



# Meet Our Students & Alumni



# MEET Dr. Edward Bouquillon

SUPERINTENDENT/DIRECTOR



At Minuteman High School, we designed a new building and educational programming to help students explore what they love to do and what they do well. When students figure out the answers to these questions, Minuteman supports them on a path to long-term college and/or career success.

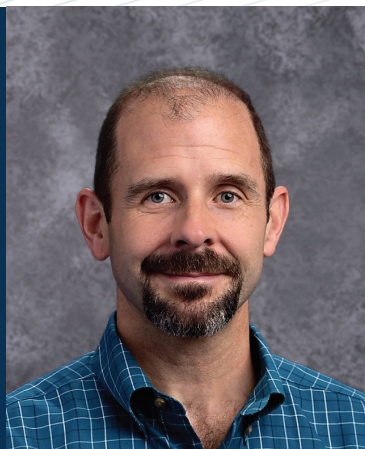
As the demand in high-quality career technical education (CTE) has increased tremendously in recent years, Minuteman stayed ahead of the curve with state-of-the-art technology, award-winning academics and career technical programming. The academics and CTE programs are highly integrated through the Academy Model, which allows academic and CTE teachers to jointly deliver integrated curriculum designed to give students the best education possible.

When students graduate from Minuteman, the majority earn industry-recognized credentials that can land them jobs in their trades immediately; or, can place them ahead of their peers when they enter a college or university. Minuteman students also enjoy a well-rounded experience through activities, clubs, community, and athletics. In fact, Minuteman is constructing three new athletic fields that will open in the fall of 2021.

We are proud of the many Minuteman students that have found success during and after their time here. We are pleased to share their stories with you.

# MEET Mr. George Clement

PRINCIPAL



On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration we are excited to welcome you to Minuteman High School! Our teachers are passionate, caring, and competent. We like to say we are “high school revolutionized” because we deliver full academics alongside a valuable career & technical education. We help students aspire to their full potential, accelerate their learning, and achieve a competitive advantage to get ahead in their college and career plans. The synergy of Blue Ribbon Award-winning academics and highly-coveted career skills help our students cope, compete, and thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Only at Minuteman can students discover what they love to do, what they do well, and how to turn that into an economic opportunity that will make them happy and independent. We want all students to enjoy our revolution in learning. With 14

athletic teams and 20 clubs and activities, there are opportunities for all students.

Take my word for it! Read through this brochure to learn what current and former students have to say. I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions about Minuteman, please contact us.



# Trinity Choroszej

CLASS OF 2022 • BIOTECHNOLOGY • ARLINGTON

Trinity Choroszej, a senior from Arlington in the Biotechnology career major, is a Student Ambassador, a member of the Community Service Club, and a player on the girls' soccer team. As a Student Ambassador, Trinity speaks with middle school students about Minuteman and emphasizes the strong bonds that are formed by students of various backgrounds. She has always been interested in science and plans to enroll in a college or university to study medicine.

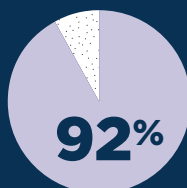


"We are a very welcoming, open-minded community. The teachers are fabulous and really do care about your education. People are very friendly here. The students really love it here—we chose to be here. For a small student body, we have a large amount of diversity. I'm from Malaysia myself, I have a friend who is Filipino, another from Japan. We have diversity from the LGBTQ+ community, and we have a club for it. We're a safe haven and people love it here."

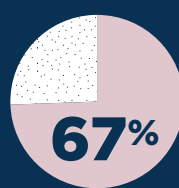
"I chose Biotech because it's based in science. I know the scientific knowledge will help me later on toward becoming a pre-med student, which involves chemistry and biology. Over time, you choose your career technical major, and your 'shop' becomes your family. If you join a sports team, you spend so much time together. My soccer team and I have been through a lot... and they are basically my family now, too."

## WHERE DO MINUTEMAN GRADUATES GO?\*

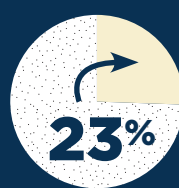
*Minuteman High School alumni are known for their college and career successes after graduation—and the Class of 2021 is no exception.*



are in college/university, training, or employed



are enrolled in a two- or four-year college/university



are employed in their trade of study

### Minuteman Class of 2021 graduates are attending...

Boston College, Brigham and Young University, Champlain College, Colorado University, Fitchburg State University, Ithaca College, Keene State University, Maine College of Art, New England Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Salem State University, University of Massachusetts, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnical Institute, and many more—totaling 57 colleges and universities this year.

