Portrait of a Graduate
North Central Massachusetts

What should the new normal be?

Portrait of a Graduate is a multiyear grant from the Barr Foundation for Gardner, Fitchburg, Leominster, Winchendon, and Mount Wachusett Community College. Our goal is to reimagine High School to ensure that all high school graduates are ready to thrive in college, career and community.

Through focus groups, surveys and interviews, over 3,100 stakeholders, including students, teachers, business leaders, parents, guardians, alumni & residents created a collective vision for what the Portrait of A Graduate should be. This information will now be presented back to school districts and community residents to create and implement our collective Portrait of a Graduate. Thank you for your input!

WE ASKED YOU!

GET INVOLVED!

Join us at a Community Listening Session

See the results & help draft the Portrait of A Graduate

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“I feel like we’re told a lot about...stuff in the past...but we have nothing to help us for the future when it comes to being on our own, and bills and all this other stuff. That’s all stuff we pretty much have to learn on our own at this point. Because not everyone has someone at home that can teach them that.”

“...What I found over the years [of surveying local employers], the same themes seem to come up...critical thinking, communication skills is always number one. Collaboration is always two or three, and [then] flexibility...”

“...They really can’t connect the real world with school unless they’re out there and actually experiencing it.” - Educator, North Central Mass

400+
Alumni

2,200+
Students

500+
Teachers & Caregivers

100+
Business Leaders

Portraits of a Graduate
North Central Mass show!

Young and aspiring art students of all ages are invited to submit original pieces of artwork (any kinds as long as it can be photographed or digitized) representing their vision of what school should be like in order for ALL students to thrive in college, career, and our community. Accepted pieces will be displayed in the virtual community gallery of the Fitchburg Art Museum from March 10 to April 12 as part of a Portrait of a Graduate North Central Mass show! Awards will be designated for outstanding works.

Click for flyer & full details.

TEACHERS: Click the link below for lesson plan ideas!

All submissions are due in digitized form by February 15.

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