## Alcuin Graduates...

## Are joyful people.



They are curious explorers of life and learning, laugh regularly, and feel balanced and at peace.

### Are brave and conscientious.

Their decisions are responsible and thoughtful, and they are resourceful problem-solvers who take healthy risks to pursue



their ideals. They embrace opportunities and learn from their mistakes.

### Are connected.



They develop close friendships. They seek out ways to meet the needs of their family and community. They nurture themselves by

developing interests and caring for their health.

### Have vision and purpose.

They create their own success. They choose careers which are distinguished by passion, compassion and excellence.



They know themselves well and are ambitious and goal-oriented.

#### Are citizens of the world.



They seek to understand other cultures, perspectives, and values. They celebrate diversity. They read, travel

and ask questions. They work to eliminate injustice and are stewards of the earth.

Alcuin Montessori

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## Profile of Professional Excellence

### We empower and facilitate:

...by nurturing the whole child

We have deep respect for the dignity of each student. Through careful observation, we discover opportunities to celebrate successes and remove any obstacles for growth. We treat children with kindness and empathy, listening and watching for ways to support them.

...by crafting dynamic learning environments
Our classrooms are fluid, consistent and exciting, and built on trust and peace. Teachers' presentations ignite the imaginations of children and offer avenues for discovery of the world, community and self. Our methods and materials are precise, and extend from the understanding that each child has interests, needs, and a unique learning style.

...by modeling grace and courtesy

Our manner is humble and patient, and our demeanor is joyful and passionate. We encourage calm focus, open communication and peaceful self-discipline by demonstrating these qualities in everything we do.

# We partner with parents and communicate Montessori:

...by working together to put children first
From the very first contact, office staff members help children and parents feel welcome. From the very first day in the classroom, teachers and classroom assistants guide children on their educational journeys. Ours is a community that enriches the lives of children and the adults around them.

...by communicating Montessori

Just as children learn the progression of works in the classroom, parents learn the method and philosophy behind their child's education by partnering with Alcuin professionals. Through classroom observations, conferences with teachers, and frequent parent-education opportunities, parents understand Montessori, too.

...by recording and responding

Alcuin teachers maintain detailed records of each student's growth and communicate both triumphs and challenges to parents on a regular basis. When students or parents need extra help or information, teachers provide it promptly. Alcuin professionals are quick and considerate in communicating with parents and other staff to support students and their families.

# We are role models in the larger community:

...by participating

Alcuin professionals participate with passion and purpose in the world; we are involved in our communities as volunteers in the arts, athletics, social service and more.

...by modeling education for life

We pursue higher education and embrace opportunities to become well-rounded and balanced human beings, by studying art, music and physical training to name just a few. Professionals at Alcuin are creative, interesting and fun to be around.

...by making a difference

As avid humanitarians and dedicated citizens, we work to create the positive change we want to see in the world. We celebrate the strengths in our differences and embrace the diversity of Oak Park, Chicagoland and the greater world. As all Montessorians do, we strive for healthy diversity, and we support its development and growth.