

Highlights from the Universal

Orlando Foundation Team serving at Memorial Middle School

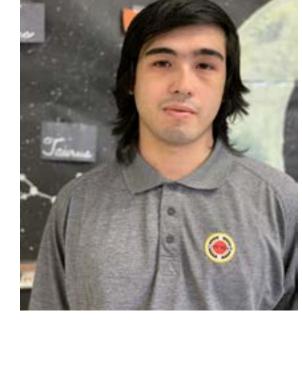




Coming into musecond pear I was excited to see msstudents from last Lear and have the chance to meet new students. I remember one student in particular in mysixth period class. Anna\* was a ball of energ 🕅 ver 🗗 independent but refused to let herself receive help. She was strong-willed and determined to do it all on her own. As a second rar AmeriCorps

member, I alreadyknew that bu can't force an one to ask for help. I kept checking in on her and after a couple weeks of failing assignments, growing frustration and getting in trouble for disrupting class, I let her know that I was there to help her. After the streport card came out and Anna's grades were not what she hoped for. I was nall able to break through and she allowed herself to get help on her work in class. Whenever she needed to, with the permission of mpawesome partner teacher, Mrs. Pierre, she d make the e-ort to scoot her desk all the waracross the classroom to put it next to mine and ask me to go over the assignment with her or check her work. Through getting to know her, she was appreciative of me being her ear and helping hand. She nallkknew I was there to stapand she entrusted me to help in her school work and personal growth, outside of grades and assignments. \*=Student Pseudonym

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