

# **2018-2019**

## **Local – City of Defiance**

### **McMaster Fellow**

**JoAnn Burkhardt, Ph.D., Professor of Education**

### **McMaster Associate Fellow**

**Chris Cwynar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication Studies**

### **McMaster Scholars**

**Da’Ja’Nay Askew, Senior, Psychology and Social Work – Storytelling will be the main focus of this project. Members of the Ottawa Avenue will be interviewed, which will provide opportunities to enhance interview techniques and to communicate with different populations.**

**Aaliyah Blanchard, Sophomore, Integrated Mathematics — This project will work with community members from the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood to use storytelling to create a video to bring awareness to the area. She will be working with the minister of Hebron Ministries and the City of Defiance to help with finding residents to meet with about the project.**

**Stevie Brooks, Freshman, Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist – Mild to Moderate – The impact of community-based research and storytelling will be the focus of this project. Through interviews with residents of the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood information and artifacts will be collected that tell the story of the area. Artifacts collected could be used at the Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum.**

**Jordan Osborne, Senior, English and Self-Designed – This project will work with the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood to learn about the history and the people that live in the neighborhood. Through interviews, residents will be able to tell their story and allow them a voice in how the future of the area is shared with others.**

**Paige Sickmiller, Senior, Early Childhood Education — In this project storytelling will be used to help end the negative connotations about the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood. Interviews will take place with members of the neighborhood with the end goal of providing a visual and audio presentation of the stories collected.**

**Kelsie Shafer, Junior, Early Childhood Education and Intervention Specialist – Mild to Moderate — This project will bring cultural awareness and visibility to the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood. The effectiveness and the importance of storytelling will be explored during the project. Through telling the stories of the individuals from this neighborhood will help the awareness of the neighborhood.**

**Allison White, Junior, Digital Forensic Science and Criminal Justice — Raising awareness of the Ottawa Avenue neighborhood is the focus of this project. The City of Defiance and Hebron Ministries will be working with the students to identify residents to interview and learn their stories. The information collected will be shared with the community partners identified for this project.**