



Partner Institutions

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

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Dear Posse Nominee:

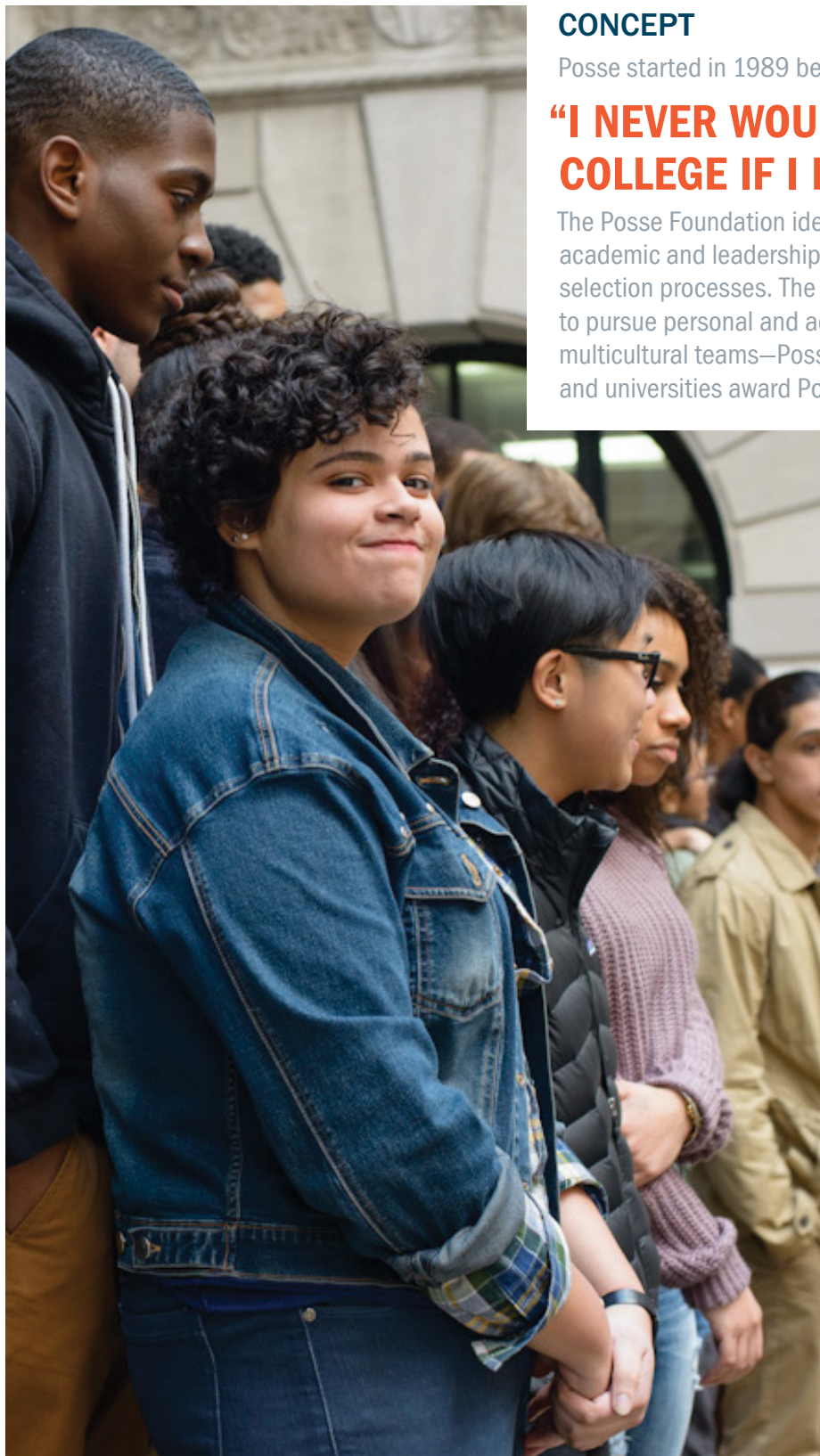
Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

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.



