

Sallie Mae Fund Finances Posse D.C.



Grinnell College President Russell Osgood speaks at the Posse D.C. Launch Party.

Thanks to a \$1 million dollar grant from The Sallie Mae Fund, a charitable organization sponsored by Sallie Mae, The Posse Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of its newest site in Washington, D.C.

The Sallie Mae Fund achieves its mission to increase access to a postsecondary education for America's students by supporting programs and initiatives that help open doors to higher education. The Sallie Mae Fund's grant to Posse is part of "Project Access: DC" — The Fund's initiative to help D.C. area students pursue their dreams of higher education.

"We believe every student deserves access to higher education and through

Project Access: DC, The Sallie Mae Fund hopes to ensure that more students have the opportunity to participate in the American dream," said Al Lord, Chairman and CEO of Sallie Mae. "We are pleased to partner with The Posse Foundation in improving educational achievement and college access in our own community."

Preparations for the very first D.C. Posse began when Grinnell College signed on as the first partner institution. Grinnell will be taking two Posse per year, one from D.C. and one from Posse Los Angeles. Soon after, Bucknell University committed to a partnership with Posse and will join Grinnell in admitting Washington, D.C. Scholars next fall.

University officials and community leaders are enthusiastic about welcoming Posse Scholars to their campuses, and their support has been tremendous.

The Posse Foundation hopes to add four additional partner institutions over the next two to three years.

The Posse D.C. office is centrally located in the heart of the Washington business district and opened its doors on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

The Posse Foundation is excited to welcome its fifth site and believes the addition will dramatically increase the educational opportunities available to youth in the nation's capital. **POSSE**

DePauw President Receives Posse Star Award

The following is Depauw University President Dr. Robert Bottoms' 2004 Posse Star acceptance speech.

"I appreciate the honor and the recognition the Posse Foundation has bestowed upon DePauw University this evening. And in the next three or so minutes, I'd like to share the reasons I believe in the work of the Foundation.

"The presidents of the 19 colleges and universities affiliated with The Posse Foundation have known for decades that gifted students reside in our inner cities. But we had neither the skill nor the organization to locate the best of the students. Posse finds these students for us. In fact, they find so many it is difficult to make choices as to which students to admit.

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PHOTO BY SASCHEA FRANK

DePauw President Dr. Robert Bottoms speaks at the second annual Posse Gala after receiving his Posse Star award.

Posse's Second Annual Gala: Another Incredible Success

Thanks to the support of Posse's friends and donors, as well as the participation of our dynamic Scholars, Alumni, and staff, the Second Annual Posse Gala was an incredible success!

Through the commitment of our dedicated supporters, it pleases us all to announce that we raised more than \$340,000 in contributions. The dollars raised from the Gala will help Posse devote even more resources necessary to continue to identify phenomenal student leaders for top colleges and universities.

On the memorable Gala evening, May 26th Posse's friends in attendance were welcomed with an enthusiastic and heartfelt introduction by Posse's President and Founder Deborah Bial, and Posse's Board Chairman Michael Ainslie.

The Gala celebrated Posse's growth and achievement over the past 15 years through the words and accomplishments of many Posse Alumni and by recognizing three amazing "Posse Stars."

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Posse Foundation Adds Three New University Partners

Posse is thrilled to announce the addition of three new university partners, Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Franklin and Marshall in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Pomona College in Pomona, California. These three institutions join Posse's 19 previously established university partners: Babson, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Bryn Mawr, Carleton, Claremont McKenna, Colby, Denison, DePauw, Dickinson, Grinnell, Hamilton, Lafayette, Middlebury, Trinity, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Vanderbilt and Wheaton.

Bucknell University will join Grinnell College in recruiting the first Posse Scholars from Washington, D.C. — Posse's newest site. "Bucknell is very pleased to join with the other Posse partner colleges in sharing the vision of energizing our respective campus communities with talented students committed to active leadership." said Bucknell President Brian Mitchell. "In

its almost two decades of working with young people, the Posse Program has been a key ingredient in the myriad success stories it can boast. The Bucknell community anxiously awaits our first Posse in the fall of 2005 and looks forward to an ongoing productive relationship with the Foundation.

Franklin and Marshall will recruit from Posse New York; and Pomona College will recruit from Posse Chicago.

"Pomona College is delighted to be joining the Posse Program and we look forward to welcoming our first Posse from Chicago a year from now." Pomona President David Oxtoby said, "We are excited about bringing a group of talented student leaders who will contribute in diverse ways to the classrooms and extracurricular life on our campus."

Under President Russell K. Osgood's leadership, Grinnell College will take two Posse each year, one from Los

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SCHOLARS TO ALUMNI Graduates Head into the Workforce

This year, Posse Scholars graduated from five of our partner colleges and universities. Brandeis University, Bowdoin College, DePauw University, Middlebury College, Vanderbilt University, and Wheaton College all celebrated graduating classes.

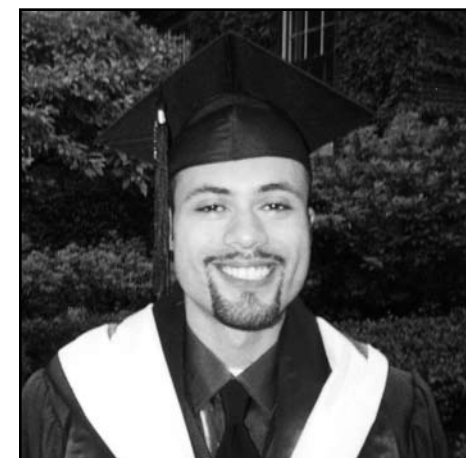
These Scholars are moving on to incredible things. Here are a few highlights from the class of 2004.

