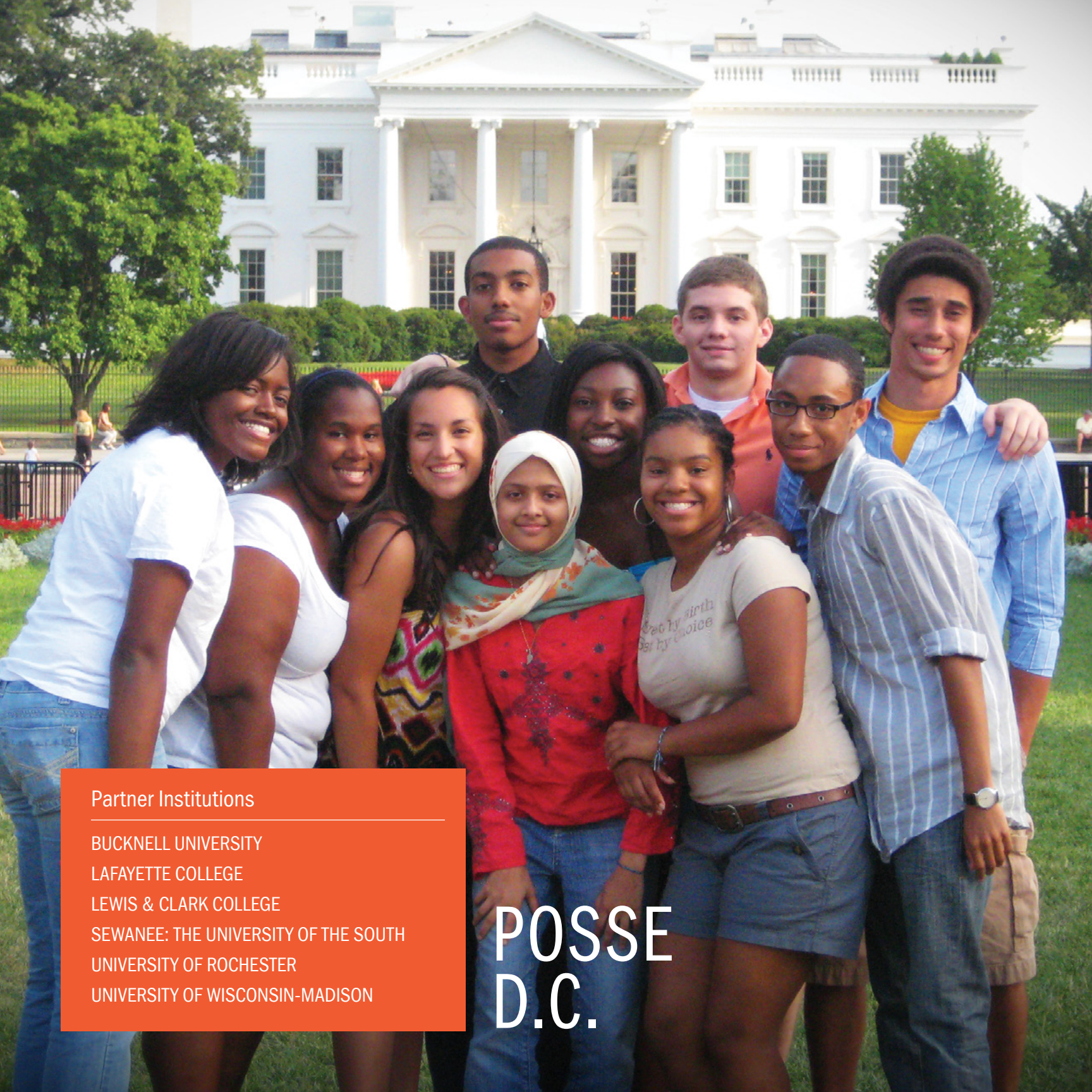




Partner Institutions

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE

SEWANEE: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

POSSE D.C.



Dear Posse Nominee:

