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Ashlar-Vellum™ Empowers Girlstart

June 27, 2006 Austin, TX. Ashlar-Vellum announced today the donation of 26 seats of their Argon™ 3D modeling software to Girlstart, for use in the organization's Dream Spaces summer camp program.



Girlstart provides girls with the opportunity to explore math, science, engineering and technology. The organization educates and motivates girls to achieve the knowledge and confidence to participate in advanced math and science classes and future careers. Ashlar-Vellum created a tutorial especially for the girls, ages 11 to 13, which includes constructing a precision 3D solid model of a vase, outputting a dimensioned drawing, rendering a photo-realistic image, and creating an animated movie.

"This camp marks the first time our girls will get introduced to 3D modeling using professional-level tools to create real products," said Rachel Muir, founder of Girlstart. "It is a dynamic and engaging opportunity for our campers to learn new skills. Our Dream Spaces camps are sold out this year and we have a waiting list of girls wanting to get in."

"We look forward to growing new users as these young women learn the joy of design," commented Robert Bou, president of Ashlar-Vellum. "Our unique software interface makes it easy enough for new designers to concentrate on the product they're designing. They get precision results without struggling with the software."

Girlstart is a non-profit organization providing high quality programs that increase the level of technology opportunities for girls and their families. Founded in 1997 in Austin, Texas, it has quickly established itself as a best-case practices leader in empowering girls to become more proficient in math, science and technology. The organization offers a variety of educational formats designed for girls ages 9 - 15 through after-school programs, Saturday camps, and summer day camps. Girlstart serves a population that includes at-risk and minority girls. To learn more, see their website at www.girlstart.org.

Founded in 1988, Ashlar-Vellum is the leading provider of precision CAD and 3D modeling software that automates and simplifies the design process for drafting, design, and engineering professionals on both Macintosh and Windows platforms. Ashlar-Vellum's renowned Vellum® user interface and powerful toolsets have earned the loyalty of innovators around the world. Ashlar-Vellum operates from its headquarters in Austin, Texas. To learn more call 800-877-2745 or visit www.ashlar-vellum.com.

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