Aracelis Lucero and Ivan Hernandez, Middlebury Posse 2, have accepted positions with Lehman Brothers in New York City.

Cesar Ramirez, Brandeis Posse 3, has accepted a position with Bloomberg.

Adoni Hewitt, DePauw Posse 4, and Morgan Jones, Middlebury Posse 2, are headed to Japan and China respectively to teach.

Tresha Francis, Vanderbilt Posse 11, has been accepted at Teach for America, and will begin her career in Houston, Texas.



Juvie Gonzalez, Wheaton Posse 1 Alumnus and trainer for Posse Los Angeles

Ruben Martinez, Wheaton Posse 1, will pursue his master's degree in education at Tufts University.

After a summer internship with Bloomberg, Jing Tun, DePauw Posse 4, will pursue a master's degree in Computer Science at New York University.

Juvie Gonzalez, Wheaton Posse 1, has see "ALUMNI" on page 2

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"Too few people talk about the plight of the youth in our inner cities. In New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington, DC and Los Angeles, there is enormous untapped potential from students who society often overlooks. Posse is tapping into this potential.

"At the graduation luncheon for Posse students at DePauw last Saturday, we had Asian students, Hispanic students, African-American and white students. Posse demonstrates that given the right support systems, students from different backgrounds can get along with one another, support one another, graduate from college and move into leadership positions in society.

"The Posse Program makes an important statement for our country. As I looked at our graduating Posse students last Saturday, I saw a group of ten students who basically, were jubilant. They had successfully met the challenge of four years in a predominantly white institution and were graduating. What they did not know is that they are part of national debate about how financial aid is awarded in our country. These students came to us on merit awards, merit based on leadership potential.

"The colleges and universities or our country have had little difficulty setting aside scholarship money for athletes and children of alumni. Too few have set aside leadership awards for outstanding young

people from our inner cities who, without our help, might not be able to reach their full potential.

"I have learned Posse graduates leave our institutions with tremendous self-confidence. I had the opportunity to talk with Wilson Villafana, who told me he had two job interviews this week. I asked what he expected to say in the interview; he said, 'I'll just say: Tell me what the job is and I will tell you how I can do it.' These young people illustrate what can happen when higher education is made available to all the qualified students of our country. No wonder their parents were so proud.

"The diversity which the Posse Program brings to our campuses, is sound educational policy. Most of the 19 schools associated with Posse are predominantly white. It is inspiring to hear faculty talk about what these Posse students have added to their classes, underscoring again what we have known for decades—an education which consists of white professors teaching white students is not preparation at all for the diverse society in which we live.

"In conclusion, I would like to thank you again for this award and publicly say how much Posse has done for DePauw University.

"Thank you." **POSSE**

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The year's three celebrated Posse Stars were Dr. Robert Bottoms, president of DePauw University; Monique Lorraine Nelson-Butts, Posse Alumna and global brand communications manager at Motorola; and Charles Rangel, New York congressman.

Lesley Stahl, correspondent and co-editor of 60 Minutes, the anchor of 48 Hours and a 2003 Posse Star Honoree emceed the evening.

Dr. Bottoms received his award from DePauw Posse 1, the first group of Posse

scholars to attend DePauw University.

The Honorable David Dinkins, also a Posse national board member, presented the award to Congressman Rangel, and Dr. Shirley Ramirez, 2003 Alumna Star, presented the honor to Monique L. N. Butts.

More than 420 individuals attended the Gala, including Middlebury College's new President Ron Liebowitz and Brandeis University President Jehuda Reinharz, a 2003 Posse Star Honoree. **POSSE**

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Angeles and one from Washington, D.C. Over the next five years, Grinnell will boast 80 Posse Scholars on its campus. For an institution with a student body of 1,400, the number is significant. Grinnell's commitment to diversity is strong.

"Our Posse Scholars, as well as all of our students bring a geographic, economic, ideological, and cultural richness to our campus and, therefore, contribute to the high quality of a Grinnell College education," said Osgood.

Grinnell joins DePauw University and the University of Wisconsin in the decision to take two Posse, or 20 Scholars each year. **POSSE**

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accepted a full-time position as a trainer at Posse Los Angeles.

Crystal Belle, Middlebury Posse 2, has been awarded the prestigious Watson Fellowship and will spend the next year abroad studying the evolution of hip-hop in urban communities.

Currently, there are over 200 Posse Alumni in the workforce, and as more of our partner colleges and universities begin to graduate classes, the number will grow exponentially. In the next year alone, we anticipate adding nearly 100 Alumni to that list. **POSSE**

partner colleges & universities

- Babson College
- Bowdoin College
- Brandeis University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Carleton College
- Claremont McKenna College
- Colby College
- Denison University
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Grinnell College
- Hamilton College
- Lafayette College
- Middlebury College
- Pomona College
- Trinity College
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Wisconsin
- Vanderbilt University
- Wheaton College

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POSSE mission

Founded in 1989, 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 universities award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition, leadership scholarships.

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