

Please welcome our 2023 Spring Interns!



Hello there! I'm **Phil Habel** and for the next few months I will be following Mr. Tabisz throughout the day. This is my first time in the US so I'm still processing my whereabouts. If I start talking to you in German, hastily switch to English and then back to German, I will have realized once more that I am in an English speaking country – in a German speaking school. I am really happy to be here and very much looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible!



Hello everyone, I finally arrived in Minnesota and started my internship here at TCGIS on January 17th! My name is **Ecem Üzümlü** and I am living with the Robertson Family. My host siblings are Keisha and Tala – they are great and we have lots of fun playing games and reading together :) I am in Herr Eberhard's classes (grade 5, 6, 8). In the past few days I have already experienced so much and met so many nice people. I can't wait to get to know all of you more this semester!



Hello! My name is **Marie Schaefer**, I'm from Berlin and currently an intern in class 4B. I love any outdoor activities such as running, hiking and hockey and am definitely looking forward to doing lots of it here in Minnesota. Since I'm more of a winter person than a summer one I'm actually kind of enjoying the snowy and cold weather right now but I also can't wait to see what the state has to offer during warmer times. Overall, I'm very happy that I get to spend the next couple of months at TCGIS.

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Hello! My name is **Marie Schaaf** and I'm from Germany, near Frankfurt. I study special education and Frau Zinnow is my mentor teacher. I'm really glad to be here, because it's my first time in the USA and I'm excited to meet new people and get to know the American culture.

I live with the Rota Family in Minneapolis. I like the snow, but I'm also looking forward to the days with warmer weather. I just got to know some students from the first grade and now I'm also excited to get to know all the other students and have a good time at TCGIS!



Servus everyone!

My name is **Katja Burger**, and I am from Korneuburg, near Vienna, the capital of Austria. I am studying elementary school education with a focus on different teaching styles. I am beyond excited that I will be interning in 3rd grade this semester. My mentor teacher is Frau Nina Maslofski, so I will be spending most of my time in her classroom, but when you are in 3rd grade, there is a good chance that we will meet each other when I am visiting the other 3rd grade classes. I am really looking forward to get an insight of the american school system, meeting everyone who is part of the TCGIS and enjoying life in Minnesota! I can't wait to start this big journey with you!

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Hello everyone! My Name is **Anna Schwerdfeger** and I am interning in second grade at TCGIS this spring semester. I am very excited to spend the next five months here in Minnesota! I am from Mainz and study at Goethe University Frankfurt to become a teacher at elementary schools. My subjects are Deutsch, Mathe and Sachunterricht (similar to 'Sozi' here at TCGIS). In my freetime I enjoy having a nice coffee, reading books, meeting friends or taking walks! I am also pretty excited to visit new places and get to know a whole new culture here in the US!



Hello TCGIS Family!

I'm so happy to be here. My first day was full of meeting new people, ultimately trying to remember their names but failing miserably. One thing that I already learned over the course of the last couple of days is that I should give myself enough time to adapt so that I can soak it all in. I'm sure that there are going to be days that are more challenging than others but that just enhances my thankfulness for all the kind words from all the staff members and my mentor teacher, Amy Peterschmidt. They, but especially my host family, contributed to a great start by welcoming me so warm-heartedly. I'm looking forward to all that is about to come and how we evolve as a team - within the workspace and outside of the classroom. Our spring intern group already had the chance to spend some time together apart from school during our first stroll through the city and the neighborhood around the school. I love to be outside and to explore nature, and to capture nature's beauty on camera which is why I'm particularly looking forward to what the Twin Cities have to offer! **Minel Timucin**

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Hallo! My name is **Jannik Hehemann** and I'm from Osnabrück, which is a smaller city in the north of Germany. Some of you might know me as this is my second time at TCGIS. In 2018/19, I participated in the program as sport intern in elementary school. Since I really loved being part of the TCGIS community, I decided to reapply, though this time for the entire school year :-)! I will soon graduate from university and will get a master's degree in English/PE and education. In my spare time, I still love playing all kinds of racquet sports (especially table tennis and squash). Though, one of my new favorite sports is without a racquet and is called spike ball; perhaps you know it? I'm looking forward to being here again at TCGIS!