

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE



POSSE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Graduation Ceremony | Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Posse Scholar Graduation Ceremony

Class of 2021

Oliva Hall
Cummings Art Center
May 19, 2021
6 p.m.

Program

WELCOME

Jennifer Tani, Director, Posse Chicago
Elizabeth Gutierrez, Program Director, Posse Chicago

REMARKS

Katherine Bergeron, 11th President of Connecticut College
Jefferson A. Singer, Dean of the College and
Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology
Marina J. Melendez, Coordinator of Posse Scholar Program
and Dean of Juniors, Seniors & Transfers

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Jennifer Tani, Marina Melendez

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Andrea Lanoux, Elizabeth S. Kruidenier '48 Professor of
Slavic Studies, Director of the Toor Cummings Center for
International Studies & the Liberal Arts (CISLA) and Posse Mentor

Jennifer L. Rudolph, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies, Co-Director, Center
for the Critical Study of Race & Ethnicity (CCSRE) and Posse Mentor, Posse 10

OPEN MICROPHONE

CONCLUSION OF THE PROGRAM

Class of 2021 Posse 9 & 10 Scholars

Ian Anthony Anderson

Government major
Social Justice & Sustainability pathway
Adviser: Mara Suttman-Lea

Darriana Greer

Africana Studies and Dance majors
Bodies/Embodiment pathway
Advisers: Shani Collins-Achille,
Cherise Harris

Ismael Mora

Art History and Latin American &
Latino Studies majors
Museum Studies Certificate
Advisers: Karen Race-Gonzalez,
Andrea Lanoux

Nathan L Morgan-Kitch

Posse 10
Biological Sciences major
Adviser: Maria Rosa

Kairis Aridai Rivera

Theater major
Community Action & Public Policy
(PICA) Certificate
Adviser: Alison Andersen

Alejandro Saucedo-Hernandez

Computer Science major
Mathematics minor
Social Justice & Sustainability
pathway
Advisers: Warren P. Johnson,
Gary B. Parker

Hillary Tun

History major
Chinese minor
International Studies & Liberal Arts
(CISLA) Certificate
Advisers: Tek-wah King,
Sarah Queen

Lizbeth Avalos Villa

Gender, Sexuality &
Intersectionality Studies major
Latin American & Latino Studies
minor
Public Health pathway
Advisers: Danielle R. Egan,
Jennifer L. Rudolph

Emmanuel Williamson

Economics major
Africana Studies minor
Cities & Schools pathway
Advisers: Cherise Harris,
Mark J. Stelzner

Szymon Wozniak

Computer Science major
Japanese minor
Advisers: Hisae Kobayashi,
William Tarimo

About the Posse Scholar Program

Posse Scholars are chosen for their academic and leadership potential by the New York-based Posse Foundation and admitted to a select group of private colleges and universities that provide full tuition scholarships along with strong mentoring and support. The program is based on the premise that students from diverse backgrounds who enroll in college with a “posse” or peer group are more likely not only to persevere and graduate but also become leaders in their chosen fields.

Established in 1989, Posse has recruited more than 10,000 students from 10 major cities at 63 partner colleges and universities, with an overall graduation rate of 90 percent. In 2010, President Barack Obama recognized Posse’s success by designating the foundation to receive a share of his \$1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize award.

Connecticut College’s 140 Posse Scholars are from Chicago and New York City. Including the Class of 2021, 88 Posse Scholars have graduated from Connecticut College since 2013.

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