Partner Institutions

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CENTRE COLLEGE
CORNELL COLLEGE
RHODES COLLEGE

POSSE VIRTUAL PROGRAM

GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE POSSE:

CLEVELAND

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.

The partner colleges and universities in this brochure recruit Geographically Diverse cohorts made up of students from different cities. If selected for the Posse Scholarship, you will have the opportunity to attend one of these institutions as part of a team of students—a Posse—from cities across the country.

Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with these 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 schools.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each of the Posse partner schools that recruit geographically diverse cohorts. 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 institutions 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.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY EST. 1826

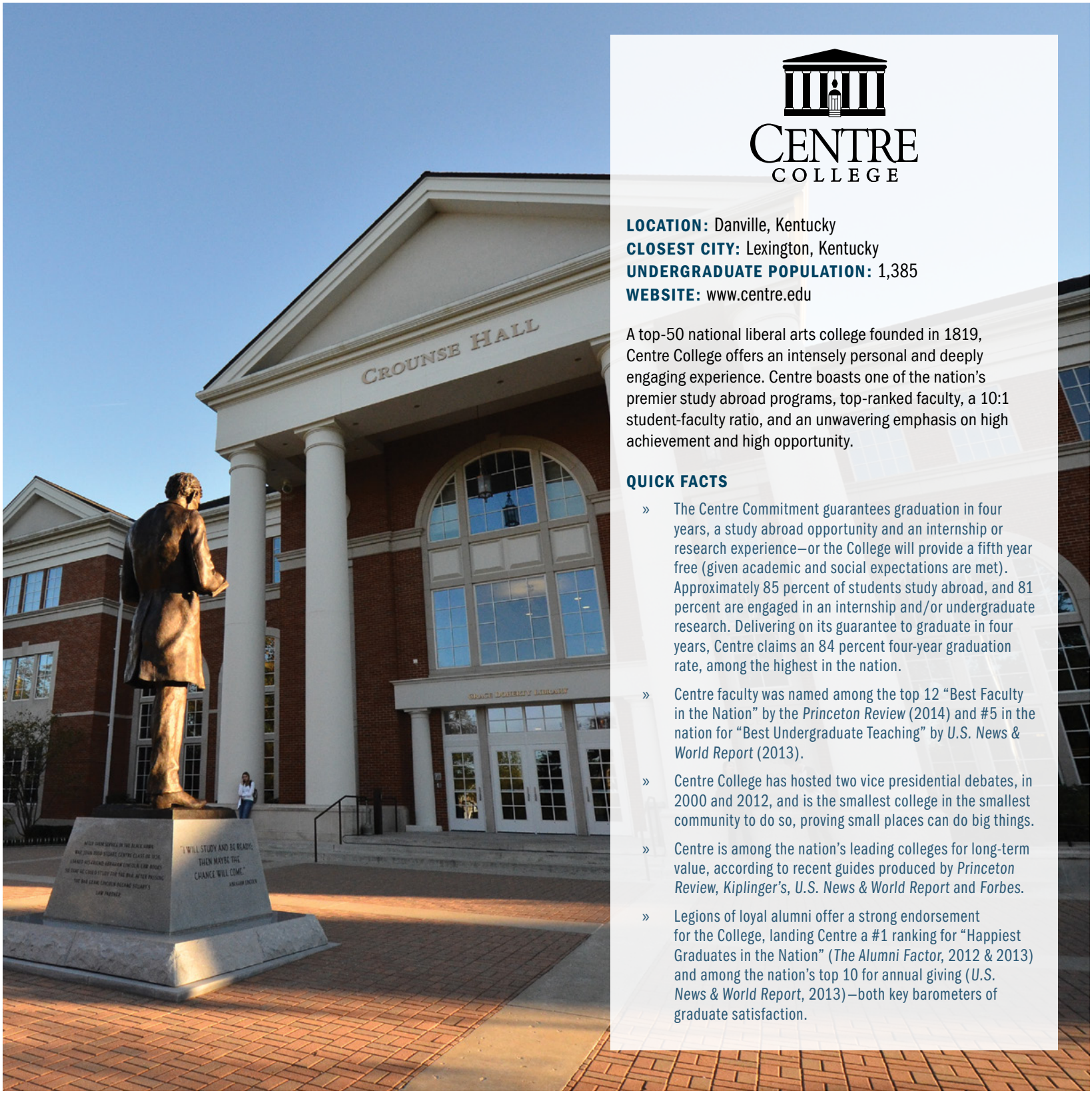
think beyond the possible®

LOCATION: Cleveland, Ohio
CLOSEST CITY: Cleveland, Ohio
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 5,100
WEBSITE: www.case.edu

