

Academie Da Vinci Charter School for the Arts

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Dear Grant Selection Committee,

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On behalf of the Academie Da Vinci Board of Directors, staff, and students, I enthusiastically offer our support of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center in their application for the Pinellas County Cultural Arts Grant.

Our school, Pinellas County's first charter school, incorporates the arts into the regular curriculum. The success of Academie Da Vinci is due in part to our close working relationship with local educational entities including the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Each of our elementary classes participates in clay classes conducted at the center. We do not have such equipment at our school and these classes fill a need for students to learn a new art medium. Additionally, our classes take advantage of the various educational programs to augment those aspects of art appreciation our school could not possible provide. These programs are always stimulating and relevant. The staff and instructional personnel at DFAC are consistently courteous, knowledgeable, and caring.

The Dunedin Fine Arts Center also serves many of the families of our students. They often share their positive comments about an evening or Saturday spent at DFAC and the program they saw or in which they participated. Our students often cite the center when they are discussing local art, recent exhibitions, and ongoing classes. Consistently, the Dunedin Fine Arts Center positively affects our school and our families.

Without hesitation, I support the grant proposal submitted by the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Please contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan Ray
Principal

"Everyone should develop a balance between the arts and sciences; between logic and imagination."

- Leonardo Da Vinci