



Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

“While the state prides itself on a rich cultural heritage, many of its students, particularly those in low-income areas, lack access to extracurricular and art programs. It’s about giving every child the opportunity to explore their creativity and express themselves.”

~ Mariely Madera
Moses Brown School

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BIG IDEA:

Inspired by the time she spent teaching art classes at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic last summer, Mariely returned to Rhode Island and developed Art Matters.

Her big idea focuses on the creation of after-school extra curricular activities and weekend art classes for students who live in communities in need and often lack access to these programs. Mariely believes that by providing tools, resources, support, and access to a range of art forms, we can empower students to explore their interests and self-expression.

HOW WILL SHE DO IT?

Art Matters’ robust curriculum would include a diverse range of art forms from canvas work to experimenting with textiles, graffiti art, graphic design, and more.

To gain a sense of pride and learn the value in their work, students would have the opportunity to showcase and sell their creations at local community events. Mariely would partner with local nonprofits to ensure her program reaches those who need it most.

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