

CITY YEAR MILWAUKEE

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Greetings, City Year Milwaukee Community.

My name is Jose Gonzalez Cruz, and I serve as the Team Leader for South Division High School. I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce my team and share about our experiences at South Division! With us nearing the end of November and marking a second full month of serving within schools, I want to recognize the effort and dedication of my team. Even after long and/or difficult service days, every team member still expresses feeling grateful for the chance to foster meaningful relationships with their students! I am truly proud of being able to serve as the team leader for these amazing individuals.



*Jose Gonzalez Cruz,
Team Leader at South
Division High School*

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MEET THE TEAM!

Get to know the team at South Division High School!

ANAALE

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

- I am the oldest of four children and a first-generation American.
 - I graduated from Marquette University in May 2025 with a Bachelor's in Psychology and Cognitive Science.
 - I love reading, writing, playing video games, and watching anime.
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GIANNA

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

- I'm from Carpentersville, IL.
 - I graduated from the University of Iowa in Psychology and Sociology.
 - I love to swim, read, and watch TV & horror movies.
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KENDALL

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

- My home town is Chicago, Illinois.
 - I graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor's degree in Cognitive Science.
 - Fun fact about me: I love reading! For the past few years I've tried to read at least twenty books per year.
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MELANIE

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

- I'm from Santa Clarita, CA.
 - Graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in statistics, computer science, and computer engineering. A master's degree in machine learning.
 - Played piano for 11 years and plan to return
 - Can speak three languages, Madarin used to be a fourth
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YAZMIN

First-Year
AmeriCorps Member

- I graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a double major in World language education and Spanish with a minor in ESL!
- I enjoy photography, reading, running and anything outdoors.
- I also enjoy dancing. Trying different coffee shops around time is fun, but decaf coffee for me!

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"For my Student Spotlight I would like to highlight someone in my 9th grade ELA class, Jane. When Jane and I first started working together she was friendly, a very outgoing person, but she needed an extra push to feel motivated to do her work. As the school year has progressed we have put an emphasis on using her class time wisely. Since focusing on this, her number of missing assignments has dropped and she feels more confident in her school work. I am excited to continue to work with her and see all the wonderful things she has to offer our class!"

-Kendall



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

I have the pleasure of spotlighting one of the most dedicated and kind individual I have met within my time at South Division High School. Mr. Daza is truly an spectacular teacher and human being!

Here is a quote from his City Year member.

"Mr. Daza is one of the greatest teachers I have ever encountered. He is what inspires me as an educator and leader. Mr. Daza shows grace, kindness and motivation to not just his students but the entire staff and student body. When we walk in the hallways, students of all background stop to say 'hi' -even ones that are not in his class- and this speaks to the influence he has. Mr. Daza connects- he connects to the belief that everyone deserves compassion which is what keeps the light in this world. Mr. Daza changes lives and I find myself feeling the most honored to learn alongside him through this year of service. Mr. Daza we all love you!"

-Yazmin

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CURRENT EVENTS



- 9th Grade Data Chats - December 3rd and 4th
- South Division High School - Washington DC Trip

PROGRESS TO GOALS

This quarter, our team focused on whole-school support, whole-class support, and individual coaching.

In whole-school support, our team was able to assist with freshmen bridge, parent-teacher conferences, and open house so far! During freshmen bridge, we had the opportunity to welcome and introduce ourselves to the new freshmen class. When it came time for parent-teacher conferences, we participated in the parent-teacher discussion and gave our thoughts on how their child is doing. Most recently, we had a chance to speak about our role within the school and the different types of support City Year Milwaukee contributes to South Division during open house.

For whole-class support, we attempt to incorporate what we learned during our learning and development sessions into our work within the classroom. These sessions were focused on students' engagement, math discourse, and comprehension strategies.

As we look to further our individual coaching sessions with our students. We are beginning to form our focus list, in which we will provide individualized support in their academic, social, and emotional learning. We can't wait for more students to join us as we continue this school year.

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.



ASKS FROM THE TEAM

- Support in 9th grade data chats.
- Winter clothes donation for Mama Mac's closet.
- Healthy snacks for our students.
- Accounting, data engineering, model building connections - Melanie
- International leadership/study abroad opportunity - Yazmin
- Post-secondary support for education and career readiness advising - Gianna
- Psychology involvement/research - Anaale

