2026–2027 Career Awareness Grants

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Exploring Careers of Art and Design

Urbana Middle School eighth-grade visual art students will visit the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for a day-long exploration of careers in art and design, in collaboration with Krannert Art Museum and the Siebel Center for Design. Students will tour creative spaces, meet art and design professionals, and participate in hands-on activities that introduce them to diverse career paths. The experience will inspire students to envision future opportunities in the fields of art, design, and creativity.