
THE VANGUARD SCHOOL RECEIVES \$5K GRANT FOR FILM SCHOOL



Paoli, Pa – The Vanguard School is the appreciative recipient of a \$5000.00 grant that was made to support a new Film School component to the SUMMER MATTERS Program. Already rich with social skills-building and creativity, SUMMER MATTERS will now emphasize more technical skills and specific aspects of visual and cinema arts.

Presented by Letterbox Pictures (www.letterboxpictures.com), the Film School will allow students the opportunity to experiment with equipment operation and handling, interact with artists and actors, and gain improved self-awareness and perspectives by watching themselves on film. Many typical individuals have mannerisms and idiosyncrasies of which they are unaware until they view themselves on-screen; this increases in significance for students with social disorders, as they will be better able to identify how to address their mannerisms, and ultimately communicate more effectively.

The duality of this art form represents critical features of Special Education: understanding interaction between oneself and others, and having a positive avenue for self expression. Additionally, the context will be inclusive as the individuals from Letterbox Pictures are award-winning filmmaking professionals.

Art, in all of its forms, provides elements of education and instills a well-roundedness and culture to students. Similarly, it engages the mind in creative and therapeutic ways, so that all participants can enjoy pride in the accomplishment of a unique product, be it painting, sculpture, novel or film.

For more information on this or any other offerings at The Vanguard School, please visit www.vanguardschool-pa.org.

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The Vanguard School is a non-profit, Special Education School serving the individual needs of 250 students. While many of the students have exceptionalities on the Autism Spectrum, the caring staff and nurturing environment also meets the educational and clinical needs of students with Traumatic Brain Injury, Neurological Impairment and Severe Emotional Disorders.