



Partner Institutions

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WHEATON COLLEGE

POSSE NEW YORK



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



POSSE STEM PROGRAM

 The majority of Posse partner colleges and universities admit Posse Scholars interested in pursuing any major. If, however, you are interested in pursuing a major specifically in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and would like to go to college in a Posse of students interested in majoring in a STEM field, you may want to consider one of the STEM Posse partner schools (Brandeis University and University of Wisconsin-Madison).



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.





BABSON

LOCATION: Babson Park, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,800

WEBSITE: www.babson.edu

At Babson College—the only school focused on business among the Posse partner schools—you'll learn business by doing business. As the #1 school for entrepreneurship, Babson empowers students to turn ideas into action through hands-on learning, real-world projects, innovative courses, and a dynamic first-year experience where students launch and run their own ventures. You'll join a close-knit community of more than 2,800 undergraduates from 45+ states and 100+ countries, all on a beautiful campus just outside Boston—one of the world's leading hubs for business, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

QUICK FACTS

- » Study at a nationally recognized leader in business education. Babson has been ranked the #2 college in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal* in 2025 and 2026 and #1 for Entrepreneurship by *U.S. News & World Report* for 29 consecutive times.
- » Get involved from day one. Join 100+ clubs and organizations, attend nearly 800 annual events, and compete in 22 NCAA Division III varsity sports.
- » Customize your education. Choose from 20+ academic concentrations to focus and align your studies with your interests and career goals.
- » Belong to a welcoming, global community. The Class of 2029 includes students from diverse backgrounds, with 53% U.S. students of color and 26% international students.
- » Graduate ready to make an impact. For the Class of 2025, 97.8% of graduates were employed or attending graduate school within six months of graduation.





BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Waltham, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 3,400

WEBSITE: www.brandeis.edu

At Brandeis, learning goes beyond the classroom. Brandeis offers the close faculty access and range of academic disciplines of a liberal arts college within the context of a vibrant research university. In this community, you'll pair big ideas with hands-on learning, building career-ready credentials and sought-after skills. Along your academic journey, you'll earn microcredentials to build a second transcript highlighting your strengths and achievements. You'll join a community of peers passionately engaged in community service, the arts, and athletics. And you'll graduate prepared to demonstrate what you know, what you can do, and the difference you're ready to make.

QUICK FACTS

- » Founded on the values of inclusivity, academic excellence and a commitment to improving the world, the Brandeis community includes students of all backgrounds and beliefs from around the world.
- » 57% of students engage in research. At Brandeis, rigorous learning doesn't stay in the classroom. It shows up in labs, studios, startups and nonprofits — real places with real stakes.
- » 35% of Brandeis students study abroad, and students in all majors can choose from more than 200 study abroad programs in 50 countries across the globe.
- » Brandeis students average 2-3 internships before graduation, and 98% of undergraduates are employed, attending graduate school, or engaged in other meaningful activities within six months of graduation.
- » Students learn alongside expert faculty, including Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize winners, Guggenheim Fellows and members of the American Academy of Arts And Letters and National Academy of Sciences.



Brandeis University offers only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Posse Scholarships.



