

Jumpstart Simmons students implemented 3 different types of program models throughout the year in order to be flexible & responsive to the ongoing pandemic challenges and preschool partner needs. In addition to creating pre-recorded content weekly, members also engaged children through interactions both in-person & over Zoom.

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 CCE staff support. In the fall semester, teams implemented a hybrid model – 1 designated member went into the classroom to support children (and materials) while 2 other members engaged the children over Zoom. Spring semester required members to create videos weekly until April when some were allowed back into the classroom and others continued with virtual interactions.

As a result of the continued pandemic, all members – regardless of their number of hours – were able to exit the program without penalty and with AmeriCorps benefits.

By the Numbers...

- 27** AmeriCorps members enrolled
- 67** hybrid sessions
- 493** videos created
- 81+** hours of video content created
- 314** activity supply kits distributed to preschools & families
- 162** children & families served
- 10** classrooms served across **2** preschools in JP
(ABCD Jamaica Plain Head Start & Nurtury Learning Lab)
- 6053.25** hours served
- 9** members earned 300+ hours (a complete service term)
- 33,242.50** dollars awarded to students in Segal Education Award scholarship
- 83,803** dollars granted to Simmons to operate Jumpstart on campus



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

“Jumpstart has given me a community and home at Simmons.”
– 3rd year member

“Jumpstart is the perfect opportunity to both expand upon my love of working with children and figure out if I want to work with children in professional settings for my career.” – 1st year member

“I really appreciate the person I think Jumpstart has helped me become; I got to see myself step-up as a leader for the first time. – 2nd year member

According to Jumpstart's national post-service member survey, 100% of Simmons members:

- Were satisfied with their Jumpstart experience
- Would recommend serving with Jumpstart to their peers
- Felt trainings prepared them to be more confident working with children & help them develop key literacy skills
- Have a good understanding about how to be an effective citizen in their community
- Felt community service (as opposed to a monetary benefit) was the factor to keep them committed all year
- Feel skills around collaboration & teamwork, time management, and improvising in unexpected situations are stronger after serving with Jumpstart

Family Activity Supply Kits



JPHS Units 1 & 2



JPHS Units 3 & 4



JPHS Units 5 & 6



NLL Units 1-6

university Service Award Winners!

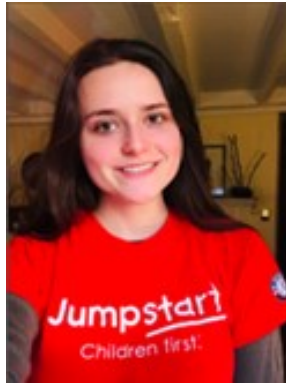


Paula Reynoso

1st year member

SCE 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.



Maddie Martin

4th year member

Judith Botelho Commitment to Service Award

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



Cassidy Clark

3rd year member

Jennifer McKee Distinguished Student Service Award

This award recognizes a student whose work with the SCE has made a unique and lasting contribution while exhibiting traits of leadership, vision, determination, and a sense of purpose.

university Leadership Award Winner!



Cassidy Clark

3rd year member

Joan Melber Warburg '45 Leadership Award

Named in honor of Simmons Trustee Emerita, Honorary Degree recipient, and noted philanthropist Joan Melber Warburg '45, the award recognizes a member of the Senior Class who exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership during their Simmons career. The student embodies exceptional qualities Joan Warburg exercised throughout her lifetime: a pioneering spirit, initiative, leadership, determination, enthusiasm, selflessness, and generosity.

This is the only undergraduate award that is revealed during the undergraduate commencement ceremony.