

A diverse group of young adults, likely students, are posing together outdoors in front of a modern building with large glass windows. The group is composed of individuals of various ethnicities and ages, all smiling and looking towards the camera. They are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, jeans, and a hijab. The overall mood is positive and energetic.

## Partner Institutions

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DICKINSON COLLEGE  
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY  
HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
OBERLIN COLLEGE  
POMONA COLLEGE  
TRINITY COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
WHITMAN COLLEGE

# POSSE CHICAGO





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.







## CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** New London, Connecticut  
**CLOSEST CITY:** Hartford, Connecticut  
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,800  
**WEBSITE:** [www.conncoll.edu](http://www.conncoll.edu)

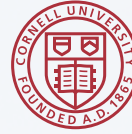
Connecticut College is one of the nation's leading private, residential liberal arts colleges. Its 1,800 students live and learn on a 750-acre campus that offers historic granite architecture and views of Long Island Sound. The student-faculty ratio of 9:1 allows students a high level of interaction with faculty. Students choose from 56 majors, minors and interdisciplinary certificate programs. Conn offers a rigorous academic program with a history of excellence in environmental studies, international studies, the arts and community action. The College's award-winning, four-year career development and internship program challenges students to make contributions to today's interconnected world.

### QUICK FACTS

- » All Conn students are eligible for up to \$3,000 to fund a summer internship or research opportunity between junior and senior year. Each year, nearly 80 percent of students participate.
- » Conn varsity teams compete at the NCAA DIII level in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) against Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams.
- » Connecticut College is consistently recognized as a top producer of Fulbright scholars, with 38 students and young alumni awarded this prestigious international fellowship over the past six years.
- » Recent graduates have attended graduate and professional schools at Brown, Columbia, Harvard, Duke, London School of Economics, MIT, NYU, Oxford, University of Chicago, Yale and other top schools.
- » Conn graduates include a NASA astrophysicist, Commissioner for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, CEO of Oath, publisher of Quartz, Warner Bros. executive and Olympic medalists.







# Cornell University

**LOCATION:** Ithaca, New York

**CLOSEST CITY:** Syracuse, New York

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 14,000

**WEBSITE:** [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu)

One of the largest, most diverse institutions in the Ivy League, Cornell University is dedicated to a mission of teaching, research, and public engagement. It comprises 14 colleges and schools with undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic programs—in Ithaca, New York; New York City; and Doha, Qatar. Its newest campus, Cornell Tech in Manhattan, offers graduate engineering programs for technology entrepreneurs. On Cornell's Ithaca campus, 21,500 students—including approximately 14,000 undergraduates—representing 120 countries choose from among 4,000 courses in 11 schools. Students are encouraged to explore options and chart their own directions. Cornell's community also includes more than 250,000 alumni who live and work across the globe.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Forty-three Nobel laureates have been affiliated with Cornell as faculty members or alumni.
- » In 2013, a record 28 students received Fulbright awards to research or teach abroad.
- » Ten percent of undergraduates admitted to Cornell in 2013 are first in their families to go to college.
- » Cornell's entrepreneurship programs engage nearly 10,000 students, faculty and alumni each year in courses, workshops, meet-ups and incubators.
- » In 2015, Cornell University celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding—a time to reflect on its future in helping to make our world a better place.





# DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

*Est. 1837*

**LOCATION:** Greencastle, Indiana

**CLOSEST CITY:** Indianapolis, Indiana

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,226

**WEBSITE:** [www.depauw.edu](http://www.depauw.edu)

Founded in 1837, DePauw University is a small, private, coed liberal arts college located in Greencastle, Indiana. Our campus houses both a College of Liberal Arts and School of Music. We encourage students to engage creatively and meaningfully with the world. Our curriculum includes one global learning experience, two experiential learning opportunities, and one course about power, privilege and diversity. Our small class sizes and student-faculty ratio promote an atmosphere of collaboration and curiosity. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, we're ranked as one of the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the country.

## QUICK FACTS

- » DePauw offers 48 majors and 52 minors.
- » Nearly 70% of our students study abroad.
- » 8:1 student-faculty ratio and average class size of 15-17 students.
- » DePauw is home to one of the oldest rivalries in college football history.
- » Dr. Lori S. White, DePauw's new president, is the first woman and first person of color to serve in that position.