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

LOCATION: New London, Connecticut

CLOSEST CITY: Hartford, Connecticut

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,800

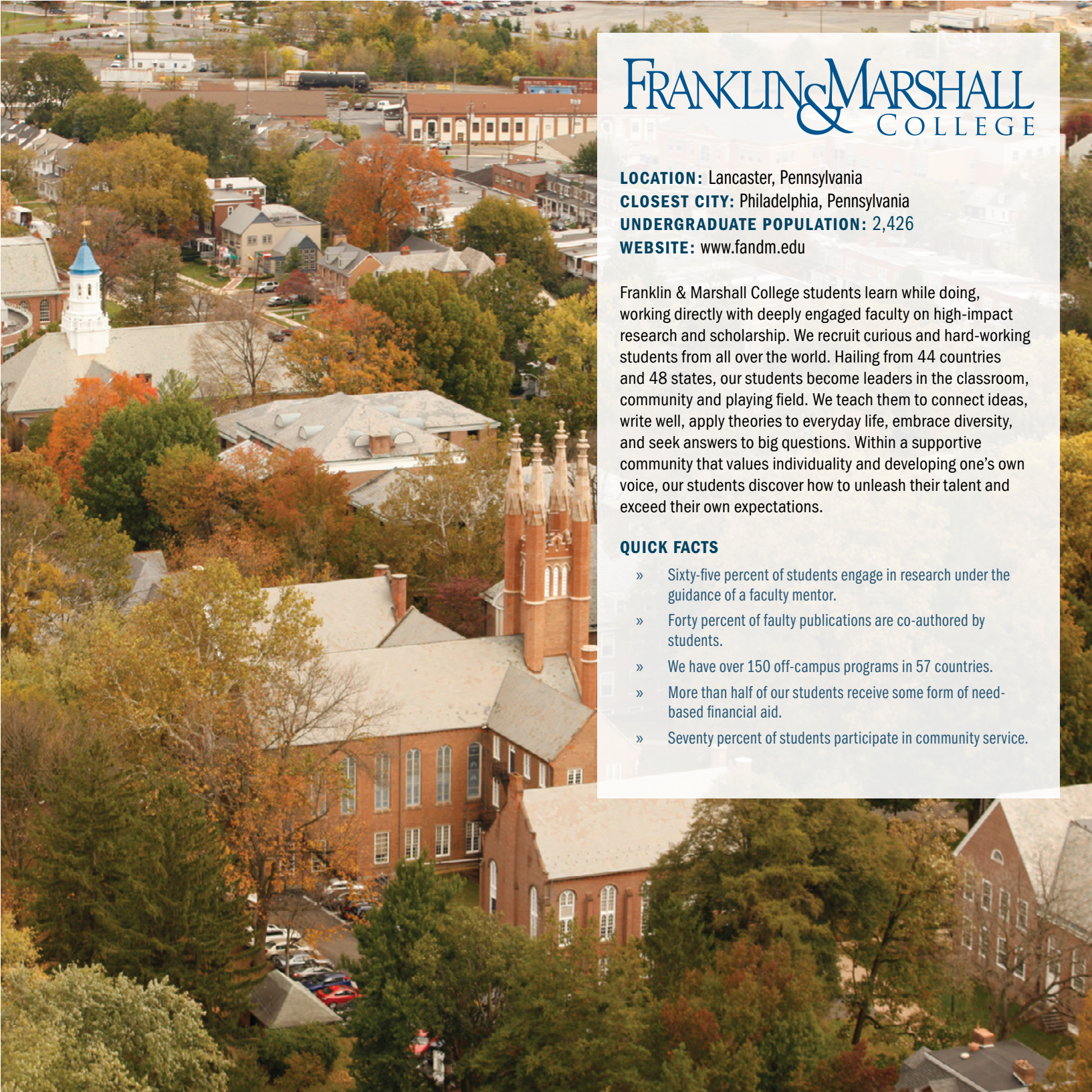
WEBSITE: www.conncoll.edu

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.





FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

LOCATION: Lancaster, Pennsylvania

CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,426

WEBSITE: www.fandm.edu

Franklin & Marshall College students learn while doing, working directly with deeply engaged faculty on high-impact research and scholarship. We recruit curious and hard-working students from all over the world. Hailing from 44 countries and 48 states, our students become leaders in the classroom, community and playing field. We teach them to connect ideas, write well, apply theories to everyday life, embrace diversity, and seek answers to big questions. Within a supportive community that values individuality and developing one's own voice, our students discover how to unleash their talent and exceed their own expectations.

QUICK FACTS

- » Sixty-five percent of students engage in research under the guidance of a faculty mentor.
- » Forty percent of faculty publications are co-authored by students.
- » We have over 150 off-campus programs in 57 countries.
- » More than half of our students receive some form of need-based financial aid.
- » Seventy percent of students participate in community service.

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.





LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

LOCATION: Appleton, Wisconsin

CLOSEST CITIES: Milwaukee + Madison + Green Bay, Wisconsin

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,500

WEBSITE: www.lawrence.edu

Founded in 1847, Lawrence University integrates a college of liberal arts and sciences with a world-class conservatory of music, both devoted exclusively to undergraduate education. Nestled along the Fox River in Appleton, Wisconsin, (metro population 225,000), the foundation for this learning community is a safe and close-knit residential campus with a diverse student body of 1,500 drawn from nearly every state and more than 50 countries.

