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Presidents and other Important Americans
John Adams -president Born 1736 Braintree, MA
John Quincy Adams- president Born 1767 Braintree, MA
George H. W. Bush -president Born 1924 in Milton, MA
Michael Stanley Dukakis- Former Mass. Governor Born 1933 in Brookline, MA
John F. Kennedy-president Born 1917 Brookline, MA
Samuel Adams-patriot Born 1722 Boston, MA
Susan B. Anthony -woman suffragist Born 1820 Adams, MA
Paul Revere-silversmith and Revolutionary War figure Born 1735 Boston, MA
Benjamin Franklin-statesman and scientist Born 1706 Boston, MA
John Hancock- statesman Born 1737 Braintree, MA
David Souter- jurist Born 1939 Melrose, MA
Lucy Stone woman -suffragist Born 1818, West Brookfield , MA
Oliver Wendell Holmes- jurist Born 1841 Boston, MA
Authors, Poets, Artists
Louisa May Alcott - writer 1832-1888
Spent Early years in MA
Horatio Alger -novelist Born 1832 Revere, MA
John Cheever- novelist Born 1912 Quincy, MA
William Cullen Bryant -poet and editor Born 1794 Cummington, MA
E.E. Cummings - poet 1894 cambridge
Emily Dickinson- poet Born 1830 Amherst, MA
Ralph Waldo Emerson -philosopher, orator and poet 1803 Boston
Nathaniel Hawthorne -novelist Born 1804 Salem, MA
Amy Lowell- poet Born 1874 Brookline, MA
James Russell Lowell -poet Born 1819 Cambridge, MA
Robert Lowell-poet Born 1917 Boston, MA
Herman Melville -writer 1819-1891 1850 moved to Pittsfield, MA
Edgar Allan Poe- writer Born 1809 Boston, MA
Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel) -author and illustrator Born 1904 Springfield, MA
Henry David Thoreau -author Born 1817 Concord, MA
John Greenleaf Whittier -poet Born 1817 near Haverhill, MA
Artists and Performers
Leonard Bernstein -conductor Born 1918 Lawrence, MA
John Singleton Copley- painter Born 1738 Boston, MA
Bette Davis -actress Born 1908 Lowell
MA
Jacques d'Amboise- ballet dancer Born1934 Dedham, MA
Cecil B. DeMille -film director Born 1881 Ashfield, MA
Geraldine Farrar -soprano, actress Born1882 Melrose, MA
Winslow Homer -painter Born 1836 Boston, MA
Samuel F. B. Morse- painter and inventor Born 1791 Charlestown, MA
Norman Rockwell- artist 1894-1978 Lived last 25 years in Stockbridge, MA
Barbara Walters- TV commentator Born 1929 Boston, MA
James McNeill Whistler -painter Born 1834 Lowell, MA
Other Important Americans
Bronson Alcott- educator and social reformer Born 1799 Wolcott, MA
Clara Barton- American Red Cross founder Born 1821 North Oxford, MA
Luther Burbank- horticulturalist Born 1847 Lancaster, MA
Buckminster Fuller- architect and educator Born 1895 Milton, MA
Robert Goddard -father of modern rocketry Born 1882 Worcester, MA
Elias Howe- inventor Born 1819 Spencer, MA
Horace Mann- educator Born 1796 Franklin, MA
Eli Whitney- inventor Born 1765 Westboro, MA
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Tessa Browne + Michelle Johnstone, GoLocalWorcester Contributors
Who got famous from Central Massachusetts? More people than you might think. GoLocalWorcester wanted to see which locals had made it the biggest and become celebrities, so we raked through those who were born and raised in Central Mass., as well as those who had spent time here at local colleges such as Clark, Holy Cross, and WPI. It was an amazing list–from actors in some of TV’s highest rated series to its most popular reality shows, from the worlds of the NFL and the NBA, from high-profile media, technology, and fashion. Check out who made GoLocalWorcester’s Top 25 Celebrities list. You can say you knew them when. If you’re looking for a College of the Holy Cross self-guided tour then you have come to the right page. Learn more about the College of the Holy Cross, a private Jesuit liberal arts college in Worcester, Massachusetts. It is strictly an undergraduate school with approximately 3,000 students. Their mascot is the Crusader and the school colors are royal purple and white. They compete in the NCAA Division I Conference and in the Patriot League.
“During finals week, make sure to go to ‘Midnight Breakfast’ for a quick late-night study break.”
