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JOY STARFISH STORY

- A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

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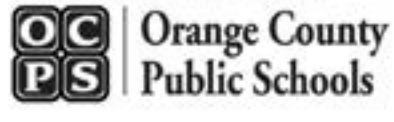
JJ* began the school year with a lot of energy. He openly shared how much he disliked school, stayed up late to play Fortnite, missed Fridays, and acted out in class. He is a good student but did not want to be in school. Over time, we were able to grow through his habits of skipping class and he began sharing about his family, things he enjoys and what he did over the weekend. I have seen such an

improvement in JJ this year. He's built great relationships with other students and City Year corps members. He even volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance in the morning announcements! He became much more aware of other's personal space and respecting the boundaries set by others. He switched from sneaking up behind my team members to scare them to making his presence known in the mornings by saying hello. JJ is wonderful student and he is unlocking his potential every day! *=Student Pseudonym

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jack Phalon is a proud team member at the GREAT Jones High School. He was born in Waterbury, CT but was raised in Watertown, CT. Jack served because he loves people and building community. He is very passionate about equity for all and mental health awareness. He believes this starts in education. If we are proactive in this work, students can know they are in control of their future and will manifest their powerful destinies. Jack felt his

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