



Partner Institutions

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

CARLETON COLLEGE

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

COLBY COLLEGE

OBERLIN COLLEGE

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

POSSE HOUSTON



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 1,288 undergraduates, is renowned for its academic excellence, diverse and close-knit community, and engagement with the world.

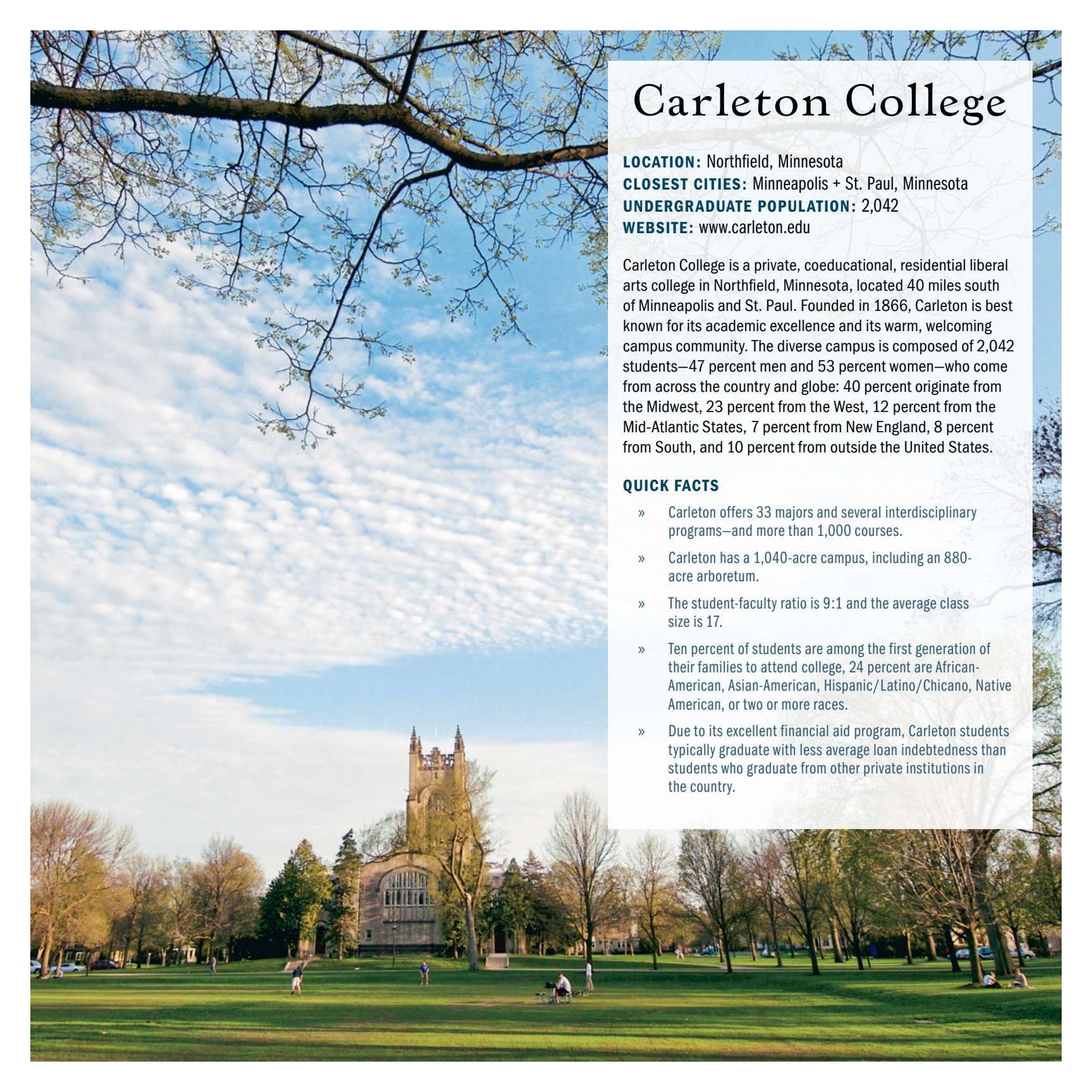
On an historic campus just outside of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr students find challenging courses and research; strong bonds with faculty, students, and alumnae/i; innovative programs that connect study with action; and top-tier partnerships that expand options.

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.
- » 66% of students complete at least one internship.
- » 63.3% of the faculty at Bryn Mawr are women.





Carleton College

LOCATION: Northfield, Minnesota

CLOSEST CITIES: Minneapolis + St. Paul, Minnesota

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,042

WEBSITE: www.carleton.edu

Carleton College is a private, coeducational, residential liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota, located 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Founded in 1866, Carleton is best known for its academic excellence and its warm, welcoming campus community. The diverse campus is composed of 2,042 students—47 percent men and 53 percent women—who come from across the country and globe: 40 percent originate from the Midwest, 23 percent from the West, 12 percent from the Mid-Atlantic States, 7 percent from New England, 8 percent from South, and 10 percent from outside the United States.

QUICK FACTS

- » Carleton offers 33 majors and several interdisciplinary programs—and more than 1,000 courses.
- » Carleton has a 1,040-acre campus, including an 880-acre arboretum.
- » The student-faculty ratio is 9:1 and the average class size is 17.
- » Ten percent of students are among the first generation of their families to attend college, 24 percent are African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano, Native American, or two or more races.
- » Due to its excellent financial aid program, Carleton students typically graduate with less average loan indebtedness than students who graduate from other private institutions in the country.



