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 our diverse classroom assistants so that parents can learn about the undergraduate and graduate students who work in the classrooms with their children in different capacities. Photos of all our student assistants are posted on the Family Communication bulletin board across from our library.

Senior Student Teachers from Pitt’s CASE Program

Lindsay Wilson and Madeline Bondi 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 Bondi is teaching in the Kindergarten this semester and Miss Wilson is working with the Morning 4’s and Extended Morning Program.

• Lindsay Wilson says, “I am a senior in the CASE Program at the University of Pittsburgh. I grew up in Wexford, which is about 30 minutes north of the city, with my three older sisters and three younger brothers. My family dynamic has played a big role in my decision to pursue Elementary Education, as I have been able to see my brothers go through those years in a public school system. My previous experiences with children include coaching gymnastics, nannying, in-school reading programs, as well as after school tutoring. Currently, I participate in several volunteer opportunities with Jumpstart through Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honors Society at Pitt. I am so excited to be a part of The Children's School this semester, and I can't wait to learn from working with your children!”

• Madeline Bondi says, “I am senior at the University of Pittsburgh. I am from Hampton Township, PA. I love working with children and have experience working with children in a daycare setting and as a live-in nanny. Through the CASE program, I will apply for a dual teacher certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in the following two areas: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4, and Special Education (Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8). In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family. In the past few weeks I have been at the school, I have learned a lot from my mentor teacher, and I am very impressed by the joy and engagement of all the wonderful children here at the Children’s School.”