BOSTON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 18,253

WEBSITE: www.bu.edu

Boston University serves as the highest standard for research, academic excellence, and dauntless passion to pursue knowledge without limits. Students can choose from more than 300 majors and minors to create their own journey and path to success. Grounded in a rigorous academic experience, Boston University is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). Boston University's residential campus in the city of Boston gives students access to a truly multi-faceted college experience. Combined with access to over 150 study abroad programs, unlimited internships, and real-world experience, students are prepared to become change-makers. With more than 450 student organizations and a diverse student body from all 50 states and 140+ countries, BU fosters belonging and community, ensuring students can pursue their passions and discover their potential.

QUICK FACTS

- » BU is ranked #13 for employability in the U.S. by Times Higher Education and #42 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report (Best National Universities 2026).
- » BU has a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Members of the faculty include Pulitzer Prize winners, Nobel Prize winners, MacArthur Fellows, Sloan Research Fellows, and Guggenheim Fellows.
- » There are nearly 500 student organizations.
- » BU has over 150 study abroad programs in more than 30 countries.
- » Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received his Ph.D. in theology from BU in 1955. After receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he presented his manuscripts, records and personal papers to the university's Mugar Memorial Library.





LEHIGH

UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: New York City and Philadelphia

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 5,178

WEBSITE: www.lehigh.edu

Recognized among the nation's premier research universities, Lehigh offers a rigorous academic community for 5,178 undergraduate students and 1,775 graduate students. Our ideal size, student-to-faculty ratio and quintessential college campus allow students to collaborate on projects in and out of the classroom. Lehigh prioritizes hands-on learning and provides experiential opportunities in every field of study to prepare you for the real world. Student life at Lehigh integrates academics with a wide array of organizations and activities, leadership development, residential life, the arts, athletics and exciting community service opportunities.

QUICK FACTS

- » Lehigh offers 20+ interdisciplinary programs spanning multiple colleges.
- » The student-to-faculty ratio at Lehigh is 9:1.
- » 95% of the class of 2019 were employed or attending graduate school within 6 months of graduation.
- » Lehigh is the 6th university in the world to be recognized as an NGO by the United Nations.
- » 93% of students at Lehigh participate in an extracurricular activity.



LOCATION: Northfield, Minnesota

CLOSEST CITIES: Minneapolis + St. Paul, Minnesota

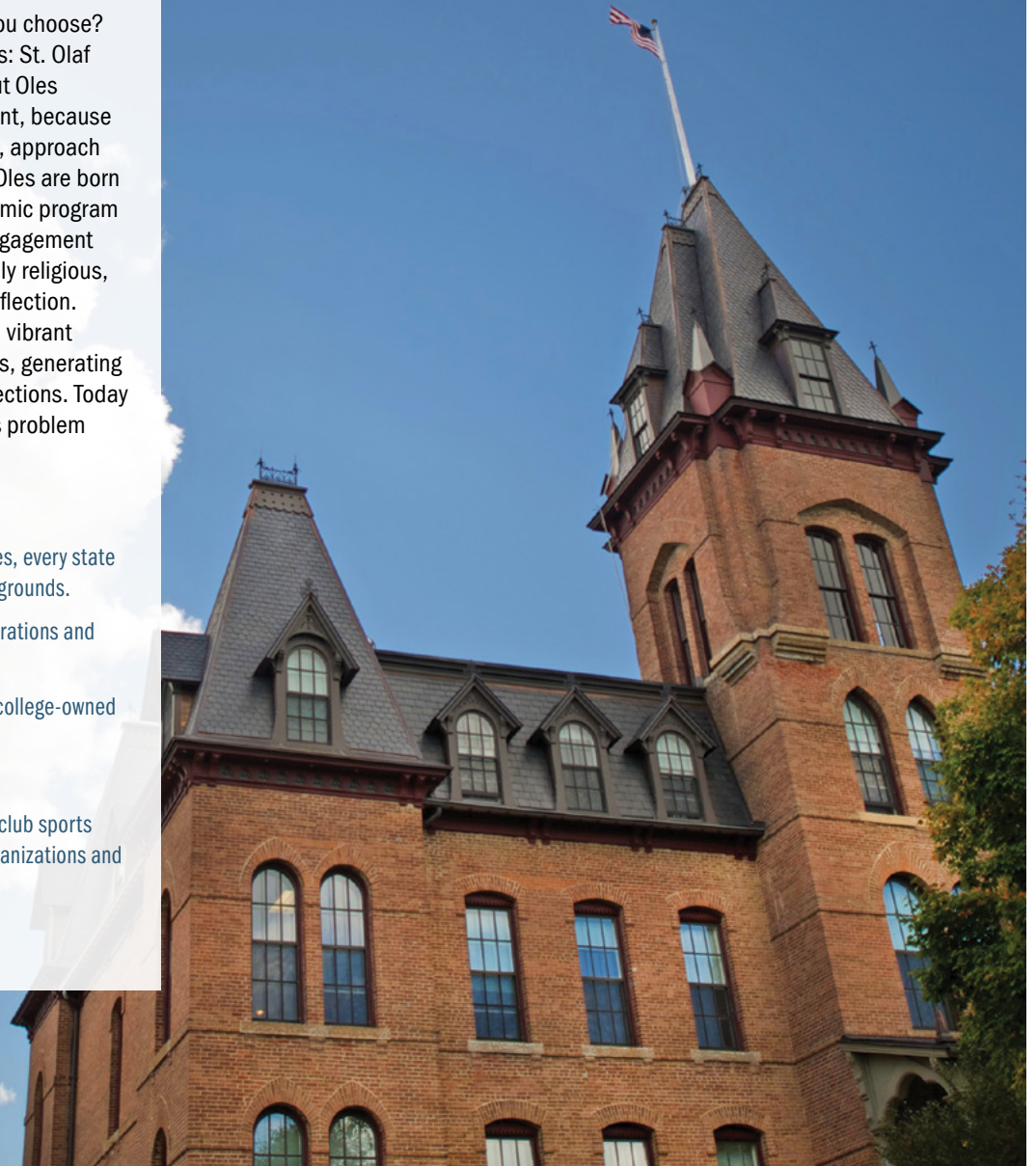
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 3,000

