-emotional learning and positive climate building, aligning with City Year's focus on student mentorship and community impact.

Athletics Updates:

The Bradley Tech/Milwaukee Arts Trojans football team has been active this season. In recent matchups, they won against Pulaski (30–22) and Riverside University (42–24) but took losses to Milwaukee King and others earlier in the season. The team continues to show strong resilience and school spirit heading into late October. Tryouts for basketball are coming up.

Recognition and Awards:

Bradley Tech recently earned a Bronze Award for Behavior from the Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center for implementing systems that improve student outcomes and promote a positive school climate. This recognition reflects the collective hard work of staff, students, and partners like City Year supporting behavior and engagement efforts.

PROGRESS TO GOALS

Our Bradley Tech team is making steady progress toward our goals this fall, with strong relationship-building and consistent student support across classrooms. Students now look forward to seeing City Year each day, a clear sign of the team's growing presence and positive influence throughout the school.

AmeriCorps Members are stepping into their leadership roles with confidence—facilitating learning in whole-class settings, providing targeted coaching, and reinforcing accountability among individual students. During open house, every ACM demonstrated outstanding professionalism and school pride, guiding families through the building and helping ensure a welcoming experience for all.

A highlight this month was the Johnson Controls partnership visit, where ACMs represented City Year and Bradley Tech with excellence. They shared how their service impacts student success and expressed gratitude for Johnson Controls' commitment to expanding STEM opportunities for Milwaukee students. This connection aligns with Johnson Controls' broader investment in workforce development and technical education across the city.

As we head deeper into the school year, the team continues to show dedication, collaboration, and a deep commitment to student growth—proving that every interaction, lesson, and moment of teamwork is bringing us closer to our shared mission.



