

Center for Future Educators

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How did you find out about this opportunity?

My past professor, Dr. Jeanne DelColle, emailed her students about a summer work opportunity with housing accommodations under the CFE. She is the director of the FEA, the specific program I worked for. FEA stands for the Future Educators Academy. There was also a mass email sent out to SOE students from someone in the SOE about this work opportunity.

Why should ROSCOE students be interested in this?

- Great pay with free housing and free meals
- Good networking opportunities
- Educational opportunities (if you sit in on the classes with the high schoolers)
- Additional work opportunities through the FEA
- Builds experience as an RA
- Good thing to put on resume
- The goals of the FEA and the ROSCOE Educators program intersect; both aim to support the diversification of the educator force on campus and beyond, and actively create supports and community for the underrepresented.

What faculty or staff do/did you work with?

Dr. Jeanne DelColle, delcollj@tcnj.edu, (she has A LOT of connections on and off campus)—good person to know, and she writes great letters of recommendation. Ms. Wambui Gilbert, gilberw1@tcnj.edu, (TCNJ alumna, very very kind, great advocate)—another great person to know.



What has your experience been like?

You are essentially an RA/dorm supervisor to ~25 high schoolers and you live with them (you have your own dorm) in one of the TCNJ dorm buildings, so you are on call and your working hours aren't consistent. You also are a mentor to the high schoolers; you assist with their homework if needed, you attend their breakfasts and guide them around campus, you attend their classes with them, and you are in charge of coming up with bonding and ice breaker activities (basically you are in charge of making their free time fun and relevant to their course work). You also monitor the high schoolers and guide them throughout the campus for the first few days, giving tours to them and their families. You are also asked to help Dr. DelColle and Ms. Gilbert throughout the week—you will do any and/or all of the following: providing opinions and assistance on activities, taking pictures, social media posting, running across campus for things, on-campus errands, transporting students via golf cart. Overall you're working around the clock everyday for about 8 days with no set hours. But overall I had a good time and made some great memories, it's a great thing to put on your resume, I made some great professional connections, and I had fun while working.