



## Description for York College New Student Orientation

Children in Low-income neighborhoods start kindergarten 60% behind their peers from affluent communities. Jumpstart York College brings together Corps members (York College students) and preschool children in these neighborhoods to help these children develop the language and literacy skills they need to be prepared and to succeed in kindergarten, setting them on the path to close the achievement gap. There were 55 York College students participating in the Jumpstart Program this past year. Jumpstart currently serves children in P.S 48, P.S 40, and South Jamaica Center for Children and Parents Head Start Program by having Corps members deliver a research-based curriculum twice a week within classrooms. In addition to providing services in the classroom our Corps members also participate in community-based events in efforts to serve more children in the Jamaica community. Some of our past events included bringing together community members and local organizations in efforts to build a library in the South Jamaica Community Center and, host large scale literacy workshops for children and parents at the local libraries. In light of making a huge impact in the Jamaica community, Corps members are also becoming better leaders, connecting with the community and, pursuing a career in public service.