Case Western Reserve University students are serious about success, and every facet of their college experience equips them with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to achieve their goals. From rigorous course work—spanning arts, engineering, humanities, management, natural sciences, nursing, and social and behavioral sciences—to hands-on learning experiences and vibrant city living, a Case Western Reserve education prepares its 5,100 undergraduate students to become distinguished academics, savvy professionals and productive global citizens. Case Western Reserve is a top-40 research university located in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood—the nation's densest concentration of arts, culture and medicine.

QUICK FACTS

- CWRU is 17th in the nation among private universities for federally funded research—and undergraduates regularly take part.
- Thirty-eight percent of students study abroad. Students can choose from more than 70 opportunities abroad.
- Students participate in more than 200 student organizations, including 17 Division III varsity athletic teams and more than 50 performing arts groups.
- Undergraduates hail from all 50 states and are citizens of 73 countries.
- Last year, our students volunteered about 30,800 hours through our Center for Civic Engagement & Learning programs.



CENTRE COLLEGE

LOCATION: Danville, Kentucky
CLOSEST CITY: Lexington, Kentucky
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,385
WEBSITE: www.centre.edu

A top-50 national liberal arts college founded in 1819, Centre College offers an intensely personal and deeply engaging experience. Centre boasts one of the nation's premier study abroad programs, top-ranked faculty, a 10:1 student-faculty ratio, and an unwavering emphasis on high achievement and high opportunity.

QUICK FACTS

- The Centre Commitment guarantees graduation in four years, a study abroad opportunity and an internship or research experience—or the College will provide a fifth year free (given academic and social expectations are met). Approximately 85 percent of students study abroad, and 81 percent are engaged in an internship and/or undergraduate research. Delivering on its guarantee to graduate in four years, Centre claims an 84 percent four-year graduation rate, among the highest in the nation.
- Centre faculty was named among the top 12 "Best Faculty in the Nation" by the *Princeton Review* (2014) and #5 in the nation for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" by *U.S. News & World Report* (2013).
- Centre College has hosted two vice presidential debates, in 2000 and 2012, and is the smallest college in the smallest community to do so, proving small places can do big things.
- Centre is among the nation's leading colleges for long-term value, according to recent guides produced by *Princeton Review*, *Kiplinger's*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes*.
- Legions of loyal alumni offer a strong endorsement for the College, landing Centre a #1 ranking for "Happiest Graduates in the Nation" (*The Alumni Factor*, 2012 & 2013) and among the nation's top 10 for annual giving (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2013)—both key barometers of graduate satisfaction.

