

## Bard, Berkeley, Connecticut, Kalamazoo, Tulane Sign On Trinity College, University of Wisconsin-Madison Establish Multicity Partnerships to Recruit Additional Poses

Posse's network of elite college and university partners now includes Bard College, Connecticut College, Kalamazoo College, Tulane University and University of California, Berkeley.

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In addition, existing institutional partners Trinity College and University of Wisconsin-Madison have expanded their partnerships by signing on to recruit students from new cities.

These partnerships represent 70 new scholarship slots in three cities and bring the number of Posse partner institutions to 33.

Posse Los Angeles doubled its roster of partner institutions, adding Kalamazoo, Tulane and Berkeley, the country's highest ranked public university according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Bard and Connecticut Colleges also pledged to support educational opportunity for deserving youth by partnering with Posse sites in Atlanta and Chicago respectively.

Trinity, already partnered with Posse New York, will also provide scholarships



COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Students pass through Sather Gate to Sproul Plaza at the heart of the University of California, Berkeley campus. The first Berkeley Posse will matriculate in the fall.

to Chicago Scholars. With the addition of Posse D.C. to its recruitment sites, University of Wisconsin-Madison has become Posse's first tri-city partner.

"Posse is so extremely fortunate to continue to grow our network of leading partner institutions," says Posse

President and Founder Deborah Bial. "The incredible investment of our partner presidents and their demonstrated commitment to diversity, access and excellence in higher education is paramount. They are what make Posse happen."

Each with a strong reputation for fostering social responsibility and experiential learning, Posse's newest partner schools will undoubtedly offer Scholars ideal environments for professional and personal growth. **POSSE**

## First Science Posse Enrolls, Excels at Brandeis University



COURTESY HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE

Brandeis Science Posse 1 (New York).

Irving Epstein, a chemistry professor at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, was awarded a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 2006 to improve science education and increase interest in the field among underrepresented students.

Having been provost of Brandeis at the onset of its partnership with The Posse Foundation more than 10 years ago and very familiar with Posse's outstanding track record, Epstein collaborated with the Foundation to replicate its successful model and establish specialized Posses dedicated to science.

"Through this unique Posse experience, Brandeis gains a much more diverse set of students in the sciences and is able to attract students who otherwise might not have come here," says Epstein.

"The Scholars' eyes are opened to the many ways they can use an education in the sciences."

### A MAJORITY OF THE POSSE MADE THE DEAN'S LIST FIRST SEMESTER

Members of Brandeis Science Posse 1, now in their first year on campus, are excelling socially and academically—with a majority of the Posse making the dean's list in their first semester. Beyond their rigorous science curriculum and general coursework, they have also found time to participate in activities as wide-ranging as Bhangra dancing, volleyball and

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## Posse Grants Partner Colleges Access to 100s of Pre-Screened Students

Posse Access is a new virtual database designed to support the thousands of students who are nominated for Posse Scholarships, but who are not selected.

### IN DECEMBER, POSSE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED THE PILOT, WHICH ENABLED USERS TO TRY THE SYSTEM

By allowing students to opt to have their application profiles made available online, Posse will be able to connect them to its exclusive list of college and university partners. College admissions officers will then have the ability to consider these applicants for admission.

While there is no guarantee of a

scholarship if a student is admitted to a Posse partner school, having more than 30 top liberal arts colleges prospecting individual students—urban students largely overlooked by the traditional college admissions process—significantly advances Posse's goal to broaden opportunities for deserving students.

This past December, Posse successfully launched the pilot, which enabled finalists and college administrators to try the system.

By identifying candidates through the Posse Access database, college and university partners will benefit from Posse's holistic approach to evaluating student potential. **POSSE**



President Bill Durden, Dickinson College.

## Presidents of Top Colleges Gather for Symposium

Last October, Dickinson College President Bill Durden joined Posse in hosting the Presidents Symposium on Diversity, Identity and Integrated Communities at Barclays in New York City.

Chancellors and presidents from leading colleges and universities gathered for a discussion on the future of higher education.

