Undergraduate Spotlight

As a campus laboratory school, the Children’s School offers research and observation opportunities to many undergraduate and graduate students from different departments across campus. In addition to these opportunities, we offer undergraduates a chance to work in the classrooms on a regular basis, either as student employees, interns, or volunteers. In the Undergraduate Spotlight, we will be featuring each of our undergraduate assistants so that parents can learn about the students who work in the classrooms with their children. Photos are posted on the Family Communication bulletin board across from our new library.

Child Development Interns

• Emily Kim is a junior Psychology major exploring education and research while interning in the AM 4’s class.
  • Lailonny Morris (pictured right) is a senior Psychology major with a Health concentration. She is interning in the AM 4’s to gain experience in education.
  • Lisa Murphy (pictured left) is a sophomore Psychology major interning in the Kindergarten class. She hopes to pursue a career in special education or clinical psychology.
  • Allaina Ray is a junior Psychology major interning in the AM 3’s to further her interest in a career working with children.

Senior Student Teachers from Pitt’s CASE Program

Jennifer Young and Kayla Kirschenmann are seniors in the University of Pittsburgh’s Combined Accelerated Studies in Education (CASE) Program, a five-year undergraduate and masters program that includes a BS in Applied Developmental Psychology and a Masters of Education in early childhood and special education. Miss Young (pictured right) is teaching in the Kindergarten this semester and Miss Kirschenmann (pictured below) is working with the Morning 4’s and Extended Morning Program.

• Jennifer Young says, “I am from the small town of Drums, PA. I worked in a preschool classroom with JumpStart Pittsburgh for the past four years. I love reading in my spare time and love finding new books for the classroom. I also enjoy exploring Pittsburgh’s different neighborhoods, playing softball, and being outdoors. I look forward to spending the semester in the Kindergarten classroom.”

• Kayla Kirschenmann says, “I am from Plymouth Meeting, PA which is right next to Philadelphia. I am an only child. I have a dog and a cat. I am a huge Pittsburgh sports fan. I currently work at the Falk Laboratory School After-School program. In my free time, I love to bake and do arts and crafts. I am the President of Future Educators of America at Pitt. This semester I look forward to getting to know the students and creating great memories.”