

Faculty Name	Department	Project Name	Professor Protégé Description
Dr. Michelle Amodei	C&I (formerly ELEC)	Collegiality in Education	This research project delves into theories of collegiality. The protégé will have the opportunity to conduct research with faculty and among peers to consider how collegiality as seen through a research lens is a crucial component of the dispositions required to be a professional educator.
Dr. Enoch Nkana	Early Childhood Elementary Education	Spain Student Teaching, Grant Writing, and Research Assistant	The protege will help prepare for international student teaching for the Fall 2024 and the Spring of 2025 semesters. The protege will help with organization and meetings for the Spain student teachers and recruiting for the next semester. The student will also assist with all stages of research (grant writing, literature review, data collection, analysis, and presentation) in early childhood education with an emphasis on English Language Learners and international curriculum development. This position is ideal for a student who is interested in participating in qualitative international research and the grant-writing process. The student will also be encouraged to partner with the faculty

			member in service activities such as open houses and RockTeach recruitment efforts.
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Dr. Toni Mild	Special Education	Communication and Outreach to Prospective Students	<p>This project will require the professor protégé to work closely with the chair and other professors within the special education department for outreach to prospective students. Together they will communicate the ECE/SPED program and provide information on campus life to prospective students and their families. This project requires the protégé to assist the professor at Saturday Open House events, Friday Open House events or other dates that admissions creates for outreach and speaking with prospective students and their families. This project requires the protégé to have effective public speaking skills and professionalism in order to speak in front of large groups that come to campus for information on being an education major. The protégé will also assist faculty with updating the PowerPoint slides and handouts used at these admissions events.</p>
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<p>Dr. Katie Leckenby</p>	<p>Special Education Department</p>	<p>SRU and AHN Chill Project Collab</p>	<p>School has always been a source of stress. Negative reactions to stress create a significant barrier to learning and growth. The Allegheny Health Network's Chill Project features dedicated professionals, a calming space, and regular instruction to help every member of a school's community better handle pressure and anxiety. We will be working to coordinate with Allegheny Health Network's Chill Project to plan trainings for SRU pre-service teachers. We will be starting our 3rd cohort this year and will plan programming and site visits for cohorts 1-3. The protege will also be encouraged to partner with the faculty member in service activities like open houses and orientation.</p>
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<p>Dr. Christine Walsh</p>	<p>ELEC</p>	<p>Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA) Protege</p>	<p>Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA) is a professional organization with a mission to "Inspire educators to promote literacy within and beyond the classroom." Their vision states, "All children will know the joy and success that comes from literacy." The protege will assist the current KSLA president with recruitment efforts, communication with members, and other initiatives that link pre-service teachers to the organization. Opportunities will exist to network with KSLA leaders and members and attend virtual state meetings and the in-person state conference.</p>
<p>Dr. Hannah Holl</p>	<p>Physical and Health Education</p>	<p>Wellbeing in Schools</p>	<p>Through this project, you will learn about Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs (CSPAP) and assist the faculty mentor in creating resources for teachers to use to lead physical activity initiatives or other programs in schools that enhance students' wellbeing. This project will include digital content creation to help educate teachers from all areas of Pennsylvania on CSPAP and school wellness.</p>

Dr. Beth LaGamba	Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership (CIEL)	Literacy Professional Organization Co-Leader (2 positions)	<p>This position allows the proteges to work closely with the mentor professor and other professionals as a member of the leadership team of a local professional organization focused on literacy in the schools and community. The proteges will help plan, promote, and implement professional development opportunities and service projects as well as recruit and correspond with members. Additional opportunities to support the mentor professor in research and other projects are available.</p>
Dr. Ethan Hull	PHE	Soccer Research Assistant	<p>Do you love soccer? If so, you may be interested in joining our team of researchers as we examine the relationship between heading the soccer ball, impact dynamics, game strategy, and scoring opportunities. Specifically, you would watch professional soccer matches and record headers and scoring opportunities and measure impact dynamics as soccer players head the ball. We meet weekly as a research group and plan on presenting and publishing this research over the next year. We hope you can join our team!</p>

Dr. Sararose Lynch	SPED	RockTEACH Outreach	This protégé will assist in the execution of diversity recruitment and outreach for the RockTEACH Program, the mission of which is to recruit & retain BIPOC students to the field of teaching. Projects will include bringing BIPOC high school students to campus in order to get them enthused and engaged about future college attendance and potentially pursuing a degree in teaching. Projects may also include holding events for current BIPOC students within the College of Education. The protégé will assist in the planning and execution all potential activities related to the RockTEACH Program.
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