



Rocio working on an animation in Venice Arts' studios.

## Venice Arts' Student Rocio Padilla Announced as a Recipient of Warner Bros. Entertainment Reach Honorship

The Annual Internship-Scholarship Packages are Awarded to Graduating Seniors with a Passion for the Entertainment Industry.

LOS ANGELES, CA – (JUNE 8, 2015) – Venice Arts is proud to announce that Advanced Studies student Rocio Padilla was formally awarded one of the Warner Bros. Entertainment Reach Honorships for 2015 at the end of last month. Padilla has taken several classes at Venice Arts, developing her skills in photography, film, and animation. Her most recent workshop culminated in "View Masters," a composite short of all participating students' animations, and is available to view on the Venice Arts' YouTube channel ([youtube.com/venicearts](http://youtube.com/venicearts)).

The honorship, which is both an internship and a scholarship, is a four-year program giving recipients guaranteed internships within the company beginning the summer after they graduate high school, and ending the summer before their senior year.

Padilla is the second student from Venice Arts to win the Reach Honorship. Genevieve Ward, a recent graduate of Reed College, was named a recipient in 2011.

Always an active student, Padilla's extracurriculars did not end at Venice Arts. She has served as an ambassador for Girls Inc., a non-profit aimed at empowering young women; a member of the Finance Academy; a member of the National Society of High School Scholars since her freshman year; and the president and founder of her high school's Art Club. She hopes to pursue a career as a creative director for film, animation or television.

"If you work hard toward your dreams, it will happen," says Padilla. "And don't be afraid to scream when it does."

**ABOUT WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT REACH HONORSHIP:** Since 2005, Warner Bros. has awarded internship-scholarship packages, known as Reach Honorships, to graduating high school seniors who are passionate about the business of entertainment.

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