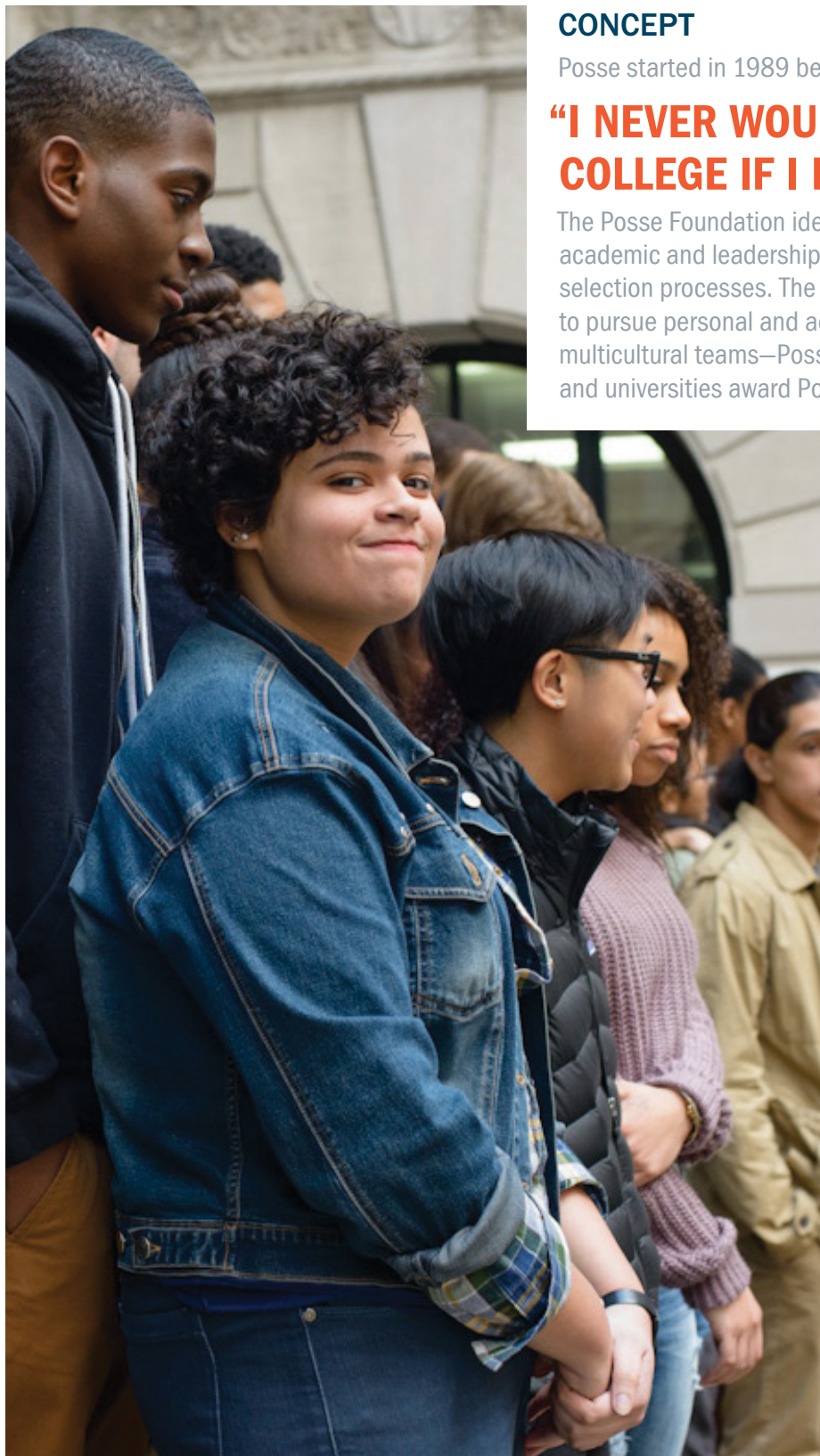
Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

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-three percent of the Class of 2023 was employed, in graduate school, both employed and in graduate school or volunteering within nine months of graduation..



An aerial photograph of the Lafayette College campus in Easton, Pennsylvania. The image shows a large, green, oval-shaped lawn in the center, surrounded by red brick buildings with white trim. A winding path cuts through the lawn, and a circular driveway is visible in the lower left. The campus is surrounded by trees with yellow and green foliage, suggesting an autumn setting. In the background, a baseball field and other campus buildings are visible.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

LOCATION: Easton, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,560

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 2,560 students need to create their edge are built into their four years. For 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

At Lewis & Clark College, we believe education is more than preparation for a career—it's preparation for a life of purpose. Whatever you want to do with your future, the top-tier liberal arts education you receive at Lewis & Clark will give you the knowledge, skills, and confidence you need to lead with purpose and make an impact on your community. Your experience will include interdisciplinary learning, hands-on research, and real-world experiences—in and out of the classroom—in a community that values curiosity, authenticity, transformation, and connection. Your professors will challenge you to think critically and question everything. At Lewis & Clark, you'll join a community of thinkers, creators, and change makers who see the world not just as it is, but as it could be.

QUICK FACTS

- » Our academic programs are grounded in your interests. With 28 majors and 34 minors, you have tons of options, and our liberal arts education means wide variety in your courses.
- » We offer learning that goes beyond four walls. High-impact, practical experiences are a part of every student's education, from internships and overseas study to graduate-level research alongside your professors.
- » Our Career Accelerator will turn your purpose into practice. Career advisors will work with you so that you graduate with the confidence, adaptability, and professional experience needed to thrive in a complex, changing world.
- » Our community is passionate about making a difference. We have over 100 student-led groups that build connection, 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

- » Although most people associate research with STEM, UR defies this convention by supporting research in any field. Whether you're studying English, music, or otherwise, UR students can pursue research in any disciplines they're passionate about.
- » 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

CLOSEST CITIES: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 37,198

WEBSITE: www.wisc.edu

Established in 1848, the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a place where exceptional academic performance flourishes. Today, more than 50,000 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 280,000 people, surrounded by five lakes, students have endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- » A world class institution with prominent research including 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 500,000 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 160 Scholars on campus.

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