



# McLean Project for the Arts

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## McLean Project for the Arts Receives Dominion ArtStars Grant to Support Arts Education

*Presented by the Dominion Foundation, the award celebrates arts organizations working to advance the synergy between arts and education for the benefit of students*

McLean, VA: The McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) recently received a Specialty Star ArtStars Award of \$10,000 from the Dominion Foundation. The award recognized MPA's ArtReach program, which offers experienced students a facility to experience contemporary art exhibitions and hands-on art projects exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) topics.

"ArtStars is about recognizing arts and cultural organizations that are making commitments and schools more aligned through theater, art, music, and other artistic forms," said Walter A. Applegate, president of the Dominion Foundation, the charitable arm of Dominion Resources.

"Domine is proud to support these fine winners as they continue their efforts to enrich students' education through the arts."

Locally renowned artist-educator Sharon Fisher, ArtReach is a standards-based, two-part lesson that combines a facility to MPA's exhibition gallery with a related classroom session featuring hands-on art projects that explore STEAM and other concepts through an arts perspective. In 2014 alone, the program conducted more than 90 ArtReach lessons.

"MPA is honored and excited to receive this recognition of our ArtReach program," said Lori Carbonneau, Executive Director of MPA. "The ArtStars grant encourages and supports MPA in our work creating and delivering our 504-based arts and cultural literacy partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools, and expanding visual arts education throughout our community."

Presented at the 2017 Art Works for Virginia Conference in Richmond, the Dominion ArtStars Awards celebrate arts organizations in Virginia that best demonstrate the ability to advance the synergy between arts and education for the benefit of students and their communities.



MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau (far right) accepts the Dominion ArtStars Award from Walter A. Applegate.

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