

The Premier Online Education Program
for Independent Schools

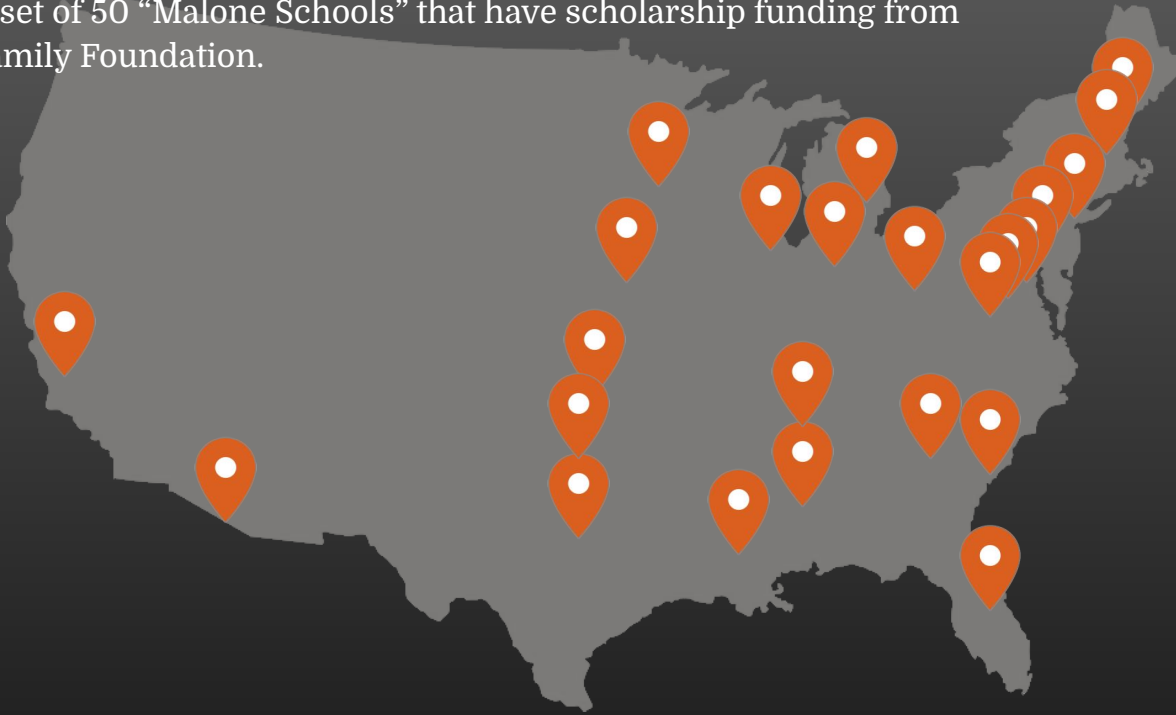
Mission

The Malone Schools Online Network (MSON) expands academic opportunities for motivated, upper-level students by connecting them with inspiring teachers and peers across the country in real-time online seminars. MSON courses provide challenge beyond the standard curriculum while nurturing students' intellectual curiosity, building their independence and time management skills, and fostering relationships across geographical divides. Beyond its classes, MSON draws on its vibrant community to help teachers and school leaders collaborate and innovate in their schools, charting new territory in learning.



Member Schools

Since its founding in 2013, MSON has grown and now includes 27 independent schools, a subset of 50 “Malone Schools” that have scholarship funding from the Malone Family Foundation.



Leadership

Steering Committee



Douglas Lagarde
Severn School, Chair



Ken Aldridge
Wilmington Friends School



Ken Bynum
Hopkins School



Vince Durnan
University School of Nashville



Kristi Gibbs
Brownell Talbot School



Tomohiro Hoshi
Stanford Online High School



Rick Sommer
Stanford University (Emeritus)



Margot Talbott
Maret School



Geoff Wagg
Waynflete School

Commitment to Synchronous



Twice-weekly,
hour-long seminars
primarily based
in room systems
on campus



Learning happens
through interaction



Students and
teachers forge real
relationships



True “flipped
classroom”—challenges
traditional notions of
“seat time”

Teachers

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It's the utmost uniqueness of what Dr. Masullo has to offer as an educator that makes this course so valuable. His sheer intelligence is boundless, and his emotional relationship to what he teaches gifts every student of his with something that will last them throughout their entire lives. I wish I could take this course every year forever.

— MSON Student



Dean Masullo, *University of Nashville*
Course: “Bob Dylan’s America”

Benefits

MSON Students...

- Take classes they might not get to take otherwise
- Will not “max out” in areas of interest
- Forge bonds with a diverse group of peers across the country
- Succeed in a different social/academic context
- Are prepared for the independence, time management, and initiative required to succeed beyond high school.

