

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt

“I’m going to major in liberal arts, and become an art therapist at some point.”

“I want to go to college for psychology.”

“Hopefully I’ll be going to college for automotive [arts] or CNC machining.”

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“I want to get into network analysis, and get a job in that.”

“I want to go to community college for a music degree and then music production.”

“My goal is becoming a chef... I’m attending school in the fall for culinary arts.”



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We believe that everyone is a learner, and that with the right support, every learner can find success. We are committed to reaching and educating all young people and helping them to find their path.

The Joan E. Schuman Scholarship is an expression of that belief.

The Schuman Scholarship Fund was established to provide a one-time scholarship each year to one or more special education students graduating from HEC Academy or a CES member district and enrolling in a two- or four-year higher education institution. Like the HEC Academy graduates quoted on the cover, these students see pathways to their futures through continued learning and personal growth. The Schuman Scholarship Fund offers a unique opportunity to nourish these dreams so they may bloom and grow.

Dr. Joan E. Schuman



Joan Schuman led the Collaborative for Educational Services as Executive Director for over twenty successful years. Creating and nurturing programs to provide the highest quality education for underserved students and building robust resources for the dedicated professionals who educate them have been an integral part of her career. Dr. Schuman's passionate commitment to the mission of the Collaborative and her work as an innovative educational leader were transformative for the agency, and for the beneficiaries of her work. In all of that work, she has been focused on providing the right support to learners so that every student can find success.

About the Collaborative for Educational Services

The Collaborative for Educational Services is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit, educational services agency located in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Since 1974, the Collaborative has worked with schools, families, young people and communities in the Pioneer Valley and throughout the Commonwealth to create and improve educational opportunities both in and out of the classroom.



Our signature streetscape is taken from a series of painted panels created by students at HEC Academy alternative high school.

Donations

Tax deductible donations may be made in one of two ways:

- 1) Make your check payable to the Collaborative for Educational Services, noting the Schuman Scholarship Fund in the notes field. Checks may be mailed to:
Attention: Allison Garriss
Collaborative for Educational Services
97 Hawley Street, Northampton, MA 01060
- 2) Visit the Joan E. Schuman Fund web page at collaborative.org/schumanscholarship. Credit card donations may be made online at our website.



How will scholarship recipients be selected?

Nominations for special education students (with an IEP) as candidates for the scholarship awards may be submitted by a teacher or teachers of the student, by April 30 of each year. The nominees will be reviewed during the month of May, and a finalist or finalists selected and notified by May 31. Nomination forms will be available online at: collaborative.org/schumanscholarship.

In order to qualify for consideration, nominees should be graduating from HEC Academy or a CES member district in Franklin or Hampshire County, and should be planning to enter a 2- or 4-year higher education institution. Students of HEC Academy in Northampton, Massachusetts will be given preference in the selection process. The final award recipients will be selected on the basis of their academic record and financial need. Once enrolled, the scholarship recipient's higher education institution will receive the scholarship award check.



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Nothing is more powerful than overcoming obstacles to pursue your dream.



After graduating from HEC Academy, Mischa never looked back. The chance to explore her interests there through independent coursework ultimately led her to an exciting and rewarding career as an artist. After a few years of classes at Holyoke Community College, she started her own business as a visual artist. Her secret is to make “something so innovative, no one has ever seen anything like it before.” She gives back to the community through her work with inner city youth at the Mason Square Boys and Girls Club in Springfield, teaching young people to create and sell their own art projects. She remembers facing her own set of challenges as a youth, and the power of having teachers that “never gave up on me.”



Brandon wasn't always engaged in work or school. By the end of his freshman year in high school, he was receiving instruction in an alternative learning program in the evenings due to some behavior issues; and in his sophomore year, he began attending a special education alternative learning program full time. While there, he gained a variety of skills through the program's internship opportunities. A chance to shadow the Chief in a local police department turned out to be a meaningful and lasting connection for Brandon, and sparked his interest in pursuing a career in police work. After graduation, he plans to save money so that he can pay for college. Eventually, he hopes to attend Westfield State University, which he says has one of the best criminal justice programs in the state. Brandon reflects with a smile on his interest in criminal justice, “It's ironic.”



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Supporting students in their forward momentum is our best way to shape the future.