



Partner Institutions

BARD COLLEGE
BOSTON UNIVERSITY
CORNELL COLLEGE
LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE

POSSE PUERTO RICO



Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico's partner institutions: Bard College, Cornell College and Lewis & Clark College.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each of these top liberal arts colleges. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck. 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.



Bard

LOCATION: Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

CLOSEST CITY: New York, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,900

WEBSITE: www.bard.edu

Bard is an independent, four-year college of the liberal arts and sciences, 90 miles from New York City, that inspires a love of learning and a commitment to the link between higher education and civic participation. Academic fields are multidisciplinary and are part of an extensive international network. The Division of the Arts is particularly diverse, with programs ranging from Studio Arts to Theater and Performance. Bard clubs and student activities emphasize creativity and innovation within these fields. Arts faculty are active in their areas of expertise and stress the connection between learning and engagement outside the classroom.

QUICK FACTS

- » Bard's Division of the Arts is home to majors in: Architecture, Art History and Visual Culture, Dance, Film and Electronic Arts, Music, Photography, Studio Arts, and Theater and Performance.
- » World-class facilities on Bard's 1,000-acre campus include the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts and the Hessel Museum of Art, a contemporary collection of more than 3,000 works.
- » A student production of *Oklahoma!* made headlines in 2015 at Bard's renowned annual SummerScape festival, and won a Tony Award on Broadway four years later.
- » Live Arts Bard is a laboratory for new performance at Bard. It focuses on developing a community of visiting artists and students who work side by side on creative projects.
- » The Bard College Dance Program and Gibney, a New York City-based dance and social justice organization led by founder Gina Gibney, began a partnership in fall 2020.



The logo for Boston University, featuring the words "BOSTON UNIVERSITY" in white, serif, all-caps font, enclosed within a red rectangular border.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

CLOSEST CITY: Boston, Massachusetts

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 18,253

WEBSITE: www.bu.edu

Boston University serves as the highest standard for research, academic excellence, and dauntless passion to pursue knowledge without limits. Students can choose from more than 300 majors and minors to create their own journey and path to success. Grounded in a rigorous academic experience, Boston University is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). Boston University's residential campus in the city of Boston gives students access to a truly multi-faceted college experience. Combined with access to over 150 study abroad programs, unlimited internships, and real-world experience, students are prepared to become change-makers. With more than 450 student organizations and a diverse student body from all 50 states and 140+ countries, BU fosters belonging and community, ensuring students can pursue their passions and discover their potential.

QUICK FACTS

- » BU is ranked #13 for employability in the U.S. by Times Higher Education and #42 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report (Best National Universities 2026).
- » BU has a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Members of the faculty include Pulitzer Prize winners, Nobel Prize winners, MacArthur Fellows, Sloan Research Fellows, and Guggenheim Fellows.
- » There are nearly 500 student organizations.
- » BU has over 150 study abroad programs in more than 30 countries.
- » Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received his Ph.D. in theology from BU in 1955. After receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he presented his manuscripts, records and personal papers to the university's Mugar Memorial Library.



Cornell College

LOCATION: Mount Vernon, Iowa

CLOSEST CITY: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,002

WEBSITE: www.cornellcollege.edu

Cornell College is a vibrant campus of interconnected, empathetic students, faculty, and staff. Nestled in a walkable community near regional cities, Cornell students thrive on a unified schedule, learning One Course At A Time. They immerse themselves in a single topic for an 18-day block, followed by a multi-day break to reset and recharge. Each course, research project, internship, or service opportunity allows students to dive deep while still making time for jobs, practice, and social activities. One Course is the innovative foundation of every Cornelian's education, helping them achieve their goals and build plans for the future.

WHY THE BLOCK PLAN? BECAUSE YOU CAN:

- » Conduct research for a block in a field that interests you.
- » Intern for a block in a career that you are considering.
- » Travel off-campus for a block with your class and professor for immersive study.
- » Compete in Division III athletics where class and practice never conflict.
- » Explore the fine arts or social clubs with dedicated free time in your schedule.



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

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