# Dickinson

**LOCATION:** Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**CLOSEST CITY:** Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,339

**WEBSITE:** [www.dickinson.edu](http://www.dickinson.edu)

Dickinson is a nationally recognized liberal arts college chartered in 1783 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Its academic program is innovative and rigorous with a focus on hands-on experiential opportunities. Dickinson's global curriculum includes international business & management, 13 languages and many globally oriented courses. Dickinson offers one of the world's most respected study-abroad programs, and more than half of Dickinson's students study abroad. Dickinson is a leader among educational institutions committed to sustainability and is one of the first 10 colleges in the country to achieve carbon neutrality. Dickinson alumni are at the top of their fields as business leaders, professional artists and writers, sports agents and athletes, doctors and researchers.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Dickinson's 2,339 full-time students represent 42 states and territories and 44 foreign countries; 15 percent are students of color and 7 percent are international.
- » Dickinson offers 45 majors plus minors and certificate programs, independent research, internships and Army ROTC. Pre-professional programs and articulation agreements are available in business, engineering, health and law.
- » There is a 8:1 student-faculty ratio and an average class size of 14.
- » There are more than 120 student-run clubs and activities, including music and drama, media and publications, fraternities and sororities and multicultural, religious, political, special-interest and community-service organizations.
- » Dickinson has 23 varsity athletic teams in Division III of the NCAA Centennial Conference, plus varsity men's and women's squash and a variety of club and intramural sports.





## HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

**LOCATION:** Geneva, New York

**CLOSEST CITY:** Rochester, New York

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,324

**WEBSITE:** [www.hws.edu](http://www.hws.edu)

Hobart and William Smith are independent, liberal arts colleges distinctive for their strength in study abroad, service, career outcomes and highly individualized educations. Under the mentorship of faculty and guided by a curriculum grounded in exploration and rigor, Hobart and William Smith students gain the necessary clarity to be competitive when seeking employment. They win prestigious fellowships like the Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Udall, Fulbright and Goldwater. They gain admittance to the best graduate programs in the country. They go on to lead lives of consequence.

### QUICK FACTS

- » Hobart and William Smith have a dedicated and internationally known faculty that is committed to developing student achievement. The 2,324 undergraduates enjoy a student-faculty ratio of 11:1.
- » HWS is dedicated to global citizenship. Students hail from 41 states and 28 countries. Nearly 60 percent study abroad on every continent except Antarctica.
- » Known internationally for a commitment to service, the HWS community is dedicated to civic engagement, serving more than 80,000 hours of community service annually.
- » Nearly all students live on campus, which is located in the city of Geneva on a spectacular 195 acres on the shore of Seneca Lake. Eighty-seven percent of students receive some form of financial aid.
- » As early as their first semester, HWS students explore how their interests, values and skills can translate into a career through the Salisbury Center for Career Services' comprehensive four-step program.





An aerial photograph of the Middlebury College campus. In the foreground, a large, multi-story stone building with many windows is visible. A paved walkway leads from the building towards a green lawn where several people are walking. In the background, more campus buildings and distant mountains are visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

# Middlebury

**LOCATION:** Middlebury, Vermont

**CLOSEST CITY:** Burlington, Vermont

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.middlebury.edu](http://www.middlebury.edu)

Middlebury College provides students with a rigorous liberal arts education and a wide range of opportunities to pursue interests and experiences outside the classroom. From the sciences to the humanities, from the social sciences to the arts, Middlebury encourages students to seek out ways to make a meaningful contribution in a world that is increasingly global and complex. Located in Middlebury, Vermont, the campus is considered one of the most beautiful in New England, and fosters a spirit of intense, personal education. It is justly praised as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Middlebury was the first college to grant a degree to an African-American, Alexander Twilight in 1823.
- » The student body consists of 2,500 undergraduate students from all 50 states and 72 countries.
- » The College operates schools abroad in 17 countries and 37 sites.
- » About 97 percent of students live on campus in coed dorms and houses grouped into neighborhoods called Commons.
- » The Middlebury Panthers have won 35 NCAA national team championships in the last 20 years.



# OBERLIN

COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

**LOCATION:** Oberlin, Ohio

**CLOSEST CITY:** Cleveland, Ohio

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,900

**WEBSITE:** [www.oberlin.edu](http://www.oberlin.edu)

Think one person can change the world? So do we. From its founding in 1833, Oberlin has been at the forefront of history, becoming the first college in America to adopt a policy to admit students of color and the first to award degrees to women in a coeducational program. Students here apply nanotechnology to killing cancer cells; compose original plays and music; and devise new ways to sustain the environment. Oberlin's learning community combines a top-ranked liberal arts college, a prestigious music conservatory, and one of the finest academic art museums in the country—on a single campus.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Our student body of 2,900 includes 6 percent from in-state, 86 percent out-of-state, 8 percent from abroad, and 25 percent people of color.
- » Oberlin offers 50 majors in the College of Arts and Sciences and eight in the Conservatory of Music.
- » Oberlin has 175 student organizations, 21 varsity sport teams, 500 concerts and recitals, a variety of film series and national speakers, and about 40 theater and dance productions each year. Sixty-three percent of students participate in community service, and 75 percent study abroad.
- » Students can choose from a variety of housing styles: traditional residence halls; program houses centered around a culture or language; or co-ops, in which students run the household and share meal prep.
- » Seventy percent of graduates further their education within five years of graduating, and 83 percent enter the workforce immediately. Finally, more Oberlin alumni go on to earn Ph.D.s than do the graduates of any other primarily undergraduate college.