Benefits

MSON Teachers...

- Teach to a passion
- Receive unparalleled professional development and enter a community of peers around the country
- Remain engaged, challenged, and thriving at their schools

Benefits

MSON Schools...

- Expand curricula
- Can attract and admit students with particular academic needs and interests
- Stand out in their respective markets
- Benefit from teachers who have mastered new skills and brought them back to the faculty
- Benefit from alternate uses of MSON video-conferencing tools
- *Join a national community of online learning experts at the cutting edge of innovation*

Impact



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Dear Mr. Powell,

My daughter...was fortunate to be a student in the distance learning course you taught this fall...I'll admit that at the outset I was somewhat skeptical of the distance learning concept, but your tremendous engagement in teaching the course seems to have overcome the risks inherent in that approach...it was evident to me that you managed to forge a sense of real connection with students despite the “virtual” environment.

Thanks so much for offering our daughter such a tremendous learning experience.

Sincerely,

Parent

Syracuse, NY



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Aside from the knowledge of the class that I learned, it was an eye-opening experience to have the opportunity to work with other students across the country who were interested in the same things I was.

— MSON Student



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*Thank you for showing me cool stuff
about gravity and speed and
particles and quantum mechanics,
but most of all, thank you for
keeping the nerd dream alive.*

— MSON Student



2020-21 Enrollment

Malone Schools: **26**

Semester enrollments: **499**

Average class size: **12**

Average semester enrollments per school: **19**

2020-21 Enrollment

Highest enrolled courses:

- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Spanish Linguistics
- Einstein's Relativity and the Theory of the Quantum Model
- Genetics and Genomics
- Introduction to Organic Chemistry
- Making Ethical Medical Choices in a Diverse World
- Positive Psychology
- Advanced Applied Math Through Finance
- Advanced Topics in Chemistry
- CSI: MSON
- Environmental Bioethics
- A Mathematical Modeling Approach to Social Justice
- Man's Inhumanity to Man: Genocide in the 20th Century
- Philosophy in Pop Culture
- Multivariable Calculus
- Arabic 1
- Chinese V

2021-22 Selected New Courses

- Advanced Latin Literature
- Diversity and Authenticity in Writing for Stage and Screen
- Orwell's Nonfiction
- Freedom and Identity in LGBTQ Literature
- One Hundred Years of Women Writing for Change
- The History of Modern Germany: Word War I to the Present
- Global Voices of Oppression: Literature for Social Justice
- Advanced Economics
- Building Empathy
- Bridging the Divide: Using Dialogue to Help Heal American Democracy

COVID-19 Response/Professional Development

MSON stepped up its thought leadership at the onset of the global pandemic, publishing articles and resources used across the globe. MSON offered professional development seminars to over 1,000 teachers in Summer, 2020 through two, week-long Annual Workshops and multiple boutique sessions for MSON Schools.

Since then, MSON has continued to be featured on national panels and webinars such as through NAIS and other regional associations, as well as on podcasts and television.



COVID-19 Response/Professional Development

MSON's professional development continues, with monthly sessions offered free of charge for teachers at MSON schools, and a yearly training for new MSON teachers.

A service to Malone Schools only, MSON responds to needs in the Network, working collaboratively with schools to solve problems, offer resources, and allow member school talent to shine nationally.



Business Model

Every school pays a membership fee of \$5,000 annually.

- This fee covers operating expenses and allows the school to access classes, professional development, and other programs such as student extracurricular activities.

Each student enrollment is charged at \$750 per semester.

- After 15 enrollments, the school pays 75% of the enrollment fee, or \$565.
- After 25 enrollments, the school pays 50% of the enrollment fee, or \$375.
- Schools are not charged for students taking MSON classes taught at their own schools.

A school teaching a course receives a discount on the enrollment fees of \$3,000 per semester for a course that MSON has approved and that meets minimum enrollment as designated by the Executive Director.

- No school pays below the \$5,000 membership fee, regardless of number of courses taught.
- The teaching discount does not carry over beyond the year a course is taught.



Technology Requirements

Video Conferencing Platform: Zoom

LMS: Canvas

Historically, MSON schools have been required to purchase video conferencing hardware installed in school classrooms. The specs include a dual monitor display (for seeing virtual classmates and shared content easily) and high-quality audio and video elements. Students attend class from these rooms, making for a seamless experience, especially when more than one student from the school attend together.

In recent years, MSON has been open to students joining class from laptops and/or other kinds of room setups such as those installed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MSON still recommends that schools devote space in school buildings and, as their enrollments in MSON grow, install dedicated hardware in consultation with MSON leadership.



Thank you

