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Hey City Year Fam!

My name is Victoria Gant, Team Leader proudly serving at Alexander Mitchell! This will be my Second Year at City year. Little Facts about me is I have a 2 year old daughter, I grew up in Milwaukee, WI, and I come from a single-mother household. I love warm weather, chocolate, I love the value of empathy, I love animals, and one thing i want to accomplish this year is to sign up for college class. But enough about me - NOVEMBER IS HERE- bringing cooler weather, cozy vibes, and lots of student success! From classroom wins to community moments, this month's newsletter is all about celebrating the energy and dedication our AmeriCorps members bring to their service every day. Let's keep that momentum rolling and finish the fall strong!



*Victoria Gant,
Team Leader at AMIAS*

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MEET THE TEAM!

Get to know the incredible AmeriCorps members serving at Alexander Mitchell! Here are some fun facts, highlights, grades they serve, different personalities, and what they are excited to accomplish this year from each of my amazing team members:

DEONNA

Second-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I'm from Milwaukee, WI. I have a twin sister, and I am very family-oriented. I'm a proud mother-to-be this upcoming December. I proudly serve as a second-year AmeriCorps Member. As I approach the end of my service, I will continue to make a significant impact on both 2nd- and 4th-grade students. I will continue to put forth my best effort and dedication. I am very authentic, show a great sense of empathy, and adaptability.

SAM

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

Hey, I'm Sam!
I love making music and making learning fun for my students. I proudly serve as a First-Year ACM with my 2nd- and 5th-grade students.

KAYLA

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI! I am one of 5 children in my family. I love trying new things, playing sports, and hanging out with my friends and family! I am outgoing, energetic, but also chill and down for anything! After my service with City Year, I would love to attend college to gain a deeper understanding of the education field or to continue my service and build stronger bonds within my community!

EVELYN

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I'm from the Madison area but have lived in Milwaukee for a year and a half. I have a degree in Art History, and I especially love medieval art. In my free time, I go see movies, read, and hang out with my friends I proud to serve as a first-year ACM with my lovely 6th graders.

DAYANARA

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I'm a proud first-year ACM serving a 5th-grade bilingual class. I enjoy reading mysteries/thrillers, love thrifting, and am a coffee addict. I am a first-generation Latin college graduate. By the end of this service year, I hope to have made an impact on young people's lives through educational, social, and moral support. I also hope to have been a resource/advocate to students. My personalities are resilience, proactivity, team player, and evolving leader.

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KYLEAH

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I'm from Washington, DC, but grew up in Milwaukee. I love making jewelry, going shopping, and hanging out with loved ones. I proudly serve as a first-year ACM in 4th grade.

EMMA

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I proudly serve as a Mid-Year at Alexander Mitchell, and happily serve in the middle school area.

KARI

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I proudly serve as a Mid-Year at Alexander Mitchell, and happily serve in the middle school area.

SANDY

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

I am number 6 out of 9 in my family. I love all colors, but especially pastels. I'm super energetic and always trying to make people laugh or smile. Bilingual and also know a little bit of sign language and French. I know how to play five instruments (clarinet, piano, violin, flute, and saxophone). After my service with City Year, I would love to continue my education in nursing and also witness the growth of my students and the other faculty I met.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Each quarter, we'll feature one student from our school community. The student that we picked this month is R.C.

- This year, I feel happier and more confident in the 5th grade
- My favorite color is pastel purple
- I don't like the phrase "6/7"

Quote:

- "Don't let other people affect you" (R.C.)
- "Ms. Victoria is the best ❤️" (R.C.)



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Each quarter, we highlight one of our school or community partners who helps make our work possible. This month, we nominate Mrs. Navarre. Here are some facts about her:

- This is her 2nd year teaching 4th grade.
- Before becoming a teacher, she was working in Special Ed for 15 years.
- She's been at Alexander Mitchell since 2015.
- Before Mitchell, she served at Hopkins in 2009.
- She was a SEL Interventionist.
- She loves Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.
- Her favorite color is Blue.
- She loves Gardening.
- She has four lovely boys.

Quotes:

- "She's a favorite, polite, and nice" - Student
- "She teaches me with care" - Student
- "She's the best teacher ever" - Former City Year Member
- "Never say you can't do something; there is always a way." - Mrs. Navarre

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

This section is a space to highlight what's happening right now within Alexander Mitchell, or the broader community:

- We volunteered with the United Way Giving Campaign on 10/16, which was about helping people who needed extra clothing/hygiene, and health/housing concerns.
- City Year has its first shadow day was on 11/7 for AmeriCorps members to shadow someone in a field they want to pursue after City Year.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHTS

- Two of my students who were testing at a 2nd-grade level are already at a 3rd-grade level. (Sandy, ACM)
- There are also now two students who are almost meeting grade-level expectations. (Sandy, ACM)
- We had the opportunity to volunteer at the United Way Techquity Event last week. Techquity is an initiative focused on promoting digital access by connecting community members with free laptops, digital skills support, and the resources they need to thrive in a technology-driven world. As a team, we took on roles such as guest support, computer registration, and guiding participants through the event space, ensuring that everyone felt welcomed, informed, and cared for. In a full-circle moment, every member of the team also walked out with a free laptop after completing an application and qualifying, which is a huge support for their own professional and educational journeys! (Paola, Impact Manager)

If you'd like to volunteer or know someone who may qualify to receive a free laptop, check out <https://lnkd.in/gBvYjqQS> for more info

HOW TO APPLY

Interested in serving with City Year Milwaukee?
Applications for our next corps are open now at www.cityyear.org.

If you know a young person who may be a great fit, please connect them with our Community Partnerships Manager, Ysel, for more information and support.

GET CONNECTED!

Scan this QR code to connect directly with the City Year Milwaukee site for recruitment opportunities, upcoming events, and ways to get involved!