### And they're working for...

Bolivar Plumbing of Wayland, Design Mechanical (Plumbing) of Georgetown, Griffin Plumbing and Heating of North Reading, The Goddard School of Lexington, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 103 of Boston, J.M. Foley and Co. (Carpentry) of Fitchburg, D.H. MacLeod Plumbing & Heating of Newton, New England Wire Products (Welding) of Leominster, Waltham Fields Community Farm, Wheaton Electrical of Waltham, and many more.

# Tristin O'Connor

CLASS OF 2016 • ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE • BOLTON



Tristin O'Connor, a Bolton native from the Minuteman Class of 2016, was an Environmental Science career major, co-president of Girls in STEM, co-president of the Student Council, cheerleader, and president Minuteman's chapters of SkillsUSA and National Honor Society, among others. She graduated from Fairfield University in 2020 with a degree in mechanical engineering. She works as a mechanical engineer for a U.S. aerial delivery systems team at the Natick Soldiers Systems Center.

"Minuteman instilled in me how to be a good team player. Not only with sports, but with activities like SkillsUSA and senior projects. And I began taking classes in college, I felt better prepared than many of the other students. I didn't feel like a fish out of water taking a calculus class because I took AP calculus at Minuteman."

"In the Environmental Science program, I obtained my wastewater and drinking water treatment licenses – and I still have both of them. The licenses stand out so much on a resume. So many employers said they were really impressed by that and that it set me apart from other candidates."

# Doug Orr

CLASS OF 1999 • CARPENTRY • LEXINGTON



Doug Orr, of Lexington, graduated from Minuteman High School in 1999 after majoring in Carpentry. He worked with contractors through high school in the Cooperative Education (Co-Op) program and began working as a project manager shortly after graduation. At age 21, he launched his own business, Orr Homes LLC, which specializes in custom, luxury homes that continues to operate today. He is a member of Minuteman's Carpentry Advisory Board. One of his first projects as owner of Orr Homes was for Claude Julien, who was the head coach of the Boston Bruins at the time.

"I chose Minuteman because I was always more of a hands-on person. I had a pretty good direction of what I wanted to do from very early on. When I was in Co-Op at Minuteman, I worked on multi-million-dollar estates. That was the level I was fortunate enough to get my start in. I started my own business at 21 and there's been no looking back."

"There is a drastic shortage of talent in this country when it comes to home construction and the trades in general. It's absolutely vital for kids to see these amazing opportunities and have the mindset and excitement to do this type of work. If you get an early start at a vocational-technical school like Minuteman, you're at a great advantage. The way it's going, pretty soon people are going to pay more per hour for a plumber than they are for an attorney."

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# Luciano Garreffo

CLASS OF 2021

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING • LANCASTER

Luciano Garreffo of Lancaster, a Class of 2021 graduate from the Advanced Manufacturing career major, was a Student Ambassador and played on the soccer and tennis teams.

Luciano loves hands-on learning and worked with high-tech machinery in Advanced Manufacturing—he made a device for a skateboard for his Senior Project using Computer Aided Design (CAD). He worked as a snowboarding instructor at Wachusett Mountain and enlisted in the U.S. Marines after graduation.

“Minuteman is a very welcoming community. Once you get into your (career technical education) shop, you’re in a group with 12 or 15 other kids who have the same interests as you and you get closer over the years. You do projects together, you bounce ideas off each other. We’ve gone on snowboarding trips in the mountains. I’ve made a lot of tight bonds.”

“Every day, I knew there was always going to be a new challenge, and that I’d need to overcome that challenge to find a solution. I like learning with my hands. I like creating something that I came up with in my head and modeling it into a physical object... and turning it into a real-world application. It’s a great feeling to use what you’ve learned to find solutions and solve problems.”



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# Sophia Krain

CLASS OF 2021 • CULINARY ARTS • ARLINGTON

Sophia Krain of Arlington, a Class of 2021 graduate from the Culinary Arts career major, was a Student Ambassador and a junior Peer Leader. Sophia volunteered to speak with middle school students about the benefits of enrolling at Minuteman. For her senior project, Sophia managed the seventh-annual Ryan Eaton Memorial Scholarship – a St. Patrick’s Day meal fundraising event. She is attending Salem State University in the fall of 2021 to study marketing.

“I was really excited to come to a new school and meet a bunch of new people, but I know it seems scary. It’s good that Minuteman is so diverse and you meet kids from all over the place. It helps you build connections. It’s good to have a different group of friends other than just friends from your town.”

“Having vocational and academic classes makes learning so much more fun. You have your academic week where you study really hard, and then you have your vocational week where you’re learning hands on in your shop. That hands-on part makes your academics fun because you can connect what you’re learning back to your shop. You’re not just learning one or the other, but both at the same time.”





