

Meet ATE's 2025 Spring Semester Communications Interns

IZABELLA COUNTS



Izabella Counts is a communications intern for the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE). She is a third-year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying English, Advertising and Public Relations, and Russian. Her love for storytelling and community building led her to past internships with the Jane Austen Summer Program, a non-profit which organizes Jane Austen-themed conferences and events, and Triangle Media Partners, a company which publishes local lifestyle magazines. Through her internship with ATE, she hopes to further develop her writing and marketing skills while learning how to be a better teacher to the students she tutors through the Refugee Support Center.

CAROLYN KERKOWSKI



Carolyn Kerkowski is a second-year Communication Design graduate student at Kutztown University and the graduate assistant in the Dean's Office of the College of Education, focusing on social media and content creation. She earned a BFA in Communication Design from Kutztown in 2023, specializing in brand identity, and her academic journey has equipped her with strong design principles that she applies in both professional and freelance projects. Her role has allowed her to collaborate with university and state teacher organizations, develop leadership initiatives, and engage audiences with creative communication strategies. With a deep connection to education through her family's teaching background, she is passionate about fostering meaningful connections that inspire and inform. Outside of work, Carolyn enjoys freelance design, reading, and spending time with her cat, Greta. She is excited to contribute to ATE's mission and develop impactful strategies that benefit the community and the field of education.