The event featured illuminating presentations by Stanford University Lucy Stern Professor of Psychology Claude Steele and Brigadier General Belinda Pinckney who heads the U.S. Army's diversity task force. **POSSE**

# Visionary Educator, Pioneer Partner Deepens Commitment to Posse

This year, University of Wisconsin-Madison welcomed 30 Posse Scholars from Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., to its sprawling campus, offering them a first-class education at a world renowned research institution. For these opportunities, Wisconsin Scholars have Chancellor Emeritus John D. Wiley to thank.

## JOHN HAS EXPANDED HIS COMMITMENT TO POSSE BY JOINING THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2001, then Chancellor Wiley began a partnership with Posse Chicago by becoming the first partner president to recruit two inaugural Posse, kicking off the Wisconsin-Posse relationship in grand fashion. Seven years later, he made the surprise announcement at Posse's annual gala that Wisconsin would become Posse's first tri-city partner.

John expanded his commitment to Posse this year by joining the national board of directors, having set a solid foundation for a successful and lasting partnership at Wisconsin.

"Posse students are amazingly talented and energetic leaders, just as Debbie



University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Emeritus John D. Wiley.

In 2006, he chaired the Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors. Throughout his more than 30-year tenure at Wisconsin, John has been both a professor and administrator, serving as provost, dean of the graduate school, chief operating officer and vice chancellor, among other posts, before becoming chancellor in 2001.

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON BECAME THE FIRST TRI-CITY POSSE PARTNER INSTITUTION

"One of my most gratifying experiences occurs when former students return to campus and reminisce about how their college experiences contributed to their success in reaching their goals," he says.

John earned his bachelor's from Indiana University and both his master's and doctoral degrees in physics from Wisconsin.

In addition to being an ardent supporter of Posse and sitting on numerous community boards, he chairs the board for the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and is a member of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Committee. **POSSE**

promised they would be," John says. "The Posse Program intervenes and rescues talent, creativity and potential, one student at a time. That is work I am happy to support any way I can."

A physicist and career educator, John is a prominent figure in higher education.

# Bill Clinton Taps Posse for Global Initiative

At the 2008 Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting—a gathering of a diverse community of heads of state; nonprofit, business and religious leaders; academics and media from around the world—Posse President and Founder Deborah Bial weighed in on the state of education in the United States.

Deborah was invited to represent The Posse Foundation as a member of CGI and speak on a panel entitled, "Providing Real Choices: What works for at-risk adolescent girls and boys?"



Posse President and Founder Deborah Bial speaks on panel at Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting.

## CGI IS A TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT LEADER IN PROMOTING PHILANTHROPY WORLDWIDE

CGI was started in 2005 by President Bill Clinton to strategize and employ innovative solutions to some of the world's most critical challenges. Over the past two years, CGI's efforts have focused on education, energy, climate change, global health and poverty alleviation.

"The Clinton Global Initiative is a tremendously important leader in promoting philanthropy worldwide," says Deborah. "Posse is extremely honored by President Clinton's recognition and by the opportunity to partner with CGI as we continue our work to ensure diversity and equal access in higher education."

CGI's action-oriented approach to addressing global ills relies on its members to develop commitments to action that focus on effective problem-solving measures that can be immediately implemented and productively evaluated.

In addition to presenting at the meeting, Deborah announced Posse's commitment to double its national footprint and increase its impact exponentially within the next 10 years. Toward that goal, Posse has embarked on a major multimillion-dollar venture philanthropy initiative. **POSSE**

# Alumnus Sets Sights on Changing the World

Honored Graduate Wins Prestigious Marshall Scholarship for Study at University of Cambridge

Derron Wallace received top student leadership awards each of his four years at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. He graduated with honors and was on the dean's list every semester. A sociology major with a focus on the African diaspora and minor in economics, Derron was president of the student government and co-founded Wheaton's first gospel choir.

For Derron, these and his many other accomplishments are merely opportunities to positively impact the experience of others.

