

# HAND HONORS COLUMBIA COLLEGE INTERNS



# Miss Kersten Epting- Social Studies ~ interned with Mrs. Morris



**This past fall, I got the amazing opportunity to work with Mrs. Morris in her 7th grade Social Studies classroom. I learned that you will always have those who are in your corner and there to support you through your endeavors. I also learned that, though all students come from a different background, they all want the same thing, a great teacher. A teacher who assures them that they will not be abandoned when things get rough. A teacher who will push them to do their very best because they can do anything they set their mind to. And a teacher who will always be there with an open heart and an open mind because they are not just learning from us, we are also learning from them.**

**~ Words of Wisdom from Mrs. Morris ~**

**“Your internship is where you start to see for the first time who you really are as a teacher. The relationships you build with those students and mentors will be special to you even once your career is underway. Work hard, learn as much as you can, but enjoy your time!”**



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# Mr. Joseph Eisenreich - Mathematics

## ~ interned with Ms. Starlings



"I got to spend 6 weeks with Algebra 1 students at Hand Middle School and loved the kids' energy and sense of adventure! They kept me on my toes and I sincerely appreciated the guidance I got from Ms. Starlings in keeping them engaged, on task, and learning. One of the biggest takeaways I had from my time at Hand is just how important it is that the student come first in everything you do as a teacher, from planning your lessons, to classroom management, to walking the hallways. Hand taught me to always consider my young scholars before everything else!"



### ~ Words of Wisdom from Ms. Starlings ~

Student teaching is where the rubber meets the road. You can finally implement the theories you've learned and possibly create your own as you engage and lead students on their learning journey.



# Miss Chelsy Harris - Band

~ interned with Mrs. Schweickert



**“I really enjoyed the community and opportunities that Hand Middle School provides for their students and upcoming teachers. I will always remember my time at Hand!”**

**~ Words of Wisdom from Mrs. Schweickert ~**

**The time of student internship is so important for upcoming teachers. It's the time one really finds out how to put all of the theory into action, how a school community works, and what a sixth grader smells like after recess!**

# Miss Maggie McCaig ~ interned with Mrs. Gallagher



“During my time interning at Hand, I learned so many valuable life lessons that I will keep with me for the rest of my teaching career. I learned about what it means to be a teacher who is loved and admired by their students from Mrs. Gallagher. I love being able to walk into school each morning and talk to each student. I will miss being able to make connections with my students at Hand. I will always have a special place in my heart for everyone at Hand and can't wait to be able to visit.”

**~ Words of Wisdom from Mrs. Gallagher ~**

Never forget the your reason for becoming a teacher. Remember everything you are doing is for the students and building relationships with them is crucial. Good luck with your own future classroom!