QUICK FACTS

- » Since the original publication of “Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges,” in 1996, Lawrence has been included in every edition.
- » At 9:1, Lawrence boasts one of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios of any national liberal arts college in the country.
- » Appleton, the heart of a thriving economy boosted by Fortune 500 companies, large health-care companies, and small businesses, offers students easy access to the arts, athletics, culture and professional opportunities.
- » Sixty percent of the courses taught at Lawrence—be they independent research, studio lessons, honors projects and Oxford-style tutorials—consist of one student working with one professor.
- » New spaces like Hall Commons, Fox Commons, and the Level Up initiative (the Hub and the Loop) create modern environments for innovative teaching and learning, strengthen Conservatory, wellness, community, and residential life.
- » Growing programs in business & entrepreneurship and data science & statistics, along with new athletics like lacrosse and flag football, offer more ways to explore your interests and get involved.
- » A strong, campus-wide commitment to support, engagement, and outcomes helps you thrive at Wisconsin’s #1 small private university.

Middlebury

LOCATION: Middlebury, Vermont

CLOSEST CITY: Burlington, Vermont

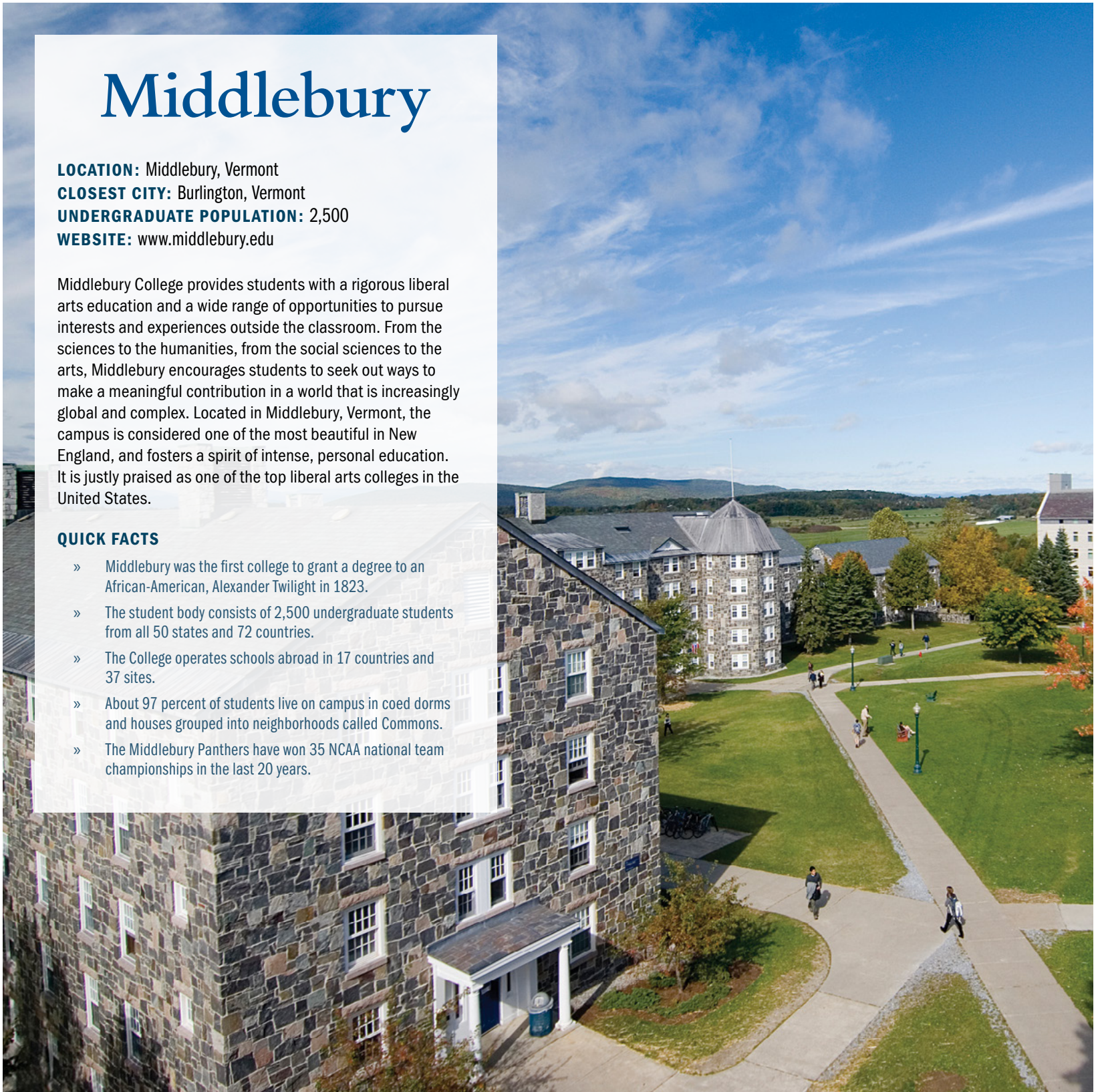
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,500