"For me, in all that I do, I always think about how to transform an institution, myself and ultimately the world to make it a better place," he says.

To that end, Derron worked with Wheaton's administration to create the Center for Service, Spirituality and Social Responsibility, which helps address the unique cultural and religious concerns of students from diverse backgrounds and belief systems.

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Derron grew up in Kingston, Jamaica, one of six children. He came to the United States in 2000 and attended Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, New York. Derron learned of Posse in his junior year and knew that the Posse experience would be ideal for him. He anticipated that a small, liberal arts environment, such as Wheaton's, would bring out the best in him.

"It is the greatest blessing our family has ever received," Derron says, recalling the moment he found out he had won a Posse Scholarship. "I knew that with Posse's cheerful and intentional mentorship, success was not that far off."

Since graduating from Wheaton in 2007, Derron was awarded the Kathryn Davis 100 Projects for Peace Fellowship, on which he undertook community-service



Derron Wallace, Wheaton Posse 4 (New York) Alumnus.

projects in education access in Tanzania and his native Jamaica.

He also won a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and study education policy in Thailand, as well as the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to research religion and social justice in Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Rwanda, Trinidad, Uganda, and the

United Kingdom.

Most recently, Derron returned to Britain to study at the University of Cambridge as a recipient of the prestigious Marshall Scholarship, which selects graduate students from the United States to study and serve as ambassadors in the United Kingdom. **POSSE**

# \$43M in Scholarships Won by 430 Students in 6 Cities

This year, from a pool of over 9,000 nominees, 430 new Posse Scholars won \$43 million in scholarships from Posse's partner colleges and universities.

Throughout December and January, Awards Ceremonies took place in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., to welcome Posse's Class of 2013. As they were applauded by their families, guidance counselors, community mentors and college administrators, each Scholar accepted a white rose—a symbol of the passing of the torch to the next class of Scholars—and

took their place on stage to meet their Posse for the first time.

A significant portion of each ceremony was also dedicated to giving both Scholars and members of their families the opportunity to publicly share their sentiments of pride, excitement and gratitude.

Over the past 20 years, Posse's college and university partners have awarded more than \$265 million in Posse Scholarships to 2,650 students across the country. **POSSE**



**POSSE AWARDS CEREMONIES**

(clockwise from top right)

Obiamaka Nwachukwu, Bryn Mawr Posse 9 (Boston), and her sister Adaora.

Connecticut College Posse 1 (Chicago).

(from left) Brandeis Posse 12 (New York) Scholars Adrienne Thompson, David Robles-Collis and Haemee Kang.

Boston University Posse 2 (Atlanta).

Dickinson Posse 5 (Los Angeles).

Stephanie Valenzuela, Lafayette Posse 4 (D.C.).



## Kellogg and Northwestern Law Establish Posse Fellowships for Graduate Study

U. Wash. Expands Grad Partnership to Info, Education, Social Work Programs

A further testament to Posse's growing reputation for excellence among institutions of higher education has been the expansion of graduate school opportunities for Posse Alumni.

This past fall, Posse established partnerships with Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and Law School.

Kellogg is ranked No. 1 by *U.S. News & World Report* for its executive M.B.A. program and boasts over 50,000 alumni—including Posse Board members Wade Fetzer, Barbara Janulis,



**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Steven Lefkowitz, Jeff Ubben and Tim Ubben.

Ranked ninth in the country, Northwestern Law School is renowned

for its strong commitment to public service and has one of the most diverse student populations among law schools nationwide.

Additionally, we have expanded our partnership with The University of Washington (UW) to include the College of Education, the Information School and the School of Social Work.

All five of these top programs have pledged to provide scholarships and stipends to support graduate study for Posse Alumni each year. **POSSE**

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spoken word.

This summer, three Scholars will participate in competitive academic enrichment programs. Both Angel Garcia and Gloriya Nedler were accepted into the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program which has program sites at various institutions throughout the country. Angel will attend the program at Case Western University and Gloriya at Yale. Rebekah LaFontant will study at Tufts' Summer Medical Research Program.