Cornell College

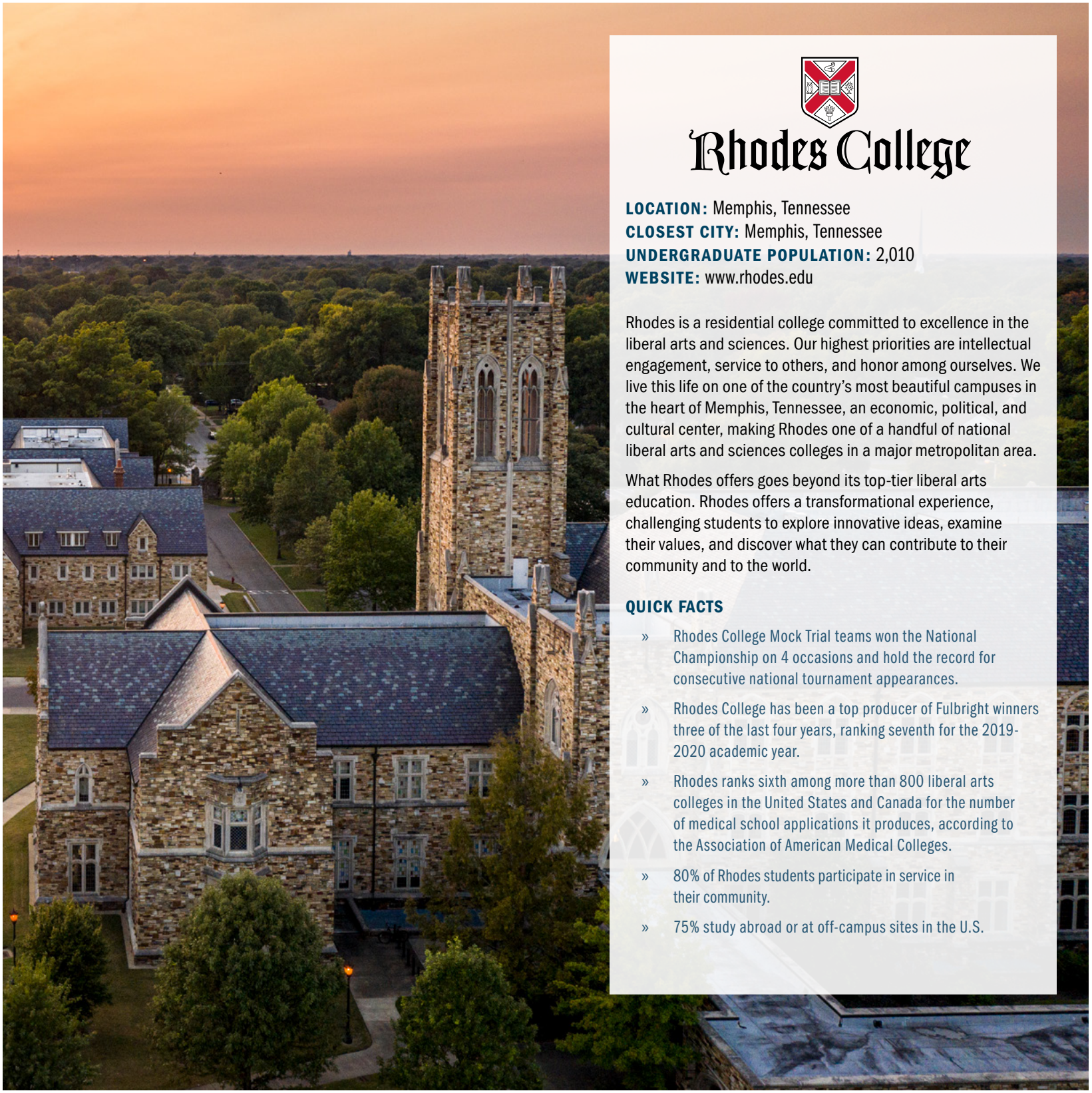
LOCATION: Mount Vernon, Iowa
CLOSEST CITY: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,002
WEBSITE: www.cornellcollege.edu

Cornell College and its distinct block plan attract a colorful community of diverse, empathetic neighbors—students, faculty, staff, and alumni—who care about each other because we're only as collectively strong as we are individually strong.

But "block" is more than an expression of our vibrant campus life; it's the innovative—some might say ingenious—foundation of every Cornellian's education. Flexible, experiential. We've been living, learning, and teaching on the block plan, One Course At A Time, since 1978 when we left the traditional semester plan behind. (We haven't missed it.)

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.
- Create works of art for a gallery show, play in an ensemble, or act on the stage for a block.
- Speak French fluently after a block-long course in Morocco.
- Lead a student-run literary magazine. Cornell has nearly 100 clubs and 14 sports to polish your leadership skills.European University in Budapest, and Al-Quds University on the West Bank, among others.



Rhodes College

LOCATION: Memphis, Tennessee
CLOSEST CITY: Memphis, Tennessee
UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,010
WEBSITE: www.rhodes.edu

Rhodes is a residential college committed to excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Our highest priorities are intellectual engagement, service to others, and honor among ourselves. We live this life on one of the country's most beautiful campuses in the heart of Memphis, Tennessee, an economic, political, and cultural center, making Rhodes one of a handful of national liberal arts and sciences colleges in a major metropolitan area.

What Rhodes offers goes beyond its top-tier liberal arts education. Rhodes offers a transformational experience, challenging students to explore innovative ideas, examine their values, and discover what they can contribute to their community and to the world.

QUICK FACTS

- Rhodes College Mock Trial teams won the National Championship on 4 occasions and hold the record for consecutive national tournament appearances.
- Rhodes College has been a top producer of Fulbright winners three of the last four years, ranking seventh for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Rhodes ranks sixth among more than 800 liberal arts colleges in the United States and Canada for the number of medical school applications it produces, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.
- 80% of Rhodes students participate in service in their community.
- 75% study abroad or at off-campus sites in the U.S.

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