



Famous Montessori Personalities

Below is a list of many familiar people who were Montessori educated:

Sergey Brin & Larry Page, Founders of Google

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, editor, former First Lady (John F. Kennedy)

Sean 'P.Diddy' (formerly known as Puffy) Combs, RAP mega-star



Anne Frank, famous diarist from World War II

Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Prize winner for Literature

Jeff Bezos, financial analyst, founder, AMAZON.COM

Prince William and Prince Harry, English royal family

T. Berry Brazelton, noted pediatrician and author



Helen Keller, author, activist, lecturer

Julia Child, famous chef, star of many TV cooking shows and author of numerous cookbooks

Kami Cotler, actress (youngest child on long-running series The Waltons)

Melissa and Sarah Gilbert, actors



Friedensreich Hundertwasser, Austrian painter and architect

Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia

Will Wright, designer of The Sims

Helen Hunt, Academy Award-winning actress



George Clooney, Academy Award-winning actor, producer

Joshua Bell, American violinist, owner of Stradivarius Violin

Lea Salonga, a Filipino-American singer and Broadway actress

Katharine Graham, former editor of the Washington Post

Andrew Lloyd Webber, musician, conductor



Famous people who chose Montessori schools for their own children:

Stephen J. Cannell, TV writer-producer-director (The Rockford Files and many others)

Patty Duke Astin, actress

Cher Bono, singer-actress

John Bradshaw, psychologist and author

Yul Brynner, actor

Marcy Carcy, TV producer

Bill & Hillary Clinton, former president/senator, NY

Michael Douglas, actor

Shari Lewis, puppeteer

Yo Yo Ma, cellist

Elizabeth Berridge, actress

David Blaine, street magician



Others with a Montessori connection:

Alexander Graham Bell, noted inventor, and his wife Mabel, founded the Montessori Education Association in 1913. They also provided financial support directly to Dr. Montessori and helped establish the first Montessori class in Canada and one of the first in the United States.

Mister Rogers, children's TV personality, strong supporter of Montessori education.

Thomas Edison, noted scientist and inventor, helped found a Montessori school.

President Wilson's daughter trained as a Montessori teacher. There was a Montessori classroom in the basement of the White House during Wilson's presidency.

Jean Piaget, noted Swiss psychologist, made his first observations of children in a Montessori school. He was also head of the Swiss Montessori Society for many years.

Willie Nelson, musician, has a Montessori School on his ranch.

Erik Erikson, anthropologist and author, had a Montessori teaching diploma.

Alice Waters, founder of Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley, CA, attended Montessori Teacher Training in London.

Henry Ford, Ford Motor Company, advocated Montessori Education.

Sigmund Freud, considered the father of modern psychoanalysis, physiologist, medical doctor, psychologist and influential thinker of the Twentieth Century, was a contemporary of Montessori and promoted her work.

Princess Diana attended Montessori Teacher Training in London.