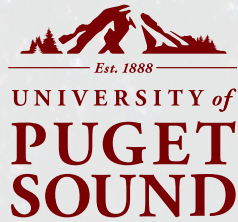
WEBSITE: www.stolaf.edu

With so many great liberal arts colleges, how do you choose? What makes St. Olaf stand apart? We think it's this: St. Olaf doesn't produce ordinary college grads. It turns out Oles (Oh-Lees). Oles are the people that companies want, because they know how to get stuff done. They think harder, approach problems differently, persevere with enthusiasm. Oles are born of St. Olaf's intense academic program—an academic program that hones minds, while its emphasis on global engagement helps broaden perspectives. Oles aren't necessarily religious, but our religious tradition encourages deep self-reflection. Most important, perhaps, is the Ole community—a vibrant community that accepts, supports and encourages, generating lifelong friendships and invaluable business connections. Today more than ever, the world needs idealistic, tireless problem solvers. In other words, Oles.

QUICK FACTS

- » St. Olaf's 3,000 students come from 80 countries, every state and a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds.
- » Oles choose from more than 85 majors, concentrations and pre-professional tracks.
- » Ninety-five percent of Oles live on campus or in college-owned houses nearby.
- » Two-thirds of Oles study abroad.
- » Oles participate on 27 varsity teams, numerous club sports and intramurals. They belong to 200 student organizations and have countless opportunities to get involved.





LOCATION: Tacoma, Washington

CLOSEST CITY: Seattle, Washington

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,700

WEBSITE: www.pugetsound.edu

Puget Sound is a community of 1,700 individuals working hard toward unique goals while engaging the world around them. We believe a Puget Sound education isn't something you get; it's something you do. Students major in interdisciplinary fields, take part in our renowned School of Music and innovative Business Leadership Program, travel abroad, pursue internships, start companies, and do community service. Others conduct research in waterways, mountains, national parks, and science labs. Professors know students personally and often collaborate with them on research. Graduates go on to law and medical schools, win fellowships, and pursue nearly every career path imaginable.

QUICK FACTS

- » Located in the entrepreneurial city of Tacoma, Washington, population 200,000, 35 miles south of Seattle, with easy access to Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia.
- » Many Puget Sound students do community service in Tacoma, including working with food banks, homeless shelters and local businesses.
- » Students get outside the classroom to engage in experiential learning opportunities ranging from wildlife habitat restoration to developing policy recommendations for local government.
- » Puget Sound offers 50 traditional and interdisciplinary areas of study and more than 100 study abroad opportunities in 55 countries.
- » Students come to Puget Sound from 47 states and 12 countries; 70 percent come from outside Washington State.

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