

Partner Institutions

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES
KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
TULANE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

POSSE
LOS ANGELES



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-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.





HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

LOCATION: Geneva, New York

CLOSEST CITY: Rochester, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,324

WEBSITE: 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.

K KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

LOCATION: Kalamazoo, Michigan

CLOSEST CITIES: Detroit, Michigan + Chicago, Illinois

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,450

WEBSITE: www.kzoo.edu

Kalamazoo College is a nationally recognized liberal arts college where students are challenged academically, supported personally, and encouraged to explore their passions. With small classes, close relationships with professors, and a strong commitment to experiential learning, K helps students build the skills, confidence, and experiences needed to succeed after graduation. Whether through study abroad, internships, research, community engagement, or leadership opportunities, students are encouraged to shape a college experience that reflects their goals and values.

QUICK FACTS

- » More than 80% of students participate in an internship, research experience, student teaching placement, or other hands-on learning opportunity before graduating.
- » K students study abroad in more than 25 countries and are encouraged to engage with the world through meaningful cultural and global experiences.
- » Professors know students by name and work closely with them as mentors, advisors, and partners in their academic journey.
- » The K-Plan combines rigorous academics with real-world experiences, helping students connect what they learn in the classroom to their future careers and communities.
- » Kalamazoo College has a long-standing commitment to access, belonging, and social justice, creating a community where students are encouraged to bring their full selves and perspectives.
- » Located in a vibrant college town alongside Western Michigan University, students enjoy the opportunities of a larger college community while benefiting from the close-knit experience of a small liberal arts college.



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 the background. In the distance, rolling green hills are visible under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Middlebury

LOCATION: Middlebury, Vermont

CLOSEST CITY: Burlington, Vermont

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,500

WEBSITE: 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.

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

Seaver College

LOCATION: Malibu, California

CLOSEST CITY: Los Angeles, California

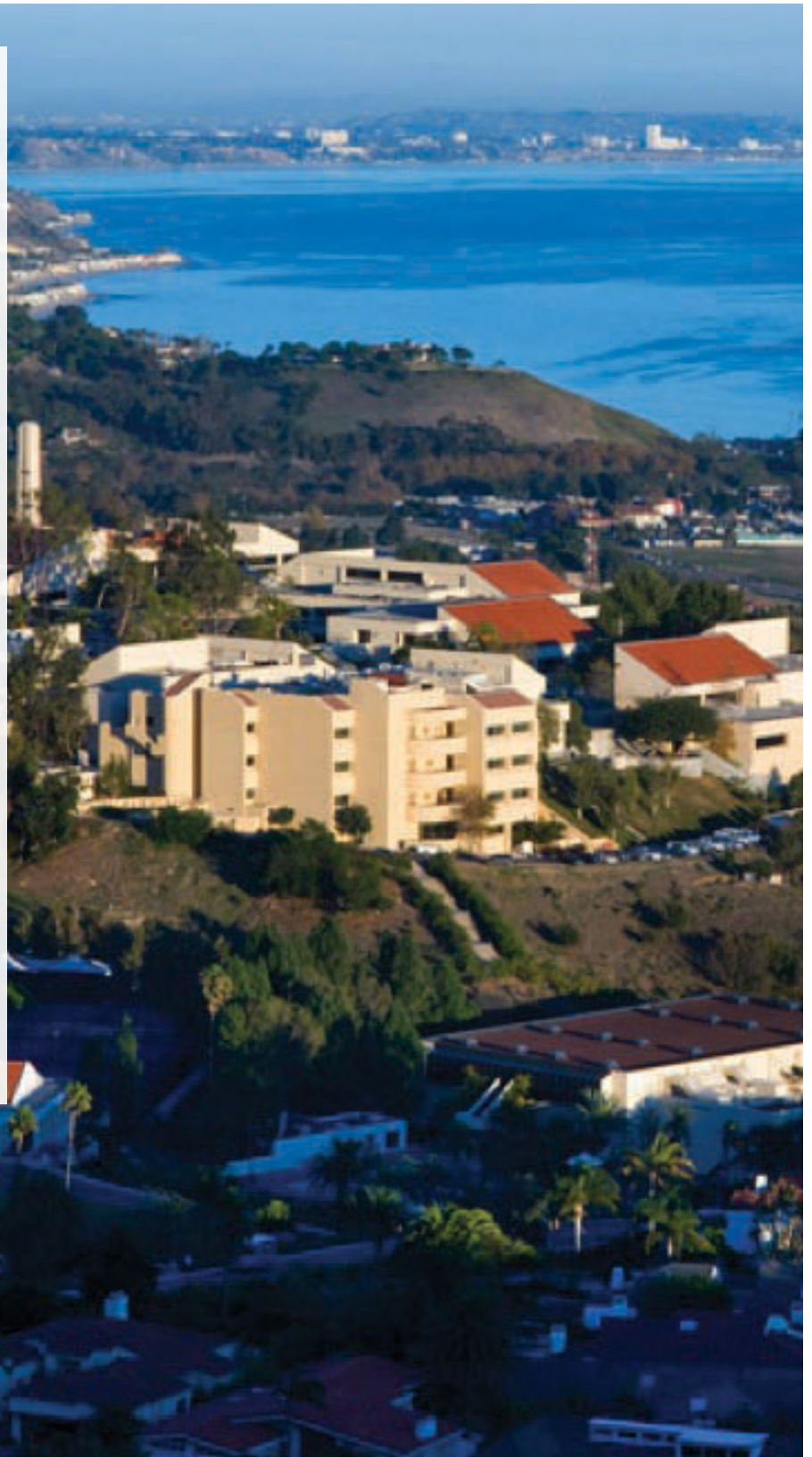
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 3,500

