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AVPA Art Teacher Goes Back to School

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For two weeks this summer, Kristine Hatanaka, the Artistic Director for the Art Program at the Academy of Visual & Performing Arts and a teacher at Culver City High School will be back in the classroom. She's been awarded a fellowship to attend the Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

The Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art was conceived with a simple goal; to allow experienced, dedicated high school art teachers to get back to the studio in a peer group environment together with leading thinkers, writers, and practitioners in the visual arts.

According to Hatanaka, "Receiving the TICA Fellowship is an honor. I will connect with experienced art teachers and professionals through an intensive summer program of studio sessions, lectures, and field trips. It will strengthen me as a teacher and rejuvenate me as an artist. I'm excited to bring it all back to the classroom."

Hatanaka will be attending the Visual and Cultural Studies session where she'll join other teachers in an examination of contemporary culture's impact on art practice and theory. They'll explore different approaches to identifying the sources and purposes of national and international visual culture with field trips exploring Chicago's rich architectural tradition, museum exhibits in folk art and local history, outdoor murals and other community-based projects.

This fellowship comes on the heels of some other good news. Hatanaka was selected as the Culver City Unified School District's "Teacher of the Year!" According to Darryl Hovis, AVPA's executive director, "Kristine has been the perfect example of what a teacher should be. It is wonderful to see her reap the fruits of her labor."

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The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from SONY and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area.

Photo caption: Kristine Hatanaka, TICA fellowship recipient