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 library.

Child Development Interns

- Siriana Abboud (pictured left) is a senior Psychology and Francophone Studies major preparing for graduate school in speech pathology or counseling while interning in the AM 4’s class.
- Tori Iatarola is a sophomore Psychology major and CMU women’s soccer player. She is interning in the AM 3’s to gain experience with children.
- April Tillinghast is a senior Costume Design major interning in the Extended AM class. She is heading to graduate school in early childhood education to become a kindergarten teacher.

Senior Student Teachers from Pitt’s CASE Program

Cara Vizzini and Sara Kelly 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 Kelly is teaching in the Kindergarten this semester and Miss Vizzini is working with the Morning 4’s and Extended Morning Program.

- Sara Kelly says, “I am from Gibsonia, PA (about 30 minutes north of Pittsburgh). I have spent the last three years working in preschool classrooms both in Mount Washington and Hazelwood, through a program called Jumpstart. Currently, I work at the Children’s Center of Pittsburgh. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, exploring new places and going running outdoors. I am so excited to have the opportunity to student teach at the Children’s School and I am looking forward to getting to know all of the students!”

- Cara Vizzini says, “I’m from Johnstown, PA. This is my fourth year working at the Falk Laboratory School Extended Day program. During my summers, I coach a junior high competitive cheerleading squad at my alma mater, Bishop McCort, while also working as a tutor in the Johnstown School district. I enjoy my time working with children of all ages and look forward to making memories with the preschool children here at CMU.”