



Partner Institutions

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

CENTRE COLLEGE

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEW BRUNSWICK

UNION COLLEGE

POSSE BOSTON



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.



BRYN MAWR

LOCATION: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,350

WEBSITE: www.brynmawr.edu

Bryn Mawr, a distinguished women's college with 1,350 undergraduates, is renowned for its academic excellence, diverse and close-knit community, and engagement with the world.

On an historic campus just outside of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr students find challenging courses and research; strong bonds with faculty, students, and alumnae/i; innovative programs that connect study with action; and top-tier partnerships that expand options.

Critical, creative, and collaborative, Bryn Mawr alumnae/i are agents of change in every arena—and forever members of a community founded on respect for individuals.

QUICK FACTS

- » 97% of graduates have positive career outcomes one year after graduation.
- » Top feeder school to premier graduate programs.
- » 100% of students complete a thesis or capstone project.
- » 3 partner schools expand academic and social opportunity.
- » 76% of students complete at least one internship.
- » 59% of the faculty at Bryn Mawr are women.





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.



LOCATION: Danville, Kentucky

CLOSEST CITY: Lexington, Kentucky

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,385

WEBSITE: www.centre.edu

A top-50 national liberal arts college founded in 1819, Centre College offers an intensely personal and deeply engaging experience. Centre boasts one of the nation's premier study abroad programs, top-ranked faculty, a 10:1 student-faculty ratio, and an unwavering emphasis on high achievement and high opportunity.

QUICK FACTS

- » The Centre Commitment guarantees graduation in four years, a study abroad opportunity and an internship or research experience—or the College will provide a fifth year free (given academic and social expectations are met). Approximately 85 percent of students study abroad, and 81 percent are engaged in an internship and/or undergraduate research. Delivering on its guarantee to graduate in four years, Centre claims an 84 percent four-year graduation rate, among the highest in the nation.
- » Centre faculty was named among the top 12 “Best Faculty in the Nation” by the *Princeton Review* (2014) and #5 in the nation for “Best Undergraduate Teaching” by *U.S. News & World Report* (2013).
- » Centre College has hosted two vice presidential debates, in 2000 and 2012, and is the smallest college in the smallest community to do so, proving small places can do big things.
- » Centre is among the nation's leading colleges for long-term value, according to recent guides produced by *Princeton Review*, *Kiplinger's*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes*.
- » Legions of loyal alumni offer a strong endorsement for the College, landing Centre a #1 ranking for “Happiest Graduates in the Nation” (*The Alumni Factor*, 2012 & 2013) and among the nation's top 10 for annual giving (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2013)—both key barometers of graduate satisfaction.



RUTGERS

UNIVERSITY | NEW BRUNSWICK

LOCATION: New Brunswick, New Jersey
CLOSEST CITY: New York, NY + Philadelphia, PA
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 35,000+
WEBSITE: newbrunswick.rutgers.edu

Rutgers University–New Brunswick is a member of the country's most prestigious group of research universities and a preeminent university worldwide. Also a Big Ten member, Rutgers empowers new ideas and drives endless opportunities with its diverse student body, 100+ majors, 750+ organizations, and virtually limitless resources. And with Rutgers' proximity to New York City and Philadelphia, you will have access to rich experiences and networking opportunities that will help you stand out in today's job market and rise above the competition.

QUICK FACTS

- » Rutgers–New Brunswick is the leading public university in New Jersey, a Top 25 public national university, a Top 100 world university, and ranked among the top 10% for best value among public colleges.
- » As the most diverse university in the Big Ten, Rutgers draws strength from the rich variety of perspectives in our community. Nearly 30% of incoming Rutgers students are first generation and the graduation rate for first-gen and low-income Rutgers students is 80%, compared to the 26% national average.
- » Rutgers offers one of the largest career services operations nationwide with access to exclusive internships and robust job opportunities, leading 85% of graduates to full-time work or graduate school within six months of graduation.
- » With 175+ research centers and institutes, Rutgers provides undergraduates the opportunity to conduct groundbreaking research with world-renowned faculty who are developing solutions to society's greatest challenges.
- » Rutgers continues making history by impacting our world. Researchers lead in the fight against COVID-19 having developed the first FDA-approved saliva test and a rapid test for emerging coronavirus variant detection.

UNION

COLLEGE

FOUNDED 1795

LOCATION: Schenectady, New York

CLOSEST CITY: Albany, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,200

WEBSITE: www.union.edu

Union College is a four-year, private liberal arts college with approximately 2,200 undergraduates. Union is known for its academic rigor, innovative curricular and extracurricular programs, close-knit community and historic campus. Set on 120 acres in the city of Schenectady, in New York's Capital Region, Union was established in 1795 as one of the nation's first non-denominational colleges. Union prides itself on its premier faculty, notable alumni and outstanding opportunities for undergraduate research, experiential learning and global opportunities. At Union our mission is to develop every student to lead with wisdom, empathy and courage, in ways large and small, now and across multiple tomorrows.

QUICK FACTS

- » Students come from 37 countries and 40 states.
- » Union offers 49 majors and 59 minors in the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences and engineering, with emphasis on interdisciplinary studies.
- » There are more than 100 student organizations, 10 residential Greek organizations, and 13 theme houses revolving around interests from arts to technology.
- » There are 26 varsity intercollegiate teams, and 55 men's, women's and co-ed intramural and club sports. Union is a D-III school with D-I men's and women's ice hockey and a member of the NCAA, Liberty League and ECAC Hockey.
- » The campus is a 20-minute drive from Albany International Airport, three hours from New York City and Boston, four hours from Montreal, and close to East Coast ski slopes, the Mohawk and Hudson rivers and the Adirondack Mountains.



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