

2022 – 2023 Impact Report

This year, Jumpstart Simmons was able to return to in-person interactions with children at all of our preschool program partners. 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.

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.

Jumpstart Simmons was one of the seven universities to pilot Jumpstart's flexible and expanded curriculum sequence. In addition to piloting new books and classroom activities, members were trained to critically analyze children's books, materials, and interactions through a culturally relevant, anti-bias, anti-racist lens.

By the Numbers...

26 AmeriCorps members enrolled

118 videos created

10.75+ hours of video content created

183 children & families served

0 classrooms served across 2 preschools in JP (ABCD Jamaica Plain Head Start & Nurtury Learning Lab)

508 learning activity kits distributed to families

5313.75 hours served

10 members earned 300+ hours (a complete service term)

17,420.76 dollars awarded to students in Segal Education Award scholarship

22,000+ dollars of CFWS earned by FWS students

54,000 dollars secured in monetary stipends for non-FWS students

95,999 dollars granted to Simmons to operate

Jumpstart on campus



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"Working with Jumpstart has been the highlight of my year! The joy that the children had each week about learning new things, allowed me to focus my energy on positive change." "I love the community it builds within Simmons getting to know more people, and also in JP where we get to know children, parents, and teachers!"

According to post-service member survey, 100% of Simmons members agreed with the following statements:

- "My Jumpstart experience helped increase my selfconfidence."
- "Jumpstart allowed me to work with a diverse group of individuals."
- "Jumpstart allowed me to develop my understanding of professional expectations."
- "As a result of participating in Jumpstart, I am more likely to work well with others & share leadership in order to solve problems effectively."
- "Jumpstart has provided me with a sense of community and belonging at Simmons University."

"Jumpstart is an absolutely incredible program that has provided me with some of the most meaningful experiences of my college career so far. One of the aspects of Jumpstart that I find particularly appealing is the opportunity to develop my leadership skills in ways that I had not been exposed to before."

"I was able to build connections with Simmons students who I might not have talked with or interacted with if it wasn't for Jumpstart."







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university service Award Winners!



Sara Slager 4th 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.



Calla Savelson 2nd 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.



Alli Stacey
3-year member & 1-year Program
Assistant

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Family Activity Supply Kits



Units 1, 2, & 3



Units 4, 5, & 6



