

2018-2019

Local

McMaster Fellow

Carla Higgins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, Director of Education

McMaster Associate Fellow

Clarissa Barnes, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Associate Professor of Special Education, Director of the Hench Autism Studies Program

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Robyn Boyd, Junior, Social Work — This project will help adolescents at the Independence Education Center (IEC) to find creative, non-harmful forms of expression through poetry to help them cope with stress. This project aims to help adolescents regulate their emotions with better control and improve their public speaking and grammar.

Emily Culler, Junior, Early Childhood Education — This project will work with students at the IEC to learn about healthy food choices and improve their understanding of where the food comes from. Students will learn how food is put in the ground, harvested, and distributed to local communities.

Olivia Fett, Junior, Early Childhood and Intervention Specialist — In this project students from the IEC will learn about the benefits of aerobic exercise and the importance of being active for sixty minutes every day. The goal is that student's mood will be enhanced and that they will have the motivation to complete their schoolwork and individual goals that they set.

Jessica Mello, Junior, Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist — The pen pal project will continue linking students at the IEC and students at Defiance College. Technology will be used to help advance the students writing skills and increasing their knowledge about technology as an effective tool of communication.