The ArtWorks Impact!

Hear ArtWorks alumni describe how CAL’s multi-disciplinary, arts-based college- and career-readiness program helped equip them for educational and professional success!

“Artworks taught me to always find reasons to collaborate with others and be open minded to different perspectives.”

KALIM H. | SUMMER ’12 THEATER
CAL’s Resident Teaching Artist for Poetry, Theater, and Film
What’s New? Recently premiered ‘ Beats’ - the short film in which he served as writer, director, actor, and editor.

“ArtWorks was substantial in launching my medical career - it helped my med school application stand out”

AZMINA M. | SPRING ’15 VISUAL ARTS
Student, Northeast Ohio Medical University
What’s New? Recently started medical school after earning a BS in Natural Sciences as part of a six year BS/MD degree program.

“ArtWorks provided me the confidence I needed to pursue an artistic career. I still credit my ArtWorks mentors for inspiring me to continue a path in the arts.”

MIKAYLA G. | SPRING ’15 FASHION, SUMMER ’15 AND ’16 PHOTOGRAPHY
Student, Cleveland State University
What’s New? A Splash of Color’ photo essay featured on the cover of CSU’s Arts and Culture magazine, The Vindicator.

“Artworks changed my life in the most impactful way because the program made me appreciate different art forms and the freedom of self expression.”

NOLDON S. | FALL ’12 FILM
Motivational Speaker/Founder of Inspire Educate Encourage
Each year, ArtWorks engages 140 high school students as artist apprentices who are immersed in the study of an art form, receive college- and career-readiness training and earn a stipend for their work.

During afterschool sessions over the school year and daylong sessions in the Summer teens are placed in co-ops of 10-12 apprentices and receive mentorship from master teaching artists who work professionally in selected artistic disciplines.

The apprentices work hands-on during studio time where they discover new techniques and collaborate with their co-op in project-based learning. This supportive environment allows teens to explore their medium, refine their artistic process, and feel emboldened to take creative risks. Teens continue their training with weekly professional development workshops, presented by local experts in subjects ranging from financial literacy, to college admissions, to managing an arts business. Co-ops also complete service-learning projects as a way to network and build connections while engaging with and serving the community.

2,600 TEENS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ARTWORKS SINCE 2005. AT THE END OF EACH SESSION, APPRENTICE SURVEYS REVEAL THE IMPACT THE PROGRAM HAD ON THEIR LIVES.

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<td>93% gained new skills in completing tasks on time</td>
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Source: 2017-18 Apprentice End of Program Evaluations

The Next Evolution

Since its inception, a core tenet of ArtWorks has been empowering teens for success in 21st century classrooms and workplaces. We remain committed to providing every opportunity for apprentices to follow their unique path to reach their goals, both in and outside the arts. With that in mind, CAL is moving forward with development of The Creative Path, a curriculum evolution designed to instill in teens universal skills of entrepreneurship as they prepare for future endeavors in college and beyond.

Thanks to generous funding from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation, CAL is partnering with the Young Entrepreneur Institute to integrate entrepreneurial elements into the ArtWorks curriculum to help students not only develop their artistic talent, but learn the skills and knowledge necessary to empower them to become entrepreneurs.

By equipping local youth with a variety of skills vital to educational and professional success —critical thinking, creative problem-solving, project planning and management, communication, collaboration, and responsibility—ArtWorks is preparing innovative and capable leaders to ensure a healthy cultural, economic, and social future for our community.

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