



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

THE **POSSE** FOUNDATION, INC.

POSSE D.C.

Partner Colleges and Universities



Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner colleges and universities so you can narrow down which schools you'd like to be considered for. If you advance to the next round as a semi-finalist, we're going to ask you to let us know your top choice colleges or universities.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each Posse partner school. We hope you get excited about them; they are among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,

Posse





CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation’s partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.

THREE GOALS

1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.



Bucknell

UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 3,600

WEBSITE: www.bucknell.edu

At Bucknell, you'll connect with your professors as mentors and as innovators in their fields, engage critically with diverse perspectives, learn to write well, present your ideas and apply what you learn. We offer more than 50 majors and 65 minors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, sciences and social sciences. Each department will ask you to explore knowledge, ideas and skills from a liberal arts perspective and take the lead in your successful future.

QUICK FACTS

- » All Bucknell students take courses across different academic departments as part of our liberal arts foundation. You'll explore a wide spectrum of subjects, which will give you the opportunity to deepen your understanding of the world, become a better writer, ask big questions and share your ideas. Many students decide to double major and/or pursue a minor as well.
- » There is a 9:1 student-faculty ratio.
- » Ninety-three percent of first-year students return as sophomores (Class of 2018).
- » Eighty-six percent of students graduate within four years.
- » Ninety-six percent of the Class of 2015 was employed, in graduate school, both employed and in graduate school or volunteering within nine months of graduation.





LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

LOCATION: Easton, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,610

WEBSITE: www.lafayette.edu

Lafayette provides powerful university-sized resources in a student-centered, exclusively undergraduate college in Easton, Pennsylvania. It is a college community that pairs the liberal arts with engineering in such a way as to create true interdisciplinary thinkers. Only 70 miles from New York City and 60 miles from Philadelphia, all the experiences its 2,610 students need to create their edge are built into their four years. For nearly 200 years, Lafayette has given students the knowledge and habits of mind that they need to succeed; to become inventive, resilient world citizens who have an impact wherever they land. Lafayette provides an unparalleled platform from which students can find their way forward into a complex, rapidly changing world.

QUICK FACTS

- » The college is nestled in an exciting small town setting on a beautiful campus while only being a short bus ride from major metropolitan centers.
- » Beginning in their first year, students benefit from faculty advising, career counseling, mentoring opportunities, and other activities that integrate them into the life of the college.
- » The college has over 150 clubs/societies/multicultural organizations, the energy of 23 Division I sports, a multitude of community service opportunities, and the excitement of the arts.
- » Ninety-five percent of Lafayette grads are employed, continuing their education, in internships, or in volunteer work within six months after graduation. Lafayette consistently ranks among the top 10 national liberal arts colleges in starting salaries according to payscale.com.
- » Among all colleges and universities in the country, Lafayette has an endowment-per-student rate that is in the top 8 percent; that translates to top faculty and superb facilities.

Lewis & Clark College



LOCATION: Portland, Oregon

CLOSEST CITY: Portland, Oregon

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,900

WEBSITE: www.lclark.edu

Lewis & Clark is the only college in the nation that brings together challenging, supportive academics; an institutional commitment to sustainability; leadership in overseas and off-campus study; and an inclusive, welcoming community. The icing on the (Voodoo!) donut is that we do this on arguably the most beautiful campus in the U.S. in the cool, progressive city of Portland, Oregon. At Lewis & Clark, our academics inspire you, our professors mentor you, and our community embraces you.

QUICK FACTS

- » **Academics:** Our undergraduate students have access to graduate-level research opportunities, consistently win academic awards such as Fulbright scholarships, and go on to change the world after they graduate.
- » **Portland:** Campus is only 15 minutes from downtown Portland. Our academic courses connect you to the city and College Outdoors helps you explore the stunning the Pacific Northwest.
- » **Sustainability:** We are one of only seven nationally ranked liberal arts colleges to divest from fossil fuels. We also offer undergraduate, graduate, and law degrees in sustainability or environmental studies.
- » **Overseas:** Our overseas programs are consistently ranked among the best in the nation, with programs that are open to students and student-athletes of all majors, including hard sciences.
- » **Inclusive:** We have 110+ student-led clubs and activities to build community engagement, plus many opportunities for critical reflection with students of various backgrounds and identities.





