Undergraduate Spotlight:

In addition to benefitting from the help of diverse CMU undergraduates, the Children’s School occasionally partners with high schools to provide career experience for high school students, including the talented Cynthia Scott.

- My name is Cynthia Scott, and I am currently a senior at City Charter High School. I got the pleasure of coming to The Children’s School for the internship portion of our senior requirements for graduation. Next year, my tentative plan is to attend Robert Morris University to study sport psychology and sports management. Being an intern at the Children’s School has been a great experience. I genuinely enjoyed everything that I got to do and observe during my time here. All the educators are amazing and all the children are great to be around. I have been to a lot of early childhood centers, but honestly none have been as well structured and organized as the Children’s School. The teachers mentoring me are all helpful and insightful, and I learned a lot from the children as well. Not only was my time here fun and interesting, but through observing how the different children interact with each other and work through problems, I learned things that I will be able to take with me into the future.

Early Childhood Practicum Students

From January 26th through February 11th, 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 students, with the total group including 6 undergraduates and 1 master’s student. We look forward to learning more about the initiatives our South Korean colleagues are leading in early childhood and to reflecting with them about the cross-cultural similarities and differences in our values and approaches related to educating young children.

Undergraduate Do Yeon Chae will work with the Preschool 4’s Team, and Graduate Student Hyun Tae Kim will work with the Kindergarten. Do Yeon began volunteering in early childhood centers in middle school and enjoys learning about different teaching approaches. Hyun Tae is involved in music and puppetry with children. While in college, he helped organize volunteers to fund and build a kindergarten in the Philippines. We look forward to our children learning from these pre-service teachers from South Korea!

Thanks to the Richardson (Wilder, 4’s) and Fortier (Lucy 4’s and Eli K) families 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.