Local - Independence Education Center 2020-2021

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

McMaster Scholars

MacKenzie Armey, Sophomore, Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist - This project will provide increased extracurricular activities for the students at the Independence Education Center through the introduction and facilitation of intramural sports in the Friday schedule. The addition of elective extracurricular activities will contribute to the overall educational experience of the students and increase student engagement.

Jadina Mozzetti, Sophomore, Psychology and History - This project will implement a Pen Pal program at the Independence Education Center. Students from the Defiance College Service Leadership Program will be selected as pen pals for students at the IEC based on a specific set of qualifications to ensure stability and longevity for the student pen pal relationships.