Allison, Student Ambassador
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BirchTree Bread Company
Nu Cafe/Nu Kitchen
College of Holy Cross Notable Alumni
Clarence Thomas - Supreme Court Justice
Bob Cousy - Former Basketball Player (Boston Celtics)
Edward P. Jones - Novelist
Alan Dowd - Actor
Neil Hopkins - Actor
Jon Favreau - Obama's former speechwriter
Chris Matthews - Political commentator, talk show host
Bill Simmons - ESPN sports writer, sports analyst, author, and podcaster
Photo scoops from College of the Holy Cross
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This list is incomplete; you can help by adding missing items with reliable sources. The following is a list of prominent people who were born in Worcester, Massachusetts, lived in Worcester, or for whom Worcester is a significant part of their identity. Academics and inventors
Richard T. Antoun, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Binghamton University
Harvey Ball, inventor of the smiley face
Alan T. Bushy, educator and first African American alumnus of the University of Connecticut
Harold W. Chase, educator and United States military officer
Robert Goddard, father of modern rocketry
G. Stanley Hall, first president of Clark University
John Kneller, English-American professor and fifth President of Brooklyn College
Francis E. Reed, inventor and industrialist who founded F.E. Reed & Co.
Daniel B. Wesson, gunsmith, co-founder of Smith & Wesson
Actors and artists
John Wolcott Adams (1874–1925), artist
Edith Ella Baldwin (1846–1920), artist
H. Jon Benjamin, actor best known as the voices of Sterling Archer on Archer, Bob Belcher on Bob’s Burgers, and Can of Vegetables in the Wet Hot American Summer franchise
Christopher Boffoli, photographer
Elbridge Boyden, architect of Mechanics Hall
Stephen DiRado, photographer
Stephen C. Earle, architect
Paul Fontaine, abstractist
colorist painter
Ryan Idol, adult film actor
Rita Johnson, actress, co-starred opposite Spencer Tracy in Edison, The Man
Jean Louisa Kelly, actress from Yes, Dear
Arthur Kennedy, Oscar-nominated, Tony Award-winning actor
Dorothy Stratton King, painter and printmaker
Diane and Elaine Klimaszewski, actresses and models best known as the "Coors Light Twins"
Jarrett J. Krosoczka, children’s book author and illustrator; his Punk Farm optioned by DreamWorks Animation
Denis Leary, actor and comedian
Tom Lewis, artist and activist
Joey Lucas, American rapper currently signed to Atlantic Records
John Lurie, actor, musician, and composer
Nora Marlowe (1915–1977), actress
Eddie Mekka, actor best known for playing Carmine Ragusa on Laverne and Shirley
Alisan Porter, former child actress and winner of Season 10 of The Voice
Terri Priest, artist
Sam Qualiana, actor and filmmaker involved with many low-budget horror films, including Snow Shark (2012)
Renee Sands, former child actress and singer from Kids Incorporated and Wild Orchid
Sam Seder, Air America radio host of Breakroom Live with Maron & Seder, actor, writer and director
Joseph Skinger, silversmith, sculptor
Doug Stanhope, comedian known for abrasive style and for The Man Show
Lewis Stone (1879–1953), actor, The Secret Six, Grand Hotel, Andy Hardy series
Erik Per Sullivan, actor, Malcolm in the Middle
David Whitney, art curator
Alicia Witt, actress, singer-songwriter
Hildegard Woodward, children’s book illustrator
Athletes
Jerry Azumah, former NFL defensive back[1]
Frank Carroll, US figure skater and coach, 1960 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, actor[2]
Tim Collins, relief pitcher for the Kansas City Royals[3]
Bob Cousy, Hall of Fame basketball player; attended the College of the Holy Cross; currently lives in Worcester[4]
Ken Doane, professional wrestler[5]
Rich Gedman, Boston Red Sox catcher, manager of the Worcester Tornadoes[6]
Bill Guerin, former Pittsburgh Penguins right winger[7]
Aaron Haddad, professional wrestler in WWE[8]
Tom Heinsohn, NBA Hall of Fame, Boston Celtics great; attended College of Holy Cross
Gordon Lockbaum, attended Holy Cross College; twice finished in the top five in the Heisman Trophy balloting[9]
Dwayne McClain, former NBA/Professional basketball player. Starred at Villanova in the early/mid 1980s. Attended Holy Name Catholic Central. Tom Poti, former NHL defenseman[10]
J.P. Ricciardi, MLB executive, former general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays[11]
José Antonio Rivera, WBA light middleweight champion[citation needed]
Richard Rodgers, 3rd-string Tight End for the Philadelphia Eagles; played for St. John’s High School
Edwin Rodriguez, boxer[12]
Rosy Ryan - was a professional baseball pitcher. He played ten seasons. Best remember for his time with the World Series Champion New York Giants.
