

Cal State L.A. Senior and Gucci Scholarship Recipient Amanda Flowers Honors Her Family Through Artwork

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Amanda Flowers is a caretaker of her family's history. All her life, the Cal State LA senior has heard stories about her mother's family from North Carolina, and from her father's side in Texas.

The little snippets of her ancestors' lives have been passed on from one generation to the next, and Flowers has taken her turn to share the stories. She does so with her paintings and other artwork. There is no photographic evidence, for example, of her great-great-grandmother Jenny and her fabled long, black hair and black snake, but Flowers brings back to life her dark tresses and the pet reptile.

But Flowers does not simply regurgitate the stories of her grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and others who came before her. Her paintbrush provides fresh, new strokes to their ancestral tales by incorporating colors from her own life and dreams.

"They tell me stories from their childhood, about their own parents and grandparents," said Flowers, 29.

"So I have a combination of different scenes I pull out, but I also pull from my intimate life, from my dreams. I have very vivid dreams."

"It's definitely an interpretation of their stories," she continued. "I come from them, so their history is already within me. Those are their memories, but I also have my own, and I combine them together."

Her vigorous depictions caught the attention of [Gucci Changemakers North America](#), which earlier this year named Flowers among the 12 recipients of \$20,000 scholarships



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that aim to uplift and empower undergraduate students to pursue their unique paths within the design and fashion industry.

Flowers, who prefers to go by her professional name but is also known by her given name of Amanda Fair, says she has spent some of the scholarship money on art supplies and has earmarked some for graduate school.

But first, she will conclude her undergraduate work in studio arts at Cal State LA with her capstone senior project, which will continue Flowers' exploration of "Ancestral Building."

In her artistic statement, Flower described "Ancestral Building" this way: "We live in this colonized world where mainly minorities are disconnected from their childhood and lineage, which can diminish their identities."

"However, we all inherently honor our families in unique ways like naturally cooking family recipes or singing all the lyrics from a tune that we remember from our childhood. When we place positive intention behind it, the connection can become stronger with identifying self, bringing courage when navigating

the real world."

She is also currently working on a concept called *The Community Gardens*, a multidimensional painting of buildings with different communal life moments interacting together on rooftops and within rooms.

Flowers—a painter, photographer, sculptor, and poet—did not begin her collegiate career as an artist, but as an aspiring astrophysicist. At 17, she enrolled at Arizona State University as an aerospace engineer major.

"I've always loved space; I wanted to study dark matter," she said.

"I was interested in the stars. I had an old telescope, I was just a little nerd, you know. I just saw the beauty of the sky."

But Flowers said the program failed to speak to her, and being away from her family in Northern California for the first time in her life left her feeling isolated.

She found solace in her paintings and discovered art to be her true passion. She then left Arizona State, returned to her hometown of Antioch, attended a couple of community colleges, ensconced herself into the Oakland art scene,

and made a good living as a professional photographer.

Flowers moved to Southern California seven years ago, partly to integrate into the entertainment industry, but also to take business courses at Pasadena City College to help grow her photography business. Finally in fall 2023, Flowers enrolled at Cal State LA to concentrate again on her art.

"It just feels very relaxing," she said.

"Art is a stress reliever. Even just going to an art exhibition, you can escape your reality for a little bit. It's a safe haven. You see other people's perceptions of reality, and it just feels cool to depict things from my mind and be able to expand on them."

In February, Flowers held her first solo exhibition, *The Family Flower Garden*, at the WJD Gallery in Pasadena, showcasing her multidisciplinary skills.

"Amanda showed such a wide range of work—paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics. She has such a diverse skill set," said Phung Huynh, Cal State LA assistant professor of art. "She's very thoughtful about what she says and what she thinks.

I admire her community-based approach, and her work is about honoring her ancestors and history. It's very spiritual."

Flowers, of course, harkens back to an ancestor when discussing her versatility.

"My great-grandmother Marie used to experiment with plants and cross-breed seeds to get different plants," she said.

"I feel like I crossbreed themes, and I experiment and create different art. It has come full circle. Genetically we have different traits, and they come out in different ways. Someone else from my lineage passed down this skill."

Her mother, Amber Redmon, describes Flowers as an inquisitive "old soul."

"She's always been curious about who, what, where, when," Redmon said.

"She's always been into the family and where we come from. When we took our trips to North Carolina, she was very attentive to the people there, trying to get to know their names and faces and their stories."

Redmon appreciates the universality and timelessness of Flowers' pieces. Flowers' subjects might

be about her family, with a sprinkling of herself, but Redmon says the art provides a sense of familiarity. She cites a painting of her mother's North Carolina farmhouse as an example.

"My brothers and I can relate to that picture because we were there," Redmon said.

"It's from Amanda's point of view, but anybody can feel that they've been inside that house, inside that kitchen. It's relatable to a lot of people."

Flowers is a Cal State LA success story. The university endeavors to transform lives by cultivating and amplifying students' unique talents, diverse life experiences, and intellect.

Flowers plans to pursue a master's degree in art, which will likely mean she will be unpacking more stories about her family from North Carolina, Texas, and California.

"There's a lot of power when you can honor the people around you," she said.

"Everything starts with the home. When I hear my mother say, 'You see me in this capacity? You see me like this? I didn't even know that'—I want to share that information and honor family members."

