

# Humanities After School: A Program for Immigrant, Refugee, and Underserved High School Students

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## Geisel Library

### Purpose

To support the Humanities After School program by introducing students to college-level research and resources in order to learn about and present on great thinkers in Western cultures, including those from their own immigrant and refugee cultures.

### Actions

- Develop and facilitate information literacy research lessons and activities for each humanities lecture and the final presentation.
- Mentor and coach SAC student program coordinators who manage and run the program.

**"The Humanities are how people express themselves, ask big questions in life, and how we are different from other living things." ~ HAS student**



**"Having a French tutor is important to me because it helps me with my English. Before I came here I didn't know any English and having a tutor who I can talk to in French and English each week is really helpful." ~ HAS student**



**"This program has been beneficial for the students because they have strengthened their language skills and have had the opportunity to teach and learn from others about their unique cultural backgrounds." ~ SAC student**

## Access Academy

### Mission

To provide a campus-based educational program for immigrant, refugee, and underrepresented high school students in Manchester, NH. Access Academy is designed to help students gain skills for high school success and information and support for college access.

### Programs

Humanities After School - College Admission  
Computer Literacy & Construction - Environmental Studies  
Career and College Exploration - Public Achievement

### Schools

Manchester School of Technology - West High School  
Central High School - Memorial High School

## Humanities After School

### Description

How have the great ideas in Politics, History, Literature, Philosophy, Fine Arts, and the Classics impacted the world? Who are some of the great thinkers, how have their contributions made a difference and what can you learn from them? Explore the Humanities through presentations by others and your own supported research of human greatness, including people from countries from which Manchester's immigrants and refugees originate.

### Knowledge and Skills Acquired

- Increased knowledge of the Humanities through portraits of human greatness.
- Dynamic group management skills such as problem solving, empathizing, collaborating, persuading, communicating, and motivating.
- Research and citation skills and critical evaluation of sources.
- Presentation preparation and public speaking skills including the use of technology and working through final presentations before an audience.



**"The Humanities After School program is incredibly important to high school students as they are introduced to topics they likely will not learn in high school, and learn with the guidance of Saint Anselm students, which helps empower them as learners. ~ Vista coordinator**