We believe that good design serves the greater good — it can enhance the quality of life for all, not just the privileged few — yet too many members of our communities are not participating in the design process or being exposed to professional opportunities in design.

In 2018, Archeworks launched Chicago Studio, a design education program for high school students. We will teach, mentor and inspire students on the role of design in improving peoples’ lives.

We want Chicago’s youth to see that design can make radical and tangible transformations in Chicago, in their community, and in their lives.

2018 PROGRAMS

February — Walter Henri Dyett High School for the Arts
March — Kenwood Academy High School
April — Epic Academy High School
May — Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy High School
Summer — 6 week intensive immersion summer studio at Archeworks

August 3, 2018 — SAVE-THE-DATE — Final Student Presentation

HOW DOES CHICAGO STUDIO WORK?

1. ARCHEWORKS LEADS IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS for students and provides all aspects of the design studio curriculum
2. STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE by learning the fundamentals of design in a collaborative and supportive studio-based environment
3. PARTNERING SCHOOLS recruit students, engage parents, and provide facilities in order to ensure the program’s success

THE GOALS

1. STUDENTS WILL LEARN PATHWAYS to careers in design (specifically in urban planning, architecture, interior design, environmental graphics and communication design, landscape architecture, industrial design, and design strategy)
2. STUDENTS WILL LEARN FROM DESIGN PROFESSIONALS to explore the many types of design careers
3. STUDENTS WILL BE INSPIRED TO TAKE ACTION and use design skills in their school and community

THE REALITY

105,847 LICENSED ARCHITECTS IN THE USA
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS 2013 ESTIMATE
343 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN ARCHITECTS
DIRECTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ARCHITECTS

4% AFRICAN-AMERICAN LICENSED ARCHITECTS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS DIVERSITY SURVEY

5% AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERIOR DESIGN GRADUATES
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS DIVERSITY SURVEY

9% LATINO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN GRADUATES
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS DIVERSITY SURVEY

ABOUT ARCHEWORKS

Since 1994, Archeworks mission is to use the power of design to challenge social, cultural and environmental challenges in Chicago. We do this by providing educational programs and creating collaborative design projects with our students, our members and the people of the communities we serve. Through our vast network of industry experts, civic leaders, award winning practitioners and successful social entrepreneurs, our students are given the tools and access to make a difference in the world, and the accountability to do so.