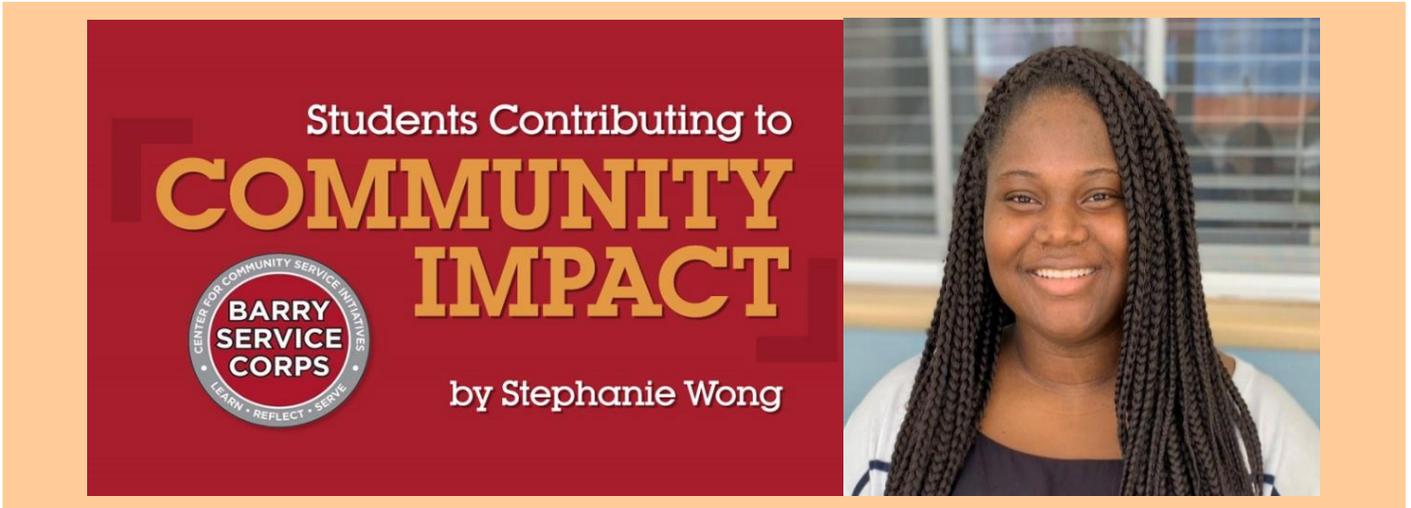


Doreen Noel Does Double Duty – Make That Triple Duty – as a Service Corps Member



Three months into her civic engagement at St. Mary’s Cathedral School, Doreen Noel started wearing three hats: tutor, translator, and receptionist.

“As a tutor, I worked with ... 20 to 25 students a week,” she said. “Usually, I worked with third graders. As a translator, I was able to not only help children with their homework, but I also assisted parents. ... As a receptionist, I got to give our guests a warm greeting and whatever help they needed.”

A member of the Barry Service Corps (BSC), Noel has contributed her talents to positively impact the community through her service at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

St. Mary Cathedral is a pre-k through 8th grade Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Miami. Providing high-quality education, the school has been “A Harbor of Hope and a Beacon of Light” to the community it serves.

A pre-med in her junior year at Barry, Noel originally applied to the BSC because she was interested in having two more academic enrichment experiences before she graduated. The first was to hold a student leadership position and the second was to work with kids while giving back to the community.

Doreen had noticed how energized two of her friends were, every time they talked about the work they did through the CCSI. So, she needed to know more.

“If you want to represent Barry and give back to the community, then you definitely want to be in the Barry Service Corps,” Tatiana Wimbley, a BSC fellow, told her. John Sem Victor, a BSC program assistant, agreed completely.



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As a translator, Noel offered a trilingual skill set – her language fluency in English, Haitian Creole, and French. Many of the children who attend St. Mary's Cathedral are from homes where everyone speaks Haitian Creole.

"Sometimes parents would come to fill out documents in English but may not feel fully comfortable in the language," she said. "I provided the necessary support in this area, at the front desk."

Noel reflected: "As a result of working with St. Mary's Cathedral, I've come to realize the [various] roles [I can play] and to really enjoy the relationships I am able to form with members of the community. ...Best of all, I got the chance to give back while working with children. I know this experience will contribute to my ability to be a successful pediatrician one day soon."

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