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.





LOCATION: Northampton, Massachusetts
CLOSEST CITY: Springfield, Massachusetts
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,500
WEBSITE: www.smith.edu

Smith is a world-class women's liberal arts and sciences college located in Northampton, Massachusetts. We offer 50 majors, including engineering, and our open curriculum offers the freedom to explore multiple disciplines. We guarantee free tuition for students from families earning up to \$150,000 annually (with typical assets) and meet full demonstrated need without loans. Our students come from around the world, creating an engaging community unlike any other. With our undergraduate focus, you are the top priority in class and in research. As a Smithie, you will graduate a more powerful version of yourself, confident in your ability to make an impact in the world.

QUICK FACTS

- » Smith has an enrollment of 2,500 and educates students from 47 states and 65 countries. The faculty-to-student ratio is 8:1.
- » Smithies have access to cutting-edge STEM facilities, high-end digital media studios, first-class performance spaces, and a world-renowned art museum. The campus is also home to the oldest women's history archive in the United States!
- » Students can take advantage of internship funding and career advising beginning in their first year at the college.
- » Smith provides on-campus housing all four years. And that's not all: Smithies live in self-governing houses with students across class years.
- » Smith is part of the local college consortium where thousands of students enjoy living and learning on three different campuses including Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, and The University of Massachusetts Amherst.



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.



University of Wisconsin-Madison offers only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Posse Scholarships.





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.



LOCATION: Norton, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITIES: Boston, Massachusetts + Providence, Rhode Island

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,700

WEBSITE: www.wheatoncollege.edu

Wheaton College in Massachusetts is a four-year, coeducational, liberal arts and sciences college located halfway between Boston and Providence, Rhode Island. The student body is made up of approximately 1,700 students from 40 U.S. states and nearly 40 countries around the world. The college offers more than 100 majors and minors in subjects ranging from business to psychology, political science to neuroscience, and theater to film and new media—and offers cross-registration with nearby Brown University. Since 2000, Wheaton students have won more than 250 highly competitive national scholarships and fellowships, including Rhodes Scholarships, Marshalls, Watsons and Fulbrights. Wheaton has been a Posse partner since 2000.

QUICK FACTS

- » The Wheaton Edge guarantees all students the opportunity for a funded internship, research position, or other experiential learning immersion by their senior year. 97% of Wheaton students are employed, in graduate school or in a year of service within 6 months of graduation.
- » Wheaton is ranked among the Top 60 U.S. Liberal Arts Colleges by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Ed* and Top 200 Best Value College by the *The Princeton Review*.
- » Wheaton's Student Government Association manages close to \$300,000 in funds to support over 100 student clubs and organizations ranging from gaming to multicultural organizations to hip hop dance.
- » After the first year, students can choose where to live on campus—in either traditional dorms, historic homes or one of 16 “theme” houses.
- » Wheaton students have countless opportunities to study abroad in places like Bhutan, Ghana, Hong Kong, Rwanda, or Spain, or to take courses (in English) in countries including China and Tanzania.



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