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY

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think beyond the possible®

LOCATION: Cleveland, Ohio

CLOSEST CITY: Cleveland, Ohio

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 6,534

WEBSITE: www.case.edu

As the #1 fastest-growing research university in the Association of American Universities, Case Western Reserve University is a force in career-defining education and life-changing research. Across our campus, more than 12,000 students from around the world converge to seek knowledge, find solutions and accelerate their impact. They learn from and collaborate with faculty members renowned for expertise in medicine, engineering, science, law, management, dental medicine, nursing, social work, and the arts. And with our location in Cleveland, Ohio—a hub of cultural, business and healthcare activity—our students gain unparalleled access to academic, research, clinical and entrepreneurial opportunities that prepare them to join our network of more than 125,000 alumni worldwide.

QUICK FACTS

- » CWRU's 6,500+ undergraduate students hail from all 50 states and are citizens of 121 countries.
- » 99% of CWRU undergraduate students engage in experiential learning through undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, internships, co-ops and creative endeavors.
- » In March 2026, Case Western Reserve was named as the #1 fastest-growing research university in the Association of American Universities, according to the latest data from the National Science Foundation on research expenditure growth.
- » In January 2026, CWRU was also named in the top 25 universities in the U.S. in TIME magazine's World's Top Universities of 2026 ranking.
- » In April 2026, Case Western Reserve was named to Forbes' list of "New Ivies," one of 10 private U.S. universities graduating student talent highly sought by employers.



A scenic photograph of the Colby College campus in Waterville, Maine. The image shows a large, historic building with a prominent clock tower and steeple, surrounded by lush green lawns and trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and the surrounding landscape. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque, capturing the beauty of the college during the fall season.

Colby

LOCATION: Waterville, Maine

CLOSEST CITY: Augusta, Maine

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,820

WEBSITE: www.colby.edu

Colby, one of the country's oldest independent liberal arts colleges, is located in Waterville, Maine. A national leader in research and project-based undergraduate learning, we offer students small classes and close collaboration with professors. Approximately 70 percent of undergraduates study abroad, and 81 countries and 42 states are represented in the student body. We believe all academically qualified students should have access to a Colby education, and we make this possible through on-campus support programs including Colby 360, our model for cocurricular learning, which fosters growth of the whole person and equips students with the tools to thrive.

QUICK FACTS

- » Colby is one of only four carbon-neutral colleges in the country.
- » The Colby College Museum of Art one of the premier college art museums in the country.
- » Averaged over the last three years, 78 percent of seniors were employed, admitted to grad school, or received full-time fellowships by their graduation.
- » Sixty-three percent of Colby students volunteer, dedicating more than 28,000 hours of service time in local communities annually.
- » Colby awarded more than \$27 million in institutional grant aid in 2013-14.

OVERLIN

COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY

LOCATION: Oberlin, Ohio

CLOSEST CITY: Cleveland, Ohio

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,900

WEBSITE: www.oberlin.edu

Think one person can change the world? So do we. Founded in 1833, Oberlin holds a distinguished place among American colleges and universities as the first to grant bachelor's degrees to women in a coeducational program and the first to adopt a policy to admit African Americans. Oberlin students pursue multiple passions and interests within a supportive, collaborative community. The College focuses on undergraduate teaching, hands-on research, culturally immersive study away experiences, and world-class music opportunities. In nearly every career field, Oberlin graduates are making an impact and improving our world.

QUICK FACTS

- » Oberlin offers one of the world's great undergraduate educations, with 90+ majors across the College of Arts and Sciences and the Conservatory of Music.
- » Our 2,900 students come from all 50 states and more than 50 countries, with only 8% from our home state of Ohio. Students of color make up 27% of our community.
- » In our vibrant community, you'll never be bored! Choose from 175 student organizations and 21 varsity sports teams. Every year, we host more than 500 concerts and 40 theater and dance performances.
- » On our carbon-neutral campus, you'll choose from traditional residence halls, program houses centered around a culture or language, or co-ops where students share in running the household and preparing meals.
- » Over the last century, Oberlin alumni have gone on to earn more Ph.D.s than those from any other undergraduate college.





VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Nashville, Tennessee

CLOSEST CITY: Nashville, Tennessee

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 6,886

WEBSITE: www.vanderbilt.edu

Vanderbilt University, situated on a beautiful 330-acre campus in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, includes ten schools, of which four have undergraduate programs. The combination of excellent academic rigor, a vibrant campus life, and urban location attracts talented students from around the world, consistently earning the university a top-20 ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*. Vanderbilt is home to a diverse community of 6,900 undergraduate and 5,700 graduate students. Over 50 percent of undergraduates participate in academic research, and with a 7:1 student-faculty ratio, Vanderbilt affords easy access to faculty. First-year students live on The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, a living-learning residential community, and students live in Vanderbilt housing all four years.

QUICK FACTS

- » 69 majors and 70+ minors are offered across four undergraduate schools: College of Arts and Science; School of Engineering; Peabody College of Education and Human Development; Blair School of Music.
- » Vanderbilt's vibrant campus life includes 420+ student organizations, 27 sororities and fraternities, over 150 study abroad programs, Division I athletics, more than 40 club and intramural sports, and exciting internship opportunities.
- » Nashville, Vanderbilt's hometown, regularly earns high marks for quality of life and employment opportunities, including #3 for Best Big Cities for Jobs (*Forbes*, 2019) and #2 for College City Gets High Marks (*Princeton Review*, 2020).
- » Vanderbilt has earned the #1 ranking for "Best Quality of Life" from *Princeton Review* in 2020.
- » 42.1% of students from the first-year class entering fall 2019 are from underrepresented minorities; 11.8% are international students.
- » 65% of undergraduates receive some type of financial assistance to attend Vanderbilt.

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