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Case Western Reserve University, College of the Holy Cross, and Middlebury College Join QuestBridge

Palo Alto, California (January 19, 2022) – QuestBridge is proud to announce Case Western Reserve University, College of the Holy Cross, and Middlebury College as its three newest college partners. QuestBridge’s 48 college partners are top liberal arts colleges and research universities dedicated to increasing the presence of high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds on their campuses and to making their institutions accessible and affordable to talented students from all backgrounds. They also share a commitment to helping students thrive and succeed in college and beyond.

“Our partnerships with Case Western Reserve University, College of the Holy Cross, and Middlebury College expand the range of options available to our students while offering them enriching and fulfilling college experiences,” says Ana McCullough, QuestBridge Co-Founder and CEO. “We are honored to welcome these three exceptional schools to the QuestBridge family, and we look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.”

Case Western Reserve University is a research university in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio, that encourages innovation. Students are given opportunities to participate in co-ops, research with renowned faculty, and take part in top-notch internships, allowing them to differentiate themselves as exceptional candidates for future opportunities in work and life. Graduates leave Case Western Reserve with the skills they need for a fulfilling career, ready to take on the challenges of the world. “Case Western Reserve is honored to partner with QuestBridge to bring more promising students with limited financial resources to our campus,” says Case Western Reserve President Eric W. Kaler. “The mission of QuestBridge matches our own commitment to ensure that affordability does not keep smart, talented students from enrolling in leading research universities like ours.”

At College of the Holy Cross, a liberal arts college located in Worcester, Massachusetts, that is grounded in ideals inspired by its Jesuit founders, students are encouraged to solve complex problems, explore their passions, and find every opportunity to get involved. Holy Cross offers a rigorous academic program along with opportunities for students to be immersed in volunteer work, make lifelong friends, and start their journey to self-discovery. Holy Cross students graduate with the experience they need to become leaders of their chosen fields. “Holy Cross is honored to join QuestBridge and expand our efforts to enroll talented students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, and prepare them for lifetimes of service, leadership and success,” says Holy Cross President Vincent D. Rougeau. “Since our founding as a Jesuit, Catholic institution committed to educating immigrants, we have shared QuestBridge’s belief that talent is equally distributed across our nation, but opportunity is not. Our partnership with QuestBridge will help us to attract and enroll students from all corners of the country, and benefit from the rich diversity of experiences they will bring to our campus community.”

Founded in 1800, Middlebury College is a liberal arts college located in Middlebury, Vermont, that fosters an environment where students are engaged, socially conscious, and encouraged to pursue their passions. Students have access to limitless academic opportunities while enjoying the natural beauty of Vermont and getting to know peers from all around the world. Middlebury aims to develop conscientious and impactful individuals through global opportunities, internships, and research, and Middlebury students graduate with the skills to pursue the future they envision. “This is an important new partnership for Middlebury, and for realizing our shared goals with QuestBridge around access and equity in education,” says Nicole Curvin, Dean of Admissions at Middlebury. “We’re a private institution, but we’re also a public good. And a public good should be accessible to all. We look forward to our collaborative work ahead.”



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Case Western Reserve, Holy Cross, and Middlebury will participate in QuestBridge events in 2022 geared toward helping high school juniors selected as QuestBridge College Prep Scholars prepare for selective college admissions. In fall 2022, these three college partners will participate in the QuestBridge National College Match, a college and scholarship application process that connects students from low-income backgrounds with admission and full four-year scholarships to QuestBridge college partners. The first QuestBridge Scholars at these new partners will matriculate in fall 2023.

For more information about Case Western Reserve University, College of the Holy Cross, and Middlebury College, please visit www.questbridge.org.

About QuestBridge:

QuestBridge, a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California, connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their early career — QuestBridge aims to help talented low-income students attend the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

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