

2023 – 2024 Impact Report

As with every year, students committed to serving a 300 hours term of service with AmeriCorps, were placed in a team with their peers to serve a specific classroom, and were provided with training, reflection, and continual Simmons staff support through the London Center for Community Engagement and Social Justice.

This year, Jumpstart Simmons continued in-person interactions with children at our two main preschool program partners in Jamaica Plain. Members went into the classroom at least once a week to implement Jumpstart's curriculum and oral language strategies with the preschoolers. In addition to weekly classroom time, pre-recorded content & accompanying activity materials were created and sent home to children and families. We were able to expand our activity kit programming to a new partner in Roxbury thanks to other London Center programs. This new partnership would not have been possible without the relaunch of our Community Engagement Leader position, who is responsible for leading family engagement and volunteer recruitment efforts.

By the Numbers...

22 AmeriCorps members enrolled

6259.25 hours served

107 videos lessons created 10+ hours of learning content

229 children impacted

13 classrooms impacted across 3 preschools in JP &

Roxbury (ABCD Jamaica Plain Head Start, Nurtury Learning Lab, & Orchard Gardens K-8 School)

351 learning activity kits created & distributed to families

10 non-member volunteers engaged

24,067.38 dollars awarded to students in Segal Education Award scholarship

22,000+ dollars of CFWS earned by FWS students

27,000 dollars secured in monetary stipends for non-FWS students

98,201 dollars granted to Simmons to operate

Jumpstart on campus



Jumpstart Simmons is an affiliate program of Jumpstart for Young Children Inc. Learn more by visiting istart.org. You can reach out to us directly at jumpstart@simmons.edu.









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Children first.

"I love the community that Jumpstart has offered! Working with the children as well as theCorps is so wonderful and has brightened my time at Simmons. I love learning about the greater Boston community and being active in meeting the needs of those who live here."

"Jumpstart makes me feel so fulfilled and successful. I know that I have done good and all while doing things that I love with like-minded people."

"My interactions with the children are so fulfilling as I watch them learn and grow; my relationship with my team gave me a positive space to learn."

"Jumpstart is a place where I've not only developed a wide range of skills but also fostered a deep connection to my community. It's a hub for personal growth, and the core values ingrained in the program constantly encourage selfreflection. Through my service, my perspective on life has evolved significantly. I've grown to become more empathetic, patient, and open-minded.

"The Jumpstart shirt served as a tangible reminder of the organization's mission and values. Seeing others proudly wearing their Jumpstart shirts around campus created a sense of belonging and unity, almost like a silent acknowledgment of shared purpose and commitment. It was a proud display of the important work we were doing together, and it made me feel connected to something larger than myself."







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university service Award Winners!



Calla Savelson

3rd year member

Judith Botelho Commitment to Service Award

This honor is awarded to a student who exemplifies the commitment to com-munity service that Judith Botelho demonstrated as a student and AmeriCorps VISTA during her six years at Simmons.



Rachel Davis
2nd year member

London Center Emerging Leader Award

This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the community and lead by example early in their time at Simmons.

Family Activity Supply Kits



Fall Kits for JP schools (Units 1 & 2)



Spring Kits for JP schools (Units 3 - 6)



Specialized Kits for Roxbury school Kits