WEBSITE: www.pepperdine.edu

Founded in 1937, Pepperdine is a private Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service and leadership. With its renowned Malibu campus, facilities throughout California and in Washington, D.C., and international campuses in South America, Europe and Asia, the University is a point of convergence for scholars, believers, artists, athletes and innovators.

QUICK FACTS

- » The undergraduate student population is approximately 3,500.
- » Pepperdine offers 44 majors and 47 minors. The five most popular majors are: business administration, psychology, political science, economics, and biology.
- » 87 percent of students participate in one of Pepperdine's highly regarded International Programs. Locations include: Buenos Aires, Florence, Heidelberg, London, Washington, DC, the Chateau d'Hauteville in Switzerland, and Kyoto, Japan.
- » The average class size is 19 students with a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio.
- » There are 17 Division I men's and women's athletic teams.





Santa Clara University

LOCATION: Santa Clara, California

CLOSEST CITY: San Jose, California

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 6,115

WEBSITE: www.scu.edu

Santa Clara University is a Jesuit, Catholic university located forty miles south of San Francisco in Silicon Valley. There's nothing quite like the combination of our location in the most innovative place on earth and the Catholic, Jesuit values that guide our vision for a more kind, just, humane, and sustainable planet.

We'll challenge you to think critically, take risks, and take charge within a dynamic and caring community, with more than fifty majors, some 3,750 courses from which to choose.

People of all backgrounds flourish here. One thing they have in common? They want to make a difference.

QUICK FACTS

- » SCU has one of the highest retention rates among national universities (93%) due to our courses, experiences available outside of our curriculum, robust student support services, and the sense of community you'll feel from your first day on campus.
- » In Santa Clara County, we enjoy an average high temperature of 72 degrees and 300 days of sun every year.
- » Our undergraduate teaching was ranked 14th nationally by U.S. News and World Report. We'll prepare you for that dream internship, job, or graduate program.
- » Our LEAD Scholars Program for first-generation college students focuses on academic success, community engagement and vocational exploration
- » The University's Career Center is ranked No. 16 among all U.S. private colleges and universities by Princeton Review, based on student ratings and PayScale.com's salary information for recent graduates.



