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THE **POSSE** FOUNDATION, INC.

POSSE VETERANS PROGRAM

Partner Institutions



Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,
“I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I’D HAD MY POSSE WITH ME.”

That simple idea of sending a group (a posse) of students together to college became the basis for one of the most important college success and leadership development programs in the nation today. Posse’s ultimate goal is to develop a diverse, national network of outstanding men and women who can take on significant leadership positions in every industry and better represent the voices of all Americans.

The Posse Foundation announced its Veterans initiative in 2012 and began the program in partnership with Vassar College. Since then, the list of institutional partners has grown to include Dartmouth College, the University of Virginia, and Wesleyan University.

NOMINATION

To nominate yourself or someone you know for the Posse Veterans Program, visit:

www.possefoundation.org/veterans



POSSE VETERANS PROGRAM

The Posse Veterans Program identifies and supports post-9/11 veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have tremendous leadership and academic potential. Posse looks for veterans interested in pursuing bachelor's degrees at top colleges and universities who are excited to be active, engaged leaders in those campus communities. By creating cohorts of veterans, preparing them for the college experience, and supporting them through graduation, the Posse Veterans Program ensures veterans' success in college and, ultimately, in the workforce.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Candidates for the program participate in Posse's Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP), a unique three-stage interview process that identifies talented veterans who can succeed at Posse's top-ranked college and university partners. Finalists are asked to attend a group interview and meet representatives from the participating college or university. Winners will attend a top-tier, four-year college or university as part of a team, a Posse, of 10 veterans.

Prior to matriculation, the Veterans Posse Scholars participate in an all-inclusive, one-month, pre-collegiate training program in New York City focused on leadership development, academic excellence and team building.

Once on campus, the veterans participate in and help organize an annual PossePlus Retreat, which occurs during the spring semester and involves up to 100 students from the general student body. The retreat focuses on a social or political topic of national interest and importance and is facilitated by Posse staff. In addition, Veterans Posse Scholars meet weekly with a faculty mentor for the first two years as a group as well as individually every other week. The program continues to provide support through graduation.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

After applying GI Bill, Yellow Ribbon, and other available funding from the government, Posse's partner institutions guarantee that full tuition is covered for all four years—even when the government funding runs out. Posse's partner institutions' generous financial aid policies provide excellent packages, based on financial need, that help cover the costs of room, board and other college or university fees.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

In addition to the programming mentioned above, The Posse Foundation's Career Program provides support throughout college, including help with building resumes and developing interviewing skills. Scholars will be exposed to professionals in various industries and participate in events and other opportunities to help them build their knowledge of possible career paths and their own networks.



ELIGIBILITY

The Posse Foundation is looking for veterans who:

- » Are leaders in their places of work, communities and/or families.
- » Demonstrate strong academic potential.
- » Are excited about the opportunity to participate in a four-year program leading to a bachelor's degree from a prestigious institution of higher education.
- » Have not previously received a bachelor's degree.
- » Have served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty since September 11, 2001, and have or will receive an honorable discharge.
- » Can participate in a one-month, pre-collegiate training program in New York City during the summer prior to matriculation.

All applicants will be asked to take either the SAT or ACT, or report previous scores. However, scores are not a determining factor in Posse's selection process.

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Dartmouth

LOCATION: Hanover, New Hampshire

CLOSEST CITY: Burlington, Vermont

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 4,200

WEBSITE: www.dartmouth.edu

Dartmouth is a fusion of liberal arts college and research university located in Hanover, New Hampshire. Founded in 1769 and a member of the Ivy League, Dartmouth is one of the most respected institutions of higher education in America. Dartmouth consists of an undergraduate college, the Geisel School of Medicine, Thayer School of Engineering, Tuck School of Business, and numerous graduate programs. With an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,200 (6,200 overall), Dartmouth is well-known for its excellence in teaching and learning, scholarly collaboration at all levels, the adventurous spirit of its community members, and a strong alumni network.

QUICK FACTS

- » Dartmouth has been named No. 1 in commitment to undergraduate teaching five of the last six years in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings.
- » More than 60 percent of Dartmouth students participate in Foreign Study Programs, exposing them to other cultures and preparing them for the global workplace.
- » Dartmouth was established in 1769 by a charter granted by King George III, with funds from the second Earl of Dartmouth, to educate Native Americans. Today, Dartmouth has more Native American students than the rest of the Ivy League combined.
- » Dartmouth is a leader in technology, with programs such as the nation's first Ph.D. in innovation and first master's in healthcare delivery science complementing its deep commitment to the liberal arts.
- » The Appalachian Trail, perhaps the world's most famous footpath, goes through Dartmouth's campus, symbolizing the College's commitment to the outdoors.



LOCATION: Charlottesville, Virginia

CLOSEST CITY: Richmond, Virginia

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 15,000

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 15,000 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, and Nursing) and students learn from, and work with, a talented and engaged faculty who are committed to teaching and cutting edge research.

QUICK 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.
- » Faculty serve as mentors and 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.





VASSAR

LOCATION: Poughkeepsie, New York

CLOSEST CITY: New York + Albany, New York

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,400

WEBSITE: www.vassar.edu

Founded in 1861, Vassar College is a highly selective, residential, coeducational liberal arts college with a student body of around 2,400. Consistently ranked among the top liberal arts colleges in the country, Vassar is renowned for pioneering achievements in education, for its long history of curricular innovation, and for the beauty of its campus. Located in the scenic Hudson Valley, 75 miles north of New York City, in Poughkeepsie, the Vassar campus comprises 1,000 picturesque acres and over 100 academic and residential buildings ranging in style from collegiate gothic to modernist.

QUICK FACTS

- » The student-faculty ratio at Vassar is 8:1, and the average class size is 17, with upper level classes typically much smaller.
- » Vassar fields 23 varsity teams (NCAA, Division III) as well as club sports and intramural leagues.
- » Vassar is a leader in producing Ph.D. candidates, and graduates are routinely accepted at top-ranking schools of law, medicine, business and education.
- » About 500 students each year do field work internships for academic credit in Poughkeepsie, the larger Hudson Valley, and New York City. About 300 students each year work as paid campus research assistants or academic interns in the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities.
- » About 45 percent of Vassar students spend a semester or a year at another institution either in the U.S. or abroad.

WESLEYAN

UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Middletown, Connecticut

CLOSEST CITY: New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut

UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,900

WEBSITE: www.wesleyan.edu

Established in 1831, Wesleyan University is a private, liberal arts university in Middletown, Connecticut. It has long been known as one of the premier colleges in New England; today it also has small graduate programs in the sciences, mathematics, and ethnomusicology. Wesleyan students reap the advantages and benefits of a relatively small school, including close teacher-student interaction, together with the first-rate facilities, faculty, and research opportunities usually found at larger universities. Situated along the beautiful Connecticut River, Wesleyan is among the most selective institutions in the country and has a tradition of sustaining a remarkably diverse and lively community. Its 2,900 undergraduates and 200 graduate students pursue an education characterized by boldness, rigor and practical idealism.

QUICK FACTS

- » More than 900 courses are offered each year.
- » There is an 89 percent medical school acceptance rate for seniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher.
- » Three hundred students study abroad each year.
- » There are more than 200 student-run clubs and organizations on campus.
- » Forty-three percent of Wesleyan students receive need-based financial aid.



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