



"My motivation for working with students and youth has to do with my belief that all children deserve to have the best possible education, surrounded by positive role models who are there to help them succeed along the way. My motivation for applying for this particular position ties in with this ideal in that helping a child learn to read lays the foundation for their future successes in education and in life." -Erin

"This year I feel much more comfortable in different areas in comparison to last year. I've made myself approachable to the students and parents by applying the SEEDS quality interactions and different strategies that worked for me last year." Ezra (second year tutor)



"I know I am making a special difference in these kids' lives. I get to be a part of something that is truly remarkable and rewarding. I am excited to give service every day and help these children learn. Each day there's improvement in their language, vocabulary, letter knowledge, and even in themselves and becoming who they are. I live for the moment their eyes light up and you can see the sparkle ignite for what they have just learned. It is so rewarding to be with them every day and witness their immense growth in language and knowledge. I'm also fulfilled because I have fun! I enjoy reading with children singing songs, talking about their lives and families and being

a part of their growth. I am so lucky to have this service in my life. " -Chelsey

"I know my role as literacy tutor is making a big difference for a number of children. Two didn't communicate with staff or peers when I began my service this year. Both are now truly assimilated into the classroom. I can also see progress with my intervention kids."





"I feel fulfilled in my service because I have been able to foster relationships with a lot of children, which has encouraged them to come out of their shells and improve their literacy skills."

-Natalia (second year tutor)

"I feel fulfilled about my service because I know that I am doing my best with the time I have with my kids. And even when I feel like I don't have enough time or begin to doubt myself and the role that I play in the classroom, it is hard to ignore the changes I see in the kids who couldn't, or wouldn't, speak to me in English, or even Spanish, begin to open up and their vocabulary is building. And I know it isn't all because of me but I have to acknowledge that what I am doing is having an impact and that is what keeps me filled and wanting to do more, even in the most stressful moments. "

-Kate



"I feel fulfilled about my service because I get to make a difference in the kids life. I also love being there because for once in my life I feel like I am qualified for a job. It just feels natural to be with kids. I like how I can be a role model, a friend, a comforter, and a support for them."

- Selene

"I am helping children build confidence and become excited about reading and learning. I feel fulfilled through my service because I get to see growth in children's oral language development as a result of my interactions and interventions. -Second year tutor



"I am making a difference in children's lives. I am helping them create a foundation for confident learning."-Rachel (second year tutor)



"I feel fulfilled about my service because it is a learning experience every day! No day is the same, which adds variety and memories. It also feels good to provide help to children who need it, to give them that extra edge." -Sean

"There are a lot of problems in the world and people need to spend more time working to solve them...I think that it is great that AmeriCorps exists and gives people the opportunity to serve in the community." -Felix



"I feel like my mission in life is to help other people succeed in life. I wasn't born a leader, nor do I feel that I was born a follower, I was born to help. I am motivated by that goal in mind. I want to be able to help as many people as I possibly can in my life. Because when I help people, that is when I truly feel alive". - Jose

"I feel community service is important because giving back to my community provides me with a rewarding sense of pride that promotes personal growth, and self esteem, that can mold me to be the best me, I can be. Last, the proverb that says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child", well if we never take the opportunity to get involve with our own communities in making others see, especially children and young adults, on how community service can really add to, and change the lives of others, through action and demonstration, then our children in our communities locally, nationally, and globally, will never want to take the initiative to being active and responsible, productive citizens in their communities one day, because they were never taught or lead."

- Jennifer