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## Venice Arts Advanced Photography Student Angela Francis Wins The Presidential Scholars Award

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Venice Arts is thrilled to congratulate one of our Advanced Studies Photography students, Angela Francis, age 18, on her induction into the prestigious and competitive group of U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts. Angela is one of only 20 youth nationwide, out of 11,000 applicants, to receive the honor.

Presidential Scholars are selected annually by the United States Department of Education and the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by the President, based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. Angela joins an impressive nationwide list of over 6,000 Presidential Scholar alumni who have shown their talent in the visual, creative and performing arts since 1979. Alumni include Pulitzer Prize Winner and Poet Laureate Rita Dove, Tony Award-nominated dancer and choreographer Desmond Richardson, and novelist Allegra Goodman.

Angela is the recipient of numerous other awards this year. She is a Grand Prize Finalist at the Music Center's Spotlight Awards and a Scholastic Gold Key Awardee for her portfolio. She received first place in photography at YoungArts Miami and received a full scholarship to her top choice college, Boston University. Of her time at Venice Arts, Angela says: "I've become more focused on what I want to do: [I want to] to shoot more, to imagine, and create more. I've obtained an understanding of who I am through the time that I've spent here at Venice Arts."

Congratulations, Angela!

### About Venice Arts

Venice Arts runs education and mentoring programs in documentary photography, filmmaking, and multimedia primarily targeting Los Angeles area low-income youth. Venice Arts also implements regional, statewide, and international projects with both adults and children; presents exhibitions, public programs, and workshops for adults centered around documentary photography and film at the Venice Arts Gallery; and consults on media arts, visual storytelling, and arts education with organizations and groups locally and internationally.

**To find out more about Venice Arts and see work from Angela and other Venice Arts students, visit [www.venicearts.org](http://www.venicearts.org).**