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# Sophia Li

CLASS OF 2019 • ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY • ACTON



Sophia Li, of Acton, was an Engineering Technology major at Minuteman who graduated as the Valedictorian in 2019. She is continuing her studies at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh after being accepted to seven colleges or universities. At Minuteman, Sophia was a Student Ambassador, president of Girls in STEM, president of the Math Club, a member of Skills USA, and a player on the girls' soccer and basketball teams. At Carnegie Mellon, Sophia is the Mentoring Chair for the Society of Women Engineers and works as a teaching assistant.

"I knew if I went to a traditional high school, I might not have as many opportunities to explore what I was interested in. In middle school, I attended the Girls in STEM Camp at Minuteman, and I knew if I went to Minuteman, I'd have more opportunities to build and create. At first, I wasn't sure what engineering was, but I wanted to explore it. When I went to Minuteman, I found what I really loved."

"Minuteman was the right choice for me because I had the chance to stand out and really leave a legacy behind."

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# Layla Lubin

CLASS OF 2022 • HEALTH ASSISTING • CONCORD



Layla Lubin, of Concord, is a Health Assisting major in the Class of 2022. She is a Student Ambassador, Peer Leader, Cheerleader, player on the girls' softball team and a member of the National Honors Society. For the 2021-22 year, Layla is serving as a student representative on Minuteman's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee. Layla works part-time in an assisted living facility—following in the footsteps of her mother, who works in healthcare.

"We had learned a lot about helping elderly people in our Health Assisting class. I got to see things that we learned about in class, and that was really cool. A lot of the residents are older and needed some extra help. Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease—you see a lot of that."

"I've made some of my best friends from our cheer team and softball team, and I've made so many bonds with my coaches. I'm proud of getting into the National Honors Society because I pushed myself and worked really hard. I'm grateful for the teachers at Minuteman High School because they care about you and your wellbeing."

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# Otto Rademacher

CLASS OF 2020 • ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE • ARLINGTON

Otto Rademacher, of Arlington, graduated from Minuteman in 2020 after studying Environmental Science. He's attending the University of New England to major in Marine Affairs. At Minuteman, Otto was a Student Ambassador, Peer Leader, and a player on the soccer, swim, and baseball teams. He traveled to New Orleans twice and Puerto Rico once with the Community Service Club.

"I'm a hands-on learner. If I could get my hands on something and do a task out in the field, I could remember it much better than if I were just doing a lab in the classroom. The way Minuteman taught us helped me learn so much better. In the classroom, we'd learn about, say, forest ecology, which is the study of interactions among organisms in the environment. Then, we'd go out and spend the whole next day in the woods trying to find those organisms and seeing the interactions in between them. You learn it and then you get to go out and experience it."

"I also loved the athletics program. What's truly great is we have a no cut, no fee policy. Anyone who wants to play a sport can do so. It's great for kids who are passionate about something."



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# William Frost

CLASS OF 2013 • AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY • STONEHAM

William Frost, of Stoneham, was a Class of 2013 Automotive Technology student at Minuteman High School. After working in the automotive field, Frost transitioned into a career as a pipefitter, working on HVAC systems for major construction projects. He is a member of the Pipefitters Union Local 537 in Boston and employed full-time with Walsh Mechanical Contractors of Abington.

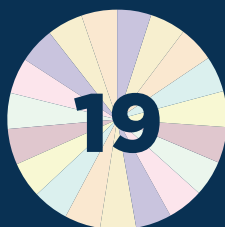
"I always enjoyed working on cars. My old auto teacher, Mr. [Bruce] Flood would tell me, 'Your education is what you put into it.' I really took that message to heart. I walked out of here with every certification that was offered to me. My senior year, I went to the SkillsUSA competition and I won awards. I got the confidence I needed. I could show you all the cars I built. I would come back to Minuteman in the summers and work on cars with Mr. Flood. I got so much knowledge out of that."

"Now, I work as a pipefitter. Instead of being a mechanic for a car, you're a mechanic for a building and its HVAC system. What I love about my job is you're literally putting a footprint on the world."

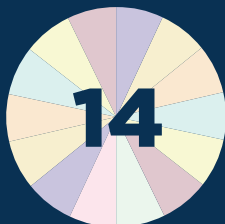


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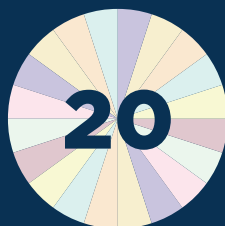
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