**THIS SUMMER, SCHOLARS WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE SCIENCE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

These trailblazing Scholars are undoubtedly paving the way for the next Posse, leaving big shoes to fill. Brandeis Science Posse 2 Scholars are currently in pre-collegiate training at Posse and will matriculate this fall. **POSSE**

# Posse Institute Publishes Report on Social Responsibility

This past fall, The Posse Institute released its first report, which focuses on the theme of social responsibility. The report's findings are drawn from the impressions of nearly 2,000 students and several faculty and administrators of Posse partner institutions who attended PossePlus Retreats (PPRs) around the country in 2008.

All retreat participants completed a survey that gauged their opinions on social responsibility from a personal, national and global perspective. The report highlights four major findings that emerged.

First, a significant majority of students surveyed—67 percent—believe that racism is still a problem on their campuses. Students indicated that race relations need improvement and that the need for representative diversity remains an important issue on their campuses and in the greater society. Beyond the call for racial equity, students also emphasized the need to ensure equal rights for women and the LGBT community.

Second, more than half of students



Union College PossePlus Retreat attendees express social viewpoints in Human Barometer workshop. The Posse Institute gathered data from written surveys completed by participants.

said that they spend more than one hour daily discussing current news and events. While students said they felt strongly about their communities and the world, a large percentage could not answer basic questions about national politics and world affairs. For example, 87 percent of students could not name the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

The report also reveals that students are displeased with the performance of the last administration and doubtful of the U.S. government's ability to address important issues, protect the security of its citizens or represent the interests of the people.

Finally, the report found that a large majority of students surveyed—70

percent—planned to vote in the 2008 presidential election.

Currently underway at Posse partner schools, the 2009 PPRs entitled, "On Education," will again open with participants completing surveys designed to frame the discussion and inform the Institute's next report. **POSSE**

## Posse Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Pier Sixty in New York City, The Posse Foundation will celebrate 20 years of leadership development at its annual gala, An Evening of Stars. Honorees include, among others, Vanderbilt University—Posse's first partner institution—and MTV Networks, with Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and CEO Judy McGrath accepting Posse Star Awards.

The evening, emceed by *60 Minutes* correspondent Lesley Stahl, will feature a musical performance by Grammy-winning recording artist John Legend and special remarks by *New York Times* Op-Ed Columnist Bob Herbert.

More than 600 people attended last

year's gala, which raised \$1.4 million and honored Posse Chair Emeritus Michael Ainslie and Alumnus Carlos Carela, along with former University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor John D. Wiley and PricewaterhouseCoopers with CEO Samuel DiPiazza.

This year, there is even more cause for celebration, as Posse institutions have awarded a record-breaking \$43 million in scholarships to students around the country.

In addition, Charity Navigator has awarded Posse the prestigious four-star "exceptional" rating for the fifth consecutive year. Only three percent of nonprofits attain this status. **POSSE**

## an evening of stars

CELEBRATE POSSE'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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PIER SIXTY, CHELSEA PIERS  
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Honoring MTV NETWORKS with Chairman and CEO Judy McGrath  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY with Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos  
& TIFFANY SCHIFFNER, Ph.D., Depauw Posse 2 Alumna

Emceed by LESLEY STAHL, Correspondent, *60 Minutes*  
Musical performance by six-time Grammy winner JOHN LEGEND  
Special remarks by BOB HERBERT, Op-Ed Columnist, *New York Times*

## partner colleges + universities

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Bard College	Kalamazoo College
Boston University	Lafayette College
Brandeis University	Lawrence University
Bryn Mawr College	Middlebury College
Bucknell University	Oberlin College
Carleton College	Pomona College
Centre College	Sewanee: The University of the South
Claremont McKenna College	Trinity College
Colby College	Tulane University
The College of Wooster	Union College
Connecticut College	University of California, Berkeley
Denison University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
DePauw University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dickinson College	Vanderbilt University
Franklin & Marshall College	Wheaton College
Grinnell College	

## posse mission

Founded in 1989, 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 universities award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships.

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