

# 15 Unique Storylines & Tactics to Highlight How the Portrait of a Graduate Has Impacted Students, Teachers, and Learning Organizations

As your learning organization moves from Portrait to Impact, there are two key ways to accomplish this: evidence and storytelling. Evidence can be shown through the more quantitative means of application, demonstration, and measurement. Storytelling happens in qualitative ways and through many different mediums. Here are just a few ways to lean on storylines and various tactics to showcase the story of impact in your community.

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## Student-Centric Storyline Ideas

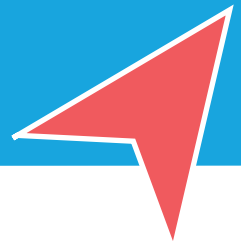
- ① **From Struggling to Thriving:** A student with learning difficulties improved from below-average grades to consistently meeting grade-level expectations after the Portrait was integrated, particularly through personalized learning strategies that emphasized resilience and self-regulation.
- ② **Leadership in Action:** A middle school student who once shied away from leadership roles became the president of the student council, demonstrating the Portrait's emphasis on leadership and collaboration skills.
- ③ **Career Readiness:** A senior student, inspired by the Portrait's focus on critical thinking and communication, secured an internship with a local tech company, directly attributing their success to the durable skills they developed.
- ④ **Overcoming Adversity:** A student who experienced significant personal challenges found new motivation through the Portrait's emphasis on hope and resilience, leading to a 50% improvement in attendance and academic performance.

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## Teacher-Centric Storyline Ideas

- ① **Curriculum Revamp:** A teacher redesigned their curriculum around the Portrait durable skills, leading to a 25% improvement in student engagement and a significant increase in student-led learning initiatives.
- ② **Professional Growth:** A veteran teacher, initially skeptical of the Portrait, embraced it after attending a Portrait-focused professional development session, leading to a renewed passion for teaching.
- ③ **Parent Engagement:** A teacher used the Portrait to better engage with parents, resulting in a 40% increase in parent-teacher communication and stronger support for students at home.





## District-Centric Storyline Ideas

- ① **Whole-Child Approach:** A school district that implemented the Portrait of a Graduate as a guiding framework saw a 15% overall improvement in student well-being, as measured by a district-wide survey.
- ② **Equity and Access:** A district-wide initiative to ensure all students develop Portrait durable skills led to a 25% reduction in achievement gaps between different demographic groups.
- ③ **Community Partnership Success:** A district that partnered with local businesses and organizations to support Portrait durable skills saw a 30% increase in community involvement in schools and more opportunities for student internships and job placements.

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## Five Tactics to Communicate Impact

- ① **Student-Led Presentations:** Have students present how they are embodying the Portrait competencies at board meetings or school events.
- ② **Alumni Stories:** Share stories from alumni on how the Portrait of a Graduate prepared them for life beyond school.
- ③ **Podcasts:** Start a school podcast where students and staff discuss how the Portrait is shaping the school experience.
- ④ **Career Fairs:** Align career fairs with the Portrait durable skills and communicate how these skills are relevant to future careers.
- ⑤ **Parent-Student Workshops:** Hold workshops where parents and students learn together about the Portrait and how its durable skills are being integrated into academic content.



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