Tanyon Sturtze, former MLB pitcher[13]
Major Taylor, track cycling champion[14]
Bill Toomey, gold medal decathlete, 1968 Olympics; attended Worcester Academy
Leah Van Dale, professional wrestler better known by her ring name Carmella
Vinnie Yablonski, NFL player[15]
Musicians
John Coolidge Adams, popular composer
Duncan Arsenault, musician
Norman Bailey, big band trumpeter
formed from The Lawrence Welk Show
Jaki Byard, jazz pianist and composer
Frank Capp, jazz drummer and bandleader
Don Fagerquist, jazz trumpeter
Four Year Strong, rock band
J. Gells, lead in J. Gells Band, attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duke Levine, guitarist[16]
Georgia Gibbs, 1950s pop singer
The Hotelier, rock band
J. Gells Band, formed in Worcester as a fraternity party band at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, as Snopyo and the Sopwith Camels
Jordan Knight, member of the boy band New Kids On The Block
Joey Lucas, rapper
Arun Luthra, jazz saxophonist, konnakol artist, composer, arranger, band leader[17]
Orpheus, band that enjoyed popularity in the 1960s and early 1970s
Cole Porter, Broadway composer; student at Worcester Academy ca. 1912, born in Peru, Indiana
Andy Ross, guitarist for rock band OK Go
Luke Caswell, better known as Caswell, a LGBT rapper
Politicians
Charles Allen (1797–1869), United States Congressman from Massachusetts[18]
George Bancroft, 17th United States Secretary of the Navy, founder of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, author of the first comprehensive history of the United States[19]
John Binienda, Massachusetts state legislator[20]
Alexander H. Bullock, Governor of Massachusetts (1866–1868)[21]
Kate Campanale, member of Massachusetts House of Representatives from District 17,[22]
John Curtis Chamberlain, US Representative[23]
Dorothea Dix, reformer and activist
Dwight Foster, Massachusetts Attorney General and Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court[24]
Roger Sherman Baldwin Foster, lawyer[25]
Emma Goldman, Lithuanian-American anarchist; owned ice cream parlor in Worcester[26]
Thomas Wentworth Higginson, abolitionist, literary mentor to Emily Dickinson[27]
Abbie Hoffman, radical activist[28]
Abby Kelley Foster, abolitionist, suffragette[29]
Jim McGovern, US Representative from Massachusetts’s 2nd congressional district.
Levi Lincoln Sr., American revolutionary
Levi Lincoln Jr., Governor of Massachusetts
Albert L. Nash, politician and businessman[30]
Kenneth P. O’Donnell, Appointments Secretary and Political Adviser to President John F. Kennedy[31]
John Rucho, politician and businessman[32]
Charles F. Sullivan, Mayor of Worcester and Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, 1949–1953
Benjamin Swan, longest-serving Vermont State Treasurer[33]
Charles G. Washburn, member of the U.S. House of Representatives
Writers and journalists
Jane G. Austin, writer
S. N. Behrman, playwright, author of memoir The Worcester Account
Robert Benchley, writer and member of the Algonquin Round Table
Elizabeth Bishop, poet and writer
John D. Casey, novelist and translator
John Dufresne, novelist and screenwriter
Alice Morse Earle, writer
Esther Forbes, writer
Samuel Fuller, screenwriter, producer and director
John Michael Hayes, writer of the Alfred Hitchcock films Rear Window, To Catch a Thief, The Trouble with Harry, and The Man Who Knew Too Much
Omar Jimenez, CNN reporter, known for being arrested on live TV while reporting on the George Floyd protests in Minneapolis
Stanley Kunitz, poet
Laureate
Frank O’Hara, poet
Charles Olson, modernist poet
Normand Poirier, writer
Ernest Lawrence Thayer, poet and journalist, known for “Casey at the Bat”
Isaiah Thomas, publisher of the Massachusetts Spy
Stanley Woodward, newspaper editor and sports writer
Other
Lillian Asplund, last survivor of the RMS Titanic who remembered the actual sinking
William Austin Burt, 19th-century explorer and surveyor in Michigan
Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, convicted child molester, possible serial killer and cannibal
Timothy Bigelow, Revolutionary War patriot
Jonas Clark, founder of Clark University
Edgar C. Erickson (1896–1989), United States Army Major General and Chief of the National Guard Bureau
John Stanley Grauel (1917–1986), Christian Zionist leader
Samuel Fisk Green (1822–1884), physician and medical missionary, served with the American Ceylon Mission 1847–1873
Samuel R. Heywood, founder of the Heywood Boot & Shoe Company
Myra Kraft, philanthropist, wife of New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft
Royal B. Lord (1899–1963), United States military officer
Joe Morrone, Connecticut Huskies soccer coach
Charley Parkhurst, stagecoach driver and horseman
Irving Price, co-founder of Fisher Price toys and games
George Edward Rueger (1929–2019), Roman Catholic bishop
Stephen Salisbury III, founder of the Worcester Art Museum
Richard B. Sellars (1915–2010), Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson[34]
Ichabod Washburn, founder of Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Steven N. Wickstrom, Army National Guard major general who commanded the 42nd Infantry Division[35]
Stillman Witt (1808–1875), Ohio railroad and steel executive, banker[36]
Geoffrey Zakarian, Iron Chef, Food Network Channel celebrity chef
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