

Project SEA

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How did you find out about this opportunity?

I received an email about the program and also through Dr. Madden [maddenl@tcnj.edu] since I had a call with her regarding the environmental sustainability minor.

Why should ROSCOE students be interested in this?

I believe that this opportunity was very engaging and so as future educators, I believe being a part of this can both provide experience through working with in-service teachers and working with professors. Alongside it surrounding climate change, I believe that this is an important topic that can be incorporated into all content areas and so if you are interested in that, this would be a great opportunity to learn more about it.



When did you join?

I received the email in April, and so I signed up through a Google form. I believe the right time to contact would honestly be before April, but I know that it is per semester. I joined because not only did it connect to my own content area but having the opportunity to connect with in-service teachers I feel was very valuable, and I always enjoy hearing about other teachers experiences both within their classroom and outside.



What has your experience been like?

My experience with ProjectSEA has been both positive and informative. I feel like being a part of a program that taught the importance of topics surrounding climate change by visiting Save Barnegat Bay in Toms River was really a nice experience, especially going outside. As well as being provided resources such as lesson plans or activities to do when we do go out on the field is something I appreciated. This experience also allowed me to get to know Dr. Madden more, and so I also think that is valuable since connecting with professors can be a bit scary but Dr. Madden was so nice and welcoming.

What should students know about this opportunity?

This opportunity allows them to collaborate with in-service teachers by learning how to incorporate climate change within the curriculum. As well as hearing the in-service teacher's experiences and getting an insight into what they are teaching/doing. There was one teacher who alongside teaching, studied mussels and how important they are in protecting the land/ocean! This is research conducted by Dr. Madden, so as participants, we were awarded \$200 in gift cards but the remaining \$100 would be awarded to us once we teach a lesson involving the topics we learned about, and those resources for the lessons are provided.

Which faculty or staff did/do you work with?

I worked with Dr. Madden through this experience, but I know Dr. Louise Ammentorp & Dr. Magee are a part of Project SEA, and then they connected us through the Save Barnegat program with Graceanne Taylor who is the coordinator for that program.