



# ATLAS ACADEMY

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## Who is Atlas?

Atlas is anyone who carries the world on their shoulders. The movers and shakers. The people with such immensity of spirit that their passion has left an indelible mark on the course of history.

Atlas is Steve Jobs and Albert Einstein, Serena Williams and Tom Brady, Jane Goodall and Oprah Winfrey, Isaac Newton and Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Franklin and Martin Luther King Jr., and, of course, Maria Montessori herself!

There is a potential for Atlas in every child—a potential for greatness. And it's our aim at Atlas academy to help children to discover and realize this potential. In the words of Maria Montessori, "Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities." Our aim, at Atlas Academy, is not simply to give our students the specific skills needed for a specific job. Our aim includes that but also much more; it is to help each student to construct their potential Atlas and make it real.

As Maria Montessori discovered, there is an untapped potential, hitherto unknown, hidden in the soul of each child. She writes: "The child's constructive energy, alive and dynamic, has remained unknown for thousands of years, a mine of mental treasure, just as the men who first trod this earth knew nothing of the immense riches that lay hidden in it's depths...Now, for the first time, a few have come to suspect its existence, a treasure which has never been exploited, more precious than gold, the very soul of man."

There is an untapped potential within each child, which Maria Montessori discovered and proceeded to unleash through her educational method. But, as she herself acknowledged, her work was just a beginning—just the first solid steps down a long road. By following her lead, and carrying forward her project, we can, in her words: "witness the unfolding of the human soul and the rising of a New Man who will not be the victim of events, but will have the clarity of vision to direct and shape the future of human society."

Atlas is the potential for greatness within each child. Atlas Academy can help make it real.