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## **Inner-City Arts Awarded Grant from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences to Support Student Workshops in Animation and Filmmaking**

*May, Los Angeles, Calif.* — **Inner-City Arts**, a leading provider of quality arts education for underserved children in Los Angeles, has received a grant from the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences** to support out-of-school animation and filmmaking workshops for 90 high school students in 2019. Workshops will provide students the opportunity to learn the basic principles of animation, explore production processes and animation software, and introduce students to crafts such as scriptwriting, cinematography, editing, sound, and more. Workshops will culminate in the creation of individual and group films that will be showcased at Inner-City Arts' Rosenthal Theater in front of students' family and friends.

Current projections indicate that creative industry employment across Los Angeles will grow by 8.1% over the next five years, with the largest gains occurring in the entertainment sector. However, minorities and women remain disproportionately underrepresented in most areas of the entertainment industry. Transformation of the industry, with a focus on bringing greater representation to our screens, starts with equitable access to the jobs behind and in front of the camera.

"Inner-City Arts believes every young person is a creative visionary," said **Collette Williams Alleyne**, Senior Director of Education. "As the entertainment industry grows, it is essential that underserved and underrepresented young people have the skills required to secure employment in the industry and bring their unique voices, experiences, and practices to the fore. We thank the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for supporting Inner-City Arts in our work to provide equitable access to arts education for our students."

### **ABOUT INNER-CITY ARTS**

Founded in 1989, Inner-City Arts is a learning oasis in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. Under the guidance of professional teaching artists, Inner-City Arts' students are immersed in a safe and supportive environment where they may engage in a variety of visual and performing art forms in a studio setting. Services include core classes during the instructional day for grade K-8 students, after school and weekend workshops for teens and creativity based professional development training for educators. Children who attend Inner-City Arts develop skills that are highly valued in the 21st century workforce such as collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

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