



#### **Dear Posse Nominee:**

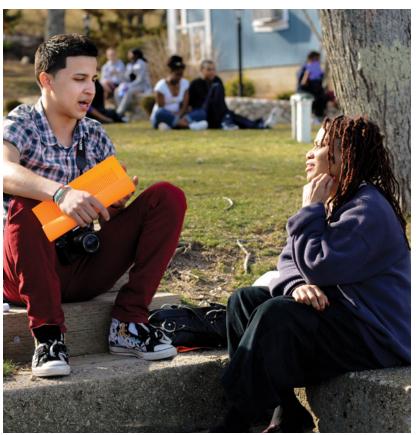
Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

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. If selected for this award, you will have the opportunity to attend one of the Posse partner institutions listed in this brochure as part of a team of students—a Posse—from cities across Virginia.

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 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.







**LOCATION:** Charlottesville, Virginia **CLOSEST CITY:** Richmond, Virginia

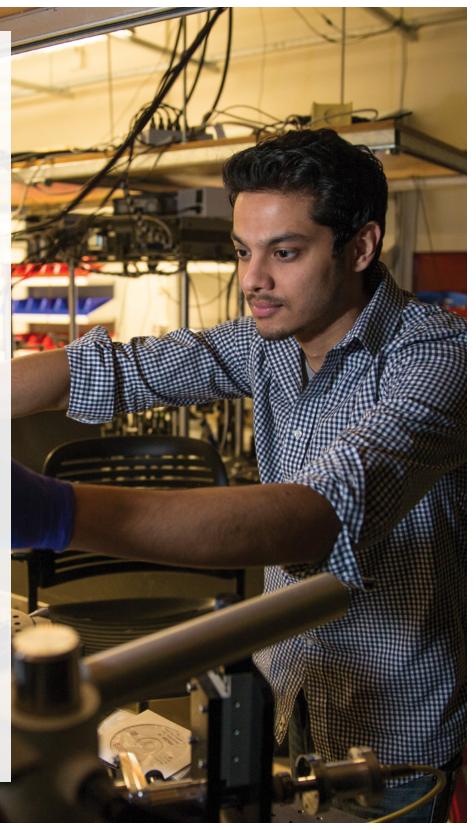
**UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 16,000** 

WEBSITE: www.virginia.edu

The University of Virginia is distinctive among institutions of higher education. Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819, the University sustains the ideal of developing, through education, civic-minded, ethical leaders who are well-prepared to help shape the future of the nation and the world. The University is located in the vibrant and picturesque college town of Charlottesville, 100 miles from Washington, D.C. The undergraduate student body of 16,000 is richly diverse with students bringing different skills, backgrounds, and interests to a community that is welcoming and supportive. The University is made up of seven undergraduate schools (Arts & Sciences, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Leadership and Public Policy, Nursing and Commerce) and students learn from, and work with, a talented and engaged faculty who are committed to teaching and cutting edge research.

#### **OUICK FACTS**

- » UVA offers one of the best financial aid programs in the country and is one of only two public universities nationally that meets 100 percent of every student's financial need.
- » Students enjoy close relationships with their professors in a setting where 85 percent of classes have fewer than 50 students.
- Experiential learning is central to the educational philosophy at UVA. Students combine classroom study with exciting research, service and field work opportunities.
- » UVA has the highest graduation rate for African-American students of any public university in the country for 19 years in a row, at 87 percent.
- » From Australia to Tibet to Morocco, from marine biology to engineering to architecture, UVA is committed to making education abroad accessible and affordable.







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