


The Academy for Community Inclusion

Did you know?

- ACI offers a peer mentorship program that pairs undergraduate students from various disciplines with ACI students to support socialization, enhance the college experience, and foster meaningful connections on campus.
- ACI has participated in transition fairs across Broward and Palm Beach Counties, presenting at high schools and community agencies on postsecondary education opportunities and supports for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- The Academy for Community Inclusion (ACI) is transitioning to a fully digital application system, which will be available to prospective students starting in January 2026.

Graduate Spotlight



Meet Shelby! Shelby (right in the picture) graduated from ACI in December 2024. Shelby currently works at Crosspointe Elementary School as an Afterschool Counselor. The staff love working with Shelby and have noticed the great work she has done in creating a positive and engaging environment for the students. Rose Decius, Crosspointe Elementary Afterschool Director (left in the picture), states, *"Shelby always goes the extra mile in her job. She's great at creating a positive and supportive space for the kids, which really makes her stand out. Not only is she an awesome mentor to the students, but she's also a dependable and trustworthy teammate."*

Join us in advancing research together!

ACI publishes quantitative and qualitative studies, as well as practitioner-oriented articles, that explore student outcomes, evaluate inclusive teaching practices, examine employment and independent living skill development, and assess the impact of program innovations on students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you are interested, please email for more information or to discuss potential collaboration opportunities.