Saint Vincent College has named five freshmen as Fred Rogers Scholars.

As a Fred Rogers Scholar, each student will receive a renewable $2,500 scholarship and opportunities to network with scholars and industry leaders in early learning and children’s media.

The Scholars Program, designed for students interested in pursuing careers involving children, early learning and media for young children, will introduce the students to the Fred Rogers Archive and its research capabilities, encourage them to participate in regional and national internships, work on service-learning projects, develop a senior research project and have the opportunity to travel to local and national centers of research and media outlets.

Mrs. Rita Catalano, executive director of the Fred Rogers Center, and Dr. Melissa A. Cook, associate professor of communication and director of the Fred Rogers Scholars Program, welcomed the new Scholars at an orientation meeting on Aug. 28 at the Fred M. Rogers Center.

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PHOTO: Dr. Melissa Cook, right, associate professor of communication and director of the Fred Rogers Scholars Program, met with the new freshmen Fred Rogers Scholars inductees at an orientation meeting on Aug. 28. They are, from left, Alaina D’Aloiso, an early childhood education major from Pittsburgh (15241); Adam Burgh, a history education major from Lawrence; Katrina (Katie) Nemchik, a computing and information science major from Latrobe; Maura Snyder, a psychology major from Murrysville; and Hailey Umbaugh, a biochemistry major from Rector.

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