SEWANEE

The University *of the South*

LOCATION: Sewanee, Tennessee

CLOSEST CITY: Nashville, Tennessee

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,710

WEBSITE: www.sewanee.edu

The University of the South consists of a College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Theology, and a School of Letters. The College offers 36 academic majors, 37 minors, and pre-professional programs in business, medicine, education, engineering and law. About half of Sewanee students choose both a major and a minor. The University, familiarly known as Sewanee, was founded in 1857 and is owned by 28 dioceses of the Episcopal Church. It is located on 13,000 acres atop the Cumberland Plateau, making it the second largest campus in the U.S.

QUICK FACTS

- » Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus, which features forests, bluffs, meadows, lakes, and caves, is a significant research—as well as recreational—resource for students and faculty.
- » Endowed funds for internships allow students to make the most of opportunities. Last year, Sewanee awarded almost \$400,000 to 220 students to work at otherwise-unpaid internships all over the world.
- » Sewanee fields teams in 24 varsity sports and several club sports. Thirty percent of students participate in intercollegiate sports, and about 60 percent participate in intramural sports.
- » Students are strongly encouraged to have an international experience, and the University offers a wide array of study abroad programs.
- » Most popular majors: economics, English, history, psychology, biology, international and global studies, politics, environmental studies—natural resources, Spanish, and anthropology.



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

LOCATION: Rochester, New York

CLOSEST CITY: Rochester, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 6,304

WEBSITE: www.rochester.edu

The University of Rochester is one of the nation's leading private universities. Students take advantage of opportunities for interdisciplinary study and close collaboration with faculty through the University's unique interest-driven curriculum. The University houses over 200 academic majors and as a student, you have the freedom to study what you love in an open-curriculum environment where there are no core requirements. With access to extensive research opportunities, over 275 student clubs, religious and spiritual activities, performing arts, politics, community service, honors societies, fraternities and sororities, athletics and club sports, Rochester students lead a rich co-curricular life.

QUICK FACTS

- » Faculty and alumni of the University make up nearly one quarter of the scientists advising NASA in the development of the James Webb Space Telescope, which is slated to replace the Hubble Space Telescope in 2018.
- » Seventy-seven percent of our undergrads are involved in research and 92 percent participate in internships.
- » The University has recently added \$50 million to its commitment to expand its work in the burgeoning field of Big Data, including the creation of a new Institute for Data Science.
- » Newer areas of study offered at Rochester include: Audio & Music Engineering, Business, Data Science, Digital Media Studies.
- » Ninety percent of students live in campus housing all four years creating a vibrant and lively campus community.





WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

LOCATION: Madison, Wisconsin

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 29,500

WEBSITE: www.wisc.edu

Established in 1848, the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a place where exceptional academic performance flourishes. Today, more than 43,000 students from all 50 states and over 130 countries are proud Badgers.

The faculty and academic resources deliver a powerful education. Offering more than 4,000 courses in over 140 undergraduate majors, we work with you to explore your full academic potential.

Outside of class, take part in intramural and club sports, and a range of artistic, music, and cultural events. Cheer on the 23 Division I varsity teams competing in Big Ten athletics.

QUICK FACTS

- » In a city of over 240,000 people, surrounded by five lakes, students have endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- » Prominent research includes stem cell discoveries, the study of cosmic neutrinos, and examining social justice issues.
- » Find students with interests like yours in nearly 900 student-run organizations and university-sponsored programs.
- » The university's alumni network of more than 400,000 Badgers is a valuable resource for recent graduates.
- » UW-Madison has the largest Posse Program in the nation with over 180 Scholars on campus and is the only Posse partner school to recruit from as many as four cities.



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