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Looking ahead 20 years into the future, the students will have several differences in their demands, expectations and characteristics compared to students today. That's what I believe. Some potential ways in which the students of the future might differ are, for instance, that these future students will likely be even more adept at using technology than present-day students. Growing up in an increasingly digital world, they will be comfortable and fluent in using various digital tools, platforms, and devices for learning, communication, and even collaboration. The students of the future will likely be open to embracing emerging technologies in education.

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They may readily adopt technologies like VR, AR, AI, and robotics as parts of their learning experiences, recognizing their potential for enhanced engagement and skill developments. Students in the future may have higher expectations for personalized learning experiences. They will anticipate tailored educational paths, adaptive learning technologies, and individualized support to meet their unique needs, interests, and career aspirations. These future students may prioritize flexibility in their learning schedules and seek a better work-life balance.

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They may expect universities to offer more flexible programs, structures, including part-time options, online learning and the ability to integrate their personal and professional commitments. With the advancement in communication technologies, students of the future will have greater exposure to diverse cultures, diverse perspectives and global issues. They will value collaboration and teamwork across borders, seeking opportunities to work with peers from different countries and backgrounds to solve complex problems on a global scale. Environmental sustainability and social responsibility will be significant concerns for future students. They will have a heightened awareness of climate change, social inequalities and ethical considerations.

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Students will demand educational institutions to address these issues, to integrate sustainability principles, foster responsible citizenship. Continuous learning and adaptability will be key skills for the students of the future. They will recognize the need for ongoing skill development and knowledge acquisition to stay relevant in a rapidly changing job market. Lifelong learning opportunities, such as micro-credentials, online courses and professional development programs will be self-after.