Undergraduate Spotlight:

Matt Mastricova was an intern for Dr. Carver’s Practicum in Child Development last semester and enjoyed working in the Children’s School so much that he decided to come back to work as a classroom assistant this semester! He’s excited that he is working with the friends in the Green Room again this semester and that he gets to work with the Red Room friends. Matt never fails to be amazed at how much he learns from the students and staff and loves working in such a supportive community. His favorite part about working at the Children’s School is seeing how the friends can tell fantastically detailed narratives using simple classroom materials. Just last week, he helped some students build a disaster management factory that made new stores and buildings after a volcanic eruption.

Before coming to Carnegie Mellon, Matt was a camp counselor for the YMCA and JCC in addition to being a classroom assistant in a preschool class for children for developmental disabilities, where he learned the basic principles of ABA therapy and worked with local occupational and physical therapists. Matt is a junior majoring in psychology and creative writing, and when he’s not working at the Children’s School, he DJs for Carnegie Mellon’s radio station, WRCT, and helps runs a writers’ workshop for CMU students.

Child Development Interns

• Chi Chi Do-Nguyen is a junior Psychology major interning in the PM 4’s. She has taught children acting and modeling, and she is a volunteer at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.
• Tyler Dossett is a senior Psychology major interning in the AM 3’s. She was a student employee at the Children’s School last year then spent a semester studying in South Korea. She enjoys theatre, fashion, and visual arts.
• Aurelia Henderson (MLK photo) is a senior Creative Writing / Psychology major interning in the Kindergarten. She taught Sunday School at her church, studied abroad in London, and enjoys acting, filmmaking and screenwriting.
• Becca Jacobs is a senior Psychology / Spanish major who has a lot of experience working with children. She loves animals, crafts, and music, and she is interning in the Kindergarten.
• Hannah Leavenworth (above right) is a senior Civil Engineering major who always enjoyed doing science experiments at home. She aims to share a love of math and science with the Kindergarten children while interning.
• Anna Loiterstein (front page) is a senior Psychology major who works at the Children’s School in three capacities. She is interning in the Extended AM program, working as a researcher in Dr. Anna Fisher’s lab, and TAing for Dr. Sharon Carver’s Principles of Child Development course.
• Alex McCluskey is a senior Psychology / Spanish major interning in the PM 3’s. She just returned from studying abroad in Spain and is a competitive ballroom dancer.
• Corinne Rockoff (MFM photo) is a junior International Relations and Politics / Psychology major interning in the AM 4’s. She participates in the Scotch & Soda theatre and plays cello and piano.
• Anna Vande Velde is a sophomore Psychology major who works at both the Cyert Center and the Shadyside Presbyterian Church nursery. She is interning in the Extended PM program.