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### Education news here and there

**Dreamworks** is donating to the skid row arts education center called Inner-City Arts, which has classes in visual and performing arts, reports Downtown L.A. Scene. The grant will go toward the animation program. "Animation is one of the few art forms our students encounter in their everyday lives, so teaching them how to do it is empowering and helps them develop skills like collaboration, problem-solving and sequential thinking," said Cynthia Harnisch, CEO of Inner-City Arts.

In other news:

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### Our Bloggers

The Homeroom is produced by The Times education reporting team, which includes Howard Blume, Mitchell Landsberg, Seema Mehta, Carla Rivera, Jason Song and editors Beth Shuster and Mary MacVean. Here are some additional contributors:



**Lance Chapman**, originally from Woodburn, Ind., is a 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, triple majoring in mathematics, life sciences and Spanish. While in school, he worked as a Spanish translator for the South Bend Indiana Health Center and volunteered at a local hospital. As a volunteer at the South Bend

Center for the Homeless, Lance established a scholarship fund for homeless students in Notre Dame's department of continuing education. Committed to addressing the educational achievement gap in our country, Lance is postponing medical school to work with Teach For America. He teaches eighth grade physical science at Samuel Gompers Middle School in Watts.



**Lauren McCabe**, working through Teach For America, teaches 12th grade English and government at Environmental Charter High School in Lawndale. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University

in 2006. Throughout college, she participated in Service-Learning Programs, tutoring students in inner-city schools. Lauren, a native of Livonia, Mich., applied to Teach for America in the early fall of her senior year and learned that it would mean a dream come true: a move to California.



**Nick Giuliani** is 17 and a senior at South Pasadena High School. In addition to working two jobs (one being an internship at the Los Angeles Times) and preparing for his black belt in karate, Nick is the sports editor for his school newspaper, Tiger. He hopes to attend USC next year (no

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surprise given that a cardinal and gold cap is his constant accessory). He lives with his parents and younger sister.



**Antero Garcia** teaches English at Manual Arts High School in South Los Angeles. Originally from San Diego, Garcia has a master's degree in education from UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences. He is a member of the School of Communication and Global Awareness at Manual Arts, a small learning community that emphasizes

social justice throughout its curriculum. And he has a personal blog, which can be found at [www.TheAmericanCrawl.com](http://www.TheAmericanCrawl.com).

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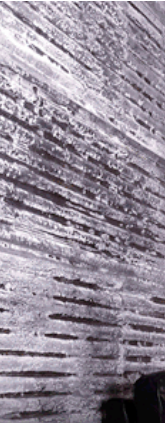
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