

Famous Montessori Graduates and Advocates.

Jeff Bezos - Founder of Amazon



Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com, who proudly cites his Montessori roots, is a study in contradictions: analytical and intuitive, careful and audacious, playful and determined. Critics note his extraordinary ability to learn from others, one hallmark of Montessori education.

Larry Page & Sergey Brin - Founders of Google



Google needs no introduction, but did you know that both of its founders went to Montessori schools? The profound impact of the Montessori method upon Larry and Sergey has made them incorporate part of its ethos into their companies through what is known as the 20% Rule. Google employees typically spend one working day a week on something that is not related to what they are currently working on. Larry and Sergey both credit Montessori with their out-of-the-box thinking, a trait that is commonly associated with top earners and successful entrepreneurs.

Jimmy Donal Wales



Jimmy Donal Wales is an internet entrepreneur the co-founder of Wikipedia, a non-profit online encyclopedia that runs with an open management style. Times magazine named him in their list of "the 100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2006. He accredits the Montessori Method of his school's education that was to spend a lot of time reading the Britannica's and World Book Encyclopedias.

Beyoncé Knowles - Singer and Songwriter



Beyoncé is one of the world's most famous singers, but did you know that she attended a Montessori school as a child? The Montessori method encourages children to engage in what interests them most and highly values the arts alongside academic subjects, this has undoubtedly added to Beyoncé's success and self-motivation. In fact, encouraging creative thinking is essential to your child's success in every sphere of life.

Will Wright - Video game pioneer



The name might not sound familiar, but his games certainly will. Creator of some of the most top-rated, famous games ever, such as *Sim City*, *The Sims* and *Spore*, Will Wright's games allow the player to progress while focusing only upon which aspects interest them, making each player's experience unique and extremely personal.

Yo Yo Ma, one of the most sought-after cellists of our times.



United Nations Peace Ambassador, winner of 15 Grammy Awards, Presidential Medal of Freedom & National Medal of the Arts. As a pre-schooler, his daughter Emily attended the Lexington Montessori School. He said in an interview with *Montessori Life* magazine that "Structure is an absolutely important part of the creative life, and Emily got this from her Montessori experience."

Joshua Bell



Joshua Bell, an American Grammy Award-winning violinist and conductor, subject of a Pulitzer prize-winning media story. "It is Bell's humility, not his virtuosity, that most inspires. In suspending his fame to explore the true meaning of his work, Bell exhibits Montessori thinking at its best".

Woodrow Wilson



President of the USA had a Montessori classroom installed in the basement of the Whitehouse during his term of office for staff to send their children to and his daughter trained as a Montessori teacher. Margaret Wilson was on the committee that brought Dr Montessori to the USA in 1915.

Taylor Swift



Taylor Swift, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter, a country music's youngest-ever entertainer of the year, attended Alvernia Montessori School in Berks County Pa.

Dakota Fanning



Youngest-ever Screen Actors Award nominee, history's younger Academy member, recalls: " I learned to read at two...in a Montessori school.

Anne Frank



Famous child diarist from World War Two. She is remembered around the world for her diary *Het Achterhuis* which speaks about her adolescence in German occupied Amsterdam in World War Two. The diary describes the impact of Nazi-anti-semitism on Jewish and Dutch Communities. Anne was born to an upper-class Jewish family in Frankfurt before moving to Amsterdam. Her family selected a small Montessori school for Anne to attend where she was remembered as an ordinary student but with the ability to draw more from her experiences than the average student—a typical Montessorian characteristic.

Helen Hunt



The winner of some big-time honours (Oscar, Emmy, and Golden Globe all one year)

George Clooney



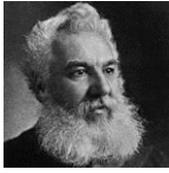
Academy award winning actor.

Prince Harry and Prince William



Prince Harry and Prince William, sons of Charles, prince of wales was both educated the Montessori way.

Alexander Graham Bell



Alexander Graham Bell was an eminent scientist, inventor, engineer and innovator who is credited with inventing the first practical telephone. Founded two of the first Montessori schools in the U.S. and Canada.

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