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floor, V/CM Department, on or before **2:00 p.m.** Pacific Time on **Friday, January 31, 2025**. Proposals received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each proposal must be sealed and marked **Proposal No. AE127279MC084**. For a copy of the Proposal/ Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at <https://business.metro.net> or for further information email Kenneth Stewart at kstewart@metro.net. 11/28/24 **CNS-3874016#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AS-NEEDED SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE SERVICES
The County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking qualified and experienced Vendors to enter into Master Agreements to provide as-needed septic tank services for emergency maintenance, pump outs, septic system repairs, effluent and groundwater sampling, with required reporting of septic systems located at County-owned or operated beaches. The selection of Vendors will be based on the qualifications of the firms that submit proposals.
Vendors submitting Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) must provide proof of training certificates authorized by the manufacturer to service septic systems and a minimum of five years of relevant experience providing services for the categories requested. The County may require additional minimum qualifications. The deadline for submitting SOQs will be 5:00 p.m., December 23, 2024, however, County will continuously accept SOQ's throughout the duration of the Master Agreement.
Further information regarding the RFSQ is available at: <https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/>.
To view and print a copy of the RFSQ, please visit: <http://beaches.lacounty.gov/request-for-proposals/>.
The County reserves the right to cancel the RFSQ and to modify any and all terms and conditions of the RFSQ, including minimum qualifications. For further information, email Jean Dao at Contracts@bh.lacounty.gov.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Los Angeles County Hearing Officer will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below. A presentation and overview of the project will be given, and any interested person or authorized agent may appear and comment on the project at the hearing. The Hearing Officer will then consider to approve or deny the project or continue the hearing if it deems necessary. Should you attend, you will have an opportunity to testify, or you can submit written comments to the planner below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing.
Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Hearing Location: Hall of Records, 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Virtual (Online) at [bit.ly/zoom-hq](https://zoom-hq). By phone at (669) 444-9171 or (719) 359-4580 (ID: 824 5573 9842).
Project No.: PRJ2023-000349-(2)
Project Location: 5486 Valley Ridge Avenue, within the Westside Planning Area
CEQA Categorical Exemption: Class 1 – Existing Facilities and Class 5 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations
Project Description: To authorize an existing five-foot and eight-inch-tall front yard fence and an existing 256-square-foot covered patio encroaching into the front yard.
More information: Evan Sahagun, 320 W. Temple Street, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. (213) 974-6411. ESahagun@planning.lacounty.gov.
Case Material: <https://bit.ly/PRJ2023-000349>
If you need reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids, contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 (Voice) or (213) 617-2292 (TDD) with at least 3 business days' advanced notice.
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Pre-Qualification Opportunity with LACCD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites Civil Engineering Firms to submit Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for the following:
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for District Wide, Civil Engineering Services, Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC).
This procurement process will take place in two steps: the instant Request for Qualifications step ("RFQ") (i.e., pre-qualification); and a subsequent Request for Task Order Proposal step ("RFTOP"). Upon receipt and evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") submitted in response to this RFQ, the SOQ's will be scored and evaluated using the District's Uniform System of Rating, and the Qualified Applicants will be identified.

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A qualified firm will enter into Multiple Award Task Order Contract. Thereafter, the District will publish and issue a Request for Proposal only to the Firms who have pre-qualified. Only Pre-qualified Firms will be permitted to submit a proposal. All Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) must be uploaded to the LACCD PlanetBids vendor portal by: **January 8th, 2025 before 12:00 PM**
The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQ and any other documents required to be submitted with the SOQ, by the District. The District will have no responsibility for SOQ's not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the reason.
RFQ Documents, including instructions to Applicants, will be available to Applicants No Later Than **November 25th, 2024**, at the: PlanetBids Vendor Portal: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/21372/portal-home> or <http://www.build-laccd.org/>. "Work With Us" and click on "Vendor Portal (PlanetBIDS)"
Non-Mandatory Pre-SOQ Zoom Video Conference will be held on December 5th, 2024 at 1:00 PM access information included at the PlanetBids Vendor Portal - Documents Tab - "Pre-SOQ Virtual Meeting Information". Questions shall be directed to the Online Vendor Portal - Q&A
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Notice is given that Los Angeles County Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide Design-Build Services to perform the design, construction, and warranty maintenance for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Drop-In Center, located at 1807 E. 120th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059. The RFP may be obtained at the following link: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/Contracts/aeed_rfp/ProjectDetail.aspx?project_id=BRC0000546 or emailed to you by calling (626) 476-0378. Proposals must be received by Public Works by December 12, 2024 by 5:30 p.m.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
RFP No. E761-25
ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR METROLINK OPERATIONS
SCRRRA is seeking proposals for On-Call Professional Services to support the Metrolink Operations Department. Solicitation documents may be obtained at <https://metrolinktrains.com/doing-business>. Proposals

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are due at 2:00 P.M. (PT) on 1/22/25. The contract to be awarded will be funded in part by grants under the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. For further information, contact Dorothea Cantero, Sr. Contract Administrator, at (213) 452-0302 or CanteroD@scrra.net.
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CLYDE NOLAN PATE CASE NO. 24STPB09465
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CLYDE NOLAN PATE. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES DILLINGHAM REED in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES DILLINGHAM REED be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/30/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 62, Room 600 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner JAMES DILLINGHAM REED 5232 WINDERMERE AVENUE LOS ANGELES CA 90041 11/21, 11/28, 12/5/24 **CNS-3872956#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BEATRICE GRAY CASE NO. 24STPB12749
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BEATRICE GRAY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CONNIE DOREEN GRAY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CONNIE DOREEN GRAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/30/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 62, Room 600 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/16/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner DMITRY ARISTOV - SBN 298467
FORWARD ESTATE PLANNING, A LAW CORPORATION 222 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY., SUITE 2000 EL SEGUNDO CA 90245 11/21, 11/28, 12/5/24 **CNS-3872239#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BERNARD HART JR CASE NO. 23STPB08789
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BERNARD HART JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LA SANDRA HAMLIN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION requests that LA SANDRA HAMLIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/16/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner LA SANDRA HAMLIN 1858 W 74TH ST LOS ANGELES CA 90012 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/24 **CNS-3861832#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**