

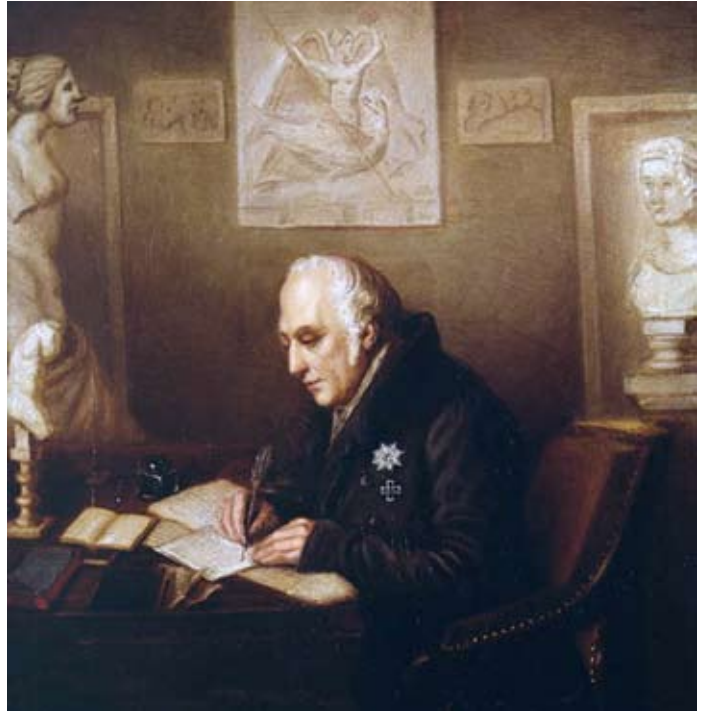
# The Humboldt Program

Wilhelm von Humboldt (1767-1835) was a Prussian philosopher and linguist. These quotes are from his universal curriculum for Königsberg (see Marianna Wertz, “The Classical Curriculum of Wilhelm von Humboldt.”)

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I ... deny the possibility of purposefully setting up an essentially different establishment for future craftsmen, and it is easily shown, that the gap resulting from the lack of trade schools, can be completely filled by other establishments....

The general principle should be: In any school, always to strive for the full and faultless exercise of the principal powers of the mind; to exclude from scholastic education any body of factual knowledge which—however necessary it may be—fosters those powers very little or too one-sidedly; and to reserve the specialized schools for practical life....



*Wilhelm von Humboldt, one of the great minds of the 19th Century, designed a Classical educational program for all citizens, rich and poor. The idea spread to other countries in Europe, the United States, and Japan.*

Everyone, even the poorest student, would receive a full education ... each individual intellect would be done justice....