LOCATION: New Orleans, Louisiana

CLOSEST CITY: New Orleans, Louisiana

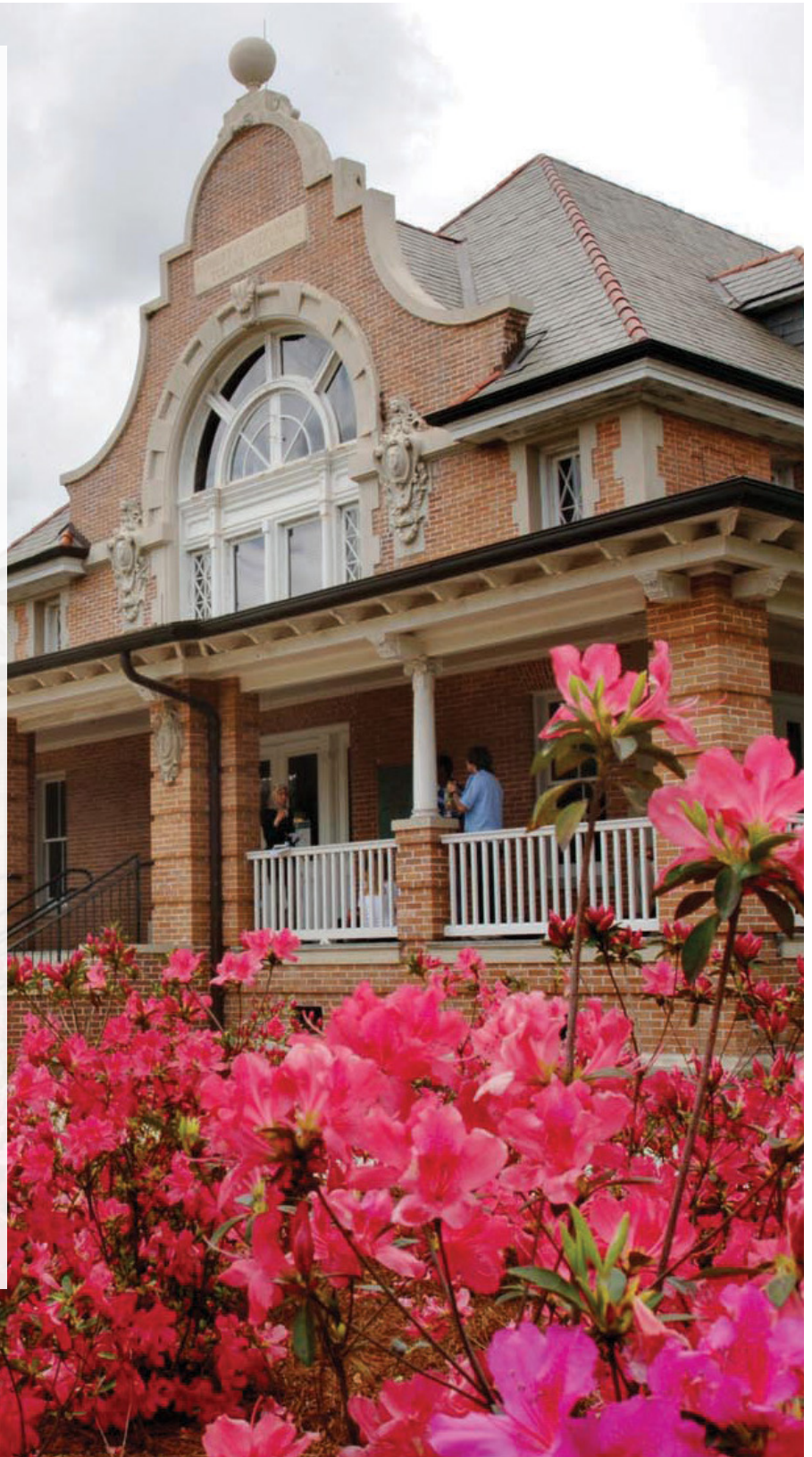
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 8,423

WEBSITE: www.tulane.edu

Founded in 1834, Tulane is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the country. Located in one of America's greatest cities, Tulane offers degrees in the liberal arts, science and engineering, architecture, business, law, social work, medicine and public health and tropical medicine. Tulane is the country's first and only major research university to integrate public service into its undergraduate curriculum. The Tulane experience includes close student-faculty interaction, a variety of campus programs and a diverse student body representing all 50 states and more than 40 different countries. Tulane's full- and part-time undergraduate population is 8,423.

QUICK FACTS

- » Tulane undergraduates are taught by the university's premier faculty beginning the first semester of their freshmen year.
- » Tulane offers an outstanding breadth and depth of courses and majors combined with real world experience through public service classes, internships and research opportunities.
- » U.S. News & World Report ranked Tulane University 12th among "Up-and-Coming" schools and 33rd in its "High School Counselor's Picks."
- » Newsweek ranked Tulane 19th among the country's 25 "most service-minded schools."
- » Tulane University has been twice named by Kaplan/Newsweek's college guide as one of the 25 "Hot Schools" in the nation.





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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