**LOCATION:** Claremont, California

**CLOSEST CITY:** Los Angeles, California

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,650

**WEBSITE:** [www.pomona.edu](http://www.pomona.edu)

One of a small number of institutions that practice need-blind admissions and meet 100% of students' financial need, Pomona is a highly diverse, close-knit community of scholars, scientists, entrepreneurs and artists who are passionate about making a difference in the world. As the founding member of The Claremont Colleges, Pomona offers students over 2,500 course options across the 5-college consortium and the resources of a larger university. With a student-faculty ratio of 8 to 1, students work closely with their professors in the classroom, lab and field. Our location near L.A. provides excellent opportunities for professional internships and cultural activities.

#### QUICK FACTS

- » Over half of Pomona students are domestic students of color. They come from 50 states and 60 countries. Nearly 20% are first-generation.
- » Funding for internships and research is available. 58% do research with faculty; 89% do an internship, and over 70% complete more than one internship.
- » 2,700 classes are available through cross-registration at The Claremont Colleges. More than 80% take classes at Scripps, Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd and Pitzer Colleges, all walking distance of Pomona.
- » Pomona students succeed: 93% graduate within 6 years, and 81% pursue an advanced degree within 10 years of graduation.





## Trinity College

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

**LOCATION:** Hartford, Connecticut

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Boston, Massachusetts + New York, New York

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 2,098

**WEBSITE:** [www.trincoll.edu](http://www.trincoll.edu)

Trinity College is a small, private liberal arts college in the heart of the capital city of Hartford, Connecticut. Trinity's urban location and global reach drive students to engage in the liberal arts with a spirit of innovation and independence, all while preparing to face the world boldly and become leaders in their fields. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 9:1, more than 900 courses across 41 majors and 28 interdisciplinary minors, and 30 men's and women's athletic teams in NCAA Division III Conference, students will find an innovative learning environment that is consistently ranked among the nation's best colleges.

### QUICK FACTS

- » Trinity's 2,098 students hail from 47 states and 68 countries, with 90 percent of undergraduates living on the beautiful, historic 100-acre campus in residence halls, apartments, and theme houses.
- » Trinity's student population is composed of 50 percent men and 50 percent women, with 21 percent students of color; approximately 64 percent of students receive financial aid.
- » 52 percent of students participate in a wide variety of study-abroad or study-away programs at Trinity's eight international sites and more than 90 Trinity-approved programs.
- » Special programs for first-year students include orientation, mentoring, and academic resources that ensure students are prepared for success at Trinity right from the start.
- » 65 percent of Trinity's alumni hold an advanced degree within 10 years of graduating, and more than half of alumni pursue careers in education, law, management, health and sciences, communication, and finance.







**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**LOCATION:** Madison, Wisconsin

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 29,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.wisc.edu](http://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 one of the largest Posse programs in the nation, recruiting students from four cities and boasting more than 180 Scholars on campus.





# WHITMAN COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** Walla Walla, Washington

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Spokane, Washington

**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION:** 1,500

**WEBSITE:** [www.whitman.edu](http://www.whitman.edu)

Whitman College is distinctive for its academics, community and location. In the heart of Walla Walla, Washington, the beautiful campus blends natural elements, modern facilities and historic buildings.

Whitman students are bright, curious and passionate — interested in collaboration rather than competition. Small class sizes allow students to know their professors personally, often partnering with them on research.

Whitman makes it a priority to ensure all students have opportunities to thrive and succeed on campus and as they prepare to make a difference in the world post-graduation. Outside of class, more than 100 clubs, organizations and affinity groups offer students opportunities to lead, find belonging and pursue their passions.

## QUICK FACTS

- » Students can choose from 60+ majors and combined majors, including 10+ in Environmental Studies. New fields of study at Whitman include Human-Centered Design; Neuroscience (Brain, Behavior & Cognition); Finance; and Ethics & Society.
- » The average Whitman class size is 17—and 98% of Whitman graduates of the last decade rank their academic experience as excellent or very good.
- » Whitman is committed to access and diversity. More than 30% of the incoming first-year class are U.S. students of color, 24% are first-generation students and more than 16% are international students.
- » Upon arrival, each student is connected with a career coach to help them consider which resources (like paid internships) and other opportunities might enhance their areas of study. They also help students navigate professional passions and career paths.
- » Whitman's lush campus boasts a more than 1:1 student-to-tree ratio.





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