Undergraduate Spotlight

Alexis DeLaRosa (Lexi) is a junior at Carnegie Mellon, studying Decision Science and also pursuing Music Technology. She found the Children’s School during the spring semester of her sophomore year and expected a fun job with children but received so much more.

“I never could have predicted the amount of joy it would bring me to wake up so early to start my day at the Children’s School. I’m so grateful that every week I get to meet young, bright people and work alongside some of the most kind, gentle, considerate and loving educators I’ve ever met. Even though I hope to work somewhere within the music industry, the Children’s School has introduced the idea of teaching music or theater workshops and working with children in the arts. Working at the Children’s School has truly been an honor that I’ll miss and carry with me forever as one of my most special experiences at Carnegie Mellon.”

Early Childhood Practicum Students

From January 16th through 31st, we will host two early childhood practicum students from Duksung Women’s University (Seoul, South Korea) for an International Practicum Program. The Campus School at Carlow University, the Falk School at the University of Pittsburgh, and the University Child Development Center will each also host two students each, with the total group including 4 undergraduates and 4 graduate students. We look forward to learning more about the initiatives our South Korean colleagues are leading in early childhood and in reflecting with them about the cross-cultural similarities and differences in our values and approaches related to educating young children.

Undergraduate Dam Eun (Eileen) Kim will work with Mr. Salinetro in the Preschool 3’s, and Masters student Sung Mi Kim will work with Mrs. Cherin in the Preschool 4’s. Mr. Salinetro met both of the students when he was in South Korea in the fall. Sung Mi has more than a decade of early childhood teaching experience and won the “Best Teacher” award at the Korean Peace Center in 2013. Our preschoolers are studying “Children Around the World” during January, so it will be a fantastic experience to work with early childhood teachers from South Korea!

Thanks to the Aronson family (Maya, 3’s) for offering housing to these visiting students. If you are interested in helping with other aspects of hosting (e.g., welcome bags, meals, etc.), please contact Dr. Carver at sc0e@andrew.cmu.edu to discuss options.