

Laumeiersculpturepark

Student Ambassador Program



Objective:

Laumeier Sculpture Park desires to expand its reach and resonance with the college student population of greater St. Louis. An enhanced relationship will provide opportunities for shared experiences, learning and collaboration that benefit students, area campuses, Laumeier and the greater St. Louis community.

Program Overview:

To facilitate a more collaborative relationship with the university community of greater St. Louis, Laumeier Sculpture Park has created an ambassador program for students at area colleges and universities.

- The inaugural class of Laumeier Student Ambassadors consisted of sixteen students from 10 campuses.
- Students and faculty from Lindenwood University, Maryville University, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Saint Louis University, St. Louis Community Colleges (Florissant Valley, Forest Park, and Meramec), University of Missouri-St. Louis, Washington University and Webster University have served as volunteer participants.
- Ambassador meetings are usually held the second Saturday of each month September through November and January through May at Laumeier Sculpture Park or on a rotating basis at participating campuses.
- The one-two hour meetings will provide an opportunity for students to give feedback and develop arts programming for Laumeier, the participating campuses and the St. Louis community.
- The meetings may also include presentations by Laumeier staff, local or visiting artists or special guests from other institutions or arts-related organizations.
- Students will be representing their respective schools and university students collectively. Working with fellow students, emerging and well-established artists as well as Laumeier staff provides outstanding opportunities for networking and career-advancement.
- For the last two years, the Laumeier Student Ambassadors have served as a jury and curators for the Student Art Showcase, an exhibit that features work by area college art students held in conjunction with Art Fair at Laumeier where more than 18,000 attend.

Potential Program Projects/Events:

- Panel discussions featuring artists, curators, critics, gallery owners
- Lectures, programs, workshops
- Library/archives workshop
- Mentorship program
- Visiting artist collaboration opportunities

Tentative Meetings:

- September 2007: Welcome Back and Planning Meeting
- October 5&6, 2007: 30th Birthday Bash Fundraising Event & Fall Exhibition Opening
- November 10, 2007: Art/Artist Seminar Planning
- January 2008: Art Fair Student Showcase Application Deadline
- February 2008: Art Fair Student Art Showcase Judging
- March 2008: Art Fair Student Art Showcase Planning
- April 2008: Art Fair Student Art Showcase Prep
- May 9-11, 